

JWV Post 474

Minutes of meeting held January 18th, 2026

The meeting was held at Zekelman Holocaust Center and was called to order by Mark Reed at 10:07 AM.

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

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

Last month's post minutes was distributed via email on December 22nd and the reading was waived.

Financial Report

- As of December 31st 2025: The Post is currently in sound financial shape. There were no expenditures this past month. The savings and checking accounts have funds.

Old Business

- Chanukah Party on December 21st – Feedback on the event included the need for a more Chanukah festive environment. Greater participation by young children and more Chanukah decorations would increase the party atmosphere. The reviews on the food were mixed.
- Funeral Honor Guard - The JWV Department needs a greater and more consistent participation by the membership. The Post had a couple of requests to be place on the Honor Guard mailing list to get notified of funerals requiring JWV attendance.
- Dues – National has an issue with the printing company they are using. Dues statements have not gone out. The dues will probably be going up next month. It is recommended if it is time to renew your dues, then pay it before the increase. The following are the details required to pay your dues before receiving your dues statement:

-- To pay for one year, 2026: \$65

-- To pay for two years, 2026/2027: \$108.50

-- To pay for three years, 2026/2027/2028: \$153.25

To pay your dues, SEND A CHECK (not cash; not credit card) to JWV-USA. Make your check payable to "Jewish War Veterans of the USA". Please indicate on the memo line of your check the years for which you are paying, and write "POST 474 DUES" so that your dues are appropriately recorded. The address to send your check is: **Jewish War Veterans of the USA, ATTN: Membership, 1811 R Street NW, Washington, DC 20009**

After you send your check, **SEND MARK REED AN EMAIL**, telling him when you paid, how much you paid, and the check number. He will use this information to monitor the folks up at JWV National and ensure they are recording your payment.

- Insurance – National will no longer be providing insurance coverage. It is now the responsibility of the Department and Posts to obtain and pay for the coverage. This will be

a significant financial hit with early quotes being multiple times more expensive than what was paid in the past. At this time more insurance companies are being considered to get the appropriate coverage at a reasonable price.

New Business/Open Discussion

- Membership - There was a lively discussion on how to increase membership. It was suggested that recruiting and Public Relation articles need to be more tailored for young veterans. Outings should be more family oriented to engage a younger target audience.
- No meetings in February. Next meeting is Sunday, March 22nd at 10:00AM at Zekelman Holocaust Center
- Officer Slate is being prepared for elections in April. Any interest or volunteers?

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- Nothing Significant to Report

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Ron Siegel
Post 474 Adjutant