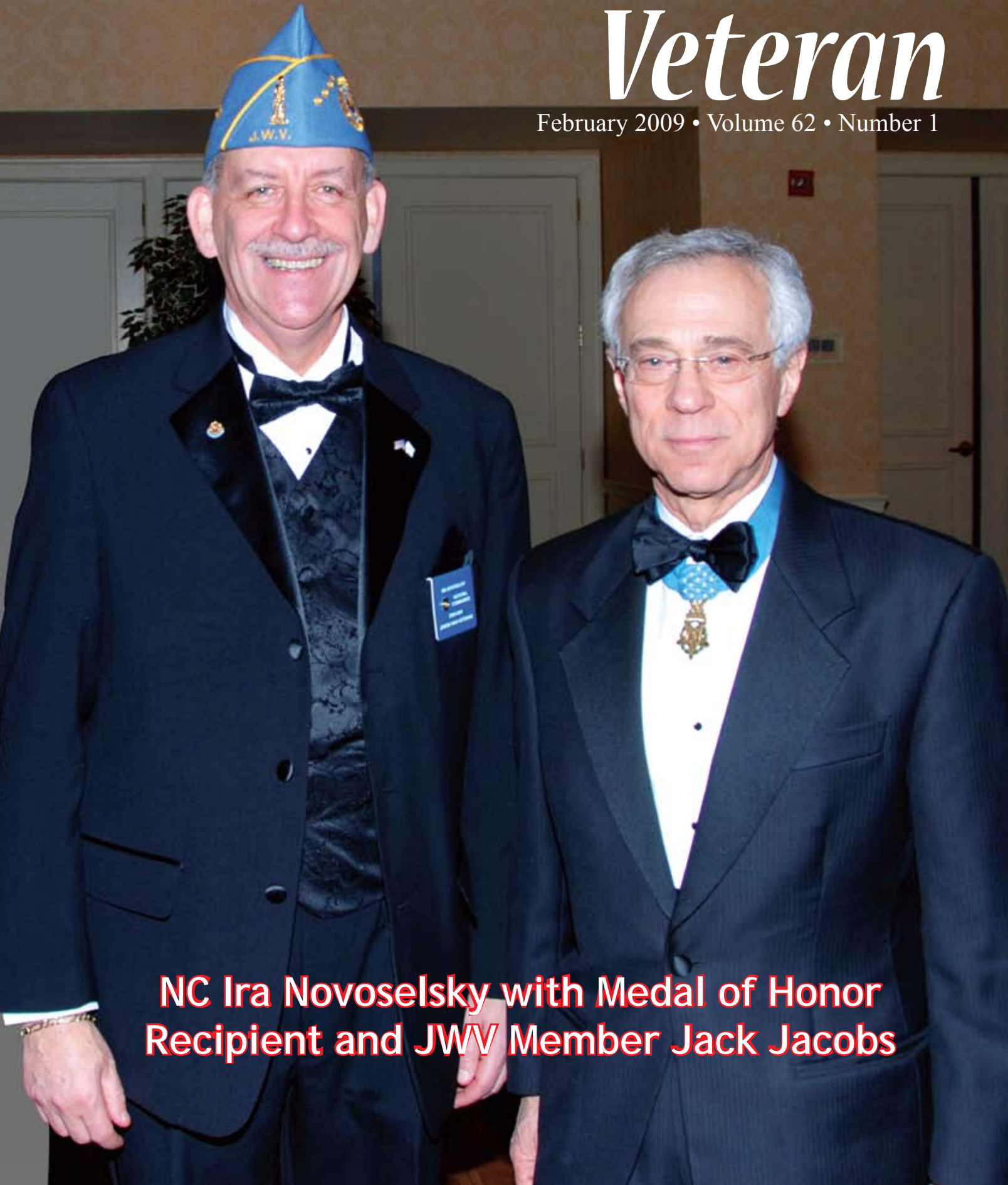


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NC Ira Novoselsky and Medal of Honor Recipient and JWV Member Jack Jacobs attended the Salute to Heroes Presidential Inaugural Ball on January 20th. For photos of Medal of Honor Recipient and JWV Member Tibor Rubin, please see pages 7 and 13. Cover photo by Christy Turner.



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Commander's Corner

A message from National Commander Ira Novoselsky



Hello Comrades,

I can't believe that I am half-way through my term as your National Commander. I have been involved with many levels of Communities--local, State, National and International. This shows that events and issues are not isolated to any one level. As you have seen in past *Jewish Veterans* and in this issue, JWV is actively helping the needy, Veterans past and future, Senior Citizens, and future leaders. Events of all kinds are held by Posts and Departments to show what JWV is all about.

On the State level, Departments all over the country hold events honoring legislators and High School students, such as the Department of New Jersey Legislative Breakfast and the Department of Massachusetts "Classmates Today--Neighbors Tomorrow" Brotherhood Scholarship Program, which has been in operation for 55 years. Many Departments also participate in stand-downs helping the Homeless and visiting VA and Soldiers Home facilities. These are just to mention a few of the terrific things that are accomplished by Departments. Many Departments also put their efforts into support of the State of Israel at rallies with JCPA, JCRC, and Federations and CJP events. It is amazing what JWV can do, but we have to let people know what we are doing. **PR-PR-PR (Public relations)**. Publicize these activities in all your local media. **This is a MUST.**

On the National level, we depend on the Posts and Departments to assist the effort to spread the JWV word. We also support National and International issues concerning VA benefits, funding, support for the State of Israel against opposition forces of Hamas, Hezbollah, Al Queda and other groups, and many other important issues. GO ISRAEL!

Since taking this position I have represented your organization to show support for many of these issues. My Chief of Staff Steve Lodgen and I have been to London to visit and receive briefings at the US Embassy to the UK and the US Embassy to the European Union, participate in the UK Remembrance Ceremonies for fallen Jewish comrades, and represent JWV at the International Jewish War Veterans Council. We also visited and received briefings from many leaders at NATO Headquarters and SHAPE in Brussels. We visited the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in the Ardennes in the area of the Battle of the Bulge; Mons, where

the first and last battles of World War I were fought; Napoleon's areas of battle in and around Waterloo; and the Remembrance Museum 39-45, which presents the history of the German occupation of Belgium. Special thanks go out to our Attachés in London, LTC Gregg Lyon, and in Belgium, Mike Watson, for their hospitality and appropriate logistics. We also participated in receptions and Inaugural Balls in Washington, DC, to see our 44th President, Barack Obama, take office

Steve and I have also participated in a presentation of a memorial plaque by the Department of Connecticut at the Chapel by the Sea at the US Submarine Base in Groton, CT. Future trips will bring me to the Departments of Ohio, California, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Florida, to mention a few.

Thank you all for your future support.



National Commander Ira Novoselsky and other members of the Department of Massachusetts recently helped serve Christmas Lunch to patients and residents at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. The Department of Massachusetts has been doing this for over 60 years. The photo shows the NC serving WWII Veteran Frank Cooper.

News From Capitol Hill

By Col Herb Rosenbleeth
U.S. Army(Ret)
Nat'l Executive Director



VA SECRETARY ERIC SHINSEKI



JWV applauds the selection of General Eric Shinseki as the new Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Secretary Shinseki, a recent Army Chief of Staff, will provide outstanding leadership and direction to one of the largest organizations in our government.

Secretary Shinseki is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, served two combat tours and was wounded in action in Vietnam. He later served with distinction in Europe, the Pacific and stateside, eventually serving as Army Chief of Staff from June 1999 to June 2003. During these years, General Shinseki regularly attended JWV's congressional receptions, for which we were always extremely grateful! His presence at our functions was most appreciated and will always be remembered.

Secretary Shinseki's agenda includes streamlining the disability claims system, modernizing the VA's information technology capability, opening the VA's health care system to more veterans, facilitating access for returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, activating the enhanced GI bill benefit, and many other challenges.

Mr. Secretary, you can count on the support of JWV. We wish you every possible continued personal and professional success in your phenomenal career of outstanding service to our great nation.

JWV CAPITOL HILL ACTION DAY(S)

On March 4 and 5, JWV's National Executive Committee (NEC), led by National Commander Ira Novoselsky, will participate in our annual Capitol Hill Action Day(s) program. JWV leaders from all over the country will descend on Capitol Hill to meet with their Congressmen and Senators.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) is projecting an unparalleled deficit of \$1.2 trillion for the 2009 budget year and a \$703 billion deficit for 2010. There are warnings of trillion dollar deficits for years to come. At the same time, the new administration is promising fiscal discipline.

On the morning of March 5, NC Ira Novoselsky will testify before a joint session of the Senate-House Committees on Veterans' Affairs. NC Novoselsky will present JWV's legislative priorities to Chairman Akaka, Chairman Filner, and their committees.

