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June 24	Wed.	Membership
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July 21	Tues.	Finance Board
August 18	Tues.	Global War on Terrorism - <i>time to be announced</i>
August 19	Wed.	Information Technology - <i>time to be announced</i>
August 19	Wed.	Vietnam Veterans - <i>time to be announced</i>
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September 17	Thurs.	Rules and Meetings
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# Commander's Corner

*A message from National Commander Ira Novoselsky*



This is the first opportunity I have had, since our National Convention in Pittsburgh, to thank everyone for your overwhelming support in being elected as your National Commander. Your friendship and comradeship are gratefully acknowledged.

In my 30 years as a member in good standing of JWV, I have had many mentors, including PNC Sam Samuels, PNC Al Schlossberg, PNC Bill Carmen, PNC Bernie Becker, PDC Ed Elfman, PDC Nisson Sherman, and of course my many other mentors from around the country. I never imagined I would be in this position as your National Commander and be the spokesperson for the “Patriotic Voice of American Jewry.” All I ever wanted to do was to help people, which I have done in many cases in the name of JWV. As the years went by, I realized how much more the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, the Jewish people and the entire Veterans community needed the help of all of us, and still do!

My 26 years of military service have emphasized the need to protect the name of the Jewish people to put a stop to anti-Semitism in the military. My years of public service as a City Councillor in my hometown of Revere, MA, have given me the public

voice to let people know that many Jewish people served in the military. Jews, as well as Christians, have the right to celebrate their appropriate holidays and traditions, not just within their homes, but also outside their homes. I am in a position to let people know that anti-Semitism and any hate crime will not be tolerated.

I hope to represent JWV in the best possible way to protect the Veteran and the State of Israel. I urge everyone to continue their JWV membership drives in their communities. I also urge you to remember the Jewish people who served in our military with your support of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History.

My program theme is: “To resolve issues rather than complain about them.” Please, let us continue to work together to make JWV the best organization it can be.

I look forward to working with the new National President, Joanne Lipshitz, and to representing JWV throughout the country and around the world. Thank you for this honor.



National Commander Ira Novoselsky attended the ceremony commemorating the installation of a marker on the previously unmarked grave of WWI veteran Fred C. Dulevitz. The ceremony was the culmination of research by Chelsea, MA, High School Social Studies teacher Ernie Sullivan, who had identified Dulevitz as a soldier whose name had been omitted from a bronze plaque erected in 1935 to honor the war dead. The marker includes the fact that Mr. Dulevitz had been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and a Purple Heart.

Photo by Al Terminello.

From left, Nick Bua, City of Revere Director of Veterans Services; National Commander Ira Novoselsky; Alexander Dulevitz, nephew of Fred C. Dulevitz; Alexis Berthier, Press and Public Affairs Attache of the Consulate General of France in Boston; and Joseph F. Hickey, City of Everett, MA, Director of Veterans Services.

# News From Capitol Hill

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



## FUNDING FOR VA HEALTH CARE

JWV is one of nine Veterans Service Organization members of the Partnership for Veterans Health Care Budget Reform, a group devoted to obtaining mandatory funding for the VA. Mandatory funding is JWV's number one legislative priority.

The Partnership has written a legislative proposal which was introduced as S. 3527 by Senator Daniel Akaka, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Chairman Akaka, a recent recipient of the prestigious JWV Medal of Merit, has been joined by other members of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee in support of this legislation, passage of which would provide advance appropriations for veterans health care. Although advance funding is not the same as mandatory funding, it would be an important and much valued step in the right direction. For more information, go to [fundingforvets.org](http://fundingforvets.org).

As we go to press there are twelve co-sponsors in the Senate, including Senators Obama and McCain, and ten in the House. (The House has already adjourned until January).

The Partnership is determined to forcefully bring this issue to key leadership and staff in each of the houses of Congress. Meetings and press conferences are being planned, both before and after the election. The Partnership is interested in having the legislation endorsed/supported by as many other veterans organizations and military associations as possible. Congress of late has shown a lack of focus and those of us in the Partnership are working diligently to bring advanced funding for health care to the forefront. Both the House and Senate bills will have to be re-introduced in the new Congress.

National Commander Ira Novoselsky will highlight this issue in his testimony to Congress in March. JWV is committed to continue fighting for full funding for veterans health care!

## DEDICATION OF THE PENTAGON MEMORIAL

On September 11, 2001, terrorists forcibly seized American Airlines Flight 77 and crashed it into the Pentagon, not far from where I used to work. On September 11, 2008, National Commander Ira Novoselsky and myself represented JWV at the dedication of the Pentagon Memorial, an event hosted by the Secretary of Defense. This memorial honors the 184 people who died at the Pentagon and on American Airlines Flight 77. The 184 simple yet elegant memorial units are positioned so that the visitor will see the sky when viewing the name of someone from Flight 77, and will see the Pentagon when viewing the name of someone who was inside the Pentagon.

The Memorial is now open to visitors 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There are no scheduled official tours. The Memorial is meant to be an individual experience for each visitor.



# Letters to the Editor

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## Thanks for Veterans

Dear Veterans:

I found your organization during Israel Independence celebration at Temple Beth Jacob, Redwood City [CA].

I was a Jewish child hidden in the countryside of Belgium, very close to the French border when the tank troops of General Patton liberated us in 1944. There were quite a few Jewish soldiers among them who were so happy to find Jewish children who had survived the war that they brought us candy and all kinds of goodies during the time they were stationed in nearby France. We even walked to their camp to visit them.

Unfortunately, I didn't keep their names or addresses in the US never dreaming that five years later I would find myself in New York together with my family.

I have been bothered all these years that I had no way to express my gratitude to these soldiers. I'd like to remedy this today.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Wildmann

## North Star Kids

Dear Paul:

What a pleasure it was to have met you at the JEWISH WAR VETERANS convention in Pittsburgh. I am the director of the NORTH STAR KIDS the children who performed.

My sincere appreciation to you, for taking time away from your family and friends, to meet and talk to my kids.

What you said was powerful and very emotional for both the kids and staff. Your words were well chosen and, without a doubt, brought tears to our hearts.

The NORTH STAR KIDS are very dedicated to the events of 9/11. We have had memorial performances, the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary in Washington, DC, and 5 anniversaries in Shanksville for the families of the victims of FLIGHT 93. I will continue to take children each year, so we will NEVER forget what happened on this day. I want the children to be made aware of all of the lives affected and taken on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our Senator, Jane Orie, asked our children to represent all of the children of Pennsylvania in Shanksville 6 years ago. It was the best request we have received in our 27 years of existence.

Your story is one of courage. You must continue telling it! I, for one, would love to hear more and in detail of just what you went through...and your fellow workers.

If you have written anything or you can guide me to any publications where I can read an accurate account of 9/11, PLEASE let me know.

Again Paul, my heartfelt thanks and admiration to you and your family for sharing your experience of this horrific day. We must keep our children aware of the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, so they can tell the story to their children and to their grandchildren. WE MUST NEVER FORGET.

My respect and gratitude to you, Paul. I hope our paths will cross again.

Annie Snyder, Founder/Director

*[Editor's Note: National Editor PNC Paul Bernstein spoke to the award-winning North Star Kids, who performed at our National Convention in Pittsburgh, about his experiences on September 11<sup>th</sup>.]*

## SGT John Lee Levitow

Dear Editor:

I showed your article ["New Veterans Health Center Named for Medal of Honor Recipient SGT John Lee Levitow," June 2008] to a friend of mine, Retired Chief Master SGT Randy Sandy. Sandy was stationed at Bien Hoa Air Base--Vietnam 1968—and worked on the plane that Levitow was on.

Small world we live in.

Mike Katzman

Past Commander, Department of Missouri-Kansas

**The new JWV Program Guide is now available as a guide for Echelon activities. To receive a copy, contact Lelia Burke at the JWV Programs Department at: (202) 265-6280 or jburke@jwv.org.**

# Editor's Corner

By PNC Paul Bernstein, National Editor



As most of you know, September 11 has special meaning for me. It is a day of remembrance and anguish. Many memories of my fallen associates are still on my mind. I want to thank all the comrades and sisters who called to check on my well-being. A friend, Det. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, John Leho of the N.Y.P.D. (Ret.), sent me this poem he wrote, and I would like to share it with you.

