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| November 13 | Tues. | United Nations <i>What's it all about?</i>                                             |
| November 28 | Wed.  | Homeland Security                                                                      |
| December 5  | Wed.  | Leadership at all levels <i>Meeting your Past National Commanders</i>                  |
| December 18 | Tues. | Veterans' Legislation <i>What's pending?</i>                                           |

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| January 15   | Tues.  | Israel and the Allied Mission to Israel - <i>Your opportunity to be part of it.</i>                     |
| February 14  | Thurs. | Finance Board <i>The Mission</i>                                                                        |
| February 27  | Wed.   | Before NEC/Capitol Hill Day <i>What to do and expect?</i>                                               |
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| August 15    | Fri.   | At the Convention <i>GWOT/Homeland Security</i>                                                         |
| August 28    | Thurs. | Housing and Homeless                                                                                    |
| September 10 | Wed.   | The Jewish Veteran <i>What about it?</i>                                                                |
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| October 2    | Thurs. | Hospitals and VAVS                                                                                      |
| October 23   | Thurs. | Women in the Military                                                                                   |
| November 18  | Tues.  | GWOT/Homeland Security                                                                                  |
| December 4   | Thurs. | Leadership at all levels <i>Meeting your Past National Commanders</i>                                   |
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# Award Winners

## Department Awards

### **Guten Award**

*Doing Most For Hospitalized Veterans*

1st Place - Department of Southwest

### **Wolfson Award**

*Outstanding Record in Community Relations*

1st Place - Department of Southwest

### **National Commander's Award**

*Performing Outstanding Service*

1st Place - Department of New York

Honorable Mention - Department of Southwest

### **Edward D. Blatt Award**

*Outstanding Department Commander*

1st Place - Robert Jacobs, Dept. of New Jersey

Honorable Mention-Mel Brody, Dept. of Southwest

### **Blood Donor Program Award**

1st Place - Department of Pennsylvania

### **Joseph Demiany Memorial Award**

*Scouting*

1st Place - Department of New York

Honorable Mention - Department of New Jersey

## Council Awards

### **National Commander's Awards**

*Performing Outstanding Service*

1st Place Co-Winners -

New York County (NY)

Rockland/Orange District Council (NY)

## Post Awards

### **Ben Kaufman Award**

*Hospitalized Veterans*

1st Place - Post 459 (FL)

Honorable Mention - Post 519 (IL)

### **National Headquarters Award**

*Community Relations Record*

1st Place Co-Winners -

Post 126 (NJ)

Post 459 (FL)

### **National Commander's Award**

*Performing Outstanding Service*

1st Place - Post 126 (NJ)

Honorable Mention - Post 619 (AZ), Post 235 (NY)



# Award Winners

## Outstanding Member of the Year

The JWV was proud to honor Miriam Jaffee, JWV Post #105, Albany, NY, as the winner of the Murray L. Rosen Member of the Year Award. Miriam retired this year after more than 55 years in the VAVS program. For so many of those years Miriam served as JWV National VAVS Officer. Miriam is a legend in the VAVS community, and the JWV is proud to honor her years of service.



## Brotherhood Award

1st Place - Post 235 (NY)  
Honorable Mention - Post 131(NY)

## Post Membership Increase Award

Group 2 100-174 members  
Newton-Brookline Post 211 (MA)

Group 3 175-249 members:  
San Fernando Valley Post 603 (CA)

Group 4 250 Members and up  
Furer Barag Wolf Post 126 (NJ)

## Brenner-Jaffee Memorial Award

### Post Bulletins

1st Place Co-Winners -  
Post 619 (AZ)  
Post 697 (PA)  
Honorable Mention - Post 89 (IL),  
Post 256 (TX), Post 425 (NY), Post 652 (NY)



## Individual Awards

### Judge Lawrence Gubow Memorial Award

#### Americanism

1st Place - Co-Winners  
Josephine Anton-Post 459 (FL)  
Ray Biondo-Post 436 (AR)

### Individual Award

#### Signing-Up New Members

Melvin Brody - Post 210 (AZ)



# Dr. Gerald Cross

Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs  
JWV 112<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention Keynote Speaker



## *Veterans Registered to Use My HealthVet Will Have More Features Added to Their Personal Health Records in 2007*

My HealthVet, VA's Web-based portal that allows veterans to register and record personal health information and combine it with parts of their electronic health records, will add new features throughout 2007 that will enable veterans to improve management of their health care.

The portal recently was named a "Top 5" Excellence.Gov program winner for 2007 by the Industry Advisory Council for its innovative use of technology to achieve strategic goals and objectives. Veterans who register on the web site can record personal health information and combine it with parts of their VA electronic health records.

Once registered, veterans can record and store health information and measurements such as blood pressure readings, cholesterol counts, temperatures, and health histories, refill their VA prescriptions, and access medical information from reliable health libraries.

