

JEWISH WAR VETERANS of the USA
MINUTES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN MEETING
FOR: March 23, 2025

- CALL TO ORDER was done by DC Weiss at 1103. The meeting was held at the Zekelman H.C.
- OPENING OF ALTER done by OOD Garbeil.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by DC Weiss in honors to the Nation.
- OPENING PRAYER read by OOD Garbeil.
- PRESENTATION given by our own Al Lewis. He served in the U. S. Navy with over 3000 hours on Navy blimps! This was an absolutely fascinating talk on a subject with which members were not completely familiar. Al also worked on Wildcats and Hellcats and Bearcats-oh my! The talk was well received with multiple questions and comments. It was recorded and hopefully will be preserved in one of the Veteran Archives.
- MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING were approved.
- QUARTERMASTER REPORT: We are solvent. NSTR.
- PROGRAMMING: Mark Adler will be speaking on “Jews in Comic Books” in our April meeting. We have multiple Memorial Day activities in May. Department Elections in our June Meeting.
- MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLIC RELATIONS: Alan Muskovitz reminded us that he has to turn in any articles and pictures for the next publication of The Jewish Veteran by June 2nd.
- REPORTS FROM POSTS
 1. Post 135: The post is solvent.
 2. Post 474: The post is solvent. We will not hold a Meeting in May because of other ongoing JWV-Mi events.
 3. Post 510: The post is solvent. Upcoming events discussed (see previous notes). Possible Post Meeting in May (TBD).
- OLD BUSINESS
 1. Posts & Department slates – Post elections in April. Slates are set. Let DC Weiss know if any other members wish to run.
 2. Finance Board reporting: NSTR.
 3. NEC Meeting in January 2025: There appears to be a JWV National Foundation which helps with expenses. It is 501(c)(3). JWV National is not. Further information would be of interest.
- NEW BUSINESS
 1. Oakland County – Free Rides for Vets thru September 2025.
 2. April 6 Program for Holocaust Survivors and Families (JSL):
2PM @ Cong. Beth Ahm (5075 Maple Rd. WB), Veterans Free.
Our Color Guard will post colors.
 3. April 27 2:30PM Yom HaShoah program @ Zekelman HC. Ann Arbor Jewish Federation and 2 IDF members will meet with us immediately afterwards for 15-20 minutes,
Approximately 4PM @ Zekelman HC.
 4. Flagging of Graves, Week of May 4th: Anticipated date for Machpelah is 5 May 2025. Rain day is 7 May 2025. Oakview RO 8 May 2025. 11AM for all dates.
 5. CANCELLATION of May 18 Department Meeting.
 6. Eight over 80 Luncheon May 18th our Color Guard will post colors. Deede Auster (Post 474, Miles” wife is one of the 8). Luncheon is at CSZ.
 7. Historic Readings: Veterans Archives in Western Michigan has recorded memories from multiple veterans, at no charge, but no Jews have participated. Our Center for Mi Jewish

Heritage at Temple Beth El has a similar program, but there is a \$250.00 fee per person. These programs need to be discussed further at our Post and Department meetings.

8. Charles Kaye Scholarship status: We have \$22,500.00 allocated. JrVC Schenk is acquiring 501(c)(3) for this. First Scholarship hopefully 2026.
 9. Changes to online VA Healthcare sign-in options have occurred. Check with DC Weiss if you have questions.
 10. MoHMUSEUM.org is the online site for the Medal of Honor Museum.
 11. Detroit Tiger Jewish Heritage night vs. San Francisco is Tuesday, May 27th
 12. JWVMHA is dissolving. We had been receiving some funding from them. This will impact our budget.
- OPEN DISCUSSION: Al Lewis had a follow up to his presentation.
 - CLOSING PRAYER given by OOD Garbeil.
 - CLOSING OF ALTER by OOD Garbeil.
 - SALUTE/ADJORNMENT led by DC Weiss. DC Weiss adjourned meeting at 1118.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Adler

Adjutant