September 11<sup>th</sup>

If I had only one more day, to say I love you  
If I had only one more day, to embrace my wife  
If I had only one more day, to watch the sunset  
If I had only one more day, to smell the flowers  
If I had only one more day, to right a wrong  
If I had only one more day, to feel the cool mist of a summer rain

Why did so many perish on September 11  
They did it for those who don't understand  
They did it for those who had one last chance to speak with a loved one  
They did it for those who might have died, if it were not for them  
They did it for those who made it out, and those who did not  
They did it because they cared  
If they had only one more day  
They would do it all over again

Heroes are not born  
It is a burden that is thrust upon normal men  
Some gave all, all gave some  
On that fine September morning, if they had only one more day  
To say I'm sorry to the person I hurt  
If I had only one more day, to try to change the course of history  
If I had only one more day, to shake my brother's hand before he entered the tower  
To tell him it will be all right. It is a journey that heroes like you have traveled before  
If they had only one more day, it might all be different  
If I had only one more day, I would do it all over again

I think this poem says it all. For all those who helped me out of the burning Tower that day, thank you from the bottom of my heart. To those who gave the

ultimate, rest in peace.

On a less somber note, I want to talk about the recent teleconference held on September 10<sup>th</sup> regarding *The Jewish Veteran*. First, I want to thank all of you for making this magazine a success. Please keep sending in your photographs and articles. This is your magazine, and I need your continuing cooperation to make this magazine the best ever. In order to achieve this, we need you to follow these guidelines:

1. Continue sending your Letters to the Editor; this gives us the feedback we need to guide our path. Whether negative or positive, we need a gauge to determine how we are doing. So keep the cards and letters coming in.
2. Don't send any material to me; this only slows the process. Send all material to National Headquarters in care of Cheryl Waldman.
3. We cannot use pictures from newspapers, Xeroxes, or other bad photos. High resolution JPEG photos are the best for reproduction, but we can also scan clear hard copy photos. Please name all of those appearing in the photo with detailed information about the event at which it was taken. Please print all names. We want to be sure that they are spelled correctly.
4. Any articles from magazines or newspapers must have the publisher's or author's permission before we can publish them.
5. We are interested in articles about Post, County or Department activities. Individual stories of heroes are certainly welcome.
6. Articles about overseas activities of those currently in harm's way are always welcome.
7. To all of our National Officers and Committee

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# BERNARD BECKER

## 1930-2008

Bernard Becker was born and raised in Boston, MA. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict and reached the rank of S/Sgt. After his discharge in October 1954 he joined the Air Force Reserve and served until 1958. After his military service he worked first for the John Irving Shoe Company in Boston and subsequently as the Import Manager for the Leonard Silver/Towle Manufacturing Co.

He joined the Robert A. Carpenter Post #485 of Mattapan in 1955 and held a number of positions in the Post, including Commander. In 1960 he was elected the Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, and he served as Department Commander from 1962-63. At the National Convention in 1963 he received an award as the Outstanding Department Commander of the year. He was elected for the first time to the NEC in 1963. He served the Department of Massachusetts as its Department Brotherhood Chairman, Hospital Chairman, and Vietnam Chairman. He was selected as the Outstanding JWVer in 1973-74 in his Department.

On the National level, he served on the Policy Committee and as Secretary of the NEC. He was also the Commander of the 1st Region in 1967-68 and 1973-4. In 1972 he received a Commendation from the VA in recognition of his outstanding leadership on the VAVS Advisory Committee.

Bernie was honored in 1998 as the recipient of the Murray L. Rosen National Member of the Year Award. Over the years he has served on the Resolutions Committee, as National Convention Co-



Chairman, National Awards Chairman, National Scholarship Chairman and a member of the JWV/JWVA Standing Committee.

In the community he was Past President of Congregation Anshi Poland and has served as its Financial Secretary. He is also Past President of Congregation Kehillath Israel in Brookline, MA, and has been its Vice President of Worship and Celebrations. He was a member of the board of the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Board of the Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts.

He was a Life Member of the NMAJMH and served as its Second Vice President. He was also a member of the AMVETS, DAV, and the American Legion.

At the time of his death, he was National VAVS Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the NEC.

# A Jump for Israel's Birthday

By Howard Kestenberg, JWV Post 23

For the 60th Independence Day celebration of the State of Israel, 150 paratroopers from 14 nations came to jump and show their solidarity with the beleaguered city of Ashkelon. As a member of the Jewish War Veterans and the International Airborne Society, I was proud to be part of this celebration.

On our first day we had airborne training at the Tel Nof Israeli Airborne School. Our instructors looked very young to us, but all had over 50 jumps. The next day was the land jump at Palmachim and water survival school at the Naval Commandos' Special Boat Detachment at the Ashdod Navy base for the water jumpers. As a Navy Veteran myself, I felt at home in and around the water and was impressed with the professional instruction and attention that was given.

The next morning we traveled to the Negev to visit the grave site of David Ben Gurion, followed by a jeep ride in the desert and a traditional lunch in a Bedouin tent. That night we all mustered in our best military attire to attend the memorial service in Ashkelon. During the service, photos of all the war dead from the city from 1948 on were projected on two large screens. It was a very moving tribute.

The following day we traveled to Jerusalem, stopping to pay our respects to the Tank Corps at their memorial at Latrun. Since this was the Day of



Remembrance (Israeli Memorial Day), at noon all the air raid sirens in the country sounded at once for a moment of silence. It was an especially moving moment for me as I am the Chaplain of

the JWV Department of Rhode Island and was by the Kotel at the time. We then all gathered at the site of the Ammunition Hill battle site where a wreath was laid in honor of all the young paratroopers who died liberating the old city so that we can now pray at the Wall once again.

That evening we all paraded in uniform for the start of Independence Day. I will never forget the crowd chanting "USA, USA, and USA" when we passed in review with our banner that read



"Ashkelon you are not alone."

The next day we rose before dawn and were transported to Tel Nof where we drew our parachutes and equipment. Under the watchful eyes of the instructors we donned our kit and waited on the tarmac for our "ride." A little after 9 AM, two C-130s pulled up, and soon it was "wheels up." Our instructor reminded us that this was not a combat jump, so that, when we stood in the door, we should "enjoy the view" until she tapped us on the shoulder (the signal to jump). When it was my turn, the view was tremendous—blue sky, blue Mediterranean Sea filled with the ships of the Israeli Navy coming to meet me; I was 007 for the day.

My chute opened without any problems. I was picked up and with very little fanfare whisked to the shore in front of what seemed like the entire town of Ashkelon in attendance. Champagne flowed and people cheered in a celebration that I will never forget.

That night we all received our Israeli jump wings at a party attended by the IDF staff that had made this all possible. Thank you IDF! Thank you International Airborne Society! Thank you City of Ashkelon! Next year I hope to return to jump again with the friends that I have made.

**HAPPY 60<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY, ISRAEL!**



# “Department Commander of the Year”

By *Sidney H. Lichter MSgt, USAF (Ret.), PDC,  
Department of NJ (2007-08)*

For the past several years, the PDCs of the Department of New Jersey have taken home the “Department Commander of the Year” award at the National Convention. How have we done it so consistently? More to the point, how can you compete for the award with a chance of success?

We can’t begin without admitting that geography may be a major factor in New Jersey’s “DCY” record, the one for which we obviously can’t take any credit. New Jersey is a relatively small, compact Department. From the northernmost Post to the southernmost takes about three hours of driving time; from easternmost to westernmost, about one hour.

There are, however numerous other elements that went into our winning record that were within our control. Those are elements you, also, can control—and they are the focus of this article.

First, follow the primary rule of success at almost every human endeavor—plan ahead. Make sure that you are on every relevant mailing list. That’s how you get invited to events at VA Medical Centers and with members of your Department’s National Guard and Reserve units when they deploy and return. Be pro-active about keeping in touch with the other veterans’ service organizations and be sure that you are on their mailing lists.