Aiden Barr, Acting Program Manager for My HealthVet said new features to be introduced in 2007 will enable veterans who have registered on the web site to add electronic copies of portions of their VA medical records to their personal health records.

"My HealthVet will provide exciting new features that registered veterans can add to their personal health records throughout the year," said Aiden Barr. "These upgrades will allow veterans, their families and clinicians to partner in improving management of their health care."

Among the newest My HealthVet features are screening tools for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression and alcohol use. The "Healthy

Living Centers" provide medical information and tips on healthy eating, physical activity, and smoking and tobacco use cessation. The "Condition Centers" offer information on medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and stroke, plus tips on managing those conditions. Information on support groups is also available on the site.

To ensure the security and privacy of their personal health record, veterans must register on the My HealthVet web portal and complete an "In Person Authentication," (IPA) at their medical facility. Once a VA patient has registered on the portal and completed the authentication, Barr said they will see their prescription drug name, in addition to the prescription number. Future additions will enable these same veterans to see their VA appointments, co-pay balances, and copies of chemistry and hematology lab reports.

In February 2007, My HealthVet was named a "Top 5" Excellence.Gov program winner, a prestigious award given annually by the Industry Advisory Council (IAC) to federal, state or local government agencies in recognition of their innovative use of technology to help achieve strategic goals and objectives.

Since VHA introduced My HealthVet in 2003, registrations have rapidly increased, reaching nearly 375,000 in March, 2007. Following the release of online prescription refill in August, 2005, veterans have electronically submitted nearly 2.4 million refill requests.

There have been more than 10 million visits since the portal debuted in 2003, with over 4 million of those visits occurring in 2006. Veterans can register on the My HealthVet Web portal at [www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov). A demonstration account is available to view what the site has to offer. The User ID is **mhvuser**; the password is **mhvdemo#1**.

# Commentary

By **BOB ZWEIMAN**, PNC, Editor, Post-Convention Issue

## IRAQ—WHEN?

Probably the most important thing that I personally learned at the Convention is that, if you have a cold, don't stand in the rain for an hour waiting for the bus to come and pick you up. That has the tendency to add an additional 2 to 3 weeks to the cold. It shows that you can learn something by just coming out of the rain.

Now, after reading newspapers as to what America thinks of Iraq, I thought I would check it out with our delegates. It was somewhat strange that very few were concerned as to whether the war was right or wrong at the beginning or even now—It was sort of like—there it is, now what? It was not apathy; the primary concerns dealt with what was happening with our troops in Iraq and those returning to our country. The unacceptability of the death and injuries was primary. How can we protect the lives of the returning men and women so that they would not encounter past failures of treatment—physical, mental, and economic—generally all together? The treatments of the past were definitely unacceptable and had to change—as did the Laws of War and the Rules of Engagement.

Right after the Convention, we came together to commemorate 9/11—with a reading there of the names of those who died—many were concerned with where and what type of memorial there should be rather than with Iraq. Names don't signal progress.

Everyone was waiting for the September report of General David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker, who presented their reports from the field in Iraq. They reported that the Surge was actually a success in part. The Iraqi Parliamentary vacations seem to have been successful, and President Bush then goes on the air and tells our citizens that he supports the General and the Ambassador, and he finds that a political free zone is available so that some of the Surge troops can be redeployed to the United States.

This is so even if new troops must be found and required to replace them, or the tour of duty of the remaining troops may have to be extended. Part of the reason for this is that our inventory of troops has gone down; even though we have more troops than are needed in Europe and in Korea [both areas which prefer to insist American troops must be kept there rather than having to subject their own citizens or funding for defense]. Those troops should be drastically reduced in Korea and Europe.

The Democrats continue to insist upon unattainable dates for return—which they fully understand are not

available to them without Republican support, and then they would have to avoid a Bush veto.

So, like a Monopoly game, the politicians of both parties play a game of political war with each other, while a small number of Americans die each day—maybe the politicians don't think the number of one to 18 American humans dying daily is important enough to forget about 2008 or to be courageous enough to acknowledge that, while the Sunnis and Shiites are continuing to murder each other, they are united in their hate for the American troops. There will be no stability in Iraq until we are gone. Or until their country is divided into three parts with some sort of oil sharing.

With that recognition in place, our politicians should immediately stop their vote war and face the fact that we are in a dysfunctional political crisis. We must, with no trepidation or compromise, tell the Iraqis and our Middle East "friends" that the time is Now—that we will not sanction our Troop deaths—that we oppose the Dollar store type purchase of our major financial assets by our Middle East "friends" to reduce our ability to stand strong—to consider our National Capital as being in Dubai or Riyadh, et al, since we won't need a Congress. Maybe they can go on vacation with the Iraqi Parliament.

