

JWV Post 474

Minutes of meeting held August 24th, 2025

The meeting was held at Zekelman Holocaust Center and was called to order by Mark Reed at 10:02 AM.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Ed Adler, Alan Anchill, Dr. Miles Auster, Dana Gulick, Mark Reed, Ron Siegel, Micheal Steingold, and Mark Weiss.

The pledge of allegiance and prayer were waived to the Department meeting.

Last month's post minutes was distributed via email and the reading was waived.

Financial Report

- As of August 23rd 2025: The Post is currently in sound financial shape. There is a surplus in the Post's account after providing a \$2500 contribution to the Kaye Scholarship fund. There were no expenditures in August and the post received \$174.31 donation in memory of Harry Nosanchuk.

Old Business

- Kaye Scholarship Initiative – The Kaye family has provided their share of scholarship fund and there is approximately \$20K total in the fund. On September 7th the Scholarship Foundation Committee will hold their initial meeting. The committee will work through eligibility details and long-term strategy to keep the fund viable.
- The JWV National Convention was held August 17th to 22nd at Henderson, Nevada. The new National Commander is Scott Stevens and the Vice Commander is Selina Kanowitz. Ethan Gross our Department Champlain and Post 510 member was awarded the "Judge Gubow Award for Americanism".
 - There was little progress and no discussion on a proposed Constitutional Amendments due to not providing a 30-day notice for changes
 - The convention did not get through most of the proposed amendments to the Bylaws
 - Overall assessment of the convention was that it was chaotic, not well organized, and there were significant technical issues for remote participants

New Business

- There will be no meetings in September. The next meeting will be 10:00AM on October 19th at Zekelman Holocaust Center.
- On September 14th there will be a Repatriation Ceremony for Ensign Eugene Mandeberg, U.S. Navy at 11:00AM at Beth El Memorial Park. There will be a Navy Color Guard and JWV attendees should dress appropriately and wear their hat. Ensign Mandeberg's plane was lost on the last day of the war in the Pacific Theater.
- Details for Veteran's Day events will be forthcoming. Requesting greater participation for the Veteran's Day Parade
- Detroit Thanksgiving Parade on November 27th is seeking veterans to carry the American Flag. Participants will receive free jacket.

G & W

- Mark Manson has been released from the hospital and is recovering

Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM.

Ron Siegel
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