Second, secure a reliable photographer who is generally available. (It’s a sound safeguard to have another one on call, as well.) This will provide you with coverage at every event you attend. The photographer(s) should have a good camera and be proficient in its use. Anything from a box Brownie to the most sophisticated digital, with all its bells and whistles, will take pictures. The advantage of a digital camera, even the simplest one, is the picture recorded in memory can be readily reviewed and, if necessary, retaken before the subjects move on. This advantage can be a big one, especially when a posed picture is involved. Getting a picture of you with another attendee at a significant event—let alone a group shot—may not be possible later on!

Third, document everything! At every event you attend, pick up all the handouts available. When you get ready to assemble your book, you can cull out what you don’t want to use, but if you belatedly realize that you’re missing a piece of backup, it is often impossible

to come by. Also, ask your photographer to pick up the same material—often, two copies are better than one.

Fourth, keep a chronological file of every event you attend. A simple card file

works fine. It is not fanciness that works here, but making careful notes while the event is fresh. This file will be a “tickler” for you later. Be sure to use a separate card for each event. Record the date and time of the event, how long it took you to get there—and back—how many miles you traveled (round-trip), the duration of the event, and a description of it. If you gave a speech or participated actively in

some other way in the event make note of that as well. Organize your photos as you go in the same manner. Before you need to rely on your memory, note the names and/or titles of people in each picture, generally from left to right.

Fifth, label everything. Include the event title, date and location. (Here’s an example of where your rigorously kept card file comes in handy.) I attended over eighty events during my term; I could never have remembered details without that “tickler” file.

Sixth, compile your materials in a book. This book needs to be reader-friendly, with easy-to-turn pages in strict chronological order, beginning with your installation, and ending with the installation of your successor.

Once your book is assembled, attach a sheet to the outside of the front cover specifying “Entry for Award #4—Edward D. Blatt Award—outstanding Department Commander.” This will allow the office personnel to include your book with the other books competing for the “DCY” award.

Mind you, I’m not saying that, if you follow these instructions and suggestions, you will win the “DCY” award, but maybe you’ll give New Jersey a run for it. The “Department Commander of the Year” award is an honor that comes only with a good deal of work—but what honor that’s worthy of the name doesn’t? As for our Department, be assured that New Jersey will continue to do our personal best to continue our winning record.



# Stennis Holds First Jewish Burial At Sea

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Elliott J. Fabrizio, USS John C. Stennis Public Affairs

USS JOHN C. STENNIS, At Sea (NNS) -- Four fallen shipmates were committed to the sea June 13, off the coast of San Diego during the first Jewish burial at sea service in the history of USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74).

A rabbi chaplain was flown aboard Stennis to provide three fallen Jewish Sailors and one Jewish Marine their final respects in accordance with Jewish tradition.

"It isn't often that you get to have a Jewish burial at sea," said Cmdr. Joel Newman, Camp Pendleton rabbi chaplain. "They're all different in their nature because the prayers vary. This one uses one Hebrew, Aramaic, and English in the prayer."

Religious pennants, the only flag that can fly above the national ensign, are flown during such religious ceremonies, and this is the first time Stennis has ever flown the Jewish prayer flag for a burial at sea.

"Jewish burials at sea are rare because we only have, at the moment, six rabbi chaplains in the Navy and only about two percent of our Navy is Jewish," said Lt. Scott Cahllaham, Stennis chaplain. "The percentages make this a rare event, but we're honored to be able to facilitate this ceremony. We're helping this happen in a way that brings dignity to their faith as well as to their service to country."

The ceremony was unique in another way for Newman because his stepfather was one of the service members being honorably committed to the sea.

"This is the first time I've ever had to bury a family member in a military ceremony," said Newman. "This one is tougher because I really know the person. Even



Sailors from the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) bow their heads in prayer during a burial-at-sea. This burial-at-sea, led by Rabbi Chaplain Corps Cmdr. Joel Newman from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, is the first Jewish burial-at-sea in Stennis' career. Photo by MCSN Walter Wayman.

though he was a World War II diver, he's still our shipmate and that's what we are honoring."

Burials at sea are a way to honor the service of those who have served the Navy and are available to active duty military members, honorably discharged retirees and veterans, Military Sealift Command U.S. civilian personnel, and their dependents.

"Anyone who's put on the uniform, anyone who's served within the states or overseas, really deserves respect and honor to be paid at the end of their life," said Newman. "It's a very special way to say we recognize, respect and honor the service you have provided for us."

*[Editor's Note: Rabbi Joel Newman is a member of North County JWV Post 385.]*



## **Please Help Locate this Ohren Kodesh!**

During the midst of WWII, Samuel Faiman handcrafted an Ohren Kodesh at Harrington Air force Base, in the Midlands of England. The Ten Commandment panels are hinged and can open. The inside compartment, made to hold a small Torah given by the Jewish Welfare Fund, was lined with parachute silk.

At the end of the War, he was separated from the Oran Kodesh, which had been packed with the squadron equipment. His hope is that the Ark ended up in an Army warehouse or, perhaps, a Jewish museum, where it remains to this day.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of this Ark, please contact Mr. Faiman, care of the JWV, 1811 R St., NW, Washington, DC. 20009, 202-265-6280, or [jwv@jwv.org](mailto:jwv@jwv.org).

***Please help us retrieve this most special Ohren Kodesh.***

# Commentary

By PNC Bob Zweiman, Chairman, Coordinating Committee

## A Look behind the Cover

The magazine cover of this issue shows the recent open glass redesign of the lobby and the reception area of our building. Coming into the building now is like walking directly into our museum.

Many years ago I had recommended an open approach and the use of glass. Part of that I accomplished on the 2nd level, so that people can see what is in these exhibits and get a view of nearby exhibits. I had recommended the use of a similar open approach, which is used in European museums and some of the new American museums, between the reception and exhibit areas. That approach has been modified to keep half of the division wall and make the rest of it glass, so that visitors can see behind the glass. The balance of the redesign will take place in the hall where the Honorial wall exists when the main exhibit comes into being.

Now the purpose of walls in many museums, particularly in art and some natural history museums, is for display. These walls are an absolute necessity to allow for the hanging of the paintings or large artifacts. We, however, have used the walls primarily for documentary information, such as letters or background.

We are making the first floor lobby area into what we see as a permanent museum with open spaces and the mingling of interactive devices, kiosks with video or DVD material, cases of artifacts, and sufficient surrounding wall space for other items, including smaller or holographic walls that can be moved and configured for different purposes.

Our museum in Washington stands as the base from which educational material presenting the contributions of Jews to the American military can flow

through traveling exhibits and exchanges with other museums beyond our geographical boundary.

We take great pride in our very open purpose to show the world the history of American Jewish military service. To fulfill this mission, one of our major needs right now is funding—we need a lot of money.

We have renovated the lobby and reception area. The next step is to add to what we have. We need money to mount participatory, interactive exhibits and make the teaching of Jewish service a viable program. We look forward to sharing our history of service with people visiting Washington and groups of children from yeshivas or public schools on field trips.

Our design firm, Quatrefoil Associates, has given us a minimum estimate of \$300,000 for the preparation of exhibits, which, of course, would limit the nature of the kiosks and the interactive displays. The cost will really be in the area of \$750,000 to make the exhibit more user friendly by allowing for flexibility as needed to reflect contemporary issues, such as service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We will also be forced to deal with air conditioning and electrical repairs when we open up the museum walls and the need for museum quality lighting to enhance our exhibits.

At the end of this article is a reply device which you can use to help make our mission a reality. I urge you to give. A donation of any amount will allow us to proceed.



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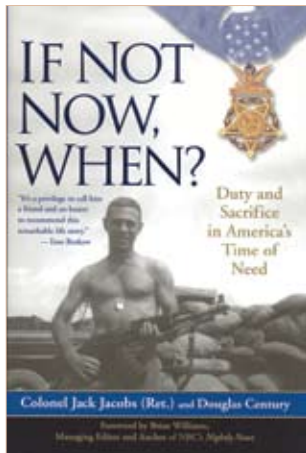
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Please contact me with more information about donor naming opportunities within the exhibition.