We have been slipping into a world which disrespects us, and we seem to be falling into a pattern of acceptance because our leaders would rather fight among themselves. Those in our Nation who are either Anti-War or Pro-Administration prance about enjoying their rallies and pompously sanctify themselves without the ability to change.

Dissolution seems to have become our Nation's Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). So, unless we, as a people, require integrity in government and adamantly pursue change recognizing the dominance of our super-power status and acting as such, we will wake up one day to find we no longer own our nation. Although then we will know that we have leadership of autocratic foreign wealth or a dictatorship of the power hungry, and who really cares as long as you have food in your stomach and bread on the table (seems that I heard that once before).



## Combat Veterans and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder



*[Editor's Note: Dr. Romo, Team Leader of the Lowell, MA, Veterans Readjustment Counseling Center and JWV North Shore (MA) Post 220 Commander in Peabody, MA, addressed the JWV Convention on Friday, Aug. 24, 2007.]*

Stress is a normal response of the body and mind. Everyone feels stress when dealing with major life events, illness, injury, or daily hassles and pressures. While stress is normal, there are some stressors, such as military combat, when the body's instinct to defend itself may be challenged by witnessing or experiencing traumatic events involving a direct or indirect threat of serious injury or death. These traumatic events may be experienced alone, or in the company of others, as in military combat operations. Feeling stress in a war zone has been called "a normal reaction by a normal person to an abnormal event." Although Post Traumatic Stress is a normal set of reactions to a trauma such as war, which could be experienced by almost anyone, sometimes it becomes a Disorder (PTSD) with the passage of time when feelings or issues related to the trauma are not dealt with, but are suppressed by the individual. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, which is commonly referred to as PTSD, is

a psychiatric condition which some soldiers develop after they have experienced or witnessed some very traumatic and sometimes life-threatening events or stressors as a result of military combat. Some researchers and clinicians define PTSD as a failure to recover from that psychiatric disorder.

In some persons PTSD develops immediately after they experience the unusually traumatic event. However, in others, signs of the disorder do not develop until some passage of time... weeks, months, or even years after the traumatic event. This is called a delayed stress reaction. No amount of training can totally prepare a soldier for the horrors and realities of combat. Soldiers "come as they are" into their deployment experiences, and they bring all their previously experienced stressors and learned coping strategies with them. Soldiers' reactions to combat stress vary depending upon:

- The context (accident vs. terrorist activity)
- The force of the stressors
- The state of the soldier's health and well-being
- The types of support systems available
- The individual's usual pattern of human interaction

Adjustment to civilian, peacetime life, after serving in the military during periods of conflict or war has been long recognized as a process all former warriors must confront. The history of the residual effects of war on those who were involved in it dates back to the earliest days of mankind. What is known today as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is essentially a better defined form for what has been called "soldiers heart" (Civil War), "shell shock" (W.W.I), "battle fatigue" (W.W.II, Korea) and "Vietnam Syndrome," prior to recognition of PTSD by the American Psychiatric Association in 1980.

Reactions to combat stress are not unique to the US military experience. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder severely impacted Israeli soldiers in the Yom Kippur War, when it was called "combat stress reaction" and "battle shock" by the IDF.

Approximately 30% of Vietnam veterans developed

PTSD. This disorder also has been reported among veterans of the very brief first Gulf War, with some estimates running as high as 8%.

Soldiers and Marines in Iraq and Afghanistan who have repeated and prolonged exposure to the combat stressors of killing, maiming, and dying are much more likely to generate the risk of developing PTSD symptoms and to bring those problems home. Although it is impossible to predict how many troops will bring the war home with them, the numbers could be substantial. In a study published in 2004 in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, researchers at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research found that nearly 17% of soldiers who have returned from Iraq, or nearly 1 in 6, showed signs of major depression, generalized anxiety, or PTSD. A report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in 2006 found that 1 in 5 soldiers met the risk for developing PTSD, and those numbers are growing.

More recently surveys of soldiers and Marines reflect that approximately 30% of combat veterans in Southwest Asia have symptoms of PTSD. What is known, is that the greater the exposure to trauma, the greater the chance that someone will develop PTSD.

Observers have noted that, "There may be no war better designed to produce combat stress and trauma than Operation Iraqi Freedom which is a round the clock, unrelenting danger zone. There are no front lines, it's impossible to identify the enemy, and everything from a paper bag to a baby carriage is a potential bomb. Soldiers are targets 24-7, whether they are running combat missions or asleep in their bunks."

It is not unusual for anyone participating in combat or seeing its aftermath to be filled with complicated and conflicting emotions – including fear, sadness, and horror – all legitimate reactions to the combat experience. Even soldiers or Marines who haven't been in direct combat, but have been through a life-threatening situation, seen enemy or civilian casualties, had a friend die, or been in charge of prisoners of war, can experience the many feelings that come together as a result of combat and stress. Strong feelings are a natural reaction to being confronted with danger.

