

## POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT - 2010

1. The JWV urges the repeal of a 96-hour rule on detaining prisoners in Afghanistan, which is putting the lives of US soldiers detailed to NATO in unnecessary danger. Under the current NATO rules, in effect since 2005, NATO troops have 96 hours to either turn over detainees to Afghan soldiers or release them. The JWV urges that this arbitrary 96-hour rule be examined and that it be changed to allow an extension period to protect the lives of American troops detailed to NATO.
2. The JWV supports Captain Roger Hill in any proceedings before a Discharge Review Board or other legal review board. Captain Hill has been unable to receive an honorable discharge and resigned his commission after firing his weapon into the ground to attempt to elicit confessions from suspected Afghan spies who were on the verge of being released under NATO's 96-hour detention rule.
3. The JWV supports the resolution recently passed by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs which calls for recognition of the fact that 1,500,000 Armenians were targeted for slaughter by the Ottoman Empire. Genocide has become a basic form which targets a specific group for ethnic cleansing. The survivors are entitled for the world to recognize their victimization.
4. The JWV supports holding the trials of alleged terrorists in cases with civilian casualties within our own criminal justice system in whatever venue in which a secure trial can be held.