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On page 10 of this issue, you will find an article on our recently completed Allied Veterans Mission. In my column this month, I want to share with you the highlights of the concurrently held JWV Leadership Mission to Israel. I had the honor of attending with my wife, members of my staff, and a large JWV contingent, including 35 JWV members and spouses. While I can’t share all of the details of the visit, I want to emphasize some of the most special moments.

We visited a British internment camp used to house illegal Jewish immigrants caught trying to get into Israel from Europe and Russia. The camp was built to temporarily house 3,000 illegals, who were then transported to Cyprus for further internment during the British mandate in Palestine. These were holocaust survivors, escapees from the German occupancy of Europe and Russians fleeing from Russia and its satellites.

One trip was to the Golan Heights. The road to the top of the Golan was narrow, and replete with “S” curves. We were told the story of the IDF scaling the heights in the 1973 war to capture the Golan from Syria. It is incredible that the troops could ascend the Golan with the Syrians at the top firing down on them.

Our schedule called for a briefing with a unit of the IDF about the border situation with Israel, Lebanon and Syria (all three countries meet at one point in the Golan). However the briefing was cancelled because of the assassination of the #2 Hezbollah leader in Syria that day. The country went on “alert,” and the IDF was maintaining a tight control along all the borders.

We were fortunate to meet with Deputy Minister of Defense, Major General (Ret.) Mata Vilnai, who gave a brief talk on the situation in the Middle East, and we then toured the Old City. We spent a good amount of time viewing the Jewish Quarter which has been totally rebuilt since its destruction in the 1973 war.

At Ammunition Hill we met Colonel (Res.) Katcha-Shimon Cahaner who explained that this was a Jordanian position to prevent entry into the Old City during the 6-Day War. There were over 100 Jewish casualties in taking this important position. There is a National Museum here and the headquarters of the Jewish Veterans who live in Israel. We joined Jewish War Veterans from Israel and other countries, including Russia, to participate in the Jewish Veteran Assembly to celebrate the International Holocaust Memorial Day. Many veterans gave short talks on their experiences, and I thanked the Israeli attendees for asking the JWV to participate.

The Tel Hashomer Rehab Center at Sheba Hospital, south of Tel Aviv treats veterans and civilians suffering from loss of limbs, neurological problems, and post traumatic stress syndrome. We had a briefing on PTSD by Dr. Siev-Ner, the Rehab Center director. We then toured the facility. It was a state-of-the-art rehab center, using the latest technologies in getting a patient back to a self-sustaining life style. Dr. Siev-Ner and several of his staff had been to Walter Reed Hospital to explain their latest technologies.

In Tel Aviv we met with “Tzevet” the IDF veterans’ organization where Lt. Col. Ruben Ben Shalom of the Israeli Air Force and now a Military Attaché discussed Israel’s approach to “defense” and to deterrence. He said there is a close working arrangement with the U.S. He answered our questions and was most informative. We met General Baruch Levy and Alex Zelony, who explained “Tzevet” and the National Jewish War Veterans Organization and had a briefing by Major General (Ret.) Jakob Amidror who discussed the American Intelligence report on Iran’s nuclear capability. The American report said “no nuclear involvement.” He said the facts and the conclusions were not consistent. Iran will have nuclear
CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION HI-LIGHTS!

National Commander Lawrence Schulman presented the prestigious JWV Medal of Merit to Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH) at JWV’s distinguished, memorable, and fun-filled congressional reception. Marcy Kaptur introduced the legislation which authorized the National World War II Memorial.

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur (OH), National Commander Larry Schulman, PNC Bob Zweiman, and Boy Scouts Ben Jarvis, Boris Newborn, and Eagle Scout Fletcher Tomsey, each of Troop 150 in Annandale, VA.

Military Coalition members Chris Slawinski, Fleet Reserve; Morgan Brown, National Association for Uniformed Services; National Commander Schulman; and Mike Hayden, Military Officers’ Association (MOAA).

Honoree Marcy Kaptur with Lisa Milner, a JWV guest and a constituent of Congresswoman Kaptur.

Kevin Secor, Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, National Commander Larry Schulman, and MOAA Public Affairs Director Marv Harris.

VADM Norb Ryan, President of MOAA, and BG Wilma Vaught, President of the Women in Military Service Memorial.
Letters to the Editor

Jews in the Military

Dear Editor:

Dr. Norman M. Shulman’s article entitled, “My Son the Fighter Pilot,” in the February issue of The Jewish Veteran is most interesting.

As to Jews serving in the military, I wish to offer a few comments. Needless to say, Jews fought in all of the U.S. wars.

The only thing I know about the Russians is that they drafted 12-year-old boys (before they were Bar Mitzvah) for a period of 25 years.

Generally, in Europe Jews were kept out of the military due to the anti-Semitic claim that Jews could not fight. During the German ‘Freiheitskriege’ (Wars of Liberation) against Napoleon in the early 19th Century, when they needed every warm body, Jews were, for the first time, drafted into the German armies, and it was learned that they soldiered as well as anyone else.

In 1916 a rabidly anti-Semitic member of the German Reichstag (Parliament) whined that the Jews had all the good and safe jobs in the Army. As a result, a census of Jews serving in the Army was ordered—the infamous ‘Judensaehlung’ (Jews Census). The result was so absurd that it was seriously downplayed—it determined that Jewish soldiers were treated no better or worse than anyone else!

In the early 20th century, Germany’s Jews were very patriotic—most men having completed some military service (draft), and it was an accepted fact of life. Service was normally for three years; however, men having completed ‘Realschule’ or ‘Real-Gymnasium’ (at age 16) were only required to serve one year in peacetime. This group become a reserve for future officers; hence the term ‘Einjaehrige’—one year servers).

During World War I an estimated 80,000 to 100,000 Jews served in the military—12,000 of whom died in service.

