

JEWISH WAR VETERANS of the USA
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF MEETING FOR 17 NOVEMBER 2024
As of 18 November 2024

- The meeting, conducted at the Zekelman Holocaust Center (ZHC), was called to order by DC Weiss at 1105.
- OPENING OF ALTAR prepared by OOD Garbeil.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by DC Weiss.
- OPENING PRAYER read by OOD Garbeil.
- PRESENTATION: SVC Glowgower introduced Mr. Natan Fuchs, a former member of the IDF. Mr. Fuchs described several events he was involved in, in the 1973 War and Perspectives on current events. His comments were well received with multiple questions and much applause.
- MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: Minutes were unanimously approved.
- QUARTERMASTER REPORT: We had increases in revenue and are solvent. We will have increases in expenses for the Chanukah party.
- PROGRAMMING: SVC Glowgower reminded us that December 29th will be the Chanukah Party at TSS! January, hopefully a program with the Red Cross involving live dogs! No meeting in February. "Jews in Comics" with Mark Adler in March.
- MEMBERSHIP & PUBLIC RELATIONS: SVC Schenk noted that there will be a JWV-Mi committee meeting in December. PC Reed reported discussions from the recent JWV National Membership Committee include possible Membership On-line Data Base, Membership Packet improvements, outreach Infocards, attempts to raise membership, and organizing with Hillel to have Veterans Day Shabbat Dinners. Several of our members attended the luncheon honoring veterans at the Ann Arbor JCC on November 11.
- REPORTS FROM POSTS:
 1. Post 135: Membership stable. Discussion on possible scholarship.
 2. Post 474: We are retiring current scholarship. Discussion on possible scholarship.
 3. Post 510: Discussion on possible scholarship.
- OLD BUSINESS:
 1. W.B. Heroes Breakfast (W.B. Parks & Rec): Breakfast was held Saturday, November 2nd. DC Weiss has held ongoing discussions with W.B. officials regarding that this annual event is usually not on Shabbat, and that many JWV members were therefore unable to attend this year. It was decided to have PC Glogower attend W.B. committee meetings in the future.
 2. FIDF Dinner: Very fine dinner. In the future, make sure you sit at your assigned seat.
 3. CSZ Veterans Shabbat: We were well represented.

4. Detroit Veterans Day Parade: Unpredictable weather may have prevented more people from attending. We need a bigger turn-out next year!
 5. Zekelman 40th Anniv Dinner: Excellent dinner, we were thanked for our service.
 6. Hechtman Speakers: Post 474 members Michael Steinberg and Ed Adler spoke on their experiences as Jews in the Military. Well received.
 7. Ann Arbor JCC luncheon: See previous notes.
- NEW BUSINESS:
 1. Oakland County – Free Rides for Vets thru Sept 2025: Details on top of our calendar. They need 72-hour notice and proof of military service.
 2. Thanksgiving: Best Holiday Wishes to Everyone!
 3. Chanukah: Dec. 29th Chanukah Party is our Dec. Dept. Meeting at TSS.
 - OPEN DISCUSSION:
 1. Consideration for having members speak at local high schools. This had been done until Covid.
 2. NOVA exhibition at JCC Nov. 17 to 24. Free, but registration required.
 3. Discussion regarding masked personnel carrying swastikas at a presentation of The Diary of Ann Frank at American Legion Post. DC Weiss has been in communication with local officials.
 4. Eighteen members attended Funeral of Gerald Order, long time JWV member and former Post 510 and Department Commander. We again encourage members to be in the Honor Guard when possible.
 5. Governor Wittmer recently signed legislation allowing reduced rates for Michigan license plates for veterans with disabilities.
 6. Sr VC Emeritus Fishman is being honored ON THE FIELD at the Detroit Lions football game today!
 - CLOSING PRAYER led by OOD Garbeil.
 - CLOSING OF ALTAR by OOD Garbeil.
 - SALUTE/ADJOURNMENT led by DC Weiss. DC Weiss adjourned meeting at 1222.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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Adjutant