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## **RELOCATE THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM**

WHEREAS, Jerusalem has been the Eternal Capital of the Jewish people, and  
WHEREAS, Jerusalem is now the Capital of modern State of Israel, and  
WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has directed that the Embassy of the United States be located in Jerusalem unless the President finds that it is not within the best interest of the United States to relocate the Embassy to Jerusalem, and  
WHEREAS, the prior two Presidents have made such a finding but without an announced statement specifying their reasoning and rationale, and  
WHEREAS, sufficient time has passed since the passage of the legislation by the Congress,  
THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA reiterates its demand that the Embassy of the United States be relocated to Jerusalem forthwith and without any further delay.

## **RECOGNITION OF V-E AND V-J DAYS**

WHEREAS, May 8, 1945 marked the end of World War II in the European Theater of Operations with the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany to the Allied Forces, and  
WHEREAS, August 14, 1945 marked the end of World War II in the Pacific Theater of Operations with the unconditional surrender of the Empire of Japan, and  
WHEREAS, these two dates of surrender marked the end of the most costly war ever fought by the United States in terms of men and women who served in the Armed Forces, the costs in terms of money, financial resources, and lives lost, and  
WHEREAS, the victory over the Axis powers preserved the remnant of the Jewish people and the rest of civilized humanity from tyranny and destruction, and  
WHEREAS, with the passage of time, there has been a fading of the memory of the

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sacrifices of the men and women who fought the battles and carry the scars of their service,

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon our fellow veterans' service organizations to join together to observe the dates of the Victory in Europe and the Victory over Japan, and it is

FURTHERMORE RESOLVED, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, together with other veterans' service organizations urge Congress to designate May 8 and August 14 as special days of remembrance.

## **HAYM SOLOMON RECOGNIZED**

WHEREAS, Haym Solomon (aka Salomon) was a very successful businessman at the time of the American Revolution, and

WHEREAS, Haym Solomon freely chose to assist the cause of the American Revolution by committing his own wealth to help finance the War, and

WHEREAS, without the financial assistance and personal commitment of Haym Solomon, the War may have been lost due to the inability to purchase arms, supplies and bankroll the salaries of the soldiers, and

WHEREAS, folklore tells us that the presence of the Star of David in the Seal of the United States was out of respect for Haym Solomon, and

WHEREAS, Haym Soloman was twice imprisoned for assisting captured Continental soldiers escape their British captors, and

WHEREAS, Haym Solomon has never received the proper recognition and respect due him.

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA asks that the Congress of the United States enact legislation which would designate the date of Haym Solomon's

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death, January 6, as Haym Solomon Day, and

FURTHERMORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA asks the National Memorial Commission to erect the monument to Haym Solomon which had been authorized by Congress in 1893.

## **WOMEN VETERANS**

WHEREAS, women are members of the military of today in numbers never before witnessed, and

WHEREAS, the injuries, both physical and mental, often are unique to women, and

WHEREAS, the need for privacy is not being met in some Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, and

WHEREAS, when the need for services, including the need for privacy, is not being met, the women veterans are being denied those services they deserve,

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA demands that the Department of Veterans Affairs completely and immediately fulfill its obligation to all women veterans by offering the full spectrum of services that the women veterans require, including privacy.

## **IMPROVED MEDICAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, a recent investigation by the House Veterans Affairs Committee Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations found disturbing evidence of improper or non-use of certain safety procedures in at least one major VA hospital and the abject failure to sanitize or properly care for reusable instruments, and

WHEREAS, these failures in common proper sanitary and safety procedures seriously compromise the well-being of the veteran population that use all VA facilities, and

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WHEREAS, corrective measures are essential,

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon the Department of Veterans Affairs to immediately commence a comprehensive program of retraining and peer review to expedite corrective action to ensure proper safety precautions are followed by all Department of Veterans Affairs facilities

## **CLAIMS BACKLOG**

WHEREAS, there continues to be a serious backlog in the processing of claims by the Department of Veterans Affairs which, too often, can result in the claim not being processed before the veteran passes away,

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA has joined with our comrades in all veterans' service organizations in a call to have this intolerable backlog abated as quickly as possible, and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs has hired and trained additional claims adjudicators, and

WHEREAS, these additional hires have not had sufficient time to make progress in reducing the backlog, and

WHEREAS, there are claims that come before the Department of Veterans Affairs that are facially valid but which are not adjudicated until they come to the top of the pile chronologically,

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA asks the Department of Veterans Affairs to expand the program now being tested in two regional offices, to triage those claims which are prima facie valid, subject to later audit, and

FURTHERMORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon the Congress and the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure that the backlog of

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claims is reduced to a reasonable level.

## **ADVANCED APPROPRIATION FOR THE VA**

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives has passed a measure authorizing the advanced appropriation of health care for the Department of Veterans Affairs and

WHEREAS, this measure, if it becomes law, marks a major advance in the predictability of services provided by the VA to veterans, and

WHEREAS, this represents a step in the right direction but should not be deemed as a total victory in the annual battle of the budget on Capitol Hill, and

WHEREAS, there still remains the need for the same level of predictability in the rest of the VA budget,

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA asks Congress to pass the entire VA budget one year in advance of the next fiscal year.