As the Iraq conflict continues to disappear from the news, there will be less and less incentive for Congress to think about veterans. Veterans Service Organizations must clearly present our legislative priorities to the Senate and the House. Please also keep in mind that members of Congress usually respond well to home state interests. It is important to contact our Senators and Representatives in their home offices, especially by telephone. When the District office is contacted, they call DC and speak up!

JWV seeks mandatory funding for VA health care, increased Agent Orange benefits for Vietnam veterans, reduced cost of VA medications, increased long term care facilities, a full accounting of all MIA's, increased funding for VA research, and other veterans needs. We will clearly convey our concerns to our members of Congress.

Benefits of Military Service for Young Adults

Dear Editor:

There are many advantages as a result of experiencing military service for young adults. Some of the many are payment for future education goals, health benefits, preparation for employment, readiness for life-long experiences, multi-ethnic contacts, learning more responsibility, etc.

The most significant benefit is the feeling of self-worth through demonstrating loyalty to our country by protecting and preserving the values of our great nation. The world has seen the fine character of our nation through our military which inspires hope and freedom to others.

Some countries require that all citizens who reach a particular age must serve time in the military. Excellent idea. I realize that there are some who will not agree with me, but I would like to recommend it to our national leaders. It will benefit our country and the movement. I am personally a more achieving individual because of my military experience.

Dr. Morton Tener, Rowan University
Member, Drizin-Weiss Post 215, Philadelphia

Olympiad Award Winner

Dear Sirs:

I want to thank you and the members of the Jewish War Veterans for selecting me to be the recipient of the Edith, Louis, and Max S. Millen Olympiad Award. I was shocked and honored at the same time when I received your letter. I wish my grandfather was still alive, as I know that he would be so proud to hear that I received this award. I was fortunate to have received other high school awards, but I know that this one would have made him the proudest. Just as I was always proud to hear him talk about his military service and the honor he felt serving the United States at war.

There are many things I would like to tell you that make this award so special. Few people or organizations recognize how much work and time a student must put into being a good athlete. The time, the sore muscles, the determination, and the coaching are all ingredients that helped me do the best I could at my sports, Cross Country and Track. I run long distances and always try

to improve and do my best.

My first semester and athletic season at Harvard has gone very well. I love the campus, my new friends, my classes, and especially my team of runners. When I walked on to the team last August I was amazed to be surrounded by such talented and disciplined runners. I worked hard and really felt the coach gave excellent advice. I ended this first season as a member of the varsity team, scoring points for our win against Yale, traveling to the pre-nationals in Terre Haute, Indiana, and running in the Heps and Regionals. I'm really looking forward to our Track and Field season.

My classes are amazing, and I'm enjoying them and learning from some of the smartest teachers in America. I've joined the finance club and have taken part in many events and lectures on campus.

I appreciate this award, and I will put your donation to good use. Thank you for this honor.

Sincerely,

Ben Enowitz

Thank You

Dear JWV,

Thank you very much for all of the kind arrangements you made for the U.S. Department of State sponsored delegation of Teacher Trainers from Poland. They enjoyed the National Museum of American Jewish Military History's exhibits and were greatly moved and amazed by Mr. Storch's incredible life story.

Again, it was a pleasure working with all of you. I hope that we can send future delegations to the museum.

Warm Regards,

Mary Tyler Holmes
Program Officer
Office of International Visitors
Africa, Europe Branch ECA/PE/VIF/E
U.S. Department of State

[Editor's note: Please see page 15 for more information on the visit.]

Editor's Corner

By PNC Paul Bernstein, National Editor

We in JWV are pro-active in the War on Terrorism. We have gone to Washington during Action Day to lobby our representatives to pass bills that keep our Country strong and to fill in the gaps that were documented in the World Trade Commission Report. We have also appeared before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security to highlight gaps in security at airports, seaports, bridges and tunnels in and around New York City.

Now we have taken another step in our quest to be the first VSO pro-active in Homeland Security. We have joined the "Secure Community Network" (SCN). This network is a Jewish first-alert system that will inform us of a major threat to Jewish institutions here in the United States. The SCN is hooked into the FBI and DHS intelligence system. Once we are contacted about an upcoming threat, we will contact our members. To be part of the JWV alert network, send your e-mail address to National. Commanders, if you don't have a computer, send National Headquarters the e-mail address of your Senior Vice-commander or your Adjutant, who will inform you when we send out a security bulletin.



At a recent security summit that I attended, we were told by the FBI and DHS that this Country is in a "Period of Heightened Alert" due to the Inauguration and the transition period for the new Administration. History has shown that the last two Presidents experienced attacks from Al-Qaeda during their first year in office. We were also informed that there is a high chance that Jewish sites within the United States will be attacked due to the conditions in the Middle East, especially if Israel attacks Iran. While the threat emanates from a variety of potential actors, there is a common tactical denominator: a tendency to gravitate toward soft, unprotected targets.

What are these soft targets? We are talking about synagogues, Jewish Day Cares, Jewish Schools, Federation Buildings, JCCs, Jewish institutions and properties. What can we do? We are not the police, but we do have eyes. If we see something, we call someone. We can fight these terrorists one cell at a time.

What to look for:

- Check someone alone, nervous, agitated
- Secretive behavior
- Unusual behavior, such as staring at and quickly looking away when observed
- A person leaving a package behind

We can stand ready to help our Jewish Community; we must.

Will Israel attack Iran? We don't know. There is no doubt that, if Israel attacks Iran, we will be attacked here—a full-scale multiple attack on the Jewish Community is a certainty. Our first alert network in JWV must be up and running before any conflict escalates. As I mentioned above, our JWV network consists of the e-mail addresses at National. Once National notifies you, you must next take the next step.

But before you can take this next step, you must establish your calling network. Since we in JWV, in most cases, don't own buildings, we must protect other Jewish structures in the community. You must set up

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JWV was represented at the Salute to Heroes ball celebrating the inauguration of President Barack Obama. Shown from left are Chief Warrant Officer Robert McCune, Iris Goldwasser, Arielle Greenbaum, Medal of Honor Recipient and JWV member Tibor Rubin (seated), PNC Paul Bernstein, and PNC Ed Goldwasser.

An unConventional Enlistment

By Amy Berger

Some people join the military out of family tradition. They want to be the second, third, or even fourth generation to wear the uniform. Others join out of necessity. Trapped in small towns left behind by mechanization or outsourcing, the armed services offer an enticing path to a future beyond high school educations and dead-end jobs. Still others join out of patriotism. They love the United States, and will give everything they can—including their lives—to ensure it stays strong and free. I joined out of pure selfishness.

With a college degree in creative writing, I was, at best, nearly unemployable, and at worst, doomed to spend the bulk of my twenties bouncing from one meaningless temp job to another, living with my parents, and staying up nights tossing and turning in my childhood bed, cursing myself for not having chosen something more practical over which to get myself thirty thousand dollars in debt.

I set my sights on the State Department. My second major was Spanish, and I decided I could apply that to a career in diplomacy. The problem was, I had neither the educational background nor the work experience to have even the remotest chance of being hired. I had some friends who were in the military, and I knew that military experience could look impressive on a resume, especially for a federal government job.

The summer I turned twenty-five, I was torn between going to graduate school for international relations and enlisting in the armed forces. School would be more flexible, I knew; the military was a commitment I wouldn't be able to get out of easily if I changed my mind. I decided to give school a try, knowing that if it turned out to be the wrong choice, I could withdraw and join the military.

It soon became clear to me that school was a mistake, and that the military might've been the better choice. I finished one semester, then withdrew to enlist in the Air Force. I qualified to be a cryptologic linguist, a career specialty that would not only allow me to learn a language crucial for national security, but would also net me a security clearance—two things that would guarantee my future resume would not be banished to the top of the shred pile.

Moreover, I was qualified to be an *airborne* linguist—a choice that, being in the Air Force, was a no-



Amy Berger in Iraq

brainer. I joined the military to do exciting things, things I couldn't do sitting behind a desk. I'd been a student for most of my life; I was ready to stop studying and start *doing*.

Ironically, airborne linguist training can require close to three years of academic and flight training (in the RC-135 Rivet Joint aircraft). Three years of sitting in a classroom with my face in a book—exactly what I had joined up to get away from. It took three years of a four-year enlistment before I was finally qualified to do my job. Unfortunately, my day-to-day duties didn't have much to do with what I had been trained for. The language I learned for two years wasn't one that is critical to the current war effort. I felt as though I wasn't paying back in any meaningful way the thousands of dollars it took to train me, feed me, and shelter me at bases across the country. As far as I could tell, my biggest contribution toward giving the government a return on its investment in me was in simply being ready—

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LETTER FROM IRAQ

Dear JWV,

I was appointed as Jewish Lay leader for Camp Bucca several months ago. Prior to that, the other Jewish personnel before me had been running things well up until it was their time to leave. Once they left it was up to me to pick up the gauntlet and carry on.

I was chosen A) because I volunteered and B) mostly because it was only me who was doing something...anything for a little while.

