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Upcoming Events:

- Next Meeting 25 August 2024 at ZHC
- **No Sit-Down Meeting in September** ←=====
- Trip to Michigan Heroes Museum, TBD (in the Fall?)

Minutes of the 21 July 2024 JWV Post 135 Meeting at ZHC

Commander Schenk called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. In attendance were Alan Agauas, Larry Berry, Michael Breshgold, Paul Gould, Steven Haas, Thomas Lebovic, Arnold Levitsky, Richard Polk, Donald Schenk, and Lee Schostak. During the meeting, Schostak was asked to introduce himself. He had been in the Air National Guard from 1970-76, has three children and enjoys bicycling. Schenk read the corrected minutes of the 23 June 2024 Post 135 meeting (attached to these Minutes, along with the Department Minutes of 21 July 2024 for your files or other pleasure.) The Post Minutes were approved as read. Schenk then passed out some nameplates to wear. If you would like one with your name on it, contact Cdr. Schenk. QM Berry then gave the QM report, noting that the Post remains solvent with no known liabilities. In answer to a question from Gould, he indicated that the Blackstone fund is earning about 4%, far better than our Savings account where those funds had previously also been invested. Schenk requested a list of individuals who received service pins at the June meeting in order to provide such pins to Members who did not attend that June meeting. Berry reviewed where we stand financially as compared to our budget. Revenue was a tad short, but expenses were quite a bit better than budgeted. The Budget for the July 2024 - June 2025 year is currently being assembled. If you have any budgetary input, please contact either QM Berry or Cdr. Schenk. Schenk then reminded those of us who pay annual dues to get them to National ASAP as they are a major source of our income. The other major revenue source (our letter writing campaign associated with poppy sales) was successful. Schenk does not want our members standing on street corners peddling poppies preferring instead to make contact with friends, families, and business associates.

Cdr. Schenk noted that the Department By-laws, approved by the Membership at the Annual Meeting in June, have been approved by the National JAG. We led the Oak Park July 4th parade again this year. Schenk then spoke briefly about scholarships. Post 474 previously approved scholarship money to Senior ROTC/NROTC Cadets as the sole existing JWV-MI scholarship. Gould then discussed scholarships more fully. He said that we used to provide scholarships, up to \$500, for students whose parents or grandparents were Jewish and who had been in the service. We could get good PR in doing this again. Haas said that his memory was that the recipients did not need to be Jewish and that the \$500 (or \$750) was an insignificant amount as it applied to college expenses today. The JWV used to provide scholarships generally, but there has been no requests for them in years. Schenk suggested to leave this (as well as a scholarship for veterans) on the table for the August meeting. The membership agreed to this tabling.

Schenk then noted that we have 55 Members, including four in service members and eight Patrons in our Post as well as the birthdays for June (7 of us), July (6), and August (1). The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the US Convention is upcoming (17-22 August) and we have volunteered to man/woman a JWV table on 18 August. The volunteers are (for 1100-1330 hours) Schenk and Berry and (for 1330-1600) Breshgold and Lebovic. Thank you, gentlemen! There are some Tigers games coming up that we have been invited to attend:

Wednesday, August 28 – 6:40 PM - Michigan Veteran of the Year (Tigers-Angels)

Sunday, September 1, 1:40 PM - Jewish Heritage Game; kids can Run the Bases after Tigers-Red Sox battle

Wednesday, September 25, 6:40 PM - Fisher House is the Charity of the game (Tigers-Rays)

If you are interested in any of these games, notify Commander Schenk. We are working on the Posts(s) By-Laws. As in 2019, these will likely be identical for all posts in the Department. If you have any By-Law suggestions, contact the commander. He also urged us to contact bgarick@jwv.org to receive a weekly JWV newsletter.

After a Schenk joke re: an ambidextrous rabbi and a priest during Good and Welfare (you had to be there), Commander Schenk adjourned the meeting at 10:56 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven Haas
Steven Haas, Adjutant

Jewish War Veterans Of USA
Post 135
Minutes of Meeting June 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order By Senior Vice Commander Michael Breshgold at 1005 hrs.

In attendance were A. Agauas, L. Berry, M. Breshgold, D. Cuttner, J. Gendron, P Gould, S. Lichter. D. Lieberman, M. Manson & R. Polk.

Reading of the minutes of the meeting of 21 April 2024 were waived. (Motion by Cuttner 2nd by Berry.)

Quartermaster Report: Quartermaster Berry reported that the Post was solvent.

Old Business: Sr. Vice Commander reviewed the activities post members participated in since the last meeting. These events included the Memorial Day Services at Machpelah cemetery and Hebrew Memorial cemetery, Post Commander Schenk's keynote address at the Great Lakes National Cemetery at the Memorial Day observance, and meeting in Ann Arbor with two Israeli soldiers that served in Gaza during the current conflict, and participation in the Honor Flight by Paul Gould.

New Business: Sr. Vice Commander & Quartermaster Berry handed out length of service pins to Post members with five, ten, twenty, 25, and 30 years of membership in the JWV. New member and Patron pins were also awarded.

High School Scholarships: Paul Gould brought up the idea of reinstituting the awarding of Jewish high school senior's scholarships. He indicated that this was done in previous years, and he thought that the awarding of scholarships would be a great way of giving the Post and the JWV exposure to the Jewish community. He further believed in view of the Post's cash position it would be a productive use of funds. Gould called for a vote in his suggestion.

However, before a vote was taken, Quartermaster Berry made a motion that this matter be tabled until the next meeting. Berry stated although the idea may be a good one the details of the scholarship program had to be developed. Berry stated that the post leadership would review the proposal and draft a coherent resolution that the post members could vote on.

The meeting was adjourned by Sr. Vice Commander Breshgold at 1105 hrs.

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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