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*If Not Now, When?* By Colonel Jack Jacobs (Ret.) and Douglas Century, Berkley Caliber, New York: 2008; 292 pages. \$25.95 (Hardcover)

Reviewed by Herb Rosenbleeth, National Executive Director

Jack Jacobs is one of the most revered heroes of all

time of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV) and, in fact, one of the most revered heroes of our country. He is today one of only 99 living recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

When he was a U.S. Army First Lieutenant assigned as an advisor to the South Vietnamese 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, his battalion came under devastating enemy fire. In the ensuing combat, Jack Jacobs distinguished himself by heroically and repeatedly risking his life. Although severely wounded he made repeated trips across fire-swept open rice paddies saving the lives of the wounded and single handedly killing and wounding a number of the enemy. For his gallantry, Lt. Jacobs was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor!

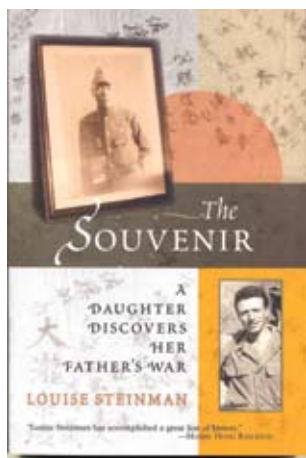
That was just the beginning of an exceptionally distinguished military career of extraordinary achievement and outstanding service to the nation. Jack

Jacobs volunteered for a second tour in Vietnam, was selected as a Professor at West Point, was chosen for a command assignment in Panama, served with military intelligence, then became an instructor at the National War College at Ft. McNair, the most prestigious of military schools. One of the students he advised and taught was Eric Shinseki, who later became the Army Chief of Staff and who regularly participated at JWV Congressional Receptions in that role.

Jacobs' description of the duties and challenges of an infantry battalion advisor in Vietnam gives the reader the feeling of being there. His in-depth account of the frustrations and dangers of trying to mold South Vietnamese soldiers into an effective fighting force provides an understanding of the immense obstacles to victory. His account of the infamous Tet Offensive, at that time the largest military operation conducted by either side, is a vivid account of the beginning of the end of the U.S. effort in Vietnam.

Jack Jacobs' insightful views of political and military strategy and tactics are fascinating reading. His comparisons of the leadership failures of the conduct of the conflict in Vietnam and the handling of the war in Iraq are most intriguing. During the past few years Colonel Jacobs has often been seen as a military analyst on television, where his comments are always insightful, direct and meaningful.

Jack Jacobs writes with integrity, thoughtfulness and personal humor. This book is a must for every member of JWV!



*The Souvenir: A Daughter Discovers Her Father's War* By Louise Steinman. Berkeley, California: North Atlantic Books, 2008; 238 pages. \$15.95 (paper).

Reviewed by Sylvan Katz

Louise Steinman grew up in the 1950's, one of four siblings in a boisterous Jewish household in southern California. Her father, a pharmacist, was a WWII

vet but never discussed his military service with his children. "He discussed neither his losses nor his sor-

rows," writes Steinman in her deeply moving memoir, *The Souvenir*.

"Never cry in front of your father," Steinman's mother used to say; "Never wear black in your father's presence. It reminds him of the war." There was so much that reminded Norman Steinman of the war. The whistling teakettle was banned from the kitchen. The screaming sound unnerved him. As a child, Steinman always wondered why.

While cleaning out her parents' Los Angeles condo, after the deaths of her father and mother—both within the same year—Steinman unearthed a rusted ammo box filled with yellowing envelopes, 474 in total, dated between 1941 and 1945. It was her father's

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WWII correspondence, intimate and unread by anyone except his wife, Louise's mother. Inside one of the manila envelopes, postmarked March 3, 1945, was a neatly folded Japanese flag. "Brushed over the surface were Japanese characters," Steinman writes, "and speckled among them faint drops of red-brown. Could they be blood?"

The unearthing of the ammo box, the hundreds of wartime letters, and the mysterious Japanese flag sent Steinman on a journey across the world—to the snow country of Japan and to Balete Pass, Philippines, where her father served with the 25<sup>th</sup> (Tropic Lightning) Infantry Division during the bitter fighting in the mountains of northern Luzon.

Full disclosure here. Ms. Steinman interviewed me for her book as she wanted to understand what Pacific War vets endured in the Philippines, where I served with the Red Arrow Division. When she first informed me of her intention to return the flag, I was skeptical. Was she really that naïve about the Japanese enemy?

Luckily for her readers, Ms. Steinman persisted with her act of reconciliation. She interviewed not only American veterans of the Pacific war, but Japanese veterans as well. In this quest, she discovered more

than just her father's wartime souvenir; she discovered her father's war and those experiences that shaped the life of her family in the 50's.

Norman Steinman's war (which included 165 consecutive days of combat in Balete Pass in Luzon) did not end when he came home. In an afterword written for the new paperback edition, she writes, "My father's war lasted nearly sixty years. He woke with it. He slept with it. We all felt it. His wounds were not visible. He would not talk about his experience. He didn't now how and neither did his family."

*The Souvenir* is a graceful blend of history, war-time storytelling and investigative reporting that dives deep into the traumatic experiences of war. Military enthusiasts, especially veterans and their families will find *The Souvenir* a provocative but rewarding read.

*[Editor's Note: Sylvan Katz, a retired state administrative law judge, is a past commander of the Allan H. Katz Post 118 in Santa Monica, CA. He served with the 32<sup>nd</sup> (Red Arrow) Infantry Division during campaigns in New Guinea, Leyte, and Luzon, and was awarded the Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman badge, and numerous other service awards.]*

## 2009 National Convention-New Orleans, August 16-23, 2009

By PNC Ed Goldwasser,  
National Convention Chairman

Having just returned from my trip to New Orleans, our next Convention site, I wanted to take this opportunity to bring you up to date. The activities we have arranged will assure you of a great week.

We have heard so much about Katrina, but if you were with us on this trip, you never would have known such a disaster ever occurred. The French Quarter was never really touched, other than an inch or so of water. The hotel itself was the recovery headquarters for all the relief workers. If you could picture a soup bowl and look at the bottom of the bowl, that would be the Ninth Ward, and the rim would be the French Quarter. The city itself is six feet below sea level, with the highest point being the Quarter. Yes, you can still see damage out in the area of the Lake, but we are in no way near that area. Enough about the city.

We are planning a terrific convention in a terrific city. Although all plans have not been finalized, we hope to have a dinner with entertainment on Sunday night, a tour of the area on Monday, our traditional wreath laying and memorial service Tuesday, and hopefully a traditional Kosher Shabbat dinner Friday night. Of course, the program will be set, and the customary testimonials for our National President and National Commander will be held. All of this will be capped off with the election and swearing in of our new leaders for the year 2009-2010.

As an incentive to making early reservations for the convention prior to April 1, 2009, the registration fee will be \$25.00 instead of \$50.00, but will revert to \$50.00 after that date.

It is not too early to start your planning now and join with us in the BIG EASY for another great convention.

# Global War on Terrorism

By Nelson L, Mellitz, Colonel, USAF, (Ret.), JWV GWOT Outreach Coordinator

## JWV Increased Outreach to Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Jewish Military

**Fact:** Since I have been a member of Jewish War Veterans I have been amazed at the support individuals, Posts and Departments provide to our veterans—active duty, reserve, National Guard, and those that have previously served. I have also been amazed at how little the local and greater Jewish community knows about the support JWV provides.

**Fact:** In the Army alone there are more than 225,000 active duty troops stationed in nearly 80 countries. Of that number I estimate there are at least 4,500 Jews. This number does not include the Reserve Component Members (National Guard and Reserves).

As in any military operation we need a plan to continue and improve our outreach to the new Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) veterans. I call this plan the “continuum of service” because it impacts the continuation of our organization at all levels. The continuum of service plan will be outlined in greater detail in future editions of The Jewish Veteran. However, for now, the time is right to implement Phase II, and that requires your involvement.

**Phase I**--the JWV at the national level has established an outreach program to Jewish U.S. military in all branches.

**Phase II**--at the JWV individual, Post and Department levels get your local community involved in our programs to support the Jewish troops. What you can do immediately:

### Hanukkah Cards for Jewish Troops in the U.S. Military

Annually the Jewish War Veterans sends Hanukkah Cards to all U.S. military Jewish service members that we have identified overseas and in the United States. We will again send cards to these troops, but we need your help.

#### Potential sources of the Hanukkah cards:

- 1) Ask your local Jewish religious schools to have their students create the cards.
- 2) JWV Ladies auxiliary can put together cards as a

project in a single meeting.

