



Jewish War Veterans of the USA

PFC Joseph L. Bale Post 474

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Minutes of meeting held June 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mark Weiss at 10:04 AM via a Webex Video Conference

The meeting was attended by Dr. Ed Hirsch, Mark Weiss, Dr. Ed Adler, Alan Anchill, Dr. Miles Auster, Ed Adelman, Ronald Siegel, and (mid-meeting) David Hundiak.

Old Business:

- Waived reading of opening prayer, pledge of allegiance, reading prior meeting minutes, and closing prayer
- Post Officer 2020-21 election results
 - Mark Weiss – Post Commander
 - Ed Adler – Sr. Vice Commander
 - Appointed Officers agreed to another year
 - Ron Siegel – Adjutant
 - Alan Anchill – Quartermaster
 - Marty Myers - Chaplain
- The Post is in sound financial shape

New Business:

- The Post has a budget surplus, so the main objective of this month's meeting is to determine the charitable distribution of the excess funds. Based on an unanimous vote by hand approximately \$250.00 will be donate to each of following charities:

World War II Legacy Memorial in Royal Oak at 13 MI Rd and Woodward

Inspired by the Honor Flight WWII veterans taken to the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C., visionaries were inspired to bring the memorial home. Their dream was to recognize Michigan's contributions to the war effort, giving future generations a place to be inspired and dream in the state that was home to the Arsenal of Democracy. JWV Bale Post 474 will purchase a \$200 8x8 "brick".

WWW.KosherTroops.com

KosherTroops was founded to help improve the morale and welfare of members of the armed forces of the United States of America by showing our appreciation for their commitment. We accomplish our mission by sending holiday care packages that include items that will help them celebrate the Jewish holidays and Shabbat.

Michigan Freedom Centers

Each center (Metro AP, Troy & Lansing Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS)) features a relaxing environment which provides amenities such as food and beverages. The goal is to provide a quiet respite for those who sacrifice or have sacrificed such comforts for our sake in the defense of our freedom.

Piquette Square Veterans Homeless Center, Detroit

Piquette Square is a 150-unit apartment project in Detroit to house and care for homeless veterans. Piquette Square offers comprehensive support services to help the veterans develop self-sufficiency and reintegrate into the community

Fisher House Michigan (planned for the Detroit John D Dingell VA Medical Center)

A Fisher House is a "home away from home" where military and Veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment.

- No applications were received for the ROTC scholarship. The expense will be removed from 2020-21 budget
- Need volunteers to read a prepared speech at future U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremonies. The location of ceremony varies in the Metro Detroit area. JWV currently has enough volunteers to participate about once every 3 months.
- Discussed Project Maggid in which JWV recount their military experiences to Hebrew School students around Veteran's Day. Due to Covid expect this program to restart in November 2021
- JWV National Convention is scheduled for August 23rd – 27th. The convention will be a video conference with a fee of \$18. This is a great opportunity to attend and participate without travelling. Currently there can be up to four members with voting privileges.
- Call Mark Weiss (248-701-6705) for more information about Naturalization Ceremonies, Project Maggid, or JWV National Convention.
- A Department Video Meeting is scheduled for July 19th at 11:00AM. Planning a Post video meeting at 10:00 prior to the Department Meeting.

Good and Welfare:

- Members lost since last report: Murray Hozman, Sam Frank, and Seymour Ekelman

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM

Ron Siegel