One fact of war is that in its aftermath, while na-

tions enjoy peace, some warriors experience psychological and social distress. Many veterans are able to put their war experiences in proper and manageable perspective with appropriate assistance. The VA's Vet Centers, hospitals and community based outpatient clinics have highly trained staff and are able to assist veterans who have experienced or witnessed combat generated trauma. Vet Centers are found throughout the country and many of the Vet Center staff are combat veterans of Vietnam and the current conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Individual or group therapy, in addition to some medications, may be used in the treatment of PTSD. Therapy helps those with PTSD work through the traumatic event and feelings that caused the condition. With the help of the therapist, the person with PTSD can examine and review the traumatic events of the past and learn to master his/her feelings of anxiety. Certain antidepressant medications and mild tranquilizers are sometimes prescribed to help lessen some of the painful symptoms associated with PTSD.

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# Jewish War Veterans group advocates for U.S. soldiers

By Adam Parker

The oldest continually functioning veterans organization in the United States met in Charleston last week for its 112<sup>th</sup> convention.

About 200 of the Jewish War Veterans' 100,000 members gathered at the Charleston Area Convention Center on Wednesday for the grand opening of the annual event.

North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey was there to express his gratitude.

'You have done a wonderful, wonderful job in preserving peace, in preserving freedom for all of us,' he said.

Harold Newman, National Chairman of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women, the Jewish War Veterans' English counterpart, was there to sympathize and convey recent developments overseas.

And Dr. Gerald Cross, principal deputy undersecretary for health at the Veterans Health Administration, was there to describe recent efforts undertaken by the Department of Veterans Affairs to address the needs of the current generation of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Cheryl Waldman, spokeswoman for the Jewish War Veterans, said the organization is reaching out to active-duty and returning soldiers, sending supplies, toiletries and holiday items overseas and advocating on their behalf with government officials.

Norman Rosenshein, 64, who is ending his year-long role as national commander, said he testified before Congress earlier this year, explaining to the U.S. House and Senate committees on veterans affairs that the federal government has been ill-prepared for the larger-than-expected influx of wounded veterans returning from the Middle East.

During World War II and the Korean War, two men were injured for every man killed, Rosenshein said. The ratio was 3 to 1 during the Vietnam War. Today, it's 16 to 1, he said.

That's because of medical advances and improved technologies, successes that have the unfortunate effect of creating a large economic and administrative burden for the Department of Veterans Affairs, he said.

Paul Slesinger, 78, was one of the Charleston residents attending the convention. Slesinger, a member since 1956, said the Lowcountry is home to about 75 Jewish veterans, most of whom served during World War II. He worries that the local post soon will cease to exist.

'Our supporters are mostly older people,' he said.

During the past several years, membership has dropped off considerably as older vets pass away.

Perhaps veterans organizations, along with other fraternal clubs, are 'remnants

of a bygone era,' he said.

Slesinger said that the Jewish War Veterans was formed in response to accusations that Jews in the

United States did not participate in the country's wars.

In an 1899 essay in Harper's New Monthly Magazine, Mark Twain wrote that Jews had an 'unpatriotic disinclination to stand by the flag as a soldier' and challenged Jews to enlist in the Army to disprove that 'you feed on a country but don't like to fight for it.'

(Some scholars estimate that as many as 10,000 Jews fought in the Civil War.)

Twain later apologized after Jews responded angrily to the essay.

Slesinger enlisted in the Army and served in the Signal Corps during the Korean War. His father served during World War I. His wife's uncle also served in the U.S. military.

'Jews were drafted like everyone else,' he said.

Paul Bernstein, 65, of New Jersey has been part of two wars, decades apart. He was a surveyor with the Green Berets in the early years of the Vietnam War, and he also was inside the World Trade Center on

And so the Jewish War Veterans and other advocacy groups, despite dwindling numbers, continue to teach the lessons of wartime and hope to make a difference.

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# 2007 Convention Overview

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By Cheryl Waldman, JWV National Program Coordinator

Charleston, SC, home to one of the oldest Jewish communities in America, was a most gracious host to the JWV community for our 112<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention. Southern hospitality was the benchmark of our stay in that most welcoming of cities, and our delegates were made to feel at home from their first moments in Charleston.

After settling into their suites at our Embassy Suites hotel, our delegates first enjoyed an exciting mystery dinner theater at our hotel. This “who-done-it” gave our delegates a chance to display their powers of deduction while enjoying a gourmet dinner and meeting old friends and new from around the country.

On Monday, it was time for a grand tour of Charleston by land and sea. The highlight of the morning tour was a visit to Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim Synagogue, a National Historic Landmark, and the country’s second oldest synagogue and the oldest in continuous use. This was a perfect introduction to the generations of Jewish heritage offered by Charleston. After a chance to enjoy the heart of the historic district of Charleston, the group headed off for a tour of Charleston Harbor. Despite the heat of a summer day in the South, all returned from the day’s activities happy to have had a chance to learn more about our host city.