Within my own family, in World War I my father and uncle served, as did my mother’s brother and three great-uncles. My late father-in-law was one of five sons who served. After two died in the line of duty, the oldest brother was offered a discharge or a rear-area reassignment which he rejected and stayed with his unit in the field.

My hometown, Muellheim/Baden, a small city in southern Germany with a population of approximately 4,000 (with an estimated 150 to 175 Jews) boasted seven Jewish casualties. The memorial plaque, formerly in the synagogue, is now fastened to a wall in the Old Jewish Cemetery.

On a more personal note, I am a veteran of the U.S. Army, having taken part in ‘Operation Crossroads,’ the 1946 Atomic Bomb tests in the Pacific at Bikini.

Sincerely,
Justin J. Mueller
Manchester, Vermont

“My Son the Fighter Pilot”

Dear Editor:

I greatly appreciate the positive reactions to my article, “My Son the Fighter Pilot,” and would like to provide some of my internet sources to those interested in pursuing the subject of Jewish military history further. I know that these inquiries will prove to be as inspiring to others as they were to my son. A few of many include:

1. List of Jews in the military from Wikipedia
2. List of Jewish casualties in the Polish Home Army
3. Jewish Soldiers Memorial (from all American conflicts)
4. JWV’s 350 year Commemoration of Jews in the American Military
5. Jews at the Battle of Britain
6. Jewish Knights of the Air (WWI Germany)
7. The Aircraft of Robert Stanford Tuck

After reading about these genuine heroes you will appreciate the words of Maj. Gen. Stan Newman, USAF (Ret.), himself a WWII P-51 pilot, when he asks, “Who said Jews can’t fight?!?”

I will be glad to provide anyone with a glossy copy of my Pyramid of Jewish Military Participation if you will forward your request to The Jewish Veteran.

Dr. Norman Shulman
Lubbock, TX

Thanks from a Previous Allied Veteran

Dear Editor:

My name is Donna Keefer; I was Vice President for the Vietnam Veterans State Council of New Jersey, when I was invited to join the JWV trip to Israel. Besides being overwhelmed by the offer, I was ecstatic over the
On January 14, 2008, National Commander Larry Schulman and Executive Director Herb Rosenbleeth, and I started JWV Action on Capitol Hill by meeting with the Senate Committee on Homeland Security. I was invited to testify due to my association with the Port Authority (PA) of NY and NJ and due to my knowledge of the infrastructure around the New York area. As a Consultant for the PA, I had observed several violations of Security protocol. By the way, this was the first time JWV appeared before a Congressional Committee on a subject other than Veterans’ issues. Here is a summary of my testimony.

“I am honored to be here and bring to you some of my observations while I worked for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. For what I am about to say, I want to say, I am not here to be a whistle blower or to bring down the fair name of the Port Authority. They are the greatest professional organization I have had the privilege to be associated with. They are the most dedicated people who have the interest of the public they serve at heart. What I am about to report is no reflection on their lack of duty, but in any large organization, they can’t be everywhere. This not to say, what I observed over several months as a breach of security might now be addressed and any holes might now be plugged up. But the issues at Port Authority might exist at other facilities, and this why I am here, in addition to my passion about Homeland Security.

I am passionate about Homeland Security because on 9-11-2001, I was in Tower One of the World Trade Center, and an airplane came into my building and almost killed me.

I am passionate about Homeland Security because the death of nine of my fellow engineers whose lives were taken that day must count for something-I owe them that.

I am passionate about Homeland Security because as a War Veteran, who served this Country for six years, I feel it is my duty to continue the fight to protect my country from enemies both foreign and domestic.

I am passionate about Homeland Security because I don’t want to see a repeat of 9-11.

And I am passionate about Homeland Security because I want Congress to act sooner than later and not wait until the danger is at our door steps. Congress must stop its collective bickering and protect the people who put you in office.

Here are some of my observations:

World Trade Center—I was sitting in my office that morning when the Tower swayed enough to push me and my desk chair clear across the other side of my office. The plane went directly into Tower One knocking out the communication center. We had no public address system to tell us what to do. So we all decided to evacuate not knowing what was going on within the building. My suggestion: Don’t have the communication center only in one place; have backup.

In addition, we needed more than the three stairs that were provided. The stairs were packed with so many people that it took over an hour to exit the building.

Also, when the plane hit the middle of the building, it took out stairwells as well. My suggestion, all stairwells should be protected by having reinforced walls, so a plane cannot compromise them, and people can egress during an emergency. In addition, all stairwells should have emergency lighting; this deficiency was corrected by the Port after in 1993 attack.

Ports—When I worked at Port Newark, I was with a Consulting Engineering firm doing work at the docks in the container areas. While working, I observed that some container doors appeared to be opened when being loaded onto flat bed trucks for transport. Some even looked opened when they were stacked on the ground waiting for later transport. The reason that they appeared opened was the fact that someone turned the handle on these container doors to close same. I don’t know when these containers were compromised, whether in transit or on board the ship. My suggestion: there must be a locking devise to ensure that containers are not opened in transit and they are fully traceable. I know about SAFE PORT Act 2006, but Congress must move on this now.

There were many truckers and dock workers with ID badges. They walked around everywhere in secure areas. What if they were up to no good? I know Congress is working on correcting this deficiency.

Bridges—A George Washington Bridge paint contractor was a problem. Some of the workers were not cleared by the Port Authority. There were some painters

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who had no IDs. They could have been day laborers that are available as pick-up workers in the New York-New Jersey area. My suggestion: any contractor working on a bridge, tunnel or any infrastructure should be cleared before entering the work area.

