

JEWISH WAR VETERANS of the USA  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Minutes of the 25 August 2024 Department Meeting  
Current as of 27 August 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: Pamala D. Tolliver, the first Manager of the Detroit Fisher House, informed the Members of the Department that construction is almost completed. There will be 16 suites, each will be able to accommodate four family members. It is envisioned as communal living, with families eating together in a common kitchen and dining area. There is a common living room as well. Families of patients hospitalized at the Detroit VA Hospital will be able to stay without charge. Criteria will be for families living more than fifty miles away or more than a two-hour drive. Dedication is planned for November, 2024, hopefully families will arrive by the end of 2024. Volunteers can donate time and/or money on line on

[www.fisherhousemichigan.org/give](http://www.fisherhousemichigan.org/give)

or the VA. Help will be needed in the kitchen, gardening, or giving tours. There is also a Wish List on Amazon. If you would like to help stock the house, please shop the [VA Detroit Fisher House Amazon Wish List](#). When you shop, gifts will be sent directly to the Fisher House Michigan storage unit to be staged for use in Fisher House Detroit. Following this excellent update, DC Commander Weiss presented

Pamala Tolliver with a gift of two battery operated candlesticks for the new dining area, each Inscribed "A Gift From The Department of Michigan Jewish War Veterans of The USA".

- Minutes of prior meeting were approved.
- Quartermaster Report: We are solvent.
- Programming: September-NO MEETING (National Convention). October 27, JWV Members Beck, Packard, Reed, and Segel speak on their recent trip to Israel.
- Membership & Public Affairs: Jr VC Schenk recently visited with the Directors of Student Veteran Affairs at the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. He discussed and gave them literature to distribute regarding JWV-MI and scholarship opportunities from JWV. Jr VC

Schenk discussed with Ann Arbor JCC Representatives a program there honoring Veterans and First Responders on Monday afternoon November 11 (Veterans Day). Catered lunch will be served

and we will all be invited! On September 18 the Michigan Veterans Affairs Community Outreach and Regional Engagement Symposium will be held at the Kellogg Center, M.S.U. Registration is free. A reminder to sign up to receive the weekly newsletter from JWV National. Contact Bryn Garick at [bgarick@jwv.org](mailto:bgarick@jwv.org). Jr VC Schenk will need to talk with Post

Commanders regarding Membership Committee member status since many of former members have taken on new roles.

- Reports from Posts
  - Post135: 12 members present at today's meeting. Discussion on scholarship development. Discussion on finalizing By-Laws, Budget. Members planning on attending Tigers Baseball Game!
  - Post 474: New Member present Jess Elson (much applause).
  - Post 510: 12 members present today. Need more members for Honor Guard. Discuss Veterans Day activities- Shaarey Zedek and Detroit Parade. We will purchase another CD.
- Old Business
  - Post By-Laws: Posts need to coordinate any changes made so that they are all uniform. Members should convey wishes or concerns to their Post Commander.
  - EANGUS Convention: National Guard had 54 States and Territories represented. Possible increase in JWV membership may result.
  - JWV 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention: September 8-13. Members can still apply virtually, too late to apply in person.
- New Business
  - Our other Fisher House Detroit Gift: Our Menorah will be on display in November in Detroit Fisher House along with other Holiday Décor from other cultures.
  - Tigers Games (MVOY-Aug 28, FHM-Sept 25): Part of proceeds from ticket sales of 9/25 Game will go to Fisher House Michigan. If you wish to buy tickets, go to [www.fisherhousemichigan.org/events](http://www.fisherhousemichigan.org/events).
  - Detroit Veterans Day parade: Wear your JWV hat plus appropriate weather attire.
  - JFS Speakers Club invitation: October 15, a 101-year old WW2 pilot will be speaking. All invited to attend, especially if you are a pilot! \$10 donation. If interested talk with DC Weiss. This is not a JWV sponsored activity.
  - HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL!
- Open Discussion
  - West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Annual Heroes Appreciation Breakfast is on November 2nd, between 9-10:30 AM. Free, no registration. This is shabbat so wear of JWV hat is okay, but this is not a JWV-sanctioned activity.
  - Limmud, Jewish Day of Learning, is on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Further information to follow In your weekly Post Notices, but JrVC Schenk will be making a presentation on JWV-MI..
- Closing Prayer led by OOD Garbeil. Closing of the Altar by OOD Garbeil. DC Weiss led department in Honors to the Nation. DC Weiss adjourned meeting at 1156.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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