



Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

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JWV Post Meeting, Sunday, Dec 11, 2022, 10:00AM, DuPage County Building, 421 N. County Farm Rd., Room #3500b and via Zoom, Wheaton, IL 60187

Commander Goldstein called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

Roll Call: CDR – Howard Goldstein, Sr. Vice – John Wilkerson, Quartermaster – Leslie Turner, Adjutant – Steve Fixler, Bruce Mayor, Joel Bernstein and Ron Weininger.

Minutes: No November Minutes to approve

Quartermaster Report:

No activity

Current balance – \$3272.59

Motion to accept the Quartermaster's Report, M – M. Turner, S – Wilkerson, M/C, Subject to Audit

Commander's Report:

I want to give a big thank you to everyone. We accomplished everything we wanted to in November. Nov 6 was planting US flags on veterans' graves at Oakridge Cemetery with the Etz Chaim 9th grade class, Nov 11 was services at Etz Chaim, Nov 13 we picked up the flags, and myself, Bruce Mayor, and Steve Fixler, along with Joe Wrobel (Post #29) went to Beth Tikvah in Hoffman Estates for a Veteran's event and dinner.

Eight years ago, I started a Veteran's Group at Etz Chaim and two people showed up to my first meeting and no one at my second meeting. I then went to the Jewish Festival in Skokie and found out about the JWV and started this post. Right now, we have three post members that chair JWV National Committees and many of us are officers in Department.

Membership Report:

No new members are here today. At Beth Tikvah, we talked to the Veterans there about joining JWV.

Marketing Report:

We have new brochures and here they are along with wrist bands. We can put information about joining our post on-line on the Patch. You can do it for free if you just put it in one town.

Old Business:

Guest Speakers – Here are some future guest speakers. We will start off with Hospice/Palliative Care for our March Meeting. Here are other ones: VA Cemetery, NAMI Vet Program,

Naperville Responds for Veterans, VA Caregiver Support. Robert Schwartz, former employee of the Israeli Consulate General can discuss current events in Israeli.

Constitution and By-Laws (National and Department) – It is tabled right now. Howard will send it out to the members.

New Business:

Meeting with Israeli Consul General of the Midwest – Howard Goldstein, Bruce Mayor, Leslie Turner, Steve Fixler, and Jeff Sacks met with him and his staff, Nov 10, at his office downtown. It was a great meeting, and he wants to work with us and reach out to the community. Bruce had breakfast with him, and he would like to talk to the 9th and 10th graders at Etz Chaim. Rabbi Cosnowsky is going to meet with him.

Book Review – It's anyone's option to discuss a book that you've read.

Education Plan – Howard will talk with Marla Bentley at Etz Chaim about us working with the 9th and 10th graders.

VAVS Update –

- Hines has openings for volunteers
- *Compassionate Contact Corps* – Always looking for volunteers to call and talk to Veterans on the phone. There is a small training course.
- *Red Vest Ambassadors* – Direct traffic and help people get to where they need to go to.
- *No Veteran Dies Alone* – Inpatient Hospice – You have to be an approved VA Volunteer to do this and there is a lot of training involved.

Thank You – I really appreciate what everyone did in November

Good and Welfare

VAC – Military/Veteran 101 Seminar – May 23, DuPage County Building – Open to social workers, medical, law enforcement, and anyone who wants to learn about being in the military and being a Veteran

VAC Veteran's Resource Fair – Aug 29, DuPage County Building

Next Meeting: Sunday, Jan 8, 2023, 10am, DuPage County Building, 421 N. County Farm Rd., Room #3500b and via Zoom, Wheaton, IL 60187

Adjournment: M – Mayor, S – L. Turner, M/C, Time – 10:58AM

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