Another problem I observed while working as a Consultant to the Port Authority on two repair contracts was the fact they we were not officially cleared by the Port Authority security office. We had no ID badges; no one did. We were told to walk around the bridges in order to assess the conditions and produce a contract. After the contract was signed, we worked under the bridge to repair the deck and joints; again, we there under the bridge without any official clearance. What if we were up to no good? Suggestion: all Companies doing work for the Port should have each person cleared by the security office.

Airport—I noticed that my airport employees, including myself, could pass through the TSA check with little or no checking. There is a special area set aside for us. Suggestion: all personnel, even flight crews, should be checked.

Landside workers and contractors don’t often wear their IDs in plain view as required. This makes it hard to check whether they had them at all. Landside workers work in the terminals and warehouses, etc. Suggestion: all workers should wear their IDs, or they should be sent home.

Airside Contractors’ management teams, including foremen, are checked by the Port Authority and given clearance, but some of their laborers might come from the union halls to work that day. These temporary workers generally have no clearance. My suggestion is anyone entering the work area must have an ID and must be in plain sight.

Some of the Engineers’ trailers, next to the work area, contain important plans of the airport’s underground utilities, which could be used by terrorists to blow up fuel lines, etc. These plans must be placed in a secure safe or locked away in cabinets and not kept in the open.”

I ended my testimony by saying “that for six years as a Professional Engineer working directly for the Port Authority in the Aviation Division and for an additional 2 years in the Bridge and Port Division, I observed the items I just reported. In that time, what I observed in hindsight could be considered a breach of security. When one works today at the airport and observes security faux pas, one has a tendency to overlook them and to continue to work so that the schedule is not compromised. At the time, they appeared to be minor issues, but minor issues may become major security problems. I am guilty of not reporting minor issues, and did my best to resolve and report major ones under my control.”

After my testimony, there was a Q & A session, and here things got a little testy. After questioning me further on specific items, I questioned them, and here’s where I hit them hard. I told them that “the bickering that exists between the two parties, this partisanship, in Congress is damaging the security of our Country. We need you to stop; you can’t agree on anything; you must put America first. September 11 was 7 years ago and this Country is no better secured that it is was before 9-11, except in one area, TSA at the airports, and even then, there are problems. We don’t have 100% inspection of port cargo and there is no inspection of air cargo. What happened to the ID Badges for Port employees? There are no nuclear detection devices at our Ports; we don’t want nuclear material entering this Country. The Department of Homeland Security is moving at a snail’s pace and please don’t tell me about cost; just look at what the War in Iraq is costing us. I told them that you can’t put a price tag on protecting our citizens.”

I ended by saying “that the people expect the Senators who sit on this Committee would work on their behalf and protect them from forces of evil. To do less would be considered a crime; you know better than that. Protect us.” They were all silent; they got the message.
JEWS IN TODAY’S MILITARY

By Neil Block, Captain, US Navy Retired

The myth regarding low Jewish participation in the military always seems to amaze me and frankly seems to be more popular among many of our own Jewish Gen X’ers than among the rest of the national population.

As Jewish Lay Leader for the US Army Infantry Command at Fort Benning, Georgia, I have the pleasure and privilege of dealing with hundreds, yes hundreds, of Jewish troops that cycle through Basic Infantry Training here every year. They are a wonderful cross section of Judaism. They are white. They are black. They are Hispanic. They are Asian. They are men. They are women. They range in age from 17 years old to 40+. They are high school drop outs, and they are college graduates. Some are even doctoral candidates, while others already even have their doctorates. They come from all walks of life—from clerks and school teachers to bankers. They are marrieds with children of their own. There are singles, of course. At this very moment, there is even a Jewish father and son here at Fort Benning—in different units—undergoing training at the same time.

The Judaism of these soldiers runs the gamut, as do their societal, educational and geographic backgrounds. There are nominal Jews who barely have had any Jewish connection before entering the military. There are those that have had some or much Jewish education, and there are even troops from orthodox backgrounds that have never shaved before entering the military. There are even troops who keep kosher.

We are here. We are represented. We are part of the woof and web of our American fabric. We are not invisible. We have not shirked our national duty and responsibility.

The largest Jewish military program in the Armed Forces of our great United States exists right here in southwest central Georgia at the Army’s largest facility. The program is vibrant, vital and visible. We have weekly worship services. We celebrate the high holidays. We have a Seder every Passover.

Although my primary work is with the troops of the training command, the brand new inductees into the army, I do interface and deal with Jewish officers and Jewish non-commissioned officers as well. I am proud to note that during the year 2007, three of our Jewish non-coms were selected for OCS. One more is waiting for a class to start any day now.

Of note is the fact that we conduct worship services on Sunday morning. Why Sunday morning and not on Friday night or Saturday morning? While the non-training command personnel have flexible schedules and cars, they can and do participate in and with the local Jewish civilian community in the two shuls in the area. The trainees, however, are tightly controlled as to time and movement and do not participate in any event that is not part of a rigidly established training schedule. That training schedule provides for post-wide worship services on Sunday mornings, and all faith groups share a common chapel at prescribed times. We might be able to do some arranging to schedule a Friday night or Saturday morning service, but then we would be invisible. That is, we would not be formed up and marched in as an identifiable group to chapel as are the
On February 9, 2008, participants in the 2008 Allied Veterans (AV) Mission to Israel met at the Marriott Hotel at Liberty Airport, Newark, NJ. The informal welcoming supper was the start of a ten-day trip, the 22nd iteration of the annual mission. The AV group was composed of representatives nominated by JWV Departments around the country. Most of the AV work in support of individual veterans in their geographic area and are senior leaders in some aspect of veterans’ affairs or organizations. Every one of the AV on the trip has the potential to bring back from Israel an accurate picture of the country as it is, and the challenges Israel faces every day. The mission has the potential to provide valuable factual information to a variety of audiences around the United States.