- 3) Veterans in hospitals or homes can undertake this project

Send the cards to the JWV Programs Department at National Headquarters at the following address no later than December 5, 2008.

Jewish War Veterans of the USA  
1811 R St., NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
Attn: Programs Department

There is no preset format for the cards; just saying that you are thinking about the troops serving to preserve our freedom is enough. This is a great morale booster for both the troops and those that put together the cards. I recommend that you put your JWV Post number and e-mail address on the cards so the individual receiving the card can respond.

The purpose of this effort is to create a greater awareness of JWV support to our current troops in the local and greater Jewish communities. It is the right thing to do.

Again there will be more that we can accomplish in our increased outreach to the GWOT Jewish troops.

Note: Please send your comments and suggestions for improving our outreach program to Cheryl Waldman at the above address.



Richard Rosenzweig of the Department of DC, who serves as a Docent at the National Museum of American Jewish Military History, carried the JWV flag at Veterans Day Services at Arlington National Cemetery.

# JWV Leadership Mission to Israel

Join us on this exciting trip to beautiful and historic Israel!

- **Day 1- Saturday, Feb 14, 2009:** Overnight non stop flight to Israel from Newark, NJ. Dinner, in-flight entertainment and breakfast on board.
- **Day 2- Sunday, Feb 15:** Arrive at Ben Gurion airport. Meet and assist by Aviatours team. Transfer to our Tel Aviv hotel. Check in. Dinner and overnight.
- **Day 3- Monday, Feb 16:** After an abundant Israeli buffet breakfast we take a panoramic tour of Tel Aviv, stop at Rabin's Square at the site of his assassination and visit Prime Minister Rabin's assassination site. Afternoon visit to the Gilot Intelligence Memorial Center. Later, travel to Tiberias and overnight at the Golden Tulip Hotel
- **Day 4-Tuesday, Feb 17:** *Bus No. 1/JWV:* 8:30 a.m. Depart from the hotel and visit Safed - the center of Kabbalah and Jewish Art. Continue to Zippori - the capital of Jewish Galilee after the destruction of the second temple, with amazing mosaic floors. Return to our hotel for rest. In the afternoon, visit the House of Dona Gracia - a unique story of the Spain expulsion. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.  
*Bus No. 2/Allied:* 8:30 a.m. Depart from the hotel, we start the day by taking a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee (if weather permits). In the middle of the sea we shut the engines and read the scriptures (Mark 6: 45 - 52). In this holy place we can visualize Him walking on the water. We dock near Capernaum to visit the synagogue where Jesus preached. Later, we will proceed to Tabgha - the site of the multiplication of the fish and bread and then Mount of Beatitudes. Afternoon trip to Nazareth, to visit the Church of Annunciation and Cana where the first miracle of water turning into wine took place. Couples who wish to renew their marriage vows can do so here. The Biblical Village of Nazareth - an hands on - park depicting life in Nazareth of Jesus. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.
- **Day 5- Wednesday, Feb 18:** Visit Golan Heights - Stop at Shalom Observation Point for a magnificent view of the Sea of Galilee. We will then visit Kesem Hologan and the Katzrim Museum. If time permits we will visit Bental Observation Point. Dinner in our hotel in Tiberias.
- **Day 6-Thursday, Feb 19:** Drive to Jerusalem via Haifa. See the Bahaii Center Observation and visit the Roman City of Caesarea. Overnight at Moriah Classic hotel.
- **Day 7-Friday, Feb 20:** Visit Yad Vashem - the new Holocaust Museum. We will visit the Menorah near the Knesset. See how Jerusalemites receive the Shabbat at the Kotel (Wailing Wall). See the new "Chain

of Generations" - a unique exhibit of the chain of generations of the Jewish People. Shabbat Dinner at our hotel.

- **Day 8-Saturday, Feb 21:** Shabbat: A day of rest or join the optional tour to Dead Sea and Massada.
- **Day 9-Sunday, Feb 22:** The morning starts with all visiting the Israel Museum where the Dead Sea Scrolls are exhibited and also the model of the Second Temple, and then we split:

*Bus No. 1/JWV* - Enter the Old City, we will visit the Herodian Quarter (the underground section of the Jewish Quarter)

*Bus No. 2/Allied* - Go to Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity to see and touch the cave where Jesus was born. Return to Jerusalem to visit the Way of the Cross and the Holy Sepulcher Church.

Both groups will visit the Ammunition Hill - A national memorial site and a battle site from the 6 day war. This is also the World Center of Jewish War Veterans (possible event)

- **Day 10-Monday, Feb 23:** Meet at the Perimeter Barrier around Jerusalem for a briefing. Afternoon Tzevet meeting. Farewell dinner and transfer to airport.
- **Day 11-Tuesday, Feb 24:** Flight home. Arrive same day.

**Welcome home! You have just returned from a lifetime experience.**

## OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO EILAT AND PETRA:

- **Day 11-Tuesday, Feb 24:** Flight to Eilat. Afternoon tour of Eilat and the area. Dinner and overnight
- **Day 12- Wednesday, Feb 25:** A day of relaxation in your Eilat beachfront hotel or an optional visit to Petra - the 4th Century Nabatean city built into the sand rock canyon, considered by UNESCO as one of the world's wonders. (\$148 additional) Dinner on your own. Overnight in Eilat.
- **Day 13-Thursday, Feb 26:** Morning at leisure. Afternoon flight to Tel Aviv. Tour of Old Jaffa, dinner and transfer to the airport for your return flight to the USA
- **Day 14-Friday, Feb 27:** Flight home. Arrival on the same day.

**Price of the Extension: \$950.00 (including Petra: \$1,098.00) Single room supplement \$135.00 (Minimum of 10 participants required)**

Please note: Itinerary for Bus No. 2/Allied is for participants in our Allied Veterans Mission, not the Leadership Mission

# February 14-24, 2009

Meet Israelis and their leaders. Get updated briefings. Visit places other groups do not visit.  
Enjoy comradeship with fellow veterans.

## **Cost:**

- \$2679.00 plus \$597.00 airport tax and fuel surcharge (as known on July 9, 2008). Based on double occupancy. This price includes air and land fare, and airport taxes. (Airport taxes subject to increase based on oil prices until ticket is issued).
- \$1900.00 for land fare only.
- \$445.00 additional for single room supplement.  
The last person to join may have to pay additional single room supplement if roommate is not available.
- Airline Business Class upgrade cost upon request. (approx. \$3,000.00 plus)
- \$240.00 per person Comprehensive Travel Insurance, including cancellation fees. **(Strongly recommended)**. Or just \$38.00 for medical insurance while in Israel. Please contact Aviatours for more information.

## **Package includes:**

- Round trip coach class tickets on El Al Israel Airlines, from Newark, NJ.
- Transfers to/from airport and hotels (if you fly with the group)
- 9 full days of sightseeing in an air-conditioned deluxe bus with the services of a licensed English speaking guide
- All entrance fees to sites as per program.
- All taxes and service fees as imposed by hotels
- Full Israeli buffet breakfast and dinner daily, except Saturday (Participants have the opportunity to dine in any of the fine local restaurants of their choice).

## **Not included:**

- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages are not included in package cost
  - Tips to guide and driver and hotel restaurants. (Recommended tips of \$9.00 per day per person for guide, driver, and hotel restaurant staff.
  - Expenses of personal nature
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- **A \$250.00 deposit is required at time of registration.**
  - **2nd payment of \$500.00 to be paid no later than Nov. 15, 2008.**
  - **Full payment for trip is due to JWV no later than Dec. 19, 2008, to avoid a \$49.00 late fee.**
  - ***Passports must be valid at least until August 24, 2009***

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The Outstanding Cadet in Systems Engineering Management Award at the US Air Force Academy was presented by Cmdr. Abe Braverman of the BG Sidney Gritz Post on behalf of the JWV to Joseph M. DiPaolo, of the Class of 2008 at the Academy Individual Awards Ceremony in May.



The Department of Michigan participated in Memorial Day services at Machpelah Cemetery in Ferndale, MI, along with contingents from the Russian and Canadian Jewish War Veterans. Shown closest to the American flag are Department Commander Jerry Order, and Department President Myra Gross.