There is no Rabbi here, and the nearest one we found is stationed in Kuwait. I am not a very religious person but I have learned from past deployments that I want and need at least

a Friday night Shabbat Service. Little did I realize that I would be called on to also conduct Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashana, Simchat Torah, and Sukkot services as well.

I shot out some 'distress emails' and received Rabbinical support and encouragement from Rabbis across the globe, from Omaha, Nebraska, to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to Kuwait. The chaplains here at Bucca are all very supportive as well.

With all branches of the military represented here and some civilians as well, there are several others persons of the Jewish persuasion here. Mostly like me, they are Reform or non-practicing, so they came to the High Holiday services but I don't see many, if any of them, at the Friday night services. None the less, my attendance has been picking up.

A unit out of New Jersey got deployed here, not too long ago and I was told about 12 of them are Jewish.

I have met three of them, and the Friday night service has perked up a bit. One night there were 5 of us and 1 guest.

We have been relegated to a small conference room in the back of a 'community house,' as the schedule to use

the main, one and only, chapel is too full. We sit around the conference table--it is very casual, and, depending on how many of us are there, we light the Shabbos candles, say some of the Sabbath prayers, make the 'motzi' and the 'Kiddish.' We then have some snacks and visit with each other. We get to know each other a little and

talk about our Jewishness or the lack there of. We often find that, though we may be from many different areas of the country and different 'walks' of life, we often have a lot in common.

One soldier about 10 years my younger from 'Jersey,' doesn't read Hebrew as he, too, was a rebellious youth. He had lost his father not long ago and wanted to know how to say the Mourners' Kaddish. After

we showed him where the

English was (work on Hebrew later), he says it at each Shabbat service. That was all the spark he needed, to rekindle his Yiddisha flame. He now makes it a point to come to every Friday night service.

One Friday night it was just he and I and he took the opportunity to thank me for keeping the 'torch lit' and for making him feel comfortable and relaxed about going to a service; he even gave me a hug (in a brotherly way).

What a blessing for me. Something I never thought I would have here, someone thanking me of all people for keeping the faith! This washed away some of my discomfort with my role as a Jewish lay leader and has served to put a little more fuel on my Yiddisha flame.

Baruch Hashem

Jay Benton

[Editor's Note: SFC Jay Benton, JWV Department Commander of Iowa/Nebraska has recently returned from Iraq.]



SFC Benton (at right) received the Army Commendation Medal at the end of his most recent tour of Iraq.

Fort Dix Soldiers Celebrate Unique Holiday

By Ryan Morton, Fort Dix Public Affairs Office and revised by Bob Richter, JWV Post 126

More than 1,000 Fort Dix Soldiers had a special Thanksgiving to remember this year. Mobilizing and Warrior Transition Unit Soldiers from the 178th and 267th Military Police Companies took time out from their busy training schedules to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner feast sponsored by Jewish War Veterans Post 126 and Honorary Fort Dix Commander Eric Spevak.

Buses pulled up to the Palace of Asia restaurant on Route 70, in Cherry Hill on Thanksgiving morning, and 270 Soldiers were greeted to a hero's welcome by many hundreds of volunteers, well wishers and motorcycle clubs. Also on hand to greet the troops and show their appreciation were: Vince Papale, former Eagle football player and the inspiration for the movie "Invincible;" Gary Cobb, former Eagle and current Radio and TV personality; Jill Horner, Comcast CN8 news correspondent and Miss New Jersey 2000; and Ashley Fairfield, Miss New Jersey 2008.

The 178th MP Co. is part of the Georgia National Guard, out of Monroe, GA, and the 267 MP Co. is part of the Tennessee National Guard, out of Dixon, TN. "The idea is for them is to feel like they are back home and to help take their mind off the fact that they're not home with their families," said founding co-sponsor Eric Spevak Esq. of the law firm Aldinolf and Spevak in Haddonfield who is running the event with JWV Post 126 for the fifth straight year. "By the looks on their faces, it looks like we're accomplishing that," he said. Support for the event was so overwhelming that dozens of volunteer's who had offered assistance had to be turned down.

For a little while these soldiers, who are currently training at Fort Dix for an upcoming deployment to Iraq



Thanksgiving heroes welcome-Soldiers from Fort Dix start their Thanksgiving celebration with a raucous welcome by members of JWV Cherry Hill Post 126 and Fort Dix Honorary Commander Eric Spevak along with residents, volunteers, and cycle club members. The soldiers were treated to a traditional dinner and an afternoon of festivities.

to train Iraqi Police forces, were able to unwind, relax, and enjoy a meal of turkey, potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, cranberry juice and pumpkin pie.

"We are all just taken aback by this and quite overwhelmed" said Staff Sgt. Matt Rice, 178th Military Police. "We really appreciated it all." They also took part in a sports trivia game with the chance to win prizes such as t-shirts, jerseys, and DVDs. "Without a doubt this is an excellent program, and we are so happy to be able to entertain these troops who are away from their families. We wish them nothing but the best and a quick and safe return to their loved ones," said Arthur Seltzer, of the Jewish War Veterans of Cherry Hill Post 126.

Chaplain Deploys to Iraq

The JWV Department of DC recently held a "Tzeitchen Le'Shalom" or Bon Voyage ceremony for U.S. Air Force Chaplain (Captain) Andrew Cohen, who recently deployed to Iraq. The ceremony was held in the Goldberg Chapel at the National Museum of American Jewish Military History and was led by Department of DC Sr. Vice Commander Richard Rosenzweig. Aide de Camp Michael Bloom recited appropriate prayers from the military prayer book, offered a D'var Torah, and presented Cohen with some gift books, one of which the Chaplain said he would take to the Senior Chaplain in theater for use in conducting Jewish ceremonies and life cycle events.



From left to right at the Bon Voyage ceremony for Chaplain Cohen are the Chaplain, his son Yaakov, and U.S. Coast Guard Commander Bob Feigenblatt.

JWV Department of Connecticut Presents Plaque to US Naval Sub Base Chapel

At a gathering of over one hundred people, including JWV National Commander Ira Novoselsky, Connecticut Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Linda Schwartz, Department of Connecticut Commander Jerry Blum, JWV members and their wives, local and state dignitaries, members of other veterans groups, and personnel from the base, the Department of Connecticut unveiled a plaque, which was presented to Base Commander Captain Mark S. Ginda and Base Chaplain LCDR Joseph Koch, CHC. The presentation took place at the Chapel on the Thames.

It is the first time that a Jewish presence will appear in the Chapel. The achievement of this goal can be credited to the joint efforts of DC Jerry Blum and PDC Jim Tierney. After many meetings and communications with Chaplain Koch and with the strong support of Captain Ginda, the effort culminated in the impressive ceremony on December 8, 2008.

Following the ceremony at the Chapel on the Thames, a reception was held for all attendees at another Chapel off the base.



Shown from left at the plaque unveiling are DC Jerry Blum, NC Ira Novoselsky, and Connecticut Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Linda Schwartz. At the right of the plaque is PDC Jim Tierney.

Services aboard the USS Ronald Reagan

Members of JWV Posts 385, 66, and 680 and its Ladies Auxiliary were invited by Hadassah to attend Shabbat Services aboard the Nuclear Aircraft Carrier Ronald Reagan (CVN-76) in San Diego Bay on December 12, 2008. JWV members displayed their JWV caps during the services.

A tour of the flight deck was conducted prior to the services by the ship's crew.

The USS Ronald Reagan is the Navy's largest Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and one of two ships in the United States Navy with its own Torah scroll. The one aboard the Ronald Reagan is 300 years old and was sheltered during the Holocaust by the family of Rabbi Michael Oppenheimer. It was loaned to the ship for the duration (50 years) of its commission, with the provision that it never be removed from the ship.

Services were conducted by Navy Chaplains, Rabbis Irving Elson (CAPT) and Joel Newman (CMDR), member of Post 385. At the Shabbat service a Menorah was presented to the Ronald Reagan's ship Chaplain.

The Shabbat services on this mighty Navy ship were an unforgettable experience. The Torah was walked around within the inner flight deck so that all



Rabbi/CAPT Irving Elson carries the 300 year old Torah that survived the Holocaust with VADM Bud Kauderer on board the USS Ronald Reagan.

present could reach out to touch it and give thanks and prayers. Its history reflects the endurance of our religion and the strength of our people.

Commentary

By PNC Bob Zweiman, Chairman, Coordinating Committee

YES WE CAN!

The fascinating thing about the rhetorical words of the chant, “Yes, We can,” is the addictive illusion that there exists the actual intention to perform or accomplish a result or a hope. There should be no question that the intention can become a reality assuming [erroneously] that no one adds the words “if” or “but” and thus creates conditions which allow you to avoid the result.

Throughout the last political campaign many promises were made to the veterans’ community in order to get them to cast their votes for either of the candidates. And, vote they did, trusting in the integrity of their candidate to perform.

