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Minutes of the November 21, 2021 JWV Post 135 Virtual Meeting

==> No Meeting in December. The Next Meeting is Tentatively Scheduled for January 16, 2022. It will be either an In Person or a Virtual Meeting. TBD<==

In attendance were Larry Berry, Ted Gittleman, Steve Haas, Barry Kaufman, Fred Peiss, and Donald Schenk. Commander Gittleman called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. He sadly reported the recent death of former Post Commander Joseph Goldring. During his many years of service to the JWV, Joe had also become the Department of Michigan Senior Vice Commander Emeritus. We observed a moment of silence in Joe's memory.

Since there were no concerns over the Adjutant's last set of Minutes, they were approved as submitted. Berry presented the Quartermaster's Report. Since October, 2021, we have made a donation to the WW II Legacy Fund in Guy Stern's honor, we have paid the premiums for both our Fidelity Bond and our Liability Insurance, we reimbursed the Department for various expenses, and Larry filed our 2022 IRS Form 990-N. And most importantly, the Post remains fiscally solvent. Peiss presented the VAVS report. He stated that as of 10/8/21, all healthcare personnel, volunteers, trainees, and contractors must be vaccinated and wear masks. There are three new presumptive conditions related to particulate matter exposure. These are asthma, rhinitis, and sinusitis. To be eligible for benefits, you must have gotten one of these conditions within ten years of your separation from active service. If you need more details, contact the VA or Fred. The Detroit VA Medical Center is hiring drivers for its shuttle service. He also discussed the Adopt a Veteran program, Veterans' Assistance, and that a new website has been implemented that is cleaner and easier to navigate than the prior version. There is a coloring book now available for kids to enjoy.

Under Old Business, Ted reminded us that we will be having neither a JWV/ JWV Auxiliary Chanukah party nor be attending the Battle Creek VA Hospital this year due to concerns about Covid-19. He asked for comments from attendees at the Detroit Veterans Day Parade on 7 Nov, the WW II Victory Gala (23 Oct), and the Shaarey Zedek Veterans Day Shabbat (6 Nov). There were none given. A discussion then ensued about future meeting being in person or virtual. Kaufman expressed his concern that, although he was fully vaccinated, other attendees might not be and we could all be put at risk. The EXCOM discussed this and decided that December should be virtual and we will see where we are in 2022. Schenk indicated that Shir Shalom and Shaarey Zedek require masks. We seniors may want in person meetings as we need nutrition, exercise and socialization. Haas commented that one in person/virtual Post meeting hybrid was a problem to implement. Schenk to discuss with Weiss.

Ted has reached out to lapsed dues payors to renew. He sends sympathy cards to families of deceased Members (an excellent thought!). He suggested a Shiva Tray. My sense of the ensuing discussion is that Ted and I may need to discuss each potential death and whether a tray should be sent. There being nothing else to discuss, Commander Gittleman adjourned the meeting at 1032 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve

Steven Haas,
Adjutant

The Department Meeting, which followed our Post meeting, featured a program about Operation Benjamin. The aim of Operation Benjamin is to locate Jewish personnel at American military cemeteries all over the world who, for various reasons, were buried under markers incorrectly representing their religion and heritage. Its mission is to correct these mistakes and provide, these many decades later, comfort to the families of the fallen.