Three Village Post No. 336 presented a wreath at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on June 25 in Hauppauge, NY at the annual Korean War Anniversary Ceremony. Pictured from left: David Greene, Leon Margolis, David Stein, Seymour Greenberg and Robert Sandberg. Photo by Bernard Jacobs.



Shown at the installation of William Kretchman Post 730, Broward County, Florida, are, from left: Michael Bogdanoff, Jack Turek, Paul Wolf, Commander Marvin Simon, Bob Newman, Bernard Frommer, and Department Commander Raymond White, who was the installing officer.



Members of JWV posts in Westchester County, NY, gathered on Memorial Day weekend 2008 for a ceremony prior to placing American flags at the graves of comrades at various cemeteries, an annual event. The scene is the monument honoring all service men and women that was erected by White Plains NY Post 191 at Kensico/Sharon Gardens Cemetery in Valhalla, NY, in May 2007. The veterans include Past Department Commander George Weinstein, third from left; Post 191 Commander Aaron Silver, fourth from left; Westchester County Commander Larry Subit, sixth from left, and past Department Commander Sol Rosenberg, third from right.



Shown at a Rally outside the United Nations on September 22, 2008 are members of the Department of New York, from left: Lester Friedman, PNC Paul Bernstein, Jason A. Kaatz, Sidney Goldman, Helene Van Clief, Arthur Sellner, Ralph Schwartz, Irving Feuer, Edward Baraw, and Donald Tannen.



Members of the Department of DC are shown at their recent 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary installation of officers. From left are Henry Epstein, Estelle Donin, Fred Gross, Anita Sherman, Jerry Gillman, Frank Feldman and Department Commander Jack Macfadden.



The recent 12th Annual JCC of Dallas Jewish Arts Fest brought over 2000 guests to this annual event at the Mort Meyerson Symphony Center. The Harvey J. Bloom Post #256 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States displayed their literature, meeting and greeting prospective members. Pictured from left at the Post's display booth are: Albert Dunks, PPC Jerry Benjamin, and PPC Harry Kabler.



George Rosenfield (at left) and Gary Stern of the Walter I. Berlin Brevard, FL, Post 639, are shown presenting 100 phone cards to T/Sgt. Monica Gonzales at Patrick AFB. The cards will be distributed to military personnel deployed to the Mideast by the Airmen's and Families Readiness Center.

Members of Neumann-Goldman Post 69, Bronx NY, are shown at a recent meeting at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center. Shown from left are Lou Hoff, Marvin Hecht, Irving Feuer, Ralph Lawrence, Al Gordon, Cmdr. Mel Saks, Ed Bronstein, Ed Baraw, Jerry Figowsky, and Don Tannen.





JWV members from Oceanside, NJ, are shown at the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Oceanfest attended by over 250,000 people. From left are Irwin Gerechoff, Mike Winnick, and Gerry Levine. Henry Epstein, DC Carl Singer, and Martin Guberman had represented the JWV earlier in the day.



Miami-Dade County Florida presented PNC Ainslee Ferdie (second from left, front row), Chairman of the JWV Korean War Veterans Committee, with a proclamation declaring June 25-July 27 Korean War Veterans Month.



The Michigan JWV was chosen this year as the Color Guard for the Veterans Day Program at the Michigan State Fair. Department Commander Jerry Order (center) is shown laying a wreath at the State Fair Grounds Veteran Monument as Color Guard members Al Lewis (left) and Marv Delidow stand at attention. All belong to Post 510.



JWV Post 609, Monroe Township, NJ, received an award for its volunteer work at the Menlo Park Soldiers Home. Shown from left are Stan Hoffman, Ben Ross, and Commander Elmer Schwartz.

Past Commander Herb Gordon of JWV Post 520, West Palm Beach, FL, is shown presenting a check from the Post for \$500 to Lynelle Chauncey Zelnar of Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc., an organization dedicated to sending care packages to our troops in the field. The presentation took place at a Memorial Day ceremony at Palm Beach Memorial Park Cemetery.



Members of the Honor Guard of JWV Post 617, Los Angeles, CA, participated in ceremonies on Memorial Day at the National Cemetery in Westwood, CA. Shown from left are Sid Smilo, Allen White, Mel Margolis, and Cmdr. Jerry King.



Members of the LT James I. Platt Post 65 of Fairlawn, NJ, participated in Memorial Day Services at Cedar Park Cemetery, Paramus, NJ.



Member of North County Post 385 in California have donated food certificates to the Chaplain at Camp Pendleton for use by the families of deployed service members in need of assistance (Operation Enduring Families). Shown from left are Art Oberman, Rabbi Joel Newman, PC Josef Seller and COL Maxwell Colon.



Jewish War Veterans from Sgt. Manny Peven Post 65, Henderson, Nevada lend a hand in assisting residents from Nevada State Veterans home at their annual Olympics event on October 18, 2008. Pictured from left: George Arnett, Selwyn Goldberg, Jane Kranson, and Norm Florian (in wheelchair).



PC Jack Lewis (left) and Commander Spencer Polinger of the Kew-Forest-Woodside-Loitz Post 250 (Forest Hills, NY) are shown displaying the Post banner at its July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at MacDonald Park.



PNC David H. Hymes (center) and DC Marvin Juron (at right) are shown leading a Color Guard captained by PDC Stan Nathanson at Memorial Day Services at Shalom Memorial Park. The group is shown at the Avenue of Flags at the Cemetery. Photo by Bert Tovrog



JWV Springfield, MA, Post 26, held its monthly meeting and annual picnic where Post Commander Stanley Light displayed a recent award presented to the Post by the Springfield School Volunteers for its participation in the ongoing stamp program. The picnic was organized and staffed by past Post Commander Shirley Hersh, and members Elliott Levin, Sidney Snegg, Ted Knee, and Joel Greenberg.

- On July 11, 2008, six WWII veterans of **JWV Post 440**, Florida, visited the National Memorials in Washington, DC, on a trip sponsored by the Honor Flight organization. Honor Flight pays all travel expenses for veterans and may be contacted at [www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org). The Post 440 veterans on this flight were **Myron Paige, Bernard Epter, Sol Barnett, Stanley Semel, Mort Abramson, and Marvin Rosenbergh**.
- **JWV Arkansas Post 436** is a member of the Arkansans against Abusive Payday Lending (AAAPL) Coalition, which has recently conducted a survey of payday lenders in the State of Arkansas.
- The United Hospital Fund honored **Rear Admiral Robert A. Rosen, NYNM (Ret.)**, a member of **JWV Post 625**, with its 2008 Distinguished Community Service Award at its annual black-tie gala, held Monday, October 6, 2008. The award recognizes Admiral Rosen for his leadership in creating the Florence and Robert A. Rosen Family Wellness Center at the North Shore-Long Island Jewish (LIJ) Health System, which addresses the physical and mental health issues of veterans, law enforcement personnel, and their families.
- **Past Commander William Rockwood of JWV Post 105**, Albany, NY, is the recipient of the B'nai B'rith Covenant Award for 2008. The Award is given annually to the individual who has made a significant contribution to the quality of life in Albany. In addition to his work with the JWV and B'nai B'rith, he and his wife have established Senior Hope, an out-patient clinic that serves the 50+ community in the areas of alcoholism and addiction.
- **Brevard, FL, Post 639** is now the **Walter I. Berlin Brevard Post 639**. The new name honors the memory of LTC Walter I. Berlin who was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action on Dec. 12, 1944, on a battlefield in Germany.
- **J. George Fredman Post 76**, North Bergen, NJ, entertained the residents at the Paramus Veterans Home. Members of the Post who attended the performance by entertainers Bill and Jean McClelland included **David Mahler, Commander David Kronick, Howard Barmad, and Arthur Presslaff**.
- Members of **JWV Friedman-Paul Post 201** provided a color guard at Veterans' Shabbat at Temple Emanu-El in Tucson, AZ. Those who participated were **Commander Irwin Brewster, L.M. Jake Jacobson, Mel Levine, and Mort Tuller**.
- Members of **Jerusalem Post 180** recently held a barbecue to thank members who for the past two decades have supported THE ROOF in Haifa, which has provided room and board for honorably discharged veterans who are continuing their education. Two graduates of THE ROOF spoke to the members about their experiences.
- **Ed Shatz, PDC of Massachusetts**, currently living in Tennessee, was the guest of honor at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Blountville, Tennessee. The veteran of Omaha Beach and the Battle of the Bulge rode a float in the event.
- **Department of Pennsylvania Commander Larry Holman** has been elected President of the Pennsylvania War Veterans Council, which consists of the state leadership of various veterans' service organizations.
- A program called "Soup for the Soul" was started at the Palo Alto VA Hospital with seed money from the local JWV chapter led by **Bert Sugarman**. JWV member and VA hospital volunteer **Miriam White** is a leader in the program which brings home-made soup to palliative-care patients at the hospital.
- Through the efforts of **Lt. James I. Platt Post 651**, Fair Lawn, NJ, two gravesites have been donated for an indigent veteran, who is a member of a JWV Post in NJ and a spouse, at the Beth-Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge, NJ.
- **George Fisher of Post 520** has received a decree signed by the President of France appointing him to the Legion of Honor, which was created by Napoleon in 1802 to recognize services rendered to France by persons of great merit and devotion to the cause of freedom.
- **Bernard Mirotznik** of East Meadow, NY, **Post 709** has been featured on the cover and inside the March 2008 issue of the *8<sup>th</sup> AF News*. He was a member of the 452<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group at Deopham Green, serving as a mechanical engineer, from 1944-45.

