

Upcoming Events:

- Next Meeting 27 October 2024 at ZHC ~~↓=====~~ **Note no sit-down meeting in September**
- Trip to Michigan Heroes Museum, TBD (in the Fall?)

Minutes of the 25 August 2024 JWV Post 135 Meeting at ZHC

Commander Schenk called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. In attendance were Miles Berkow, Larry Berry, Michael Breshgold, David Feldman, Ted Gittleman, Paul Gould, Steven Haas, Thomas Lebovic, Richard Polk, Joe Salzman, Donald Schenk, Gene Shaffer, and Pancho Villa. From a prior Gould request, Schenk asked us to introduce ourselves. Salzman stated that he was a new Member but had to leave the meeting early. As he is a “snowbird,” he stated that he would not be back in Michigan for meetings until 2025. The Minutes of the July 21, 2024 meeting were approved as previously sent to the membership without correction. QM Berry then gave the QM report, noting that the Post remains solvent with no known liabilities. He has transferred \$4,000 from our Checking/Savings account to our Blackstone account where our assets are earning $\pm 4\%$.

Since our last meeting, four of our Members (Schenk, Berry, Breshgold, and Lebovic) manned the JWV booth at the Convention of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the US. The next Post 135 and Department of Michigan meetings are scheduled for October 27 at the HMC (**NOTE!**) Our Veterans Day events are on November 9 (Shaarey Zedek service honoring veterans), November 10 (Detroit Veterans Day Parade), and November 11 (Ann Arbor Veterans Day program which includes a catered lunch). Finally, for the willing, all Veterans have been advised of an opportunity to carry the American Flag at the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade on 28 November. See the attached flyer. Details of these November events will be in Commander Schenk’s future newsletters as we get closer to these events.

Our Post 135 membership now numbers 63 (55 Members and 8 Patrons). The Commander noted the birthdays of our members for August, September, and October. He passed out baseball tickets for an upcoming Tigers game to members who requested them. Comments on our Post Bylaw updates only came from Haas and Schenk will reconcile those comments with the other posts. The budget for the 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 year will be reviewed soon by Cdr. Schenk and Quartermaster Berry. A discussion was then held about providing scholarships, as the daughter of a past Post member wants to fund one in memory of her father. Schenk is dealing with the National JWV Foundation about this. He suggested offering them to students enrolled in ROTC who participate in some way with the JWV. Post 474 currently offers such a scholarship. Schenk would like to fund scholarships for college expenses with a donation of \$10,000 from the Department. Of that amount, \$2,500 would come from each of the three posts and \$2,500 from JWV-MI. It was felt that this scholarship would be a one-time grant and would not be based solely on the financial need of the student. Berkow stated that more research was needed as a JWV scholarship might reduce other aid to which a student might be entitled. Paul Gould felt we should meet with local schools’ counselling staffs.

Schenk again encouraged us to subscribe to the JWV-USA newsletter by requesting bgarick@JWV.org to add us to his mailing list. The Honor Guard needs Members and Patrons to honor our deceased service members. We have a couple of Tigers games coming up to honor us. He specifically mentioned the Fisher House charity of the game on 25 Sep. Go to www.fisherhousemichigan.org/events for info and to purchase tickets. Under New Business, Schenk mentioned his role as both a member of the JWV-USA Membership Committee and Chair of the JWV-MI Membership and Public Relations Committee.

After Good and Welfare stories about a blond attempting to get to Toronto and Pancho Villa dining in the desert (you had to be there), Commander Schenk adjourned the meeting at 10:56 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Haas

Steven Haas, Adjutant

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