Based on the results from past elections, many of the veterans should have recognized the invalidity of the promises based on past performances. The promises were there, but after the election, the promises remained, as usual, merely promises awaiting the next election when they once again will be dragged out and repeated.

The old saying goes that if you are willing to talk the talk—you must be willing to walk the walk—or, B.S. is first to get elected, but don’t depend on it to stay in office.

This time, however, we didn’t have to wait 24 hours to recognize the emptiness of the promises. It has always been a custom for the newly installed President to make his first visit to the Veterans Inaugural Ball, which honors the recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Don’t hold your breath; he never showed up—he did make ten other different Inaugural Balls. So he must have either sent the Vice-President, or the Vice-President happened to be in the neighborhood and dropped in for a drink—of course, that was later in the evening after many of the MOH recipients had left for the evening.

Then we were presented with an economic “stimulus” bill for \$800 or \$900 billion [that is with a “B”] in which the veterans were not ignored, but, apparently just recognized for about one billion of the stimulus—not even half of an earmark.

Hey, veterans were willing to put their lives on the line in defense of their nation, so why should anyone even bother with meeting promises to them or their hopes when you had to make sure there was a minimum of \$20 billion for bonuses for those who suckered us into our depression [both financial and mental].

Rather than leave you with bated breath, let me once again make a recommendation that we don’t wait until AFTER an election to demand the promises are kept and implemented.

Do it NOW when they have no excuse for stiffing the veteran. We don’t need to become a statistical increase in the figure of 200,000 homeless veterans and their families.



WITHHOLD OUR VOTES—YES, WE CAN!

Now, which issue am I writing about—of course, it’s mandatory funding of health care, not merely for the Armed Forces, but for the Reserves and the National Guard personnel who served for one tour and found out that they mandatorily [they can use the word when they have to impose obligations on others] were required to serve two or three additional tours after coming home to find out they had no jobs to come back to.

We did allow a new term to be used—“advanced funding”—so that the politicians could find it more tolerable to ignore. To me, changing the word “advanced” to “timely funding” by the new administration really is funding with the meaning and feeling of “terminal”—an immutable ending. Let’s say it as we mean it—“mandatory”—for those who wait to be served—for the men and women coming back with severe injuries, such as PTSD, TBI, and many other injuries from service.

LET’S DO IT NOW—YES WE CAN!

Recall when we quietly accepted a five-year moratorium without indexing to help balance the budget and do our part for the country. Then, after the five years, they added to the VA budget, and veterans deluded themselves into believing that politicians were increasing the budget in what was actually the grant of a minimum portion of the amounts that had been withheld during the moratorium period.

If veterans allow this to happen again, they deserve what they get, and be assured that we will get it with a sugar-coated spoon for our obligation from the Nation without the corresponding bailout obligation to those who served. Somehow or other, rhetoric, no matter how

well said, does not compensate for an empty stomach or a roof over your head. The rhetoric looks good in history books and the classroom or in campaign snow-jobs.

The stimulus bill also calls for necessary infrastructure work and provides for funds for those in the poverty level of our society—everything is done with a patchwork approach to the needs of our society—of course, with the exception of feeding substantial monies into the hands of those who put us into the morass we are in. The poor and the middle class [really a different subclass of poor] are the rationale for the so-called stimulus without a real plan to bring about any sort of real accomplishment.

With the recruitment for the Armed Forces meeting its quotas due to our failing economy, a real National Service Plan can be created to encompass all manner of services which require people—from different classes from top to bottom—to develop our society's viability and growth.

A program which applied band-aids and finds its voice in fear rather than in a national business plan only delays the ultimate development or collapse of our society and feeds the ambitions of politicians and greedy blood-suckers referred to as economic realists. We have been tutored to become so global, we forget growth at

home—by the way, whatever happened to Katrina?

LET'S DO IT NOW—MANDATORY FUNDING YES WE CAN!

If we recognize that our politicians also understand our call for results, they may respond to the obligations they owe us. Let us use plain talk and seek out the doers in our communities who will bring about our desires—even if we have to take them out of our own groupings and supporters.

While the need increases, the number of veterans in our law-making bodies continues to decrease. In fact, we can create our own issue party—using the politician's own district offices individually or in groups—posting on their political web sites—calling and visiting their DC offices or by using Facebook, MySpace, YouTube, or other social networking web sites used by the politicians, their parties, supporters or whatever, to force them to positively react and not merely as friends.

TRY IT--YES WE CAN! TRY IT—YES WE CAN SUCCEED!

By the way, some old movies are back. I enjoyed watching Jimmy Stewart in “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington” and Laurence Harvey in “The Manchurian Candidate.”



National Commander Ira Novoselsky recently met with the Mayor of Boston, Thomas Menino, to discuss Veteran and Homeless issues. Mayor Menino is a strong supporter of Veterans and aids the Homeless annually to get them into local shelters during cold bouts. It is estimated that one-third of the homeless in Boston are Veterans.



NC Ira Novoselsky with Medal of Honor Recipients Tom Keller, (standing at left), Tom Hudner (at right), and Tibor Rubin (seated).

The Bernie Becker I Knew

By PDC Harvey Weiner, Department of Massachusetts

The prior issue of the Jewish Veteran listed most, but not all, of the achievements of the late PNC Bernard Becker. It omitted what I considered his two most important JWV accomplishments; that of being National Commander for the years of 2001-2002 and his role as the long-time chairman of the annual Massachusetts Classmates Today-Neighbors Tomorrow state scholarship breakfast, which is one of the most significant department events of any JWV department. Moreover, the article did not mention his legendary personal characteristics, which must be a part of any remembrance of him, as he was truly, in the *Readers Digest* sense, one of the most unforgettable characters I have ever met. He was much more than his impressive resumé.

Bernie never had a wife or children, nor could he have. It would have been bigamy, as it was said he was married to the JWV, which filled almost his every waking hour. It was a long-time marriage, as he seemed to do everything all the time and for a remarkable long time for the JWV. Longevity, constancy and endurance were some of his characteristics. He represented the JWV at thousands of non JWV events. His automobile license plate read "JWV1". It seemed that he attended every JWV event, whether at the post, department or national level for almost 50 years. For example, for over 45 years, he led the Friday night services at the Jewish Chapel of the Chelsea Massachusetts Soldiers' Home. And he would run them each week in the unchanging traditional Ashkenazi way even when there were only a few Jewish residents at the home. The only times he missed these services (or any other JWV event) was when he was hospitalized. Each year, he would lead seders and give Chanukah presents to Jewish veterans at the Soldiers Home.

Bernie was an uncompromising guardian of tradition and rules, some of the time to the dismay of others. On many occasions, we were told that we could not



attend this event with our caps on because it was the second day of some obscure Jewish holiday or that we could not salute that way because our caps were off. Bernie's loud booming voice told us what we could not do in a direct, unsubtle way. A "discussion" with Bernie was not for the fainthearted. Yet, almost all of us tolerated Bernie's idiosyncrasies because we knew he gave so much to the JWV.

In later years, Bernie's infirmities affected his abilities to do everything 24/6 for the JWV. However, the remarkable support given him by National Commander Ira Novoselsky, PDC Joseph Cole and others allowed him to participate in JWV matters. Ira was like a son to Bernie, and Bernie's last wish was fulfilled when Ira was elected National Commander. He was too ill to attend the National Convention in Pittsburgh to see Ira elected in a contested election. He died the next month in a Massachusetts hospital. I'm sure that Bernie would have preferred to have passed at the Convention, during a JWV election battle, with his JWV cap on.



State Department's International Visitor Leadership Program Visits NMAJMH

On Monday, January 26, 2009, six Polish educators visited the National Museum of American Jewish Military History as part of a group participating in the



Members of the IVPL Program researched the NMAJMH as part of their State Department sponsored visit.

International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) of the U.S. State Department. The IVLP is designed to build mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries through carefully designed visits that reflect the participants' professional interests and support U.S. foreign policy goals.

The visitors to the NMAJMH were part of an International Visitor Leadership project entitled "Educating about the Holocaust." This Voluntary Visitor program for six trainers of teachers of the Holocaust is focused on new educational methods and programs about the Holocaust and training courses for teachers and students that focus on practical aspects of educational projects on tolerance and the Holocaust. The group also examined institutions and individuals involved in the research, presentation, conservation and education of American cultural heritage. The stop at the NMAJMH was the first of many stops in both Washington, DC, and New York that also included the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Smithsonian Institution, the Museum of Jewish Heritage, and the Museum of Tolerance, among other institutions.

In addition to visiting the museum, with a special emphasis on such exhibits as "Rescue and Renewal" the visiting Polish educators had a very special guide in Past Department of New York Commander Bernhard Storch who himself was born in Southern Poland, near Cracow.

After Russia and Germany divided Poland, Storch was taken by the Soviet secret police to a work camp in Siberia. When Germany invaded Russia in June 1941, he tried to enlist in a Polish Army division being formed in Russia. After being turned down the first time because of a quota on Jewish recruits, he eventually was allowed to join. At the end of WWII, his unit helped liberate several concentration camps, including some in which no one was found alive.