From the perspective of the AV the trip was very meaningful. One participant wrote: “...the entire trip was very educational and opened our eyes to the struggle that the Israeli people have endured. It was a trip that we wish we would have both made years ago. It gave us the opportunity to understand the culture and influences that dominate the region first hand. We were very impressed at the educational system that the Israeli people give their young Soldiers so that they will never forget their heritage, America should take notice of this system. The briefings were more than expected, very open and frank... “Another commented, “...it has been the most rewarding tour that we have ever been on; the educational, spiritual, geographical and cultural experience is something that we will never forget, It gave us a better understanding of the people of Israel and the challenges they face on the daily basis, ...I really admire the way Israel and its people in 60 short years have accomplished to create an Israel although small in territory but yet immense in history, cultural and educational leadership. I believe I left part of my heart in Israel, and from now on I will do anything possible to support and seek support for Israel.”

Here are some of the especially memorable stops on the trip:

The film and briefing at Independence Hall introduced the State of Israel and how it came to be. Clips showing the 68 families on the dunes at the seaside establishing Tel Aviv and the origins of the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) from the time of the British mandate were especially noteworthy. The concluding portion, with the footage showing Ben Gurion declaring independence, followed by Hatikvah seemed especially meaningful.
-Hearing senior IDF and government officials talk about the current situation and answer all questions from the audience with candor. This was typically Israeli and educational as well as refreshing for the AV.
-Visiting Nazareth, Capernaum, Cana, and other Christian holy sites. In conjunction with these, hearing members of the group read aloud from selected verses from the New Testament that applied to the location at which we were standing.
-Visiting the Palestinian controlled City of Bethlehem, and the Church of the Nativity with its most holy sites.

-Honoring those who have gone before

-Experiencing Masada. Three AV trip members actually climbed the trail to the top. All were impressed with the story reflecting the tenacity of those who stood their ground at that place as the Romans laid siege two millennia ago. The guide’s explanation of what happened there culminating in the death of all the defenders, save two, as related by the Roman historian Josephus was a memorable experience.

-Going for a swim in the Dead Sea.
-Going for a short, memorable voluntary camel ride.
-Walking though Tel Aviv or Jerusalem at night and seeing the vitality of the nation.
-Ascending the Golan Heights and looking at the surrounding countryside. Seeing the proximity of Syria and Lebanon, and later viewing Jordan to the east just across the valley. The strategic importance of those heights and the tenuousness of Israel’s position became evident.

-During the visit to Tel Hashomer hospital, three

things of special note. One, meeting a lieutenant who had both lower limbs amputated, and a severely injured arm, and hearing him say that what he wants to do now is “rejoin his unit.” Second, hearing the physician note, in a casual fashion, that Ariel Sharon is currently a patient in the hospital, an allusion to the importance of every life. Finally, hearing details about treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI), and providing optimism for improvements of understanding and better treatment in the short term that may be useful here in America.
Representative Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), was the recipient of the JWV Medal of Merit, presented by NC Larry Schulman and PNC Bob Zweiman.

NC Larry Schulman welcomed Congressman Ron Klein (D-FL) at the reception.

Distinguished guests at the reception included PNC Claude Callegary, DAV, and Lt. Col. Marilla Cushman from the Women in the Military Memorial.

Congressman Bob Filner (D-CA), Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee greeted PNC Bob Zweiman.

Dr. Michael Kussman, VA Under Secretary for Health, and NC Larry Schulman at the reception. Dr. Kussman will be the keynote speaker at JWV’s 113th Annual National Convention.

From left, PNC Ainslee Ferdie, NC Larry Schulman, Congressman Tom Feeney (R-FL), PC Steve Libowitz and PNC David Magidson at the reception.
Good thing that there are many things in the media and on cable television to distract our citizens from realizing and doing something as our economy slowly slips down the drain to the Haves, domestic and foreign.

In explaining the rationale for all things that go wrong when greed overcomes growth, someone or other said that it’s the economy, stupid; or it’s the stupidity of the economy; or it’s the stupidity of how we mastered the economy—or, you can go on and on. We didn’t actually create the failure—we had endearing friends in the financial community to set us up—we trusted them and relied on their expertise. We really didn’t understand that the trust was never there from our trustees—there was only greed. How many borrowers read or even understood what they were signing?

So how did the government handle it when Bear Stearns looked as though it was going into bankruptcy? They used the only approach a government in doubt was familiar with—just feed the greed. The government immediately made $30 billion of taxpayer money available to enhance the credit worthiness of Bear and forced Bear into a solution of a sellout of the company to JP Morgan for $2.00 [that’s two dollars] a share—our government took the role of the highwayman taking taxpayer money.

A short period before, Bear’s stock had sold for over $100.00, and then $60.00, then $30.00, and now $2.00 a share. The investors who had materially benefited from Bear’s mortgage business, all of a sudden, together with Bear’s employees, found out for themselves what the pain meant to their mortgage borrowers in foreclosure. They did the due diligence that was never afforded to the borrowers.

When JP Morgan raised the offering price of Bear to $10, luckily Cayne was able to sell 5.66 million Bear shares at $10.84 per share for a bargain return of a mere $61.3 million. It just goes to show how lucky his timing was—he may even have the benefit of a capital tax loss for this year to minimize the taxes he may have to pay.

Now other banks and financial firms are lining up to get a piece of the taxpayer credit support, while the mortgage borrowers will continue to have the opportunity of getting the benefit of foreclosure and bankruptcy proceedings, all at their own expense.

To add to the show, the public has been able to put its mind at ease by reading about gubernatorial sex escapades at $3 to $6 thousand an hour [that’s two or three mortgage payments]. Or they could let themselves be intrigued by the media and repetitive cable programs which constantly evaluate and repeat the political primaries and ignore the precipitous economy, or that with the American dollar below the Canadian dollar, buyers from all over the globe were buying out goods, land, and anything that looked like an American bargain.