On Monday evening, JWV and JWVA members enjoyed a reception presented by our own museum, the National Museum of American Jewish Military History. The reception featured a film on the Charleston Jewish Community entitled, “Land of Promise: The Jews of South Carolina,” and a presentation by Martin Perlmutter, Director of the Jewish Studies Department at the University of Charleston. It was an evening to enjoy the camaraderie of being with old friends and another chance to learn more about the community in which our convention was being held.

On Tuesday morning, the JWV delegates performed that most solemn of rituals when they laid wreaths honoring both Jewish veterans and also the nine firemen who so recently gave their lives in the horrific Charleston warehouse fire. Tuesday afternoon the work of the convention began in earnest with the semiannual

meeting of the NEC.

Wednesday saw the joint JWV-JWVA grand opening ceremonies. Our keynote speaker was Dr. Gerald Cross, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health of the VA, who brought our members the most up-to-date information on VA health care and benefits available to them. The mayor of North Charleston, home of our convention hotel, brought greetings to our delegates as he welcomed them to his city, and Mr. Harold Newman, National Chairman of the British Association of Jewish Ex-Service Men and Women (AJEX) brought greetings, as well, from our comrades in Great Britain.

Wednesday evening brought our annual Century Club event with a gala dinner at Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim Synagogue and a chance to enjoy an evening of good food and friendship.

The speaker at the opening of our Second Business Session on Thursday, August 23, was Mr. Philip Butler, Director of Veterans Affairs for the State of South Carolina, who brought greeting to our convention from Mark Sanford, the Governor of the State, and who shared with our audience the types of benefits to which they may be entitled and urged them to get in touch with the comparable office of Veterans Affairs in each of their states.

Our featured speaker on Friday, August 24, Dr. Jacob Romo, is not only Team Leader of the Lowell, MA, Veterans Readjustment Counseling Center, but is also JWV North Shore (MA) Post 220 Commander in Peabody, MA. Dr. Romo, who has worked extensively with veterans dating back to Vietnam, gave a detailed presentation on today’s veterans, the stresses they have endured in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the symptoms of and treatment for PTSD for those returning veterans. Our delegates left his presentation with a greater understanding of this disease and how we can better support our returning service people.

Friday afternoon brought elections for a new National Commander of the JWV. Our leader for the next year will be Larry Schulman of Rochester, NY,

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# Convention Highlights

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# Convention Highlights

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# NATIONAL OFFICERS 2007-2008

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| <b>National Commander</b>                 | Lawrence Schulman, NY                                                                                                               | <b>National Cantor</b>                              | Shira Silverman, FL          |
| <b>Honorary National Commanders</b>       | Jack Jacobs, CMH, NJ<br>Tibor Rubin, CMH, CA                                                                                        | <b>National Cemetery Chairman</b>                   | Jack Shames, NJ/FL           |
| <b>National Judge Advocate</b>            | Allen E. Falk, NJ                                                                                                                   | <b>Co-Chairman</b>                                  | Debra Stern, NY              |
| <b>National Adjutant</b>                  | Stanton Bilker, PA                                                                                                                  | <b>Century Club Chairman</b>                        | Joseph Kraut, SE             |
| <b>National Editor</b>                    | PNC Paul Bernstein, NY                                                                                                              | <b>National Civil Rights Chairman</b>               | Jerome Berns, IL             |
| <b>National Inspector</b>                 | Sidney Goldman, NY                                                                                                                  | <b>Vice-Chairmen</b>                                |                              |
| <b>National Quartermaster</b>             | Sol Friedman, NJ                                                                                                                    | Al Alexander, CA                                    | Erwin Levy, CA               |
| <b>National Public Affairs</b>            | Eugene Moore, FL                                                                                                                    | Maurice Eis, CA                                     | Lillian Swerdlow, CA         |
|                                           |                                                                                                                                     | Albert Freiman, FL                                  |                              |
| <b>National Chief of Staff</b>            | Seymour Weinstein, NY                                                                                                               | <b>Constitution &amp; By-Laws</b>                   | Allen E. Falk, NJ            |
| <b>Associate Chief of Staff</b>           | Morton Stein, NY                                                                                                                    | <b>National Convention Chairman</b>                 | PNC Edwin Goldwasser, NY     |
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## **BENEFITS FOR MERCHANT MARINES**

During World War II, members of the Merchant Marine faced the daily potential of hostile fire from enemy surface ships and submarines. While their pay was greater, the dangers were no less than those in the military. Moreover, the United States could not have fought and won without their service.

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA supports extending to members of the Merchant Marine who served during WWII and who can prove service under hostile fire, all benefits and entitlements available to other veterans.

