



# Jewish War Veterans of the USA

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### Minutes of the 20 October 2019 Department Meeting

As 30 October 2019

- Meeting called to order by Commander Hirsch at 1045
- Officer of the Day Adler prepared the altar
- Chaplain Weinmann provided opening prayer.
- Commander Hirsch led Department in Salute to Colors and Pledge of Allegiance
- No Roll Call was taken by the Department since Posts had just conducted roll call. About 40 members and guests in attendance
- Weiss moved, Berry seconded, approval of September minutes without reading. Approved without objection.
- In absence of Quartermaster, no finance report was offered. Commander Hirsch referred Post Commanders to Quartermaster report rendered in advance of 6 Oct 19 EXCOM.
- Senior Vice Commander Fishman discussed upcoming calendar highlights and activities
  - Fishman to continue as liaison to Great Lakes National Cemetery (GLNC); Hirsch and Fishman to participate in Veterans Day ceremonies at GLNC. The Department is seeking a volunteer to serve in this capacity.
  - The World War I monument at old state fairgrounds has been dismantled and bricks are in storage
  - JWV Auxiliary will be meeting in Franklin Archives (Temple Beth El) on 28 Oct 19 at 1000.
  - City of Farmington Hills Veterans Day celebration at Costick Center on 8 Nov 19.
  - Veterans Day at Congregation Shaarey Zedek. SEN Peters is keynote speaker. Members taking part in the processional should be in the lobby by 1045. Uniform is Winter Parade (blue blazer, red tie, grey trousers, black shoes) with cap.
  - Commander Hirsch will offer remarks at Bnai Israel on 9 Nov 19.
  - Veterans Day Parade 10 Nov 19
    - Route and flyer posted to website.
    - Depart from Tel-12 Mall (vicinity Ulta) at 0915; assemble at venue NLT 1000; SP at 1100.
    - Winter Parade uniform with cap augmented with wet/cold weather items as needed
  - Veterans Day at Temple Shir Shalom on 16 Nov 19. Chief of Staff Schenk to give remarks. Uniform for attendees is Winter Parade with cap.
  - Chanukah Party 15 Dec; \$11/person covered in Post budgets. Dept Meeting is 1030/meal at 1100. Post Commanders please provide headcount to Senior Vice Commander Fishman
  - Christmas Day Trip to Battle Creek VAMC. Bus departs at 0745 with return by 1600. Commanders please provide headcount to Senior Vice Commander Fishman
- Junior Vice Commander Weiss provided Membership update
  - Some synagogues still need to post “Dear Veteran” letter, but efforts are transitioning to ROTC Cadets/Midshipmen and student veterans after successful initial outreach to EMU and UM ROTC programs.
  - A JWV-MI scholarship effort has been initiated. Minimum criterion includes membership in a post and the post is responsible to determine amount. Other criteria (academic, extra-curricular) in process. Targeting awards for AY 2020-2021

- Post 135—nothing significant to report
- Post 474— introduced new members David Hundiak and Arnold Levin
- Post 510—introduced new members Aaron Brambaugh and Jerry Erlich
- Chief of Staff Schenk provided update on an educational effort at the religious school at Congregation Shaarey Zedek on 17 Nov 19 from 1100-1215 and solicited support from members. A separate note will be provided to Post commanders.
- Commander Hirsch reminded all that given the volume of activities around Veterans Day, there will be no Department meeting in November. Posts are expected to conduct business meetings as required by their By-Laws.
- There being no other business, Commander Hirsch directed closure of the meeting without objection.
- Chaplain Weinmann offered closing prayer
- Officer of the Day Adler closed the altar
- Commander Hirsch led the Department in salute to the colors
- Ms. Judy Blumeno of the Michigan Jewish Historical Society presented a program entitled “From Home to Hastings” detailing the history of Jews in Detroit before the exodus to Oakland County.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Schenk  
Chief of Staff/Acting Adjutant