

Next Post Meeting is 22 March 2026 at 10:00AM at Zekelman Holocaust Center

Minutes of the 18 January 2026 JWV Post 135 Meeting at ZHC

Post Senior Vice Commander Breshgold called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Also in attendance were Alan Agauas, Larry Berry, Ted Gittleman, Steven Haas, Arnold Levitsky, Lee Schostak, and guest Marcia Agauas. The minutes of the 23 November 2025 meeting were approved without reading as they were previously sent to the membership and no issues/questions had been raised since that distribution.

QM Berry provided a financial update, noting that as of 31 December 2025, the Post remains solvent with no known liabilities. All of our liquid assets are in the Blackstone fund. Berry has sent a deposit for 2026 Detroit Tigers game tickets for the Active Military/Veteran Appreciation night. In answer to a question he received since the prior meeting, from Haas, the Tigers may not be not having a Jewish Heritage night this year. National JWV announced in early November that it would no longer co-ordinate obtaining Liability Insurance and the Fidelity Bond for the posts. Berry has looked into obtaining such insurance. While we last paid \$303 through National JWV, the cost this year for our Post alone would be around \$840. If you know a carrier who might have a cheaper rate, contact Berry. A motion to approve the QM report was made/seconded by Haas/Gittleman and approved by the membership.

SrVC Breshgold then reviewed our Post activities since the November meeting – i.e. the Hanukkah Luncheon. Over the next sixty days, he stated that Bethany Mindlin of Senator Peters' staff would speak at the ensuing Department meeting (18 Jan). We will have Post elections coming up for PC and SrVC. Nominations to either of these elected positions — whether self-nominated or nominated on behalf of someone else — are made by contacting Ted Gittleman, our immediate Past Post Commander, by our 22 March 2026 meeting. His e mail address is tedhgittleman@gmail.com and his phone number is (248) 561-4806. He needs to present a slate of nominees at the following Post meeting scheduled for 26 April 2026. As a reminder, to be elected, you **must** be a Member in Good Standing. That means your dues for 2026 must be paid. Voting takes place at that April meeting and the installation occurs immediately following the election. Other upcoming events mentioned by Breshgold included Yom HaShoah observance at the Holocaust Center on 19 April from 2:30PM – 4:00 PM (1430-1600 hours). Purple Heart (PH) Day will be 7 Aug. Breshgold will work with JWV-MI SrVC Glogower on this event. No PH recipients were in attendance at this Post meeting although Gene Shaffer was reported to have earned one. The SrVC reminded us to maintain our DD-214 form. You may need it if you are applying for veteran discounts among many things. He also reminded us about getting our annual dues, if required, paid. Details are in prior minutes and in PC Schenk's Shabbat messages. Next, Mike reported on the Post's headcount and upcoming birthdays. He then mentioned a potential fundraiser at Red Robin restaurant, but in Lebovic's absence, discussion was tabled. Mike reiterated that we should subscribe to receive the JWV-USA newsletter by e mailing membership@jwv.org. **The Honor Guard needs Members to Honor our Dead!** Berry discussed the JWV-MI – Kaye Foundation scholarship which is moving along and, as of 31 Dec 2025, had over \$24k. It will be providing, around June, 2026, two scholarships at \$2,500 each and one for \$1,000. They will apply for students in four-year Degree, Associate Degree, and Trade School programs. There will be a future article on this in the ***Detroit Jewish News***. JrVC Agauas reported on the Adopt a Veteran / Adopt a Grave initiative. He has contacted numerous temples/congregations and received luke warm interest. The ***Detroit Jewish News*** may have an article on this in March/April. Schostak stated he had some contacts among veterans in South Haven, MI who know where their vets are buried.

There being no further business, Senior Vice Commander Breshgold adjourned the meeting at 10:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve

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