## **BURIAL WITH APPROPRIATE HONORS FOR ALL VETERANS**

The current policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs provides burial flags for members and former members of the Selected Reserves, only. There is no provision for members of the National Guard or Reserves other than the Selected Reserves to be honored by the presentation of a burial flag. Inasmuch as the members of the Guard and Reserve are being called upon to serve the Nation in numbers and lengths of service not seen until recently, it is indisputably appropriate that these individuals who have passed be honored in the same fashion and with the same dignity as their comrades. In addition, Congress has provided that all veterans are entitled to be buried with proper military protocol. This protocol includes the rendering of taps and a military Honor Guard. Clearly, there are not sufficient members of the military Honor Guard or qualified buglers available to render these final respects. However, often there are volunteers who could fulfill these duties and to whom only a travel stipend would be due.

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon the Congress to amend the Burial Flag Act to provide for a burial flag for all who have served honorably regardless of the component of the military in which he/she served, and,

FURTHERMORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon Congress to enact such legislation necessary to permit members of the veterans' service organizations and well qualified buglers to serve as buglers and an Honor Guard at the funeral services of veterans where a military bugler and Honor Guard

is not available and for such individuals to receive a reasonable stipend to cover their costs of travel.

## **CHAPLAINS IN THE MILITARY**

There is currently a serious understaffing of Chaplains of all faiths in the military. This is particularly so within the Jewish faith. As of November, 2004, there were 39 Jewish Chaplains on active duty, 21 in the Army, 7 in the Navy, and 11 in the Air Force. These numbers are woefully inadequate to meet the needs of the Jews currently serving in the armed services. One of the solutions proposed is make active service more attractive to seminary students. This can be done both through financial incentives and a program of educating seminary students as to the moral obligation to serve one's G-D while serving in the military. The duty of recruiting Rabbis for the military has been given to the Jewish Welfare Board. However, though the Jewish Welfare Board has that obligation, it is, also, incumbent upon other Jewish organizations to assist and participate in this recruiting effort. Other Jewish organizations and associations cannot simply shrug their collective shoulders and demur to the JWB.

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA supports the efforts of the JWB and efforts of others to work with the JWB to recruit Rabbis to join the National Guard, Reserve and the active military component.

## **THE DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM TAX RELIEF ACT**

The Military Coalition, of which the Jewish War Veterans of the USA is a member, has gone on record in support of the Defenders of Freedom Tax Relief Act. One provision of the Act would permit veterans who receive an adjudication of disability more than three years after their application to the VA to file an amended tax return. Current IRS rules permit the filing of an amended return only within a three year window. This would be an exception to the IRS three year rule. The proposed legislation makes permanent the designation of combat pay as earned income for purposes of the computation for earned income tax credits. The legislation, also, allows reservists to make certain withdrawals from their retirement accounts without tax penalties and negative tax consequences.

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THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon Congress to enact the Defenders of Freedom Tax Relief Act.

## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA has sought to have the Department of Veterans Affairs funded as a mandatory budgetary item. This would ensure the level of funding necessary to fully fund the requirements of this Department. Our pleas have fallen upon deaf ears. There is a growing need for adequate funds as the men and women return from their service in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas of the world where we never had stationed military, in the numbers we now see, and in conditions we were not prepared to face. We renew this plea.

Furthermore, it is manifestly clear that the current classification of priorities is simply not appropriate. Our returning veterans as well as those from earlier wars and conflicts are being turned away at the door and are not being properly provided for by the VA. The VA must be available to all veterans regardless of income.

With the returning veterans comes an increase in the number of claims being filed. Waiting time for initial determination of claims is exceeding 270 days. This is a travesty of justice and wholly unacceptable. There must be a determination in a timely fashion, done correctly the first time.

Moreover, the returning veterans are often in need of counseling on several levels, psychological as a result of what they have seen and been called upon to do, and, also, employment for changes in the workforce and jobs that have occurred. The availability of counselors must be assured. Following that is that the VA must not divest itself of any physical capacity by selling off its property.

Obviously, all veterans do not live close to a VA hospital or clinic. The amount paid by the VA for fee-based medical care is \$125.00 and has remained constant for many years. That level of reimbursement is woefully inadequate and must be set at a realistic amount. There are few medical providers willing to offer their services for \$125.00 and, thus, the veterans must either supplement that payment or do without treatment.

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon Congress to fully fund the Department of Veterans Affairs so as to meet the requirements of the returning veterans as well as the veterans of prior wars and conflicts so that these citizens who proudly served their Nation in its time of need are appropriately cared for in their time of need. Nothing less than mandatory funding is acceptable.

## **ENTITLEMENTS AND BENEFITS**

Current law provides that service-connected veterans rated at less than fifty percent who retire from the Armed Forces on a length of service retirement may not receive disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs in addition to full military retirement. These veterans must surrender some, if not all, of their retirement pay. This is grossly unfair and unjust. While there may be a phase in of a partial rescission of the situation, it remains unfair and unjust.

