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## JWV-USA DEPT of MI, Minutes of 19 January 2025 Meeting

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE USA  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
MINUTES OF MEETING FOR 19 JANUARY 2025

- THE MEETING, conducted at the Zekelman Holocaust Center (ZHC), was called to order by DC Weiss at 1100.
- OOD Garbeil prepared the Altar.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by DC Weiss.
- OPENING PRAYER read by OOD Garbeil.
- PRESENTATION was given by Mr. David C. Contorer, the Executive Director of the Hebrew Free Loan Detroit. The Presentation was well received and members asked many questions. Further information can be requested at [dcontorer@hfldetroit.org](mailto:dcontorer@hfldetroit.org) or [www.hfldetroit.org](http://www.hfldetroit.org).
- MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING were unanimously approved.
- QUARTERMASTER REPORT: We are solvent and all expenses are within budget.
- REPORTS FROM OUTSTANDING COMMITTEES
  - PROGRAM: SrVC Glogower announced that "Jews in Comics" will be presented by Patron Mark Adler in our March meeting; Al Lewis will discuss his experiences with Navy Blimps in April.
  - MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLIC RELATIONS: JrVC Schenk gave us an update on membership status. In 2015 we had 195 members; in 2022, 195 members. Currently we have 148! Kudos to Alan Muskovitz! (applause). The Membership Committee met on 10 December next, meeting is 28 January. Any suggestions, including ways to increase our membership, can be given to Committee members: Post 135, Alan Agauas; Post 474, Dana Gulick; Post 510, Mark Siegel. Is there any need to change our outreach programs? Mark Siegel will be starting a Recruitment Subcommittee of the Membership Committee in the near future. Finally, we are always grateful for volunteers for our Honor Guard to remember our recently deceased.
- REPORTS FROM COMMANDERS AND DELEGATES
  - POST 135: 26 Members and Guests attended the Chanukah Party, including young children. 12 members attended Today's Post meeting. We are solvent. Upcoming election was discussed. Jewish Appreciation Baseball Game is in May, further information to follow.
  - POST 474: We are solvent. Dues refunds, Scholarships, and the upcoming Elections were discussed
  - POST 510: 12 members attended the Post meeting today. Scholarships, upcoming Elections, Poppy Sales, and maintenance of Flag Boxes discussed.
- OLD BUSINESS

- Fisher House Detroit: DC Weiss reported that families of patients at the Detroit VA Hospital are expected to arrive in the very near future.
- Kudos to Alan Muskovitz for his recent articles on the JWV-Mi. in the Detroit Jewish News(applause).
- Chanukah Party recap: The Party was well received and very successful! Slide show of the year's events are on the JWV website and will be shown next year.
- NEW BUSINESS
  - Oakland County-Free Rides for Vets thru Sept. 2025: Further information is available on our website, Go to top of calendar. You will need to call ahead and have proof of service.
  - MLK Day Jan 20: We have no Department events.
  - ZHC Special Exhibit: Evidence Room Jan. 26. No fee for JWV members, but RSVP required.
  - International Holocaust Remembrance Day Jan. 27: There will be a ZHC Survivor speaking, no fees.
  - Four Chaplains Day Feb. 3: No Department events, but further information is on our website.
  - President's Day Feb. 17: No Department events.
  - Daylight Saving Time March 2.
  - Post and Department Officer elections: information will be in the spring, elections in May.
  - Scholarship update: Payments may be required soon.
  - Dues refunds checks: Hopefully will be coming soon.
  - Michigan Veterans Archive is interested in obtaining stories from Jewish Veterans experiences in the Military. This will be looked into with the help of our archivists at Temple Beth El.
- CLOSING PRAYER led by OOD Garbeil.
- CLOSING OF ALTER by OOD Garbeil.
- SALUTE TO THE NATION led by DC Weiss. DC Weiss adjourned meeting at 1202.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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Adjutant