# New Members

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

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# Editor's Corner

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Chairmen, we would very much like to publish reports of Committee activities. Please send them to National Headquarters.

Communication is the heart of our organization. The magazine is one avenue; our web site is another. Another way to communicate between our members is the JWV Online Forum. Go to our JWV home page, [www.jwv.org](http://www.jwv.org), and look on the lower right hand side to find the JWV Online Forum. If you enter the Forum,

you will be able to see postings from JWV members from across the country and add your own voice to the group.

If an item is general in nature, it might be of interest to a nationwide audience. You can simply send out one e-mail periodically to the web site to join with JWV members from around the country.

# Reunions

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- Navy NMCB 128 will hold its reunion April 14-17, 2009, at the IP Casino, Resort, and Spa in Biloxi, MS. For more information, contact George McDanel, 618-259-4694, or e-mail McDanelGK@aol.com.

- 11th Airborne Division Association, Mid-Atlantic Chapter, and those former members of the 11th Air Assault Division and the 187 ARCT will hold a reunion in Myrtle Beach, S.C., February 22-25, 2009. Contact Herb Shapiro, 410-827-6410, HLSHAP@ATLANTICBB.NET, or John Hazlett, 910-867-5651, jwhazlett@aol.com.

- The 64th annual USS Warrington (DD843) reunion will take place April 29-May 3, 2009, in San Diego, CA. For more information contact Stan Prager, 916-791-6700, Stashuman843@msn.com.

- 494th Bombardment Group (H) WWII 7th Air Force reunion will take place June 18-22, 2009, in Branson, MO. Contact Marshall Keller, 7412 A Vassar Drive East, West Bloomfield, MI, 248-626-3684, or Jerry Lindley, 780 Alexander Road, Stephenville, TX 76401, 254-965-5990.

## In Search Of

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- Did you marry a European woman when overseas? My name is Robin Judd and I am a Professor of Jewish and European History at the Ohio State University. I am interested in speaking with World War II war brides and the veterans who married them for a forthcoming book project. More information about me can be found at: <http://history.osu.edu/people/person.cfm?ID=138>. Please contact me via email (judd.18@osu.edu), by phone (614-292-9313), or by mail (106 Dulles Hall, 230 W. 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210). Thank you for your assistance!

- Searching for Sgt Donald DeGroot, stationed with the 105th Signal Detachment, U.S. Army in the Capital Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand, during the mid 1960's. Formerly from California. Please respond to Andy Becker at aebecker46@yahoo.com.

- In search of a World War II friend of my Grandparents, who lived in London during the War. His name was Joseph Schwartz, born about 1921 and

he served as a navigator with the USAAF. He was based first in England and later in France in 1944/45. I know that Mr. Schwartz survived the hostilities and went on to study in Ann Arbor in 1946. Please contact Norman P. Spencer at npspen@yahoo.co.uk.

- My name is Fabrice Dubois, and I live in Stavelot in the Belgian Ardennes. I recently adopted the grave of a Jewish soldier from the 78th division who is buried in the Cemetery of Henri-Chapelle. His name is Solomon D. Mosner. I'm searching to know more about him than a stone marker. What I know is that he was in the 311st and that he died Jan. 18, 1945. His serial number is 42130652, and he was born in NY in 1926. The smallest information is welcome. Please contact me at fabrice.dubois@skynet.be.

- Looking for Harry Isak ("Mack") who served as an interpreter in Mainz, Germany, during WWII and is a Holocaust survivor. Please contact Hugo Lewental, 150-20 26th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354, rakkasans@hotmail.com, or 718-358-7824.

- In search of my mother's (Frances Schneider) cousins, all WWII vets: Edward Shapiro, Jr., Albuquerque native who participated in the Battle of the Bulge; Jerome Epstein who was a Marine cook, and Sidney Epstein, who was a Marine in North Africa. Please contact Judith Schneider, 1302 E. Water St., Tucson, AZ 85719, judithkay88@hotmail.com, 520-240-2173.

### We Regret The Error

We regret that Sidney Decker of Post 385, Max Shiener of Post 529, and Donald Barry Cohen of Post 773, were incorrectly listed in Taps in the Post Convention issue of The Jewish Veteran.

We are delighted that they were listed in error, and can be counted as active members of their respective Posts.

We apologize for the error.

# Tax Planning at Year End

This is an ideal time to do your tax planning for 2008.

**Income:** Review your income received to date and estimate your additional income to year end.

**Expenses:** List all of your deductible expenses, paid and to be paid, such as real property taxes, state income taxes, mortgage interest, medical expenses, contributions and retirement plan contributions.

**Dividends and Capital Gains and Losses:** Remember, corporate dividends and long-term capital gains are generally taxed at capital gain rates-maximum at 15%, but if you are the 5% to 10% tax bracket, dividends and long-term capital gains are taxed at 5%.

You can control capital gains and losses by timing your sales. Net losses on sales of stocks can also be used to offset income to the extent of \$3,000 per year. Remember, on loss sales, do not buy back the stocks for 30 days.

**Charitable Contributions:** Charitable deductions can help your financial planning. When you make a charitable deduction the government shares the cost in the form of tax savings. This chart shows the net cost of a gift assuming you itemize your deductions:

NET COST OF A \$1,000 GIFT

Tax Bracket	Tax Saving	Net Cost of Gift
10%	\$100	\$900
15%	\$150	\$850
25%	\$250	\$750
28%	\$280	\$720
33%	\$330	\$670
35%	\$350	\$650

When you make a gift of appreciated securities, you get a deduction based on the fair market value of the item at the time of the gift. So you not only receive an income tax deduction, but you pay no income tax on the asset's appreciation.

**Joint Strategies to Address Personal and Charitable Goals:** It is possible to combine personal and charitable objectives to achieve a retirement benefit. There are tax-advantaged ways to put aside money for retirement and generate tax and charitable benefits at the same time.

If you have a highly appreciated stock that unfortunately is paying little or no dividend and you want to increase your retirement funds, you can set up a

Charitable Remainder Trust and donate the stock to the Trust. The Trust will reinvest the asset in a dividend paying stock or interest paying bond, and then pay you an annual payment, for a term of years or for your life (and the life of another).

You will receive a charitable deduction on your income tax return for a part of your gift to the Trust and increase your retirement benefits substantially. On your death (and on the death of the other income beneficiary) the balance of the Trust assets will pass to The National Museum of American Jewish Military History. You have removed the asset from your estate, received an income stream and benefitted The National Museum of American Jewish Military History.

These are only a few of the many strategies available to you in preparing your year-end tax plan. The National Museum of American Jewish Military History Endowment Committee will be happy to meet with you or your advisor about a charitable gift to the Endowment Fund. For more information write to The National Museum of American Jewish Military History, 1811 R Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20009 or call (202) 265-6280 or e-mail to [cwaldman@jvw.org](mailto:cwaldman@jvw.org).