Moreover, it appears that the newly-established Veterans Disability Commission is currently considering using non-VA income of both the veteran and the spouse as an index of disability. Even the consideration of such a proposal is obnoxious to the concept of fair reimbursement of service-connected disability. Service-connected disability is restitution for injuries suffered during one's service to this Nation and is due to the individual irrespective of any other factor and regardless of an individual's and the spouse's good fortune or income.

Current Federal Regulations require a temporary total rating for veterans receiving for authorized surgery or casting of a major joint. However, this benefit lasts only twenty-one days for a service-connected veteran undergoing a healing process including recuperation or therapeutic treatment at home even though the veteran is incapable of working or even looking for work. It appears that approximately only fifty atomic-radiation veterans have come forth and successfully applied for benefits. This may be well due to their being unaware of the benefits due them or, more likely, because the government has deliberately set the criteria for eligibility so as to preclude from eligibility the vast majority of exposed veterans. This gross injustice must be addressed and remedied immediately before these veterans pass away without obtaining their rightful medical treatment and relief.

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA calls upon Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs to swiftly address the inequities present in the delivery of benefits and entitlements due all veterans and to as widely as possible advise of the services available to eligible veterans through coordination with the veterans service organizations and public service announcements in the various media.

## **EXPEDITED CLAIMS ADJUDICATION INITIATIVE**

The Department of Veterans Affairs has proposed the "Expedited Claims Adjudication Initiative" whereby the veteran waives any rights of appeal in exchange for an expedited adjudication. The Jewish War Veterans of the USA demands to know why a veteran must give up the right of appeal to obtain a timely adjudication of a claim. Furthermore, what guarantee does the veteran have that the adjudication will be any more appropriate or correct because there is no right of appeal?

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA opposes any program which requires a veteran to waive the right of appeal in order to have a timely and correct adjudication of a claim.

## **FUNDING FOR NATIONAL GUARD**

The War Against Global Terrorism requires the forward repositioning of many of the assets from the units of the National Guard. The term "repositioning" means that the assets of the units affected are left behind where the unit last served to be made available for the next outfit to occupy that territory. The term "assets" is another way to say "weapons" and "armament." Unfortunately, that also means that the assets of the prior unit are no longer available to the unit when it returns to its home base. The end result of this command decision is the loss of capabilities of the National Guard to meet its requirement in its role as the Governor's Militia in the home state when called up for any reason, including natural disaster or civil disturbance. Clearly, the States are not responsible to supplant the federal government in purchasing replacements weapons and armaments.

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA supports efforts to fully fund the National Guard so that the members and units of the Guard have the funding and

tools required to do their job in times of hostilities and natural disasters.

## **LIVIU LIBRESCU**

Liviu Librescu died a hero. He was the Professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institution (Virginia Tech) who was killed after he barricaded the doorway to his classroom with his body. His act of ultimate courage gave his students time to escape a gunman from bursting into the room and killing them.

Professor Librescu was a Romanian Holocaust survivor who settled at Virginia Tech as a Professor of Aeronautical Engineering after fleeing Romania to Israel and then the United States. It has been said that Professor Librescu survived the Holocaust so he could be here to save the lives of his students.

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA adds its voice to those who honor this brave selfless man as a hero in the true sense of the word.

## **SUPPORT FOR MILITARY FAMILIES**

The Global War on Terrorism requires the deployment of the National Guard and the Reserve components of the military in numbers not witnessed since World War II. The men and women activated leave behind families and jobs in order to fulfill their military obligation. They have been required to serve for periods that approach some twenty-four months. Their absences place tremendous stress and strain upon the family as children grow older and mature without the presence of a parent. The remaining parent's role as a parent changes radically from a parent with joint custodial duties to a parent with sole parenting obligations and responsibilities. In most cases, the family income has precipitously dropped with the military income going into the bank rather than the civilian income. When the absent parent returns from the military, he/she is much changed but so is the family unit that he/she left behind. One way to assist both the family and the service member is to provide family counseling to the family unit while the service member is away rather than waiting until he/she returns home. There needs to be counseling, and, if required, therapy as to the change in parental roles, finances and social issues. There needs to be peer counseling and peer support groups. There should be social interaction among the families. All of these

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necessary support groups, counseling sessions, and therapeutic modalities have economic costs. However, the failure to pay the economic costs far exceeds the costs in terms of damage to the family and the work sites.

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA urges the federal and state governments to expend any such sums as may be required in order to support the families of our war fighters with counseling, therapy and peer group activities before activation, during deployment and when the service member returns home.

## WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA reaffirms its strong position acknowledging the contribution of women in the military. The contributions of these women must be more widely recognized as must be the unique problems facing them during and after their service. In addition to the harsh realities of daily combat which all war fighters confront, the women, also, face Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in unknown numbers arising out of the horrendous sexual harassment and assaults they may suffer. While im-

proved treatment modalities are one answer, it is better to strenuously prosecute the perpetrators of the harassment and assaults and to treat the women suffering from the harassment and assaults as victims of serious crimes.

## YOM HASHOA

Yom HaShoa is the Day of Remembrance. It is the day the world is called upon to remember the Shoa, the catastrophe of the Holocaust. We as Jews and as Jewish War Veterans have an obligation to demonstrate to our co-religionists, fellow veterans and the world in general that the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten. The 27th of the month of Nissan has been designated as Yom HaShoa. It is, also, the day recognized as the beginning of the "Warsaw Ghetto Uprising."

THEREFORE, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA urges all of its echelons to work diligently within the JWV, with other Jewish organizations and fellow veterans and community groups to ensure that Yom HaShoa is properly observed and the reality of the Holocaust is taught from one generation to the next.

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## Jewish War Veterans group advocates for U.S. soldiers

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Sept. 11, 2001.

Bernstein worked for the Port Authority and was on the 74<sup>th</sup> floor of Tower One when an airliner plowed into the building 10 stories above. He fled just a few minutes before the second tower collapsed, its giant plume of ash and concrete and debris billowing up the street and nearly overcoming Bernstein, who bolted onto a side street in the nick of time.

Bernstein said he cannot forget what he saw that day: the walking wounded, hair burned away, skin blackened by fire and soot, walking single-file down one side of the interminable stairwell as firefighters rushed up into the burning tower. Lining the stairs, shoved against the wall, were women's shoes too uncomfortable to wear. At the bottom, shattered glass. So rescue workers carried the shoeless women from the building one at a time. And the firefighters climbing higher and higher into the building? Surely they died.

Bernstein said he has become the Jewish War Veterans' chairman of homeland security, and that new role enables him to keep a watchful eye on what the government is doing, and not doing, for its soldiers and veterans.

Vets returning from Iraq and Afghanistan deserve the government's full support, he said. And that's what he told Congress when he testified with Rosenshein. "They didn't ask to go; you sent them!" he told the politicians. "You people up there have never worn a uniform! You don't understand what it means!"

And so the Jewish War Veterans and other advocacy groups, despite dwindling numbers, continue to teach the lessons of wartime and hope to make a difference.

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# Convention 2008

*Join Us for Convention 2008 in Pittsburgh, PA—Save That Date*



We all had a good and informative convention in Charleston, so mark your calendars now for Aug. 10-17, 2008, when JWV holds its 113<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention in America's Most Livable City, Pittsburgh, PA. Pittsburgh is not only a great place to live, but also a great place to visit, as you will soon discover.

From its proud position at the confluence of three mighty rivers, the Ohio, Allegheny, and Monongahela, Pittsburgh enjoys a special place in the history of this country and in the history of the American Jewish community. From the building of Fort Duquesne by the French in 1754, through the 1758 building of Fort Pitt named after the British Prime Minister, the city of Pittsburgh grew to become the "Gateway to the West" as the boundaries of our country stretched ever westward.

Due to its position among great coal fields and with ample river transportation, Pittsburgh grew to become a center of manufacturing for the nation and welcomed such visionaries as Andrew Carnegie and H.J. Heinz. As the city grew, it welcomed many ethnic groups, including an extensive Jewish community.

Although the exact origins of the city's Jewish community are unknown, between 1838 and 1844 a small number of German Jews settled in and around Pittsburgh. These were joined by others over the next few years who included in their numbers the founders of Jewish communal life. They held their first service in the autumn of 1844, while the first attempt at orga-

nization was made in 1847.

Congregation Rodef Shalom dates from between 1854 and 1856, and its current home hosted its first Rosh Hashanah services in 1907. This historic congregation is one of well over 20 synagogues in the Pittsburgh area.

The Jewish community of Pittsburgh is also unique in maintaining a distinct Jewish neighborhood, "Squirrel Hill," which has retained its Jewish character for decades. One-third of the Jewish population of the greater Pittsburgh area lives today in this distinct area, making Pittsburgh one of only three cities in the world (the other two being New York City and Melbourne, Australia) the majority of whose Jewish population continues to live within its city limits. The synagogues, schools, and restaurants of "Squirrel Hill" beckon the JWV to Pittsburgh for our 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.

Pittsburgh is a unique city of ethnic neighborhoods, world-class museums such as the Carnegie Museum of Art, the Andy Warhol Museum, and the Frick Art and Historical Center, and superlative sports facilities such as Three River Stadium. For the adventurous looking for a spectacular view of the city and its environs, ride one of the two operating inclines or funiculars, the Monongahela Incline (1869), and the Duquesne Incline (1877) operating along the same Mt. Washington hillside. Just outside of the city, visit Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece, Fallingwater, a must for anyone interested in architectural history, or