

JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE USA, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
MEETING MINUTES — OCTOBER 19, 2025
Location: Zekelman Holocaust Center (ZHC)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 11:01 AM by Department Commander (DC) Weiss.

II. OPENING CEREMONIES

- **Opening of Altar:** Officer of the Day (OOD) Garbeil
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by DC Weiss
- **Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Gross

III. GUESTS

Two new member veterans were welcomed by DC Weiss.

IV. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Archived minutes are available on the organization website under the “Organization” section.

V. QUARTERMASTER REPORT

- **Submitted by:** QM Segel (in absentia)
- The Department is financially stable.
- Major upcoming expenses: Chanukah Party and Annual Detroit Veterans Day Parade.

VI. PROGRAMMING

- **Report by:** Senior Vice Commander (SrVC) Glogower
- Scheduled presentation on “Preparing for Later Life” was canceled due to the government shutdown. It will be rescheduled.

VII. MEMBERSHIP & PUBLIC RELATIONS

- **Report by:** Junior Vice Commander (JrVC) Schenk
- **National Committee:** Last met September 16; no major updates. Next meeting: October 21.
- **Department Committee:** Met October 6.
 - Discussed upcoming ad in *Detroit Jewish News* for the new **JWV Michigan–Charles Kaye Scholarship**.
 - Post 135 member Al Agauas presented the concept: *Adopt A Veteran – Adopt a Grave*, inspired by the Margraten American Cemetery in the Netherlands. Interested members should contact Al.
- DC Weiss emphasized the importance of educating youth on family military history.
- Next Membership & PR Committee meeting: mid-December.

VIII. REPORTS FROM POSTS

- **Post 135:** Financially solvent. Memorial plaque for Lt. Raymond Zussman installed at Congregation Shaarey Zedek.
- **Post 474:** Financially solvent. Discussed past and upcoming events.

- **Post 510:** Financially solvent. Considering a donation to the WWII Legacy Memorial “Rosie the Riveter” Fund.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Reburial of Eugene Mandeborg (WWII) – Sept 14 @ Beth El:

- 18 JWV members attended alongside other service organizations and the U.S. Navy.
- Mandeborg, a Navy pilot shot down on the last day of WWII, was recently identified via DNA.
- Alan Muskovitz will feature the event in *Jewish News*.

2. JWV Michigan–Charles Kaye Scholarship Foundation:

- Application form in development.
- Eligibility: Jewish descendants of Michigan Jewish veterans.
- At least 3 scholarships available for Fall 2026.
- Applications due by April 30, 2026.
- Details available on the JWV website (top right corner, blue tab).

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Next Department Meeting: November 23 at Zekelman Holocaust Center (ZHC).

2. Veterans Day Events:

- **Saturday, Nov 1:** Veterans Shabbat @ CSZ, arrive by 10:15 AM. Wear JWV hat.
- **Tuesday, Nov 4 (9:00–10:30 AM):** Heroes Appreciation Breakfast @ West Bloomfield Middle School. Free for veterans + guest. Register by Oct 27 via WB Parks & Rec. Alan Muskovitz is emcee. JWV recruiting table present.
- **Friday, Nov 7 (7:00 PM):** Veterans Shabbat @ Temple Emanu-El. DC Weiss speaking at 7:45 PM.
- **Sunday, Nov 9:**
 - Downtown Detroit Veterans Day Parade. Details to follow via email.
 - Holocaust Center Dinner @ Huntington Center: 5:30 PM cocktails, 6:30 PM dinner. Two tables reserved (20 seats). Notify Post Commander if interested.
- **Tuesday, Nov 11:**
 - 11:00 AM: Ceremony @ Hechtman Flagpole, Building 6700
 - 1:00 PM: WWII Legacy Memorial Park – Phase 2 unveiling
 - 2:00 PM: Avenue Diner (across from Memorial Park): 5 veterans needed for group photo with owner. Free lunch provided. Wear JWV hat.

XI. OPEN DISCUSSION

- JWV hats available from Dave Hundiak for sizing and event use.
- Permanent hats can be ordered from Keystone (Philadelphia).
- Embroidery may be done locally; bring a sample or photo from the JWV website.

XII. CLOSING

- **Prayer:** Chaplain Gross
- **Closing of Altar:** OOD Garbeil
- **Salute to the Nation:** DC Weiss
- **Adjournment:** 11:55 AM

For the Commander

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Adjutant