The economic and political geniuses pontificated daily with opinions on all sorts of solutions to the economy from giving $30 billion plus to the borrowers to giving them nothing—you probably can be assured that the nothing solution is what will be the bottom line from the Congress or federal government, unless you who still have something left stand up and demand a resolution other than selling the country to Dubai.

Now that we all can be classified as suckers, we are now totally enmeshed in the process which has become a feeding frenzy without a defined solution. Basically all of the solutions will be reductions in social security benefits, veterans’ benefits, education and you name it because they will name it for you, and you can be assured that you will be on the short end of the solution—so, you might as well do your mea culpa now.
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- Morning Minyan - 8:00 AM

**Sunday • Aug 10**
- Dinner and a Show
  Spend a delightful evening at the hotel enjoying a scrumptious meal while being treated to a dazzling performance by the acclaimed North Star Kids!

**Monday • Aug 11**
- All Day Tour of Beautiful Pittsburgh
  Our tour bus will arrive to pick us up at the hotel at 8:45 AM, and will leave at 9:00 AM. After a day of sightseeing, we will arrive back at the hotel between 4:00 - 4:30 PM.
- NMAJMH Evening Reception

**Tuesday • Aug 12**
- Wreath-laying Ceremony
- Committee Meetings
- National Executive Committee Meeting
- Vietnam Veterans Night Out
- Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Game

**Wednesday • Aug 13**
- Joint Opening Session, J WV-JWVA
  Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael Kussman, Under Secretary for Health, VA
- Resolutions
- 1st JWV Business Session
- Century Club Evening Dinner Cruise

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Past National Commander Charles Feuereisen, who served as National Commander of the JWV in 1968-69, died in Delray Beach, FL, at the age of 89. His beloved wife of 55 years, Helene, died just 11 days later.

PNC Feuereisen was born in New York City and attended City College of New York before entering military service in 1942. He saw action with the 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific Area. While holding the rank of Sergeant, he was severely wounded and spent almost a year in military hospitals convalescing from his combat wounds. For his heroism under fire, he was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart. His Unit received a Distinguished Unit Citation.

Immediately after returning home from the War, Mr. Feuereisen organized the Ascher Post 226 in the Bronx, NY, and was soon named Americanism Chairman for the Department of NY.

After moving to New Jersey in 1953, he organized JWV Post 773 in New Milford. His talents were quickly noted, and he was elected Commander of Bergen County in 1955, State Commander in 1962, and Commander of the Third Region in 1963. He also served as Chairman of the Tri-State Action Committee (coordinating the action programs of the JWV Departments of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut) and was Chairman of the JWV Foreign Affairs Committee, and in that capacity represented JWV at both national and international meetings.

He was a delegate to the International Conference of Jewish War Veterans held in London in 1967, the same year he met with the Chancellor of Austria and other ministerial officials and had talks with them on vital matters affecting world Jewry. At the JWV National Convention in 1968, he was elected National Commander.

In addition to the JWV, Mr. Feuereisen, a food broker, was active in the VFW, B’nai B’rith, the Grocery Manufacturer’s Association, and the Knights of the Grip, a fraternal organization for salesmen.

He continued to be active in the JWV until the end of his life, and he was proud of having raised thousands of dollars for the National Museum of American Jewish Military History, a museum he felt was a beacon reminding Americans that Jews have served and died for their country.

He and his wife Helene are survived by their daughter, Dr. Patti Feuereisen, and a granddaughter. His son, Henry, died in 2001.
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*It is the Soldier, not the minister*
Who has given us freedom of religion.

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Who has given us freedom of the press.

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Who has given us freedom of speech.

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Who has given us freedom to protest.

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Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

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Who has given us the right to vote.

*It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,*  
Who serves beneath the flag,

*And whose coffin is draped by the flag,*  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

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A 52-year member and a Life Member of the JWV, Mel has held every position in his post and his Council and is serving his second term as Department Commander of the Southwest. He was the Department NEC representative in 2005 and has served on the Budget, Finance, Membership, Policy and Housing Committees.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the start of the Korean War and took part in several campaigns, receiving several decorations and commendations. Discharged in 1955, he returned to college in Los Angeles and joined the JWV and was also elected President of the 27,000-member District Four of B’nai B’rith and served as Post Commander, Department Commander and state officer for the American Legion.

After moving to Arizona in 1999, he discovered the “best kept secret in the Greater Phoenix area: JWV Post 210” when the post’s membership totaled 44. Under Mel’s leadership, the post roster hit 117, including 60 Life Members and continues to grow. As Department Commander, he has taken the Department from near bankruptcy to a very sound financial position. Both he and the Department have received awards for their work from the Carl T. Hayden VA Hospital, the Arizona State Veterans Home and Victory Place, the Arizona Homeless Veterans shelter.

In May, 2005, he was selected from more than 50 candidates nationwide to become the first recipient of A&E Television Network’s “Lives That Touch Others” award and donated the $5000 award to the Arizona Veterans Home, in Phoenix.

The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame inducted Mel in October, 2005. He serves on the Executive Board of the Arizona Hall of Fame Society; selected as Veteran of the Year in 2005; and serves as treasurer of the Memorial Day Committee of Arizona. He serves as Vice Chairman of the Unified Arizona Veterans, the first Jew to be elected. Mel raised $90,000 through public and corporate donations for the Carillon that will be.

Ira Novoselsky, Past Department Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, has announced his candidacy for National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA.

Ira has been a member of JWV since 1978 and is a Life Member. He served as Post Commander of Prince-Strauss/Benjamin Groman Post #161 in Revere, Massachusetts, and is now its Quartermaster.

