

JWV Post 474

Minutes of meeting held August 25th, 2024

The meeting was held at Zekelman Holocaust Center and was called to order by Mark Reed at 10:02 AM.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Ed Adler, Alan Anchill, Dr. Miles Auster, Jess Elson, Dana Gulick, Dave Hundiak, Mark Reed, Ron Siegel, and Mark Weiss.

The pledge of allegiance and prayer were waived to the Department meeting.

Old Business

- Financial Report: July 2024 month-end: The Post is in sound financial shape with comparable balances as a year ago. The Post still getting some poppy donations. Submitted N990 form to IRS on July 23rd.
- August Events:
 - Visiting Post Commander, Donna Balderston, Post 753, San Antonio, Texas.
 - Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) National Convention at Huntington Place (Cobo Hall), 18-20 August 2024.

New Business

- New member: Jess Elson.
- JWV Funeral Honor Guard needs more participation. If you are not already on the Honor Guard list, please give serious consideration to volunteering for this important work. Contact Art Fishman or Mark Reed concerning volunteering to support the Honor Guard.
- JWV National Convention, 8-13 September 2024, Atlantic City, NJ.
 - Post 474 Delegates to Convention. Mark Reed and Mark Weiss are registered to attend.
 - Proposed changes to National Constitution and By-laws.
 - The revised constitution impacts membership and governance
 - In the past the National Commander has been just a figurehead. Now he is replacing the executive advisory committee to promote a more efficient decision making process
 - Membership eligibility is being broaden to include non-wartime service
 - Access the current national constitution on the Michigan JWV website under the Organization pull down menu

- Post By-Laws review. Our by-laws were last reviewed in 2019, and we are required to review them every five years. By-laws were distributed to Post members for review. No comments received. The post by-laws will be voted on during October meeting.
- Membership Dues notifications should be received soon.
- Military Appreciation Day, Comerica Park, 25 September. Tickets \$35, with portion of proceeds going to Fisher House Michigan. Use Fisher House website to get the \$35 tickets.
- There may be an issue in the future with burning flags when retiring them due to environmental concerns. This past year the JWVs participated in a Flag Day flag burial ceremony at Hebrew Memorial, which could be the long-term solution if burning is prohibited.
- The Thanksgiving Parade is seeking veteran volunteers to carry a large American Flag during the parade. Participants will receive a special jacket to wear and keep. Also, parking will be provided. If interested contact the parade at the following email klleverett@theparade.org .

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- Mark Cooperman is recovering from his recent health issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM.

Ron Siegel
Post 474 Adjutant