

**JEWISH WAR VETERANS of the USA**  
**MINUTES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN MEETING**  
**FOR: APRIL 22, 2025**

- CALL TO ORDER was done by DC Weiss at 1958. The meeting was held at Temple Shir Shalom (TSS).
- 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.
- NO PRESENTATION at this meeting.
- MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING were approved.
- QUARTERMASTER REPORT: We are solvent. Poppy sales are approaching.
- PROGRAMMING: No report this month.
- MEMBERSHIP & PUBLIC RELATIONS: We will have an ad for Memorial Day in the May 8<sup>th</sup> issue of The Jewish News.
- REPORTS FROM POSTS:
  1. Post 135: Election results: Current officers will maintain their positions.
  2. Post 474: We voted to accept the new dues structure. Current officers were reelected.
  3. Post 510: Current officers will continue their positions.
- OLD BUSINESS
  1. JSL Program for Holocaust Survivor & Families: Program was held April 6 at Beth Ahm. It was well done and included a program where Survivors and Veteran Attendees were given plaques indicating a tree is being planted in Isreal in their honor!
  2. Historic Recordings: Veterans Archives in Lansing continues to record memories from Veterans at no charge by telephone from your home. This should especially be done by older members. Talk with DC Weiss if you are interested.
  3. Changes to online VA Healthcare sign-in options: This includes Medicine Refills via Va.gov. Again, more information available from DC Weiss.
  4. Medal of Honor Museum (MoHMuseum.org): Excellent site.
  5. Reminder-May 18 meeting is CANCELED. Watch for Emails.
  6. JWV National Meeting, August, 2025: DC Weiss advises Members to sign on as Delegates, either in-person or Virtual. There are 3 Candidates for National Vice Commander Position this year!
- NEW BUSINESS
  1. The Department is looking for a new Chaplain: This involves 2 meetings per month. Volunteers?

2. JWV-Mi Charles Kaye Scholarship Foundation Status: JrVC Schenk notified us that the Board of Directors has convened; we have a Constitution and By-Laws; The State of Michigan has been petitioned for Incorporation; We will be applying for Tax Exemption Status with the I.R.S.
  3. 4/27 2:30 PM Yom HaShoah Program @ Zekelman HC. Ann Arbor Federation and 2 IDF Members will meet with us immediately after (approximately 4 PM) for 5-20 minutes @Zekelman HC.
  4. Flagging of Graves, Week of May 4<sup>th</sup>: Anticipated date for Machpelah is 5 May 2025. Rain day is 7 May 2025. Oakview RO 8 May 2025. 11AM for all dates.
  5. Eight over 80 Luncheon May 18<sup>th</sup> our Color Guard will post colors. Deede Auster (Post 474, Miles' wife is one of the 8). Luncheon is at CSZ.
  6. The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Leadership Summit is May 19-21 in Marquette.
  7. Detroit Tiger Jewish Heritage night vs. San Francisco is Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
  8. Current plans are to bring discarded American Flags to ZHC on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Ultimately, they may be disposed of by the VFW.
  9. JWV members have spoken to Hillel Day School 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in the past regarding their experiences in the Military. This may be done again in the next month. Several members said they would like to do this if arrangements are made.
  10. We need a liaison for B'nai Moshe in West Bloomfield. Volunteer is requested!
  11. Ethan Gross gave us an update on the planned Shooting Range and BBQ Activity on June 29, 2025, to be held at the Island Lake Shooting Range, 13,600 Grand River Rd., Brighton, 866-647-4668. We would be involved, but not the major sponsor of the event. Additional Sponsors are welcome! This is a recruiting event. Attendance is free to Jewish Veterans and their families, but pre-registration is required. Possible shooting time-1100 to 1230, lunch from 1200 to 1330. Setup would start at 1000, Shut down 1400 Hours. Shooting is not mandatory. Range Safety Officers will be present. Shooting different weapons is possible, people can bring their own guns. Food by Quality Kosher Catering.
- OPEN DISCUSSION: See above notes.
  - CLOSING PRAYER led by OOD Garbeil.
  - CLOSING of ALTAR by OOD Garbei
  - SALUTE to the Nation led by DC Weiss. DC Weiss adjourned meeting at 2039.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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