He became the Department Commander of the Massachusetts JWV in 1988-89. He has served the Department of Massachusetts as its Convention Chairman, Action Committee Chairman, Legislative Chairman, “Classmates Today - Neighbors Tomorrow” Brotherhood Chairman, Scholarship Chairman, NEC Person and JCRC Representative. He was also appointed by the Governor as a member of the Massachusetts Council on Veteran Affairs. He has been selected as JWV’er of the year within the Department of Mass and is now the Department Adjutant.

On the National level, he was National Chief of Staff to National Commander Bernard Becker from Chelsea, MA, in 2001-02. He has served as a member of the Convention Committee, the Standing Committee, Resolutions Committee, Policy Committee, Action Committee, and Editor of The Jewish Veteran, a member of the National Museum Executive Board and, as current Chairman of the National Informational Technology Committee, on the Coordinating Committee.

Ira began his military career in 1968, serving in the Army Reserve during the Viet Nam conflict until 1974. He then rejoined the military in 1986 joining the Massachusetts National Guard. He recently retired from the Guard after 20 years and over 26 years of military service.

In addition to his positions in the JWV, he is a Past Commander of the Revere American Legion Post 61 and a member of the AMVETS Post 21. Also, in Revere, he is the Co-chairman of the Revere Veterans Committee and has been an elected member of the Revere City
Capitol Hill Action Day

NC Larry Schulman presents JWV’s legislative priorities before the Joint House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees.

John Rowan, from the VVA, talks with NC Larry Schulman.

Members of the Florida Delegation met with Congressman Ron Klein (D-FL).

Ira Novoselsky, left, and PNC Bernard Becker met with Senator John Kerry (D-MA) as part of Capitol Hill Action Day.

From left, Jerry Alperstein, David Zwerin, Dept. of New York Commander Jason Kaatz, Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY), and Helene Van Clief met on Capitol Hill.

Patrick Ryan and Congressman Christopher H. Smith (R-NJ), met with Harry Ettlinger.

From left, members of the New Jersey delegation, Robert Jacobs, Marcia Jacobs, Robert Richter, Henry Epstein, Sid Lichter, Irwin Gerechoff, Harry Ettlinger, and Carl Singer met with Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ), third from right, first row.
NEC and Commemorative Events

NEC Chairman, PNC Michael Berman presented at the meeting of the National Executive Committee.

JWV and Museum members attend the opening of the 75th Anniversary of the 1933 JWV March Against Nazi Germany

PNC David Magidson, Collections Manager and Archivist Pamela Elbe, and Museum President PNC Bob Zweiman cut the ribbon to open the Museum Exhibiton commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the 1933 JWV March Against Nazi Germany

National Commander candidates Ira Novoselsky and Mel Brody both attended the 75th Anniversary Dinner.

A Color Guard representing all services and a fife and drum corps led the march into the Dinner.

PNC Jerry Cohen, who as a young boy attended the 1933 March, with PNC David Magidson. PNC Cohen led the symbolic march into the dinner and presented a replica proclamation to Museum President PNC Bob Zweiman.

Dr. Pam Nadell, Director of the Jewish Studies Program at American University, was guest speaker at the 75th Anniversary Dinner commemorating the 1933 JWV March against Nazi Germany.
Warrior Of The North Helps Provide Humanitarian Assistance In Iraq

By Staff Sgt. J. Paul Croxon, 319th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

A civil engineer and Warrior of the North participated in a humanitarian assistance mission Feb. 27 in the village of Kharagul, Iraq where he distributed supplies to the village children.

Maj. John Vipperman, the garrison engineer for Logistics Supply Area Anaconda, joined members of the 2-320 Field Artillery Regiment for the mission.

"I participated in the distribution of ... individually packaged clothes, toys, school supplies, and candy to around 220 children," he said. "The most popular toy was soccer balls and the most popular clothing item was shoes."

According to the major, the material was donated by private individuals such as the family members and friends of the service members deployed to LSA Anaconda. The purpose of the mission was to provide aid to children in need and gain trust within local communities. The good reception of the team alludes to the success of the mission.

"Our visit was not pre-announced but word got out quickly once we arrived," Major Vipperman noted.

The actual distribution took place at a local school, although class had let out for the day by the time the team arrived. Supplies were left at the school as well for

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other faith groups. Our troops would be in the barracks cleaning rifles when the others would be participating in the scheduled worship blocks. Nobody would see our strength of numbers, our presence in a clear and unequivocal military formation marching proudly to the chapel, putting on kippot and talleisim and praying together with a visible arc and Torah for all to see.

This impacting and meaningful Jewish program is nurtured and sustained-economically and manpower-wise-by the tiny Jewish community in this Chattahoochee River Valley where there are maybe 150 total families, many of whose roots go back many, many generations. Our program leaders are me—a retired US Navy Captain, graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis—and a West Pointer, Dick Grifenhagen. Dick and I are the only Army-Navy Jewish Lay Leaders in the known universe. We are great friends, save for one day in early December each year, when our respective alma maters meet on the football field of combat

for the annual Army-Navy game. We are assisted in our effort in this program by our wives and other members of the local community. A week does not go by when we are not reassured and buoyed in our efforts by the comments of young men who mention how much the program means to them. For some, many in fact, it is a reaffirming assurance that it is.

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As I write this article, the national and local news are recognizing the fifth anniversary of the start of the war in Iraq that began on March 20, 2003. The newscasters generally put somewhere in their story that the U.S. death toll in the five-year conflict is approaching 4,000, and 60,000 have been wounded. Sometimes in the newscast the war against terrorism in Afghanistan is mentioned. The planning for the war in Afghanistan started shortly after we were attacked on September 11, 2001. I know when the planning started because I was commander of a joint forces command post in Virginia when our orders to prepare for the offensive against the Taliban came from the Pentagon. We are now at approximately 566 U.S. dead in Afghanistan. Also, let’s not forget that the United States has troops in 90 other countries fighting the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT).

