

JEWISH WAR VETERANS of the USA

MINUTES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN MEETING

FOR: NOVEMBER 23, 2025

- CALL TO ORDER was done by DC Weiss at 1104. The meeting was held at the Zekelman Holocaust Center (ZHC).
- OPENING OF ALTAR done by OOD Garbeil.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by DC Weiss.
- OPENING PRAYER read by OOD Garbeil.
- JWVMHA: Previous JWVMHA President Marc Manson gave a brief history of the home. It was begun in 1944 and located in several buildings over the years. At one time, reportedly 400+ veterans attended activities! The last home was sold in 2003. Essentially the entire assets have been liquidated. Memorial Home Association Vice President Mark Reed noted that in order to comply with Michigan Law, a vote was needed by the JWV-Mi membership to dissolve the Association. A vote of the membership was taken, with unanimous approval for its dissolution.
- SPEAKER: After an introduction by SVC Glogower, Terrence Kalley discussed aspects of Genealogy.
- MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING were approved.
- QUARTERMASTER REPORT: We are solvent and ok to pay future bills, including the upcoming Chanukah Party.
- PROGRAMMING: SVC Glogower announced that we will have Bethany Mindlin, Aid to Senator Gary Peters, speaking in January, 2026, talking about "Preparing for Death". Benefits to family, necessary forms, etc. will be discussed. The public will be invited. No program in December-Chanukah Party!
- MEMBERSHIP & PUBLIC RELATIONS: Post 135 ~~JrVC Alan Agauas Michael Breshgold~~ noted that topics discussed at the recent National M&PR Meeting included: Concern about Posts having members on their rosters who are deceased; The need to attract younger members; Problems with the printing company sending out renewal messages; Questions on maintaining funding with probable raising of yearly and lifetime dues.
- REPORTS FROM POSTS

Post 135: NSTR.

Post 474: NSTR.

Post 510: NSTR.

- OLD BUSINESS

Veterans Day Events-recap

1. Nov 1st- Veterans Shabbat@CSZ: Well done. We will practice “about face” for next year.
2. Nov 4th-W.B. Parks & Rec. Heroes Appreciation Breakfast: Thank you Sid Garbeil and family for manning the Vendor Table!
3. Nov 9th-Downtown Detroit Veterans Day Parade, ZHC Annual Dinner: Inclement weather, but we need more participation for next year’s Parade!
4. Nov 11th@11:11-Hechtman Flagpole: This is the first time we have done this. DC Weiss gave the talk at the Flag raising, it was well received.
5. Nov 12th-Larry Berry talk at Optimist Club Breakfast, Bloomfield Hills H.S. Play:
6. Nov 14th-Veterans Shabbat@Temple Emanu-El: DC Weiss gave a brief history of JWV-USA.
7. Nov 14th-Presentation of Honorary Chaplain hat to Rabbi Moskowitz,TSS: Congratulations and THANK YOU Rabbi Moskowitz.

JWV Michigan-Charles Kaye Scholarship Foundation-status: The Program is continuing to evolve and is on schedule.

- NEW BUSINESS

1. Chanukah Party-December 21st, AT TSS-KOSHER (Thank you, Ethan Gross!)
2. Next full Department meeting-January 18th, at ZHC.
3. Insurance-background & Status: In the past, we have had liability and fidelity bond insurance from national, payable on November 1st. This year, on November 6, we got word they are no longer providing these services. We currently do not have insurance and are looking for another supplier. Do not slip and fall in the parking lot!

4. Other items from the first monthly Commanders ZOOM: DC Weiss noted that topics discussed at the meeting included: Probable raising of yearly and lifetime dues; Continued confusion on financial issues (see previous Department Minutes). Despite statements saying the Budget is in the red, JWV-USA is very much solvent: JWV-USA will continue to come out with a printed newsletter with the realization that one-third of the 6,000 members do not have an e-mail. If you have inquiries, send email to membership@JWV.org (Cassandra Brown is no longer on staff).

- OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Alan Muskovitz raised the possibility of giving a donation to the Detroit Jewish News, who have been very supportive of us. It will be discussed at the next EXCOM meeting.

- CLOSING PRAYER led by OOD Garbeil.
- CLOSING OF ALTAR led by OOD Garbeil.
- SALUTE TO THE NATION led by DC Weiss. DC Weiss adjourned meeting at 1240..

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