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Upcoming Events:

- **Veterans Shabbat, 9 November 2024 at Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 10:45am**
- **Veterans Day Parade, 10 November 2024, depart Tel-12 Mall at 9:30am**
- **Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, 11 November 2024 at Ann Arbor JCC at 12:00pm**
- **Next Meeting 17 November 2024 at ZHC at 10:00am; Natan Fuchs to speak on the IDF**
- **Hanukkah Celebration, 29 December 2024 at Temple Shir Shalom at 11:00am**

Minutes of the 27 October 2024 JWV Post 135 Meeting at ZHC

- Commander Schenk called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. In attendance were Alan Agauas, Quartermaster (QM) Larry Berry, Ted Gittleman, Paul Gould, Tom Lebovic, Sid Lichter, Richard Polk, and Don Schenk. PC Schenk deferred opening ceremonies to the JWV-MI meeting scheduled to convene at 11:00am.
- PC Schenk asked for a motion to waive reading of the minutes of 25 Aug 24 previously distributed by Adjutant Haas and posted at the JWV-MI website at <https://www.jwv-mi.org/Minutes/index.php>. Motion by Gould; support from Polk; adopted by unanimous consent. PC Schenk then requested comments to JWV-MI minutes from 25 Aug 24. Hearing none he opined they were acceptable for adoption from Post 135 perspective.
- QM Berry reported on strong financial position of the post.
- PC Schenk recapped activities of note since August highlighting JWV-USA convention (Membership declines; efforts to enhance membership; expected capital campaign from National Museum of American Jewish Military History (NMAJMH). Lichter (chair of National Awards Committee and representative to NMAJMH) reported that award recipients are listed in current edition of *The Jewish Veteran* available here: <https://www.jwv.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/TheJewishVeteran-Volume-78-Issue-3-web.pdf>. PC Schenk reported on participation at Induction of Dr Guy Stern (z"l) into the Michigan Military and Veterans Hall of Honor on 25 Oct 24. Full recording available on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559233830148>.
- Near -term activities are identified above. Watch Shabbat emails for more information.
- Post membership remains at 63 members (55) and patrons (8); 36 are required to pay dues annually.
- October birthdays: Gene Feldman (5), Mike Breshgold (17), Ted Gittleman (24), Sam Wolfe (29).
- November birthdays: Saul Arsht (10), Marc Gould (17), Stanford Singer (19), Bob Franklin (22).
- Under Old Business, the following decisions were made: 1) Adoption of Post By-Laws (Motion by Gould; support by Lichter; adoption by unanimous consent.) 2) Presentation of post budget by QM Berry with firm request to pay dues by end of November, noted donations will be discussed separately as will plans for poppy sales. Adopted by unanimous consent (Motion Lichter; support by Gould).

- PC Schenk updated efforts to establish scholarship noting JWV-MI EXCOM decision to donate \$2500 to scholarships to complement post and private donor donations. Funds will be transferred to JWV Foundation since it is a 501c(3) charity. He is developing criteria with EXCOM and will report more at November meeting.
- Regarding donations, PC Schenk separately requested approval for \$5000 in donations for the coming year (\$2000 for Fisher House and \$3000 to complement JWV-MI EXCOM decision). Motion by Berry; support from Agauas; unanimous consent.
- PC Schenk again encouraged us to subscribe to the JWV-USA newsletter by emailing request to bgarick@JWV.org. He also highlighted need to volunteer for Honor Guard to honor deceased service members at funerals.
- After Good and Welfare stories about a rowing team and signs for the blind PC Schenk adjourned the meeting at 11:02am.

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