

JEWISH WAR VETERANS of the USA

MINUTES of the DEPARTMENT of MICHIGAN MEETING 24 AUGUST 2025

- CALL TO ORDER was done by DC Weiss at 1102. The meeting was held at the Zekelman Holocaust Center (ZHC).
- OPENING OF ALTAR was done by OOD Garbeil.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE led by DC Weiss in honors to the Nation.
- OPENING PRAYER read by Chaplain Gross.
- MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING were approved. Minutes of previous meetings are available on our website. Look on the "organization" site. Minutes of Post meetings are also available.
- QUARTERMASTER REPORT: QM Segel was not present. DC Weiss announced that we are financially stable.
- PROGRAMMING: SrVC Glogower updated us. No speaker today because of time restraints. ZHC has other activities for this room at 1200 hours. No JWV meeting in September. In October we will have a speaker from the VA talking about "Preparing for Death". Benefits to family, necessary forms, etc. will be discussed. The public will be invited.
- MEMBERSHIP & PUBLIC RELATIONS: JrVC Schenk reported that the M&PR Committee met on July 17, the next meeting is next week. The National Membership Committee met last week at the National Meeting. Some issues are left to be resolved.
- REPORTS FROM POSTS
 1. Post 135: 12 members present. A memorial plaque in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Raymond Zussman, supported by Post 135, will be placed at Congregation Shaarey Zedek on October 14. All JWV members are encouraged to attend.
 2. Post 474: 8 members present. We have a new member, Michael Steingold! Kudos to Communications Officer Ron Seigel for maintaining our great calendar!
 3. Post 510: 12 members present. The West Bloomfield Veterans Appreciation Dinner Master of Ceremonies will be our own Alan Muskovitz.
- OLD BUSINESS:
 1. JWV National Convention results: DC Weiss reviewed the 5-day conference. Eight of our members attended the meeting via zoom. TALO DC Scott Stevens is the new National Commander. New Jersey DC Selina Kanowitz is the new Vice Commander. Credentials and Registration meeting: Very little information. Budget Committee: The budget for the Jewish War Veterans is \$ 298,500 in the red. Stated income is \$1,100,000. Stated expenses \$1,400,000. No budget balance. DC Weiss inquired as to whom was monitoring this, was told that this would be discussed at the Finance Board Meeting in 2 days. Constitution and

Bylaws Committee: 50 pages of amendments on the Constitution and the Bylaws had been discussed over the previous months. Unfortunately, incoming National Commander Scott Stevens did not inform the National Adjutant 30 days prior to the meeting of this material and therefore it was all tabled. Some of it may come over the next year (much of it is of Stevens philosophy) and presumably at next years meeting. An amendment was adopted which will eliminate Districts and Councils nationwide which currently only applies to New York State. An amendment was passed which removed an amendment from last year which was incorrectly passed removing power from National Judge Advocate. Membership Committee: It appears that over 100 lifetime JWV members are listed who are over 100 years old! Initial reviews find at least 50 obituaries and another 30 are suspect. Some Posts (not in Michigan) have maintained these members on their rolls. Investigation is ongoing. Resolutions Committee: Nineteen Resolutions were passed. DC Weiss will place them on our website when he receives them. Awards Committee: Ethan Gross of Post 510 was awarded the Judge Lawrence Gubow Award for Americanism! Policy Committee: No Video! NEC Meeting: Discussion of resolutions passed. Finance Board Meeting: DC Weiss inquired regarding the \$298,500 budget deficit noted earlier. He was told they provide NO guidance to the Budget Committee. DC Weiss did talk with the chairman of the Audit Committee and was told that JWV (a 501(c)(4) organization) and JWV Foundation (a 501(c)(3) organization) have 4.6 million dollars invested in Wells Fargo accounts. He did not say how much each had. Also note that JWV is unable to accept monies from the Foundation. The JWV Museum is a separate entity. It owns the building that is shared by JWV and the Museum. JWV rents space in the building for \$1.00/year BUT is responsible for ALL maintenance for it. The cost for this in recent years is \$125,000 to \$150,000/year. Emails of each session's findings were supposed to be sent to all delegates the following morning; this did not occur. There was much confusion regarding the election. There were three candidates for Vice National Chairman-who will be National Chairman next year. A runoff vote was required, the winner was New Jersey DC Selina Kanowitz, the first female National Commander in JWV history. We still await the vote tally. On a final note, the Museum is also facing financial difficulties and a committee is looking into ways to resolve this.

2. JWV Michigan-Charles Kaye Scholarship Foundation status: The Program is continuing to evolve. The next organizing committee meeting is September 7th.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

1. September 11 Remembrance Events: Community Events will be announced.
2. September 14 Reburial of Eugene Mandeberg (WWII) @ Beth El Memorial Park, 28120 Six Mile Rd., Livonia 48152, at 11A.M. One of the last casualties of WWII. Results of recent DNA results identified his remains. Please try to attend, wear your JWV cap. Alan Muskowitz will be doing an article on the event for the Jewish News.
3. September 17-Constitution Day: No events currently planned.

4. October 7 Remembrance Events will be on Sunday, October 5. More Information to follow.

5. Next full Department meeting is October 19th.

6. Veterans Day November 11. Details will be announced as date nears.

- CLOSING PRAYER led by Chaplain Gross.
- CLOSING OF ALTAR led by OOD Garbeil.
- SALUTE TO THE NATION led by DC Weiss. DC Weiss adjourned meeting at 1150.

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