## JWV Department of Delaware

The Department of Delaware has been actively involved in a host of activities. They have sponsored monthly bingo games at the Elsmere VA Hospital for over 50 years and donate gifts to the hospital and the Delaware Veterans home on a yearly basis. Over the years the gifts have included flat screen TV's and state-of-the art motorized wheel chairs. They participate annually in the Memorial Day Service at the Delaware Bridge Memorial and have established and maintain a plaque commemorating deceased Jewish veterans at the JCC. Among other activities in which members of the Department's three Posts have participated are the rededication of the KIA Circle at the Delaware Veterans Cemetery where 28 WWII Jewish veterans are buried.

It has been an honor to be elected President of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History in this, the 50<sup>th</sup> year of our being chartered by the Congress of the United States.

The original view of the Museum was that there was a past/JWV, a present JWV, and a Future/ the Museum, i.e., the National Shrine of the Jewish War Dead.

Gradually the museum has evolved, and hopefully, it will continue to evolve as a living entity.

Yes, it must be a showcase and depository for our past. But, it also must be an outreach to the non-Jewish and Jewish communities, especially to the Jewish service people of our present and our future.

The Museum will provide, and is the only source capable of showing, how much American Jews fought in past wars, are currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, and will protect this country in future conflicts. It defines how the American Jew has integrated into the military service, and has and will continue to reach the heights of the leadership of the U.S. Military. Finally, it will teach others what JWV does for veterans--regardless of race or creed.

We, JWV and the Museum, are the voice of the Jewish Community in the United States Military, and we, JWV and the museum, are the voice of the United

Sates Military in the Jewish community. This is our message. But how do we get it across? Our leadership has determined that one way to bring this about is through the establishment of a "permanent, modern, interactive" museum exhibit. From Asher Levy to Tibor Rubin, from Uriah P. Levy to Jack Jacobs – that is our continuing legacy.



How are we going to get this done? A car runs on fuel. The Museum needs money. We need your donations. We need your charitable gifts.

One mechanism for sustaining the Museum is to include the NMAJMH (The National Museum of American Jewish Military History) in your will or trust. It takes effort to do so, but what a worthwhile cause!

By donating money, by placing us in your will and/or trust, you are insuring that the voice of the American Jewish community in the American military, and the voice of the American Military in the Jewish Community will be heard. It is important for us, for our children, for our country and for the State of Israel.

## From the Exhibits Chair

By Florence Levine, PNP

Throughout the past fifty years, the National Museum of American Jewish Military History has presented amazing exhibits. Look at catalogs of our past exhibits and you will see what we have done. When I have had the opportunity to watch people visit our Museum and view our past and present exhibits, they never fail to comment favorably about what they have seen. All the exhibits have been educational and appealing in their visual display. The subject matter is varied and has featured many prominent individuals as well as world history. They have touched on many lives to tell their story--all with our mission in sight. We have an outstanding Museum staff--small in numbers but great in performance. The face we show to the visitors reflects their dedication and efforts. Every single day!

In March 2009, at our Board of Directors meeting during the NEC, a student will be awarded the Harvey S.

Friedman annual award for study in the museum field. This will help the student in his/her educational interest to continue their studies. The award is presented in memory of PNC and Past Museum President Harvey S. Friedman who strongly believed in our Museum and its future. The annual award is funded by the Friedman family. Long-range plans for a permanent exhibit featuring the contributions of our American Jewish veterans to our country are now going forward. This was a plan Harvey S. Friedman had proposed for our Museum several years ago. If you did not attend our last National Convention in Pittsburgh or missed the Monday evening session, you did not see the presentation of the master plan for the permanent exhibit. More will follow; keep informed, involved, and dedicated. You will be proud of the results.

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

By Seymour Weinstein, JWV National Legacy and Welfare Chairman

I have written various articles that have appeared in *The Jewish Veteran* over the past year extolling the virtues of The National Museum of American Jewish Military History and the necessity of a Permanent Endowment Fund to preserve the history of Jewish involvement in the defense of our nation from before the Revolutionary War through the present conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I have also discussed various giving methods to enhance the Permanent Endowment Fund. Based on our present state of our economy today, a Win-Win approach is a "Gift Annuity."

A Donor transfers cash or securities to the National Museum and receives a "charitable deduction" to reduce the Donor's income tax. The Museum guarantees a life income to the Donor and spouse or a life income to one or two other beneficiaries at a guaranteed amount each year (the annual return is based on the beneficiaries' ages at the time of the gift). A portion of each annual payment is received income-tax free. On the decease of the beneficiary or beneficiaries (if two), the balance of the gift annuity is held by the Museum to become a part of its Permanent Endowment.

A variable way of funding a Gift Annuity would be to use all or part of your annual distribution from a retirement program (IRA, 401k, 403b, etc.), if you do not need the current income. Your annual distribution from the retirement plan is subject to ordinary income tax. If you contribute all or part of it to a deferred Gift Annuity, you will receive an income tax deduction for the contribution to partially offset the income tax.

The deferred Gift Annuity is accumulating income, so that, when payments begin down the road, the annual return will be substantially increased, and again each payment is partially tax free.

These are just a few of the many ways of making contributions to the National Museum.

Remember the responsibility is yours to protect our Military Heritage for Tomorrow. You must plan your "giving" today.

You can make your gift now, 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](mailto: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 • May 11, 2008 - October 11, 2008

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## Tree of Honor *By Iris Goldwasser, Chairman*

Our appreciation and thanks to those of you who have inscribed leaves on our Tree of Honor. There are 650 brass leaves on our tree and, to date, 549 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.

## A Letter from the Museum Membership Chairman

I am presently serving as the Chairman of the Museum membership committee and am the Past Commander of the Department of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma (TALO). My goal right now is to briefly focus your attention on just three areas of Museum membership. Where it has been, where we are now, and how each one of you can help secure fiscal independence for this dynamic institution we have built.

The NMAJMH stands today as a fine representative of your past heritage and future legacy. Your Museum is dedicated to reflect the pride and the Patriotism of American Jews committed to military service in the defense of their country. This showcase Museum provides a repository of proof that as Jews we served, we fought, and we sacrificed for the cause of freedom.

First, as you may know, since the year 2005 our records show that participation by JWV members has averaged about 1,400 members total each year within 15 categories. For example, some are life members, others guardian level members, others are students, or active duty, family, as well as individual or organization members. Still others are sponsors, friends, or descendants. This membership total has been consistent for the last four years and includes the wonderful support of the JWVA. However, the total Museum membership still averages only about 2,000 members per year. This is our performance history.

Second, our status today indicates a small improvement. Our latest data available shows that our membership total for the year will approach 2,260 members. This increase can be attributed to a diligent mailing program to echelons and Posts by the Museum staff. Let me be clear, this translates to approximately only 1,500 JWV members pledged to support our Museum. Again, this is only six percent of JWV membership. This is where we are now.

Third, How you can help? For our purposes today I want each one of you to urge your Posts and Departments to simply sign up for a Guardian level membership of \$100.00 annually. Don't let them off without a commitment. This should become a tradition among our 600 echelons within JWV.

We already have close to 100 echelons participating and signed up, some at the LIFE membership level. In short, I want you to be a vocal advocate to your groups at your budget, executive, and general meetings. Get on board and join the effort. As I said, this is our showcase of our pride and patriotism. The Museum is an important part of our legacy. Lend your support.

Yours in fellowship,

George D. Sepp  
Chairman, Membership Committee  
NMAJMH

## 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.

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 please fill in the following information (add additional sheets for additional names) and return to the Museum office.

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Aux \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Death (Jewish) \_\_\_\_\_ (English) \_\_\_\_\_

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If you would like Yahrzeit assistance, please contact Mary Westley at 202-265-6280.*



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# JWV Leadership Mission to Israel February 14-24, 2009



*Photo by Robert Richter*

***Join us on this trip to beautiful and historic Israel!***

Our 24th Annual Leadership Mission to Israel promises to be one of our most exciting visits yet! This year, in addition to visiting some of Israel's most important sites, you may also choose one of our optional extensions to Eilat and Petra.

If you ever promised yourself you'd get to Israel one day, this is a trip that past participants most often describe as "a trip of a lifetime!"

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