

Minutes of the 21 July 2024 Department Meeting
Current as of 22 July 2024

- The meeting, conducted at the Zekelman Holocaust Center (ZHC), was called to order by DC Weiss at 1101.
- OOD Garbeil prepared the Altar.
- DC Weiss led JWV-MI in honors to the Nation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- OOD Garbeil read the opening prayer.
- SPEAKER: Paul Gould of Post 135 gave a very moving account of his experience of being on a recent Veterans HONOR FLIGHT to visit Memorials in Washington, D.C. It was very well received by our audience. Note: further information can be found at midmichiganhonorflight.com or at 231-803-4255.
- Minutes of Prior Meeting were approved.
- Quartermaster Report: we are solvent. Budget for the coming year will be finalized soon.
- Programming: Representative from Detroit Fisher House will be at our next Department Meeting on August 25. We will present our engraved candlesticks and hear about volunteer opportunities.
- Membership and Public Affairs: We are continuing our efforts to expand membership in Washtenaw County. We invite members to join our Honor Guard. A reminder to sign up to receive the weekly newsletter from JWV National. Contact Bryn Garick at bgarick@jwv.org. We still need to have personal finalized for the Enlisted National Guard Association of the United States Annual Meeting at Huntington Place August 17-22.
- Reports From Posts
 - Post 135: solvent. Possible Tiger Baseball games. Evaluating Current By-Laws. Evaluating possible Scholarships.
 - Post 474: NSTR
 - Post 510: NSTR
- Old Business
 - Department By-Laws were approved by National. Posts need to review theirs and submit to National for approval.
 - July 4 Parade was very successful.
 - Those wishing to register for JWV 129th Annual Convention need to do so pronto!
- New Business
 - Antisemitic Protest at Zekelman on 7 July. We were advised to not get involved and avoid publicity for the event.
 - Post By-Laws Review previously discussed.
 - Our Fisher House Gift, Candlesticks (and pending Menorah), previously discussed.
 - Weekly JWV National Email Blast previously discussed.

- National Commander's Statement on Politics. We are an APOLITICAL organization.
- There is a Veterans Appreciation Tiger Baseball Game August 28. If you are interested, we should get tickets in bulk. Notify your Post Commander how many \$24 tickets you would like before August 1. There will be a Fisher House charity game September 25, further info to follow.
- There WILL BE A DETROIT VETERANS DAY PARADE (Contrary to rumors).
- Open Discussion
 - Alan Muskovitz reminded us to let him know if there are significant stories we have, especially related to Israel activities, for possible publication locally or nationally. DC Weiss stated that National now likes action, rather than posed, pictures.
- There being no further business, DC Weiss adjourned the meeting at 1219 without objection. OOD Garbeil read the closing prayer and secured the Altar. DC Weiss led JWV-MI in Honors to the Nation.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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