## **STOLEN VALOR ACT**

WHEREAS, the Stolen Valor Act criminalizes the wearing or alleging the award of military medals by individuals who are not the recipient of such medals, and

WHEREAS, the media continues to reveal stories of men and women who either magnify or fabricate their military service, and

WHEREAS, there is a central registry of recipients of the Medal of Honor and prisoners of war, but for no other medals including, but not limited to, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, the Air Force Cross, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and Purple Heart, and

WHEREAS, there needs to be a central registry created so that those who have stolen valor from the men and women who truly deserve recognition, can be uncovered and

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brought to light and justice,

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA urges Congress to provide sufficient funds to create such a central registry so as to facilitate the exposure of “false heroes,” and,

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon Federal law enforcement agencies to vigorously prosecute those who have violated the Stolen Valor Act.

## **AMERICAN VETERANS DISABLED FOR LIFE MEMORIAL**

WHEREAS, American veterans have returned from the battleground with serious wounds, both physical and psychological, and

WHEREAS, American service members face daily hostile action in Afghanistan, Iraq, and in the global war against terrorism, and

WHEREAS, it is clear that there needs to be a permanent memorial, in a prominent location in the Nation’s capital city, Washington, DC, and

WHEREAS, such a project cannot be successful without the support of the Nation’s veterans’ service organizations and their members,

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA supports the efforts of the Disabled Veterans For Life Memorial Foundation to raise the private donations necessary to construct such a Memorial.

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## **HEALTH CARE FOR ILL VETERANS FROM CARCINOGENS**

WHEREAS, members of the military and their families were exposed to water which was contaminated by human carcinogens at several facilities, including but not limited to Fort McClellan and Camp Lejeune, and

WHEREAS, the veteran may be eligible for care and treatment by the Department of Veterans' Affairs but the veterans' families often would not be so entitled, and

WHEREAS, there may be legislation brought before the Congress to permit a veteran or family member who was stationed at Camp Lejeune during the time the water was contaminated to receive needed health care at a VA facility, and

WHEREAS, the need to open the eligibility to veterans and their families who suffered such exposure at other military installation besides Camp Lejeune,

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA supports the Caring for Camp Lejeune Veterans Act as proposed by Senator Richard Burr, but strongly suggested that the remedy and relief sought be expanded to the veterans and their families who suffered similar exposures at other military facilities.

## **SUICIDE AND HOSTILITY PREVENTION**

WHEREAS, we have learned from the media that there are incidents of suicide and violence against others by members of the military returning from Iraq and Afghanistan in numbers far in excess of that which should be expected; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA has strongly advocated for the military to install a system for transitioning the members of the military from their role as war fighters to their roles as spouses and parents, and

WHEREAS, the need for such a transitioning has become even more evident as the number of tours of some members of the military have grown, and

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WHEREAS, the Department of Defense had taken some steps in the direction which the Jewish War Veterans of the USA has sought,

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA congratulates the Department of Defense on the efforts made to date but strongly urges the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs to more aggressively develop interventional techniques and programs to recognize and treat those members of the military and veterans' population who may exhibit the potential of being a threat to themselves and others.

## **HOMELESS WOMEN VETERANS**

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA has a long history of advocacy on behalf of the homeless veterans of this Nation, and

WHEREAS, there is a growing population within the homeless, that being women veterans, and

WHEREAS, these women veterans frequently have their children with them, and,

WHEREAS, there are not enough beds available for the homeless women veterans, particularly when they are accompanied by their children, and

WHEREAS, the homeless women veteran and their children do not have access to appropriate medical services nor to rehabilitative and training programs, and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA accepts the role as an advocate for this cause,

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon the Congress to adequately fund research projects directed toward this population, and,

FURTHERMORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon the Department of Veterans Affairs to correct the problems unique to this population, and

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FURTHERMORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA offers to partner with the Department of Veterans Affairs in its future endeavors to reach out to the homeless women veterans of this nation.

## **GILAD SHALIT**

WHEREAS, Gilad Shalit was one of three Israeli soldiers who were kidnapped by terrorists during a raid into Israeli territory, and

WHEREAS, the soldiers were on duty and in uniform when they were kidnapped, and

WHEREAS, the terrorists have returned the bodies of two of the kidnapped soldiers to Israeli authorities but refuse to return Gilad Shalit, whom, it is alleged, is alive and is a captive of the terrorists, and

WHEREAS, Hamas has refused to permit the International Red Cross to meet with Gilad Shalit,

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon the United States government and the international community to condemn the terrorists for their violation of the basic human rights of Gilad Shalit, and demands his immediate release to Israel.

## **VETERANS PREFERENCE IN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT**

WHEREAS, the term “veteran” may be defined, in part, as an individual who put his/her career on hold in order to serve this Country, and

WHEREAS, those who did not serve in the military were able to not only maintain their civilian skills but were in position to acquire new skills as their job duties evolved, and

WHEREAS, the men and women who return from their military duty are thus placed in a disadvantaged position vis-à-vis those who did not serve, and

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WHEREAS, the veteran will continue to be disadvantaged until and unless a system can be created which will assist the veteran to hone his/her skill set required for the worksite, and

WHEREAS, the veteran requires the means to obtain entry level positions and to compete for promotional opportunities with those who were home while the veteran was defending the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the government, at all levels combined, is the largest single class of employer in the Country,

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA supports a system of veterans' preference which would enable the veteran to compete with the non-veteran,

FURTHERMORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA advocates for the Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs to continue to offer job training and retraining,

FURTHERMORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon Congress to review the current cessation of eligibility for benefits at ten years after military service where the veteran, as a result of the military service, may continue to be at a disadvantage for a period greater than ten years.

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