



# Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

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To: Department Commanders and Quartermasters  
Council Commanders and Quartermasters  
Post Commanders and Quartermasters

From: National Finance Board Committee, chaired by:  
PNC Joseph Zoldan, OH  
Dept. Cmdr. Erwin Burtnick, MD

Re: 2017 Finance Board Report

Once per year the National echelon reviews the spending and fundraising of every Post, Council and Department. Why?

To ensure JWV is:

1. Fulfilling its mission to help veterans and
2. Upholding its legal obligation as defined by IRS tax codes for 501c4 War Veteran Service Organizations.

The Finance Board Committee was established by the National *ByLaws* ([Art. IV, Sec. 5](#)) to handle this undertaking. Comprised of members from different Departments across the country, the Finance Board reviews the annual reporting, investigates as necessary, and coordinates with the IRS to comply with tax filing.

The annual Finance Board (FB) Report is the Committee's tool for assessing each echelon's finances. Based on 2016 feedback, the new FB Report has been simplified with clearer explanations.

To complete the FB Report, gather your echelon's:

- Financial records AKA The Books,
- Copy of Bank Statement(s) **from the last month of your fiscal year**, and
- Receipt of the 990 annual tax filing.

Submission guidelines:

- **Every echelon** must submit a report. To be an echelon of JWV, you must have a bank account. And, that bank account must be audited regularly, hence the annual FB Report. **NO EXCEPTIONS. Our tax-exempt status depends on it.**
- Submit the completed report **no later than June 1, 2017**

- Submit via:
  - **Email:** [membership@jwv.org](mailto:membership@jwv.org) or
  - **Mail:** JWV of the USA  
Attn: Finance Board  
1811 R St NW  
Washington, DC 20009

**A Special Note Regarding the Annual Tax Filing**

National HQ is required by law to annually notify the IRS of the names and addresses of each of our units. The IRS then expects to receive an annual tax filing from each unit.

All echelons, by law, are required to [file with the Federal Government Form 990](#), 990-EZ, or 990-N, the annual tax form for small tax-exempt organizations. To retain our status as a 501c4, we must file.

An echelon that makes \$50,000 or less in gross income is eligible to file the electronic form 990-N online. There is no written version of this form. Echelons with gross receipts of \$50,000 or more are required to file Form 990 or 990-EZ.

**Receipt of the 990 tax filing must be included with your FB Report submission.**

**A tutorial on filing the electronic 990-N will be hosted by National HQ on April 4, 2017.**

Thank you for maintaining the fiscal health of JWV. If you have questions/concerns, please contact the Finance Board Co-Chairs at [membership@jwv.org](mailto:membership@jwv.org).

**2017 Annual Finance Board Report**  
**Due June 1, 2017**

Echelon Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reports to Council of/Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Echelon EIN (Federal Tax ID#): \_\_\_\_\_

**Reporting Time Period**

You are reporting on your echelon's most recent fiscal year. What is that time period (e.g. August 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016 or January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016)?

Reporting Time Period: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Checking and Savings Accounts**

1. **Report below your echelon's checking account, CD, savings account, etc.** Attach a list of any additional accounts.
2. **Enclose a copy of the last bank statement of your echelon's fiscal year.** For example, if your fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2016, then you would enclose your December statement.

1. Bank/Credit Union: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Balance at Beginning of Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Balance at End of Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatories on Account (**at least two**):

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Bank/Credit Union: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Balance at Beginning of Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Balance at End of Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatories on Account (**at least two**):

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

### Property/Assets

National HQ includes the value of property and valuables when it negotiates insurance rates, as well as when it reports to the IRS. Does your echelon own a building? Does it own a shuttle van? Does it own valuable artifacts? List any property or items and their estimated value.

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### Gross Income

Report on all money your echelon received. Attach an additional page, if necessary.

Income	Amount
(Number of paid members/patrons) x (Your echelon's portion of dues) _____ x \$_____ =	
Fundraising	
Donations/Contributions	
Bequests (attach copy of bequest)	
<b>Total Income</b>	

**Expenses**

Report on all money spent by your echelon. **This includes the giving of donations.** If you share an expense, such as splitting meeting costs with the Ladies Auxiliary, report only your portion of the expense.

Expenses	Amount
Operating Expenses (e.g. meeting space, refreshments, poster board)	
Programs/Fundraising/Event Expenses	
Fees for Liability Insurance and Fidelity Bond	
Fees/Contributions for Department or Council Activities	
Total Donations/Contributions Given	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	

**Donations/Contributions**

The Matching Funds Rule (*National ByLaws*, Art. II, Sec. 5.) states that if an echelon chooses to donate funds, the funds must be given to an approved cause, which are:

- 1) JWV program,
- 2) Another JWV echelon,
- 3) Affiliated organization (such as Ladies Auxiliary, The Museum or The Foundation),
- 4) VA facilities, and
- 5) Cause/Organization that directly benefits veterans and has been approved by the Finance Board Committee (such as USO, Fisher House, or JWB Jewish Chaplains Council).

**If donations are made to other organizations, then a contribution of equal amount MUST be given to JWV’s National Building Fund.**

List the donations made and organizations donated to, under the appropriate category. Exempt donations are those that do not require matching donations. Non-exempt donations are those that do require matching donations. Attach any additional lists.

Exempt Donations (such as to Military Chapels, Veteran-specific JCC Program, or VA Programs)	
<b>Total Donations</b>	

<b>Non-Exempt Donations (such as to local high school or synagogue general fund)</b>	
<b>Total Donations</b>	

I have read and understand the Matching Funds Rule and have enclosed any contributions due per the Rule.

To the best of my knowledge, the information given in this report is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (primary signer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (second signer)

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Title

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Title

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Signature

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