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## Jewish War Veterans of the USA Post 135

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### Minutes of the Virtual October 25, 2020 JWV Post 135 Meeting

In attendance, from various individual remote sites, were Larry Berry, Ted Gittleman, Steve Haas, Fred Peiss, Gene Shaffer, and Don Schenk. Gittleman called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM. He noted that the September Minutes had incorrectly stated that the Post was donating \$1,000 to the Battle Creek VA Hospital. Schenk confirmed that that donation will be made, but by the Department of Michigan, sometime after 11/1/2020.

Berry then gave the Quartermaster report, noting that the Post remains solvent. He further stated that nothing has really changed since the September report, although the amount of our assets has changed slightly. For the VAVS report, Peiss reported that the Dingell VA Hospital had 33,502 inpatients during a recent three-month period. The Hospital has received donations of clothes, face masks, face shields, food boxes, and meals; but still has numerous items that it needs and wants. Drive-through flu shots are being provided. If you would like to donate something, contact the Voluntary Service Office. Anyone entering the building needs a mask and is being screened. Visitors are restricted to Hospice and End of Life units. Fred then reviewed the needs of the Ann Arbor VA facility which includes monetary and gift card donations as well as coffee, underwear, and hygiene supplies. If you would like to donate, contact the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System Voluntary Services, 2215 Fuller Road, A<sup>2</sup>, MI 48105 – (734) 845-3467. Berry suggested that funds could be used more generally than for underwear. While the Post is in an “underrun” status (a good thing), we certainly could donate up to \$1,000. (Up to \$999.99 can be spent with the approval of either the Commander or Senior Vice Commander plus the approval then of the Quartermaster.)

Haas then mentioned a very fine plaque that he was honored to present recently to Hans Weinmann for his service to the Post and to the Department. A fuller explanation for that presentation as well as for two other plaques was deferred until the ensuing Department meeting. Ted stated that he has been interviewing our Post membership who served in WW II for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the war’s end. The results of those interviews and those of the other Commanders with their WW II veterans can be seen on the JWV-MI website at [www.jwv-mi.org/WWII](http://www.jwv-mi.org/WWII).

Commander Gittleman adjourned the meeting around 10:30 AM.

The ensuing Department meeting was followed by a presentation by representatives of Jewish Family Services. They provided the following contact information should you need help or want to volunteer:

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Respectfully submitted,

*Steve*

Steven Haas, Adjutant, JWV Post 135

**COMMANDER GITTLEMAN HAS ASKED ME TO INFORM YOU THAT, DUE TO COVID-19, NO JWV ACTIVITIES OR MEETINGS ARE PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER. HE, ALONG WITH YOUR OTHER OFFICERS, WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A SAFE, HAPPY, AND HEALTHY VETERANS DAY AND THANKSGIVING.**