Mr. Storch emigrated to the United States in 1946 and did not discuss the Holocaust for twenty-five years. Eventually, he began to lecture at schools, emphasizing Jewish Armed resistance in WWII.

The visit of the group to the NMAJMH exemplified the goals of the international exchange program as expressed by the State Department, some of which were:

- To expand the knowledge about new educational methods and programs about the Holocaust.
- To meet professional curators, historians, teachers and Jewish community leaders involved in Holocaust issues and Jewish issues.
- To learn about educational programs on Holocaust and training courses for teachers and students which focus on practical aspects of educational projects on tolerance.



PDC Bernhard Storch (in JWW cap) and Mrs. Storch, to his right, answered questions for the visiting delegation.

We welcome such international visitors and look forward to future visits from the international community.

JWV Welcomes Nomination of General Eric Shinseki to Be Secretary of Veterans Affairs

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV) congratulates General Eric Shinseki on his naming as Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the incoming Obama administration. The JWV has worked with General Shinseki previously when he was Army Chief of Staff, and we look forward to working with him closely again as he takes on this new assignment.

The challenges facing the Department of Veterans Affairs are great as the Department faces the daunting task of tending to the needs of the many veterans, wounded both physically and emotionally, who are returning from the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan.

We hope that Secretary-designate Shinseki will work, as he has stated, “each and every day to ensure that we are serving you as well as you have served us. We will pursue a 21st century VA that serves your needs.”

The JWV pledges to assist Secretary-designate Shinseki in meeting these most important goals and looks forward to working with him to give our veterans the best care and assistance possible.

JWV Supports Israeli Strikes Against Hamas Terrorists

Israel has withstood months of rocket attacks launched by Hamas from the Gaza Strip, and has shown great restraint as it sought an end to the attacks without the use of military force. The continued targeting of civilian populations by Hamas terrorists has forced Israel to launch defensive air strikes on Hamas targets in Gaza. The Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV) is proud to stand in support of Israel as it defends itself from the threat of terrorism and fights for freedom and democracy.

Hamas, which does not recognize Israel’s right to exist, has taken control of Gaza and continues to break the ceasefire agreement negotiated by Egypt. The number of attacks has increased over recent weeks, and longer range rockets and missiles that can reach further into Israel are now being used. If Hamas is able to continue to increase the range of its rockets, it could pose a threat to more Israeli citizens, other countries in the region, and even U.S. troops in Iraq. Every nation has a right to self defense, and the Israeli government’s

response to these acts of terror is appropriate and completely justified.

Israel, the one true Western democracy in the Middle East, has been one of America’s strongest allies in the Global War on Terror. The Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls on all Americans to support Israel as it fights for freedom and democracy against the forces of terror.

JWV Commends Report on Gulf War Illness

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV) welcomes the recent report of the Congressionally-mandated Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans’ Illnesses (RAC) and urges implementations of its findings as soon as they have been reviewed by the National Academy of Sciences’ Institute of Medicine.

According to the report, “The extensive body of scientific research now available consistently indicates that Gulf War Illness is real, that it is the result of neurotoxic exposures during Gulf War deployment, and that few veterans have recovered or substantially improved with time.”

For far too long, Gulf War veterans, suffering from a myriad of symptoms, including memory and concentration problems, persistent headaches, unexplained fatigue and widespread pain, chronic digestive problems, respiratory symptoms and skin rashes, have had to fight to convince the medical community and the VA that their symptoms were the result of a real illness for which they both needed and deserved the best medical treatment available to them.

JWV National Commander Ira Novoselsky has expressed his hope that “this report will be a turning point in research into and treatment of this insidious disease that has plagued our veterans who so valiantly liberated Kuwait from the hands of Saddam Hussein and served so valiantly in that cause.”

The JWV will continue to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of this report to ensure that those veterans who fought for us in the cause of freedom receive the treatment and benefits they have earned.

JWV Condemns Terrorist Attacks in Mumbai and Joins in Mourning the Victims

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV) joins with freedom-loving peoples everywhere in condemning the recent terrorist attacks in Mumbai and in mourning the

innocent victims of this attack.

“We are saddened by the loss of innocent lives, and we especially mourn the brutal deaths of Rabbi Gavriel Holtzberg and his wife, Rivkah, who operated a home for the Jewish community of the city and welcomed visitors to enjoy the hospitality of Chabad House,” said JWV National Commander Ira Novoselsky. Rabbi and Mrs. Holtzberg and the guests who were with them at that unfortunate moment have joined the long list of Jews who have been killed simply because of their religion.

These selfless souls were killed in cold blood in front of their 2-year-old son Moshe, who was rescued by the bravery of his Indian nanny, Sandra Samuel, risking her own life to save that of the little orphaned boy. Ms. Samuel has gone to Israel to care for him and has earned the title of “Righteous Gentile” that has been bestowed upon her by the Israeli government.

We hope that the nations of the world will work together to root out terrorist networks, such as those that have perpetrated these heinous crimes and will bring the guilty to justice and ensure that the peoples of the world can live free from the scourge of terrorist attacks.

The JWV pledges that it will do all in its power to help in the cause of peace in memory of the Holtzbergs and of all of the martyrs to the growing specter of terrorism.

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a calling network to notify Jewish institutions in your area. Collect the telephone numbers of all offices for Jewish institutions in your area. Call each institution and introduce yourself and tell them the importance of protecting their property. Tell them that we in JWV have a first alert system and will call them if there is any danger. Inform them that they should have the telephone number of their police department's Community Relations Officer or organizational liaison. When you have established your own network, you can call your community network as soon as you receive word of a problem from National.

Comrades, we are in a war again. We are not asking you to get into trenches again, but we are asking you to get involved. The enemy wants to destroy our quality of life and destroy our Country and our people. Don't be part of the problem; be part of the solution.



“Hard to Forget, Harder to Remember: A Soldier's Tale of Faith and Survival,” by Ivan Goldstein. Available from Daniel Goldstein, 150 S. Oneida St., Denver, CO, 720-858-1411
dsgolds@comcast.net,
\$25+\$4 shipping.

PC Ivan Goldstein of Jerusalem Post 180 has published a very powerful and vivid description of war in this memoir. Goldstein writes of his widowed mother who struggled to raise her children during the Depression, his military service in a tank which was hit during the Battle of the Bulge, his internment as a POW by the Germans, and his struggle to remain alive. His tank, Barracuda, is on display today at McAuliffe Square in Bastogne as a monument to the bravery of the soldiers who fought there.

Goldstein describes every aspect of his ordeal with attention to every detail and a deft style that carries the reader along with him on every aspect of his journey through his harsh captivity and beyond. It is an important contribution to the literature of WWII—a vivid first-hand account of survival by a perceptive writer.

This book is recommended as an especially detailed look into the life and service of the WWII generation.



Post 651 Commander Melvin Kaplan, at left, and PNC Norman Rosenshein attended the Department of New Jersey Winter Convention in Ocean City, NJ.



Shown at a meeting of the Manhattan-Cooper-Florence Greenwald Post 1 at Manhattan VA Medical Center are, sitting from left: Jack Abrams, Max Dubno, Morton Weinstein; and standing from left: George & Lewis Weber of Post 297, Robert Iskowitz, Sidney Blank and Gerard Petite.



Harvey Green (at left) of Post 406, Rhode Island, is shown on Veterans Day 2008 at a naturalization ceremony for members of the Armed Forces. The Department of Rhode Island presented each new citizen with a copy of the Bill of Rights.



The Three Village Post No. 336 participated in the annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremonies on December 7 in Port Jefferson, NY. Pictured from left: Arthur Golnick, Harvard Lyman, Leon Margolis, Martin Kupferberg, Jack Stabiner, Dora Kupferberg and Ira Schwartz. Photo by Alan Golnick.



Sonny Katzman (at left) and Chuck Sudds of Post 512, Bryn Mawr, CA, participated in the Riverside Jewish Cultural Fair. Others from the Post who attended were Simon Saul, Post Commander Stanley Vitt, Howard Leavitt, and Faye Katzman. Post 512 also supports the VA Hospital in Loma Linda, CA, and in November planted 400 flags on Jewish graves at the Riverside National Cemetery.



LT Harold E. Greenberg Post 692 has inducted new members. Shown from left are members inducted at the January 2009 meeting: Jim Lyman, Mike Rosenfeld, Sanford Birnbaum, Emma Solomon and David Goodman. Sheldon Goldberg, Post 692 Commander, is on the right. Missing from this photo are Elliott Robinson; Abraham Serman; Marshall Sneiderman; CDR Eric Elster, USN; Ralph Kaufman; MAJ Erick Koenick, USAR; and MAJ Michael Smith, USAR, all of whom have joined Post 692 within the last four months.