Many of us are struck by how little this war has touched most Americans, maybe because there are no draft, no surtaxes, no rationing, and no censorship. And now the war is fading from public consciousness. According to U.S. Military Academy sociologist Morton Ender, “People have grown weary of the war, and there’s too much else going on -the economy, politics, moving into spring.”

How many Jews have served in the Global War on Terrorism, and how many have died or been wounded? The military policy is not to keep records of military personnel by religion, but tens of thousands of Jews have served; several hundred have been wounded and 15-20 killed in combat since September 11, 2001.

The Global War on Terrorism has gone on longer than World War II and the Korean Conflict. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have forced the all-volunteer military to recruit, train, and retain an additional 96,000 troops to fight these wars and potential future conflicts. How many Jews are in our current and will be in the future U.S. military force? If we use the two percent rule which states that “two percent of the military is Jewish,” we have approximately 30,000 Jews serving in the military now, and the number will be increasing.

The Jewish War Veterans is not waiting a second longer to “increase” our support of the Jews in the military and others that serve our country. I had the privilege to attend the March 2008 JWV National Executive Committee meeting and participate in the dedication of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History (NMAJMH) exhibit on the Jewish War Veterans’ Protest March Against Nazi Germany -75th Anniversary, the activation of our new JWV website “Forum,” the Global War on Terrorism webpage/blog-linked to the JWV website, and the new Support Our Soldiers (SOS) overseas outreach programs. See website: http://www.jwv.org.

Yes, the Global War on Terrorism will continue for the foreseeable future, but we, as members of the JWV, must remember that every second counts, and we must increase our support of the newest greatest generation of Jewish military. To paraphrase PDC Robert Richter, JWV National Recruitment Coordinator – the best support and recruitment of the current Jewish military is one-on-one contact from the individual Post members.

I feel that it’s the responsibility of each individual JWV member to tell the current Jewish military members about our JWV history and that we are here to help them and their families. Ask the local Jews in the military to look at our new websites, participate in the new Forum, and join the JWV; membership is free to those on active duty. Additionally, tell them we are here to support them and their families with our SOS program to send packages to military while overseas, our legislative agenda that advocates laws to support the new veteran, cards and letters from home, welcome home ceremonies and much, much, more. Lastly, if the newest generation needs someone to talk to about military benefits, refer them to our Service Officers at the Post, Department and National levels.

We just recognized the fifth anniversary of the start of the Iraq war; however, have we as the JWV done enough to support the new greatest generation? With your support we are now!

Feel free to contact me through the Forum or our National office staff with your comments and suggestions to improve our outreach efforts.
Remember a loved one with a lasting memorial on our electronic Yahrzeit display.
Contact Mary Westley at 202-265-6280 or mwestley@nmajmh.org for more information.
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dedicated in May at the National Cemetery in Phoenix and for a Carillon at the State Cemetery in Southern Arizona. In June, he was appointed to Arizona Governor Napolitano’s Blue Ribbon Veterans Commission

He and his wife Maxine have been married for 53 years and are the parents of three children, Rochelle, Alan and Paula, and the grandparents to Janeane and Shauna. After 35 years, Mel retired from Nutone as Western Sales Manager.

With this background, he is well prepared for his run to be National Commander in 2008. Concerned about JWV financial situation, Mel believes that no candidate should be soliciting contributions to finance a campaign for National Commander when members should be concerned about reducing our annual deficit and retaining members.

Ira Novoselsky
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Council for the past 6 years, recently serving as its Vice President. He is a Past King Lion of the Revere Lions Club and a Past Chancellor Commander of the Knights of Pythias. Ira is also the President of his synagogue in Revere.

He is married to Rochelle with one son, Seth, married to Jeannemarie, and now has two grandchildren, Olivia Rose and Charleigh Jaye.

Ira believes, down deep in his heart, in the established viewpoints of our National Organization, while accentuating the strength of our organization through increased membership and a united front.

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thought of actually seeing Israel. It was the opportunity of a lifetime. As a widow and mother of five, I would never have had the chance to go myself. The trip, the sights, and the friends I made that year would forever be in my heart. Even today, I frequently watch the slide show on my computer of the beautiful land and people of Israel. I was so moved to see the sites of my religious upbringing. It was even more intense because it was during Holy Week. How unbelievable this all was to me. I can’t explain in words my gratitude to the Jewish War Veterans and the committee for blessing me with this lifetime opportunity. I especially would like to acknowledge Norman Rosenshein and his wife for being so warm and caring to share so much of themselves with all of us on that trip.

Due to circumstances involving several family emergencies that year, I failed to find time to thank everyone. As you can see, it’s always been on my mind, and I have finally made the time to say Thank You, Thank you from the bottom of my heart. As I look at my pictures, I think of how wondrous it all was.

Shalom,
Donna Keefer
Dover, PA
Every good story begins with “Once upon a time.” The history of our Museum is no exception. Once upon a time, the men and women who were American Jews were also patriots of our country. They served in all branches of service in every war. To this day, they continue to do so. Then, as the story goes, there were those who reared their ugly heads to deny the facts. This made the idea of a museum to be formed of great importance. So, the National Memorial, as it was then called, was given a charter to own such a museum. The mission was to house in its archives and exhibits the story of all the men and women who fought for our freedom.

Did you know that on March 23, 1933, the German Parliament voted itself just about out of its own existence? The Enabling Act disemboled the division of power with the misguided appearance that centralization would enhance democracy. On January 30, 1933, German President von Hindenburg had already appointed Adolph Hitler as Chancellor.

Coincidence is always strange. On the same day, March 23, 1933, the JWV together with its friends in the veterans’ community marched in New York City to protest German intolerance and instigated a German boycott.

