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Minutes of the September 19, 2021 JWV Post 135 Virtual Meeting

==> Next Meeting is probably in October. The exact date is TBD. A Department meeting is probably deferred until November at the earliest <==

In attendance were Larry Berry, David Cuttner, Ted Gittleman, Steve Haas, Barry Kaufman, Fred Peiss, and Department Chief of Staff Don Schenk. Commander Gittleman called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM wishing everyone in the Post a happy and healthy new year. He led a moment of silence to remember our recently deceased Post Member Hans Weinmann who had served the JWV for many years as the Department Chaplain. Since there were no concerns over the Adjutant's last set of Minutes, Ted requested that Brother Berry give the Quartermaster Report. Larry stated that the Post remains fiscally solvent. Peiss noted that the most recent VA Hospital meeting occurred on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and, thus, he did not attend that meeting.

Ted reported that Mark Weiss, Department Webmaster, has created a page on our Internet site for Gold Star veterans. The address is <https://www.jwv-mi.org/GoldStar>. Mark is also looking for volunteers to educate several students who will assist, once educated, in putting flags and markers at JWV veterans' gravesites. The first such event is tentatively planned for March 22, 2022.

Don Schenk noted several upcoming JWV Department events.

1. On October 23, a fundraiser called Victory Gala 2021 for the Michigan WW II Legacy Memorial will occur at the Detroit Marriott in Troy (200 W. Big Beaver Road). Post 135 Member and former Ritchie Boy, Guy Stern, will be the Honoree and Speaker. Doors open at 1700 hours. Plans include a Silent Auction, a sit-down dinner, drinks, the Award, and, of course, Guy's speech. WW II vets get a discounted fare which the Department has considered underwriting. If you want more information, the flyer can be found at: <https://michiganww2memorial.org/the-victory-gala-2021>. Schenk, on behalf of Department Commander Hirsch, stated that we should maximize our participation.
2. Congregation Shaarey Zedek will have its annual (in person) Veterans Day Shabbat service on November 6. US House of Representatives member, Elissa Slotkin, has agreed to speak. Shaarey Zedek has a mask protocol to protect against Covid-19. Masks are required and seating will be spread out. If you plan to attend (or might attend), please call or e mail Ted and he will forward our headcount to Don.
3. The Veterans Day Detroit parade in Detroit is still scheduled for November 7. You will be notified when plans are finalized.
4. The Department is attempting to identify and flag veterans' gravesites, regardless of where/when they served. Letters will go to community leadership and the flagging and marking of Jewish graves will occur on holidays.

Ted indicated that two more Members will turn 100 years of age in the next few months. The trip to Battle Creek is still tentatively set for December 26. Should Ted, hear of other Veterans Day services, he (or I) will notify you of the time/date.

There being nothing else to discuss, Commander Gittleman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve

Steven Haas,
Adjutant