Members of Penny Whitman Post 300, Volusia/Flagler County, FL, attended a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Flagler Government Service Building in Bunnell, FL. Shown from left, back row, are Stan Kates, Melissa Holland, Eugene Kauder, Chaplain/Rabbi, Ret. Major Howard Schwartz, Col. J. Galland, George Gold, and Seymour Karnes. From left in front row are George Hannes, County Commissioner, and Post Commander Donald Song.



Shown at New York Governor David Paterson's "An Early Chanukah and Salute to the 60th Anniversary of the Founding of the State of Israel," December 9, 2008, at the Museum of Jewish Heritage are National Housing Committee Chair George Weinstein and Rabbi [Colonel] Jacob Goldstein, Army National Guard.



The monthly Bingo party at the VA Nursing Home, sponsored jointly by Central Florida Posts 475 and 759, was enlivened on December 22, 2008, by participating ladies of the Red Hat Society, who had created uniformed teddy bears to donate to attending veterans. Pictured are Red Hat President Virginia Polverino and Post 759 Commander Larry Wartell.



Kew-Forest-Woodside-Loitz Post 250, Forest Hills, NY, celebrated Veterans Day by placing a memorial wreath at a veterans' park. PC Jack Lewis and Program Chairman Sy Block handled the arrangements.

Albany Post 105 conducted its yearly Operation Jingle Bells on the afternoon of December 24, 2008 at the Stratton Veterans Hospital in Albany. In honor of the Christmas holiday, post participants stop by the patients' rooms to talk to veterans and to help them make free long distance calls to their loved ones. The project was originally organized by the late Post Commander Miriam Jaffee. This year's participants were, from left: Joseph Muraven, Harris Sanders, Pearl Sanders, Chairman Dr. Howard Pressman, Herbert Henkin, Lena Henkin, Commander Richard Goldenberg, Delaney Goldenberg, Alexa Goldenberg, and Todd Rosenfield.





Members of the Dept of Mass. served food at the Chelsea Soldiers Home during Christmas dinner. Shown from left are: Bella Westerman (wife of DSVC David Westerman) Post 74; DC Steve Lodgen, Post 485; PDC Jay Gerber, Post 485; and Harvey Tatelman, Post 74.



Lawrence Kaufman (at left), Commander of Post 46, presented a check for \$2,500 to Mr. Joel Cullerton, Director of the VA Hudson Valley Veterans Health Care System, Montrose, NY. Looking on are Yvette Rodriguez, Director of Voluntary Services, and Seymour Goldberg, Quartermaster of Post 46.



JWV Post 753 participated in the second annual Matzo-Salsa Event sponsored by the San Antonio Jewish Community Center at which organizations are given the opportunity to display salsa recipes. On display were also "hot" JWV membership applications. Shown from left are Frank Aleman, Jeffrey Hoffman, and Post Commander Irving Barath. Rosa Cavazos and Herschel Sheiness also attended.



The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Post 105, Albany New York, joined by the Jewish Cub Scout Group of the Capital District took part in the Albany Veterans' Day Parade on November 11, 2008. Scouts in front row are from left to right: Noah Degroult-Elias; Noah Levin; Nachum Wildman; Eli Wildman; Evan Schaffer; Alex Ginsburg-Smith. JWV Members in back row are from left to right: Rich Marowitz; Alvin Brown; Herbert Holland; Charles Frank; Donald Hirshorn; Howard Pressman; Samuel Spitzberg; Martin Becker; Mortimer Achiron.



Members of PNC Irv Steinberg Post 440, Boynton Beach, FL, take part in a monthly bingo for the patients at the Extended Care Facility at the West Palm Beach VAMC. Shown preparing to serve refreshments during the games are, from left, Howard Hoffer, Don Haber, Elliott Tarnofsky, and Arnold Zenker.



Shown speaking at a meeting co-sponsored by the Birmingham Jewish Federation to revitalize Post 608 in Birmingham, AL, is PNC and NMAJMH President David Magidson. At right is Dept. of SE Commander Joe Kraut, and at left is Dept. of Florida Commander Dr. Robert Pickard.



Jack and Shirley Geffner (at left) and Marian and Hank Cooper of Post 60, Palo Alto, CA, recently received Certificates of Appreciation for their service to hospitalized veterans and the JWV.



Shown from left: Bernie Salomon, Commander Stuart Krupkin, and Richard Taylor of Post 172, Sarasota, FL, placed flags at the graves of deceased Jewish War Veterans on Veterans Day 2008.

Shown at the Veterans Day Dedication of the new WWII Memorial across from the State House in Trenton, NJ, are Arthur Seltzer, PDC, of Post 126 who gave the opening invocation. With him, at right, is U. S. Senator and JWV member Frank Lautenberg, who was the principal speaker.



Attending the Veterans Day ceremony at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum were from left: Rockland/Orange District Commander Alan Moskin, PDC of New York Bernhard Storch, PNC Warren S. Dolny, and Department of New York Commander Sheldon Ohren.



Members of the JWV Department of Michigan participated in Veterans Day ceremonies at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Shown from left are: unidentified American Legion member, Stan Eisenberg, Bernard Gross, Al Lewis and Harmon Tron.

People and Places

• **Ed Shatz** and **Dr. Sidney Foreman** of **Post 520**, West Palm Beach, have received two honors from the French Consulate of Miami. The first is a certificate and medal appointing them to the Legion of Honor as a Chevalier, which was signed by Nicolas Sarkozy, President of France. The award was created by Napoleon in 1802 to recognize services rendered to France by persons of great merit and devotion to the cause of freedom. In addition, they received an award from the American Society of the Foreign Legion of France.

• At the Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Park in Plantation, FL, **Marvin Simon**, Commander of **JWV Post 730** had the honor of raising the flag.

• The **Walter I. Berlin Brevard Post 639**, Melbourne, FL, used donations from its Poppy Fund to provide year-end aid to the Vietnam and All Veterans Transitions Facility in Melbourne, the Fisher House in Tampa, the Melbourne Veterans Center, and the JWV National SOS Program.

• **PPC Joe Goldin** of **Post 425** was honored as the Veteran of the Year at the Rockland County (NY) Courthouse in New City, NY.

• **Major Gary Grant Post 680**, Laguna Woods, CA, has been visiting the VA Hospital in Long Beach, CA, for over 20 years. Four times a year, the Post also visits the Naval Hospital in Camp Pendleton, where the Auxiliary knits outfits for the more than 100 births each month.

• **E. Edward Gerstein** of Maple Shade, NJ, a member of **JWV Post 126**, was one of 53 veterans honored recently by the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Gerstein received the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster for distinguished meritorious service in ground operations during WWII in addition to number other medals, including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, that he had received previously.

• **Herb Barret** and **Don Tannen**, both members of **Neumann-Goldman Post No. 60** continue their effort to get the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation to bring Memorial Grove in Van Cortlandt Park (Bronx, NY) back to its original condition. After many years of neglect, the 39 monuments honoring WWII and Korean veterans have continued to deteriorate from erosion, vandalism, and neglect. Mr. Barret and Mr. Tannen have recently appeared on a local news program to present an update on progress made in restoring the Grove.



Snyder Tokson Post 459 held its annual Chanukah party for patients at the West Palm Beach Medical Center. The volunteers pictured from left are, Josie Anton, Roberta White, Charlotte Schechter, Sam Schechter, Paul Milenski of the VA, Mollye Berger, and Eugene Moore.



Members of Post 520, West Palm Beach, FL distributed canteen books last December to the patients at the nursing home facility in the Riviera Beach VA hospital. From left are Marilyn Sills, Milton Wecker, Sam Rosen, Bernard Weixelbaum, Julius Berman, Seymour Kirschner, and Walter Greenwald.

New Members

The JWV welcomes our newest members to our fold. We hope you will join with us and participate in our many programs and activities.

Department At Large

Stephen Axelrod-100 • Morris Beer-100 • Amy Berger-100 • Seymour Blank- 100 • Melvin H. Bluver-100 • Alan L. Bovarnick-100 • Diana Kindzred-100 • Sanford H. Marx-100 • Vincent Minora-100 • Artgur P. Mostel, MD-100 • Seymour M. Shapiro-100 • Albert H. Solomon-100 • Richard A. Sugarman-100

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Mark Y. Bar-Or-64 • Murray Goldstein-65 • Eugene Sherman-65

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Marc D. Manson-333 • Murray Hozman-474 • Arthur Plotkin-474

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Robert J. Mandelbaum-44 • Marc D. Simon-44 • Mitchell F. Lustig-587 • Joseph Tarsky-587

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Jack Cohen-176

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Jerome Shapiro-112 • Morton H. Kleinman-976

Department of Southwest AZ-NM

Stephen Avery-194 • Stanley B. Berlin-619 • Ronald H. Codkind-619

Department of TX-AR-LA-OK

Sidney J. Lestz-753 • Joel D. Rosen-753 • Norton Sheckman-753 • Richard Baratz-755 • Bernard D. Meltzer-757



The Department of Delaware recently presented an aviary stocked with exotic birds to the VA in Elsmere, Delaware. Making the presentation to Director Charles M. Dorman, at left, and Ms. Donna Talley, recreation therapist, was Department Commander Len Markowitz.

