

Next Meeting is 18 January 2026 at 10:00AM at Zekelman Holocaust Center

Minutes of the 23 November 2025 JWV Post 135 Meeting at ZHC

Post Commander Schenk called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. Also in attendance were Alan Agauas, Miles Berkow, Larry Berry, Michael Breshgold, David Feldman, Ted Gittelman, Steven Haas, Marc Manson, and Richard Polk. The minutes of the 19 October 2025 meeting were approved without reading as they were previously sent to the membership and no issues/questions had been raised since that distribution. PC Schenk then reviewed the highlights of the 19 October 2025 JWV-MI Minutes, which had been previously distributed, as Cdr. Weiss intended to also review them and request that they be approved at the upcoming Department meeting.

QM Berry provided a financial update, noting that as of 31 October 2025, the Post remains solvent with no known liabilities. Berry has sent a deposit for 2026 Detroit Tigers game tickets for Military Appreciation night (\$46 per ticket with no charge to the membership). The game is on 9 June 2026. Most of us expressed an interest in attending that game. Pennies are still being collected as a fundraiser. Under recent Post 135 activities, Adjutant Haas noted that the Detroit Veterans Day parade was poorly attended by our Post, in part due to inclement weather that day. The 1 Nov – Veterans Shabbat at CSZ was quite moving as always and successful. The West Bloomfield 4 Nov - Heroes Appreciation Breakfast was great. Under New Business, PC Schenk noted that The JWV Memorial Home Association is being dissolved and that dissolution will be discussed and voted upon at the upcoming JWV-MI meeting of 23 November 2025. Also at that meeting, Genealogist Terry Kalley will discuss what he has learned about Ray Zussman in Kalley's genealogy research. On 21 Dec – JWV's Hanukkah Party will be a kosher meal and occur at Temple Shir Shalom (definitely NOT ZHC). The next JWV-MI meeting will occur on 18 January 2026 (ZHC) at 10 AM Post and 11 AM Dept. with US Sen. Peters' Constituent Services Representative Bethany Mindlin speaking to us at the latter meeting about veteran benefits. Her presentation will be open to the public and you are encouraged to bring anyone along who may now, or in the future, provide care for you. Purple Heart Day will occur on 7 August 2026. SrVC Breshgold will work with JWV-MI SrVC Glogower in determining who are our Purple Heart recipients.

PC Schenk reminded us to let our potential next of kin know where we have our DD214. It will be needed for, at least, a flag on our coffins. JWV-USA is having staffing and money problems. So annual dues notices have yet to go out for the current year. But, when they do go out, there may be increases for current and future years. National is not current in maintaining our Liability and Fidelity Bond Insurance. After two recent deaths, we have 52 members and 12 Patrons who are in our Post. Five of them remain in arrears with their dues. If you have the slightest doubt if that is you, you can check this out by contacting JWV-USA or PC Schenk or QM Berry via e mail or phone. Upcoming birthdays were reviewed.

PC Schenk mentioned a potential fundraiser at Red Robin restaurant. It would be truly painless for us. We agree with the restaurant on a date and we get 20% of the sales. Jr VC Lebovic agreed to research the mechanics. <https://redrobin.force4good.com/>. Schenk then mentioned again that we should subscribe to receive the JWV-USA newsletter by e mailing membership@jwv.org as the publications may stop being mailed to us. (Note that this is a different e mail address than I have previously provided you.) **The Honor Guard needs Members to Honor our Dead!** The JWV-MI – Kaye Foundation scholarship is moving along and will be providing up to two scholarships per year at \$2,500 each starting in 2026. There will be a future article on this in the *Detroit Jewish News*.

In additional New Business, Cdr. Schenk demonstrated the proper placement of our caps on our heads, the rationale for that placement, and the proper forms of salute especially at funerals and other Honor

Guard services. During the Good and Welfare portion of the meeting, PC Schenk read a moving letter from a Parkland Hospital Administrator in Dallas (where President Kennedy died).

There being no further business, Commander Schenk adjourned the meeting at 10:48 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve

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