The march was conceived and planned on just two days notice after members of the JWV had been troubled by the confusion and inability of the American Jewish community to stand up and recognize the implications and to pursue the actions necessary to fight the Nazi accession to control of Germany and its paranoid desire to control the world.

When the issue of a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the march arose, it was not surprising that very few people knew about what had happened at that time. Nor was it surprising that many did not even know that such an event had, in fact, occurred.

This is when our Archives came into play because the events of March 23, 1933, as well as so many other events in the 112-year history of the JWV, were well documented in our collections.

We were able to corroborate the JWV planning of this seminal event, and we had the material necessary to understand the movement by the JWV leadership in 1933 to protest the Nazi takeover. Using the material in our archives, we were able to mount an extraordinary exhibit to honor the 75th anniversary of the march.

The tragedy is that merely proving that you were right does not soothe you. We must learn from our past—not merely the facts, but the mission which we have undertaken. This corroboration is available to us and to our community in our files but remains hidden unless we make the effort to avail ourselves of the vast resources in our archives and deliver the facts nationally.

This year we will also be commemorating our 50th year as a Congressionally-chartered corporation. We will begin the celebration at our National Convention in Pittsburgh where we hope you will join with us as we celebrate.

It’s only right that when we speak and work for our museum, we are, in fact, honoring ourselves.
The National Museum of American Jewish Military History (NMAJMH), located in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, tells the history of Jewish Veterans in all of the wars of the USA from the Revolutionary War thru the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. This Museum, almost 50 years old, and now located at 1811 R Street for the past 25 years, presents exhibits and collections to show the world Jewish involvement in the defense of our nation throughout its history. This history must be preserved, but it can only live with your participation - and your money. The privilege of protecting our military history is by planned giving today.

The National Museum of American Jewish Military History is embarking on a national fund raising Endowment Program and each of us must share in this responsibility.

Where does Planned Giving start?

First: One must determine what assets one owns, both in value and type - cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, retirement benefits, etc.

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Third: What type of vehicle will provide the best planning opportunities during life or in the event of the breadwinner’s death, for the benefit of the family - a Will, a Revocable or Irrevocable Trust?

Fourth: What are the tax consequences in lifetime or death giving?

Once you have an inventory of your worth and a fair idea of what you will need for the present and future of your family, your planned giving can take many approaches:

- You can make lifetime gifts of cash or assets outright to the NMAJMH.
- You can make death gifts of cash or assets by your Will or your Trust to obtain various tax benefits. These lifetime or death gifts can take many forms:
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  d) Life insurance no longer needed for family protection will give you a tax deduction for the cash value in the policy and provide the Museum with a sizable amount of cash on your decease.
  e) Real Estate no longer needed can provide a sizable tax deduction based on the fair market value of the real estate at the time of the gift, and avoid any capital gain to you.
  f) A Life Income Trust can give a donor substantial financial, tax and personal benefits with the donor retaining an income for life (and for the life of donor’s spouse) after which the property goes to the Museum Endowment Fund.

The responsibility to preserve our Veteran heritage is on your shoulders. Join your fellow JWV members in taking part in the Museum Endowment Program by making a gift today or in making a commitment for tomorrow. We ask you to consider a non binding Letter of Intent, (see page 29), to show your commitment to the Privilege of Protecting Our Military Heritage.

But remember to more fully realize your charitable goals, while still ensuring your family’s financial future, you should discuss your planned giving with your attorney, financial planner and accountant.

Harnessing the Currents of Change

By Ray Biondo, American Jewish Military Heritage Chairman

The mission of our Museum is to educate by means of our exhibits, library and archives. Due to the enormous growth of the Internet, we have developed the American Jewish Military Heritage program which is 100% web-based. You can access it on the upper left hand corner of the NMAJMH web site (www.nmajmh.org). Please look at the welcoming letters from our JWV National Commander and Museum President. There are 11 other sections including lesson plans for teachers and ten videos at the end. All JWV members and NMAJMH members, especially leaders, are urged to look over this program and publicize it. If you have any questions or comments please contact me through the office at nmajmh@nmajmh.org attn: Ray Biondo. I look forward to hearing from you.
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**Tree of Honor**

By Iris Goldwasser, Chairman

My personal thanks to all of you who have already purchased leaves on our Tree of Honor. We are so appreciative of the concerted efforts of those Departments, Councils, Posts, Auxiliaries and individuals who have honored their past and present leadership by engraving their names on leaves. We also thank as well the families who inscribed the names of their loved ones.

At this time I am happy to report that as of our NEC meeting in March 2008, you have contributed for 457 leaves, 2 acorns, 4 stones and, of course, the tree trunk for a total income of $87,089.00 for our NMAJMH.

Remember, our Tree has 650 leaves in total so we must persist in our efforts and persevere. It is our hope that you will double your efforts in the future, include the names of other respected leaders and loved ones; all on behalf of our Museum. I urge you to continue your support so that we will successfully reach our goal of a completed Tree of Honor by our National Convention in August 2008, in time for the 50th anniversary of the NMAJMH.

Partner with us as we move forward! Your participation is vital – we cannot succeed without you!

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**Join the celebration of our 50th Anniversary!**

Purchase a traveling display of the exhibit Jewish War Veterans Protest March Against Nazi Germany 75th Anniversary. Please contact Mary Westley, Assistant Administrator, at 202 265-6280 or at mwestley@nmajmh.org
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Museum Director Col. Herb Rosenbleeth and Assistant Collections Manager, Mike Rugel, visited Mrs. Dina Karlip’s 3rd grade class at Talmudical Academy of Baltimore. The children were delighted by the artifacts that were brought from the Museum’s educational collection. These included a Menorah made from bullet casings, and military uniforms for them to try on. A great day of show and tell was had by all!

If you wish to have your school visit the museum, or to have someone visit at your school (Washington DC Metro area), please contact Mary Westley at (202) 265-8280.

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