Reunions

- USS Waldron (DD699) Alumni Association 20th Reunion will take place Sept. 9-13, 2009, in Baltimore, MD. For more information visit www.usswaldron.org or call Reunion Coordinator at 410-692-6105.
- USS Boston, CA-69, CAG-1, SSN-703 reunion will take place July 9-12, 2009, in Cleveland, OH. Please contact Art Hebert, PO Box 816, Amherst, NH 03031-0816, 603-672-8772, Secretary@ussboston.org.
- 80th Infantry Blue Ridge Division Veterans Association 90th Annual Reunion will be held at the Pittsburgh, PA, Airport Marriott, Aug. 26-29, 2009. For further information contact Donald W. Stewart, 792 Pine Run Road, Apollo, PA 15613, Donald.Stewart@us.army.mil, 412-442-6758.
- 19th Reunion of the USS John R. Craig DD885 Reunion Association will take place Sept. 9-13, 2009, in Branson, MO. Contact Jerry Chwalek, 9307 Louisiana St., Livonia, MI 48185, 734-525-1469, jermail@ameritech.net.
- USS SOLEY (DD707) reunion will be held in Mobile, Alabama, Oct. 8-12, 2009. Contact Eugene Blum, 6749 San Benito Way, Buena Park, CA 90620-3741, 714-527-4925, eblum3@juno.com.
- The Society of the First Infantry Division, veterans of the Army's "Big Red One," will hold its 91st Annual Reunion Aug. 5-9, 2009, in Dearborn, MI. Contact Society of the First Infantry Division, 1933 Morris Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422, 1-888-324-4733, SocIID@aol.com.
- USS Hornet (CV-8/CV/CVA/CVS-12) 61st Reunion will take place September 16-20, 2009, in Buffalo/Niagara Falls, NY. Contact: Carl & Sandy Burket, Secre-

tary at 814-224-5063 or hornetcva@aol.com.

- USS POLLUX (AKS-2 & AKS-4) 15th annual reunion will take place Oct. 28 - Nov. 1, 2009, in San Diego, CA. Contact: Glen Broxson 4518 Peaden Rd, Pace, FL 32571, (850) 994-0416 or GLENBROXSON@AOL.COM.
- U.S. Navy Amphibious Force Veterans Association reunion will take place in San Antonio, TX, Oct. 11-16, 2009. Contact John J. Walsh, 2745 Dalton Lane, Toms River, NJ, 732-367-6472, apa224vp16@comcast.net.

In Search Of

I am searching for information on my father Richard "Rosie" Rosenthal, who served in WWII with the U.S. Navy Seabees in Okinawa, and on my father-in-law, Bernard "Bernie" Segen who served with the Army at the Battle of the Bulge. Please e-mail Larry S. Rosenthal at LSR1950@hotmail.com or write to 123 Beech Avenue, Hamilton, NJ 08610-3902.

Trying to contact Daniel Levin, originally from Chicago, stationed at a B17 base in England during WWII. Please contact Al Yoselle at 818-907-1525.

I have been trying to contact a Vietnam Vet. His name is Joel Cohen, originally from New Jersey. He served 1976-1977 in the U.S. Army in the 60th and 40th Ordnance Company in Long Binh, Toy Ninh and Lai Key. Contact William Scott Mousley, william.s.mousley@us.army.mil.

In search of Robert Seltzer, brother of Oscar Seltzer who served in Korea in 1950. Contact Murray Beberman, 109-23 71st Rd. Forest Hills, NY 11375.

Shown at the Nassau/Suffolk District Council Military Ball on November 23, was a large contingent from Bronx County Council. From left: Auxiliary Past Department President Bobbie Saks, Past Department Commander Mel Saks, Auxiliary Department President Wendy Bill, Bronx County Commander Edward Baraw, Auxiliary National President Joann Lifshitz, Nettie Feuer, Stuart Baraw, Auxiliary Past Department President Louise Baraw, Auxiliary Department Senior Vice President Shirley Zak, Department Senior Vice Commander Jon Zak, and Irving Feuer.



An Unconventional Enlistment

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keeping current on my training, improving my skills, and doing my best to keep a positive mental attitude in an environment where that was sometimes a challenge.

Wearing my uniform in public, I had been stopped on occasion by people who shook my hand and thanked me for my service. They used words like “hero,” and “proud.” They had no idea how far those were from the truth—or, at least, the truth as I perceived it. I spent the first three years of my enlistment either in a classroom or a cushy office, getting training that had benefited me much more than anything I had done up to that point had benefited the United States. Most days, I didn’t feel like a hero; I felt like a fraud.

During the fourth year of my enlistment, I was presented with the opportunity to deploy to Iraq. My language skills were not applicable to the mission there, but my training in airborne intelligence collection was vital. I volunteered for several reasons, but the most important one was that this was why I had enlisted. *This* was what I imagined for myself every time I heard the recruiting commercials on the radio, and believed they were speaking directly to me. *This* was why I walked away from a graduate program at a prestigious university. *This* was what I imagined when I rode the metro home after class, in a fog of shame and discontent. I wanted to step out of my academic comfort zone and do something completely different. I wanted to prove to myself that I could take on a challenge and come out stronger on the other side.

Those were all things that would benefit *me*. The other half of this, of course, was that I would finally feel like I was “earning my keep.” The U.S. government had provided me with the finest training and the finest equipment, and this was my opportunity to *use* them, as I joined the ranks of the millions of service members before me who’ve answered our nation’s call. It was a torch I was honored to bear. Theirs was company I was proud to be in.

Now, nearly five months after I returned home safely, and two months after I separated from the Air Force, I am more proud than ever to have worn the uniform. I feel privileged to have served alongside members of all the services, and I am grateful to have had the chance to see firsthand how efficient and effective the U.S. armed forces are when people with unique skills and niche training come together into teams where the merging of individual strengths builds a whole that is greater than

the sum of its parts.

The funny thing is, though I had looked forward to my time in Iraq as a way to give back to the U.S., once again, I found it was *I* who benefited more. The time I spent there was the first time I’d ever felt genuine job satisfaction. I enjoyed the fast pace of work in a deployed environment. I loved the immediacy of our sorties, and I loved the quickly-formed, yet powerful friendships that remain a hallmark of the camaraderie among brothers and sisters in arms during wartime.

I am grateful to have served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The time I spent in country helps me remember my entire experience in the service with fondness and pride. Instead of feeling guilty for spending the majority of my enlistment “sitting pretty” in cushy classrooms, I can reflect on how that training led to me shedding my doubts and fears. How it led to me participating in something I wouldn’t have previously thought myself capable of. How it led to me believing that not only did I “earn my keep,” but also, rather than just learning, just training, and just waiting, I did, in the truest sense, serve.

[Editor’s Note: Amy Berger has just become a member of the JWV.]



NC Ira Novoselsky with actress Marg Helgenberger at the Salute to Heroes Presidential Inaugural Ball

“Pride is a difficult term to define, but you know it when you feel it.”

In 1995 I visited Israel for the first time with my local Jewish Federation. As we drove past a female soldier, chatted with a tank crew at the Lebanese border and took a trip to an Air Force enclave – the admiration voiced by my co-participants for the Israeli Defense Forces was resounding. Unfortunately, the deserved praise was coupled each time with criticism and denigration of the American military. Remember, this was post-Vietnam and pre “9/11.” It bothered me a great deal.

It continued to bother me until almost the conclusion of our tour of Yad Vashem, the Israeli Holocaust Museum. There, on the wall, were several pictures of American soldiers comforting, feeding and clothing concentration camp victims. The American G.I.’s (many of whom were Jewish) were the “Liberators” of our people. I remember getting back on my bus and saying out loud to anyone who could hear me – “but for the American military there would be no Israel!”

The pride I felt, I’ve sensed in the eyes and words of almost all of the visitors to our National Museum of American Jewish Military History, near DuPont Circle in Washington, D.C. What a thrill it is to visualize the smiles on the faces of Jewish Day School students when they learn for the first time about the multitude of Jewish American Medal of Honor awardees; or the inner satisfaction of a 13-year old girl as she walks through our “Women in the Military” exhibition. There is tremendous satisfaction in watching Elderhostel attendees comprehend the importance of Commodore Uriah P. Levy (whose name is now enshrined on a building at the Naval Academy), Colonel Marcus Spiegel and Admiral

Hyman Rickover in American History.

