

West Suburban Post #54 Sunday, December 10, 2023, 10AM Via Zoom

Meeting called to Order: 10:00AM

Roll Call – Howard Goldstein, Sr. Vice – John Wilkerson, Jr. Vice – Larry Malis, Adjutant – Steve Fixler, Quartermaster – Leslie Turner, Bruce Mayor, Mike Sawyer, Joel Bernstein, Mark Turner, and Scott Zonis

Minutes: No November Meeting

Quartermaster Report:

Paid Zazzo's Pizza and Bar for Hines RCF Luncheon – \$385.50 plus \$40.50 for drinks and delivery charge.

Balance - \$4210.94

Motion to accept the Quartermaster's report subject to audit. M - Mayor, S - M. Turner M/C

Commanders Report:

Placed the Flags at Oak Ridge Cemetery for Veteran's Day, on Sunday, Nov 5, with the 9th Graders from Etz Chaim.

On Oct 25, we provided lunch to the Veterans at RCF at Hines. Zazzo's provided the meals and delivered them.

Friday Night Veteran's Day service was wonderful at Etz Chaim. Bruce put together a POW/MIA Table and they asked us to have it again next year.

Attended the JUF Brunch at Etz Chaim on Sunday, Nov 12. Lonnie gave a great presentation.

Commander volunteers with the Red Cross and was working at a Red Cross Shelter in West Chicago after a fire displaced some families and met a Jewish Veteran and told him about our organization.

Police gave a briefing and explained how to keep yourself and the synagogue safe.

Old Business:

NEC Convention – Commander Goldstein plans on going to it in Feb 2024

Guest Speakers for Future Meetings – Chris Hill, VA Cemeteries, Meeting on Jan 14, 2024 Let me know if you have any people in mind for additional speakers.

Cemetery Monument - Nothing to Add

New Business:

Goodman Theater Tickets – I have 25 tickets. Hines Veterans in 2N usually go, but Hines doesn't have an operational bus, so they can't go. Hines legal hasn't gotten back to me on whether they can go in a civilian bus. I contacted the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, and they'll get back to me on Monday if they have anyone who wants to go. I'm looking for other Veterans if we still have tickets left and possibly families from the Fisher House. It's this Friday, Dev 15 at 1930. We have to be there by 1900. We'll all meet the bus at the DuPage County Parking Lot. Let me know, by Monday, if you know of any other Veterans who might want to go.

Officer Nominations:

Nominations aren't until April or May, but I'm letting everyone know now that we need to find a new Post Commander. I really can't do this again for another year, so please think about it. We started this Post in November 2014 and received our Charter in December 2015 and don't want to close this Post.

Good and Welfare:

Goldstein – Ellen Margolis' son was wounded in Israel.

Mayor – Every Monday, I am receiving a briefing from Jerusalem and the Israeli Consulate
There was a bomb scare at Ogilvie
I had a meeting with Homeland Security on stopping Anti-Semitism

Next Post meeting: No post meeting in Oct. Next post meeting, Sunday, Jan 14, 2024, 10am at 421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187, #3500B and via Zoom.

Adjourn: M – Mayor, S – Bernstein, 1033, M/C