

Upcoming Events:

- **Next Meeting January 19, 2025 at ZHC 1000 Hours | Note no sit-down meeting in Dec.**
- **In lieu thereof: Hanukkah celebration 29 December @ Temple Shir Shalom (see below)**

Minutes of the 17 November 2024 JWV Post 135 Meeting at ZHC

Commander Schenk called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. In attendance were Alan Agauas, Rachel Baker, Miles Berkow, Larry Berry, Michael Breshgold, David Feldman, Ted Gittleman, Steven Haas, Larry Katz, Arnold Levitsky, Donald Schenk, Gene Shaffer, and guest Howard Smith. Howard introduced himself, having been in the Army Signal Corps for three years in the late 1960's-early 1970's. Cdr. Schenk then requested that we each introduce ourselves to Smith. The Minutes of the October, 2024 meeting were approved as previously sent to the membership without reading or correction per motion by Berkow, second by Gittleman. Commander Schenk then described a letter sent on 13 November by Department Commander Mark Weiss about a recent severe issue of anti-Semitism at the performance of The Diary of Anne Frank performed in Holly, Michigan. Cdr. Weiss is on a National JWV Antisemitism Action Committee that deals with Anti-Semitism.

QM Berry then gave the QM report, noting that, as of 31 Oct 2024, the Post remains solvent with no known liabilities. He reminded us that, those of us who have annual dues, should pay them ASAP since those dues go to National JWV and our share takes a long time to get from DC to Michigan. Schenk reiterated Berry's request and noted that of your dues, \$22.25 goes to the Post and \$7.75 goes to the Department.

Since our 27 October 2024 meeting, the JWV-USA Membership Committee met (28 Oct) about which Mark Reed will report during the ensuing DOM meeting. Haas informed us about the November 2 West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Heroes Appreciation Breakfast. He estimated that about 6-7 Jewish veterans attended. The sponsors in West Bloomfield got a written rebuke from Cdr. Weiss about holding the Breakfast on Shabbat, precluding our attendance as JWV members. Other recent events included Congregation Shaarey Zedek's Veterans Shabbat service (9 Nov), the Detroit Veterans Day parade (10 Nov), the ZHC Anniversary Dinner (also on 10 Nov) for which Breshgold noted that Mitch Albom gave an inspirational talk, and on 11 Nov, both a Veterans Appreciation lunch occurred in Ann Arbor (for which Glogower was expected to report at the DOM meeting) and Hechtman Apartments had a Veterans Day speaker. Schenk also noted the November 13 funeral of past Department Commander Gerry Order, of blessed memory, who had been of great service to his post and to the entire Department of Michigan. Between 15-20 JWV members attended his funeral.

Among our near-term activities is a JWV Hanukkah celebration at 1100 hours on 29 December 2024. The festivities will occur (and the latkes will be served) at Temple Shir Shalom. You can attend with your spouse or your significant other (but not both). Details for your RSVP will be forthcoming, probably in a Schenk Shabbat newsletter or separate communication. In a motion by Berry, seconded by Berkow, we voted to not meet in December other than at the Hanukkah party.

Schenk reported that our membership remains at 63 with 55 Members (18 Life Members, 33 Regulars, one Centenarian and 3 in-service) as well as eight Patrons (five Life and three Regulars). The 36 "Regulars" are the dues-paying group. He then reported on the November and December birthdays. We then discussed the proposed Scholarship Concept of Operation (CONOP) which the Department may be offering. The funds will come from a donation from a daughter of a deceased Post 333 (a predecessor to Post 135) member, as well as from the Department, our Post, and maybe the other two posts. There are currently some potential IRS issues as well as other issues to be worked out. Once again, Cdr. Schenk encouraged all of us to subscribe to the JWV-USA newsletter by writing to bgarick@jwv.org. The Honor Guard still needs members to honor our deceased service men and women. Honor Guard details were provided by Haas, Berry, and Katz. That is not a law firm. Contact any of our officers if you are willing to serve. You are not expected to attend all of the funerals. He gave an update on the new Fisher House in Detroit. If you would like to attend the Fisher House Virtual housewarming, go to www.fisherhousemichigan.org/give. It should open sometime in 2025. The JWV will be recognized for previous donations to Fisher House at its upcoming dinner.

After some feeble Good and Welfare jokes, Commander Schenk adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Haas

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