At the end of January, the Israeli Embassy’s Military Attachés held a reception at our Museum. We spoke to them in front of our “75th Anniversary of the J.W.V. Protest Parade Against Nazi Germany” presentation. They saw through documentaries and other visual aides how the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. in March 1933 (2 months after Hitler came to power), organized thousands to take to the streets of New York City – bringing home to the American people what was happening to our brethren in Europe. Moreover, they were told of the Jewish contribution to the American Military, including our most recent representatives, General Norton Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force; General Robert Magnus, recently retired Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Lt. General H. Steven Blum, Head of the National Guard – all J.W.V. Members!

Let me conclude my words as I began them, with a true story. A few months ago I attended the funeral of the father of fellow synagogue members. One of the sons rose and eulogized his Dad. Woven within the tapestry of the eulogy was the importance of a father/son visit to the World War II monument in Washington, D.C., and most importantly, the National Museum of American Jewish Military History--I kwelled!

Nexttime you or your family or friends are in Washington, D.C., please stop by and visit our Museum. I guarantee you an instant dose of Jewish and American pride!



From the Exhibits Chair

By Florence Levine, PNP

2009 marks the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of our museum at 1811 R Street NW, Washington DC. On that momentous day in August 1984, with the street closed to traffic and hundreds of folding chairs lined curb to curb for viewing, the ceremony was held. Speakers included the Vice-President of the United States, George H. W. Bush, who affixed the Mezuzah; the Governor of Virginia, Charles Robb, and Lt. Col. Jack Jacobs, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Our own leadership spoke that day about our hopes for the museum’s continued growth.

We are thankful to be able to share an evening to remember that day now that 25 years have passed. A video of that day recorded by Cable News Network is in our possession.

Please join us on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at 6:30 PM, on the weekend of the NEC, to celebrate a wonderful evening. Surprises will occur. Those of you who were part of that day in August 1984 can recall what took place at 1811 R. Street NW, Washington, DC, where this celebration will take place once again.

We look forward to seeing you there.

THE PRIVILEGE OF PROTECTING OUR MILITARY HERITAGE FOR TOMORROW, BY PLANNED GIVING TODAY

By Seymour Weinstein, JWV National Legacy and Welfare Chairman

With the beginning of a new year, it is time for each of us as Veterans to take stock of our lives, our finances and our responsibilities. We fought to preserve our freedom from tyranny and oppression and to bring justice and order to the world. Jewish men and women fought in every war from the time of the Revolution to our current involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our devotion to duty-our service in the Armed Forces of the United States-must be remembered and preserved for all time.

It will be the responsibility of our National Museum of American Jewish Military History (NMAJMH) to promote our legacy of service in the history books of the world. The Museum will exist long after our departure. However, its existence is totally dependent on its membership and contributions and gifts to the Museum Endowment Fund.

So, as you take stock of your life and review your finances: Remember you do have a responsibility to perpetuate the service of Jewish Americans to the security and well-being of this United States.

The National Museum of American Jewish Military History is this year celebrating its 25th anniversary of its building located at 1811 R Street NW, Washington, DC. The Museum is visited by hundreds of visitors to Washington each year. This past year it has provided lectures and tours to the Elderhostel program and to other organizations from all over the U.S. The Museum cele-

brated Jewish American Heritage Month in May 2008 by hosting an evening reception for members of Congress. In November 2008, NMAJMH hosted an open house lecture/book signing event in memory of Kristallnacht. The Museum has traveling exhibits for use by organizations everywhere honoring Jewish men and women in the service of this country.

Our economy is struggling today, and the Museum will focus on those projects and programs that matter the most to ensure the future of our legacy, our purpose and our mission of documenting and preserving the contributions of Jewish Americans to the peace and freedom of the United States.

Each and every number of the Jewish War Veterans is invited to consider a gift to the Museum to help foster its goals. Some gift options include:

- An outright gift of cash or appreciated assets
- A contribution of all or part of an IRA, annuity or life insurance policy
- A bequest in your Will or Trust

You can make a gift today, or you can make a "commitment for tomorrow" by signing a non-binding Letter of Intent as set forth below, to show your commitment to the Privilege of Protecting our Military Heritage.

LETTER OF INTENT

In the tradition of our Jewish Faith, I wish to share my blessing with the National Museum of American Jewish Military History. I have made or will make a gift during my lifetime or will make a provision in my Will or Trust to the National Museum of American Jewish Military History Endowment Fund.

Signature

Date

Print Name

I understand that this Letter of Intent is not a legal obligation and may be changed at any time at my discretion.

May we use your name as a signer of the Letter of Intent in *The Jewish Veteran* and the Museum websites? _____ Yes _____ No

Please return this Letter of Intent to the NMAJMH, 1811 R Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20009 or-call (202) 265-6280 or email to cwaldman@jwv.org.

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.

Donations • October 12, 2008 - January 21, 2009

The National Museum of American Jewish American Military History is pleased to acknowledge the following people for their donations to the Museum.

The Museum apologizes for omitting the contributions made by PNC David H. Hymes to the Permanent Exhibit Fund and PNC Sam and PNP Barbara Greenberg to the Tree of Honor Program from the list posted in the November issue. Thank you all! They are included in the list below.

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B: Bequest

BF: Building Fund

C: Catalogs

D: General Donation

DJWVA: General Donation JWVA

E: Endowment Fund

H: Honorial Wall

HFMG: Harvey Friedman Memorial Grant

P: Permanent Exhibit

PJWVA: Permanent Exhibit JWVA

T: Tree of Honor

TD: Traveling Display

TJWVA: Tree of Honor, JWVA

V: Proposed Vietnam exhibit component to Permanent Exhibit fund

Y: Yahrzeit Program

YD: Yahrzeit Program anniversary contributions

YPJWVA: Yahrzeit Program JWVA

MEMORIAL PROJECT- By Iris Goldwasser, Development Chairman

The NMAJMH is initiating a Memorial project as a supplement to our Yahrzeit computer program. Participants in this new Museum project will receive an envelope which will include a notice of the Yahrzeit date of their loved one and a memorial candle to be lit the night before, as is Jewish custom. If you do not know the exact Jewish date of death, we can convert the English date to the Jewish one. *To better expedite the process, please provide full and complete information on the form.*

Your participation in this service will enhance the goal of your museum to institute a meaningful program that will benefit you and your loved ones. In keeping with Jewish tradition of donating charity at Yahrzeit time, we hope a contribution to your museum in return for this service will be forthcoming.

To register a loved one in this program complete the form on the right (add additional sheets for additional names) and return to the Museum office.

From Your Museum Membership Chairman *By George D. Sepp*

With all of the excitement and changes taking place in Washington, D.C., you may have forgotten that it is again time to renew your NMAJMH membership. Now as we progress well into this New Year, isn't it time to increase your membership level to Guardian or even a Life Membership? I want you to seriously think about renewing your membership on a more permanent level. Consider extending your membership to a Life Membership level this year. Our membership participation is the very foundation of the Museum's success. Funding is applied wisely in all phases of operation including planning future attractions. Your renewal is very important to us, and we thank you for your continued support. If you would like to hear about other levels of membership please contact Mary Westley at 202-265-6280, or visit us on the web at www.nmajmh.org.

The museum stands as our legacy to our future generations. It stands to highlight the service and sacrifices so many Jews have made for our country. The exhibits display our unique Jewish pride and American patriotism as evidenced by our deeds in every part of service life. Today the museum also serves as a beacon of pride to our younger generation of Jewish visitors as they learn how we fought to keep them free. Now we need your help. Please continue your museum membership, and renew now. We want every JWV member to join and support this world-class tribute to Jews in the military service to America.

Your Post Commanders have been requested to make museum support an item of discussion at each Post meeting this year. An ample supply of applications has been provided or should be requested. Our museum is a wonderful way to display our legacy. Be as proud of it as I am.

To those who are not yet paid members I say we need your strong support now. Remember the NMAJMH is your Jewish voice to the world and is telling your story to every visitor to the museum. Think of your descendants years from now as they happily see your name included on the Tree of Honor or read your words at Yahrzeit. In addition, you are encouraged to donate your memorabilia for possible display as the exhibits are assembled. But most of all join today to carry on the spirit of and reasons why you joined the Jewish War Veterans of America. Your membership is needed now to continue our tasks. Don't overlook the Yahrzeit or Tree of Honor Programs established to perpetually memorialize those you wish to honor. Let your grandchildren and their grandchildren renew their memories of you at will on any occasion and online.

Finally, I want to encourage each Post/Auxiliary and Department to join with all of the others who have become members at the Guardian or above level. A life membership level for each Department and Post/Auxiliary (as an echelon) would be a great move.

Thank you for your support.

Tree of Honor *By Iris Goldwasser, Development Chairman*

Our appreciation and thanks to those of your who have inscribed leaves on our Tree of Honor. There are 650 brass leaves on our tree and, to date, 566 have been dedicated, and, with your help, we hope to complete this project as soon as possible. Remember, we accept inscriptions on leaves even if you are not a JWV/JWVA member or a Museum member – so, encourage your families and friends to participate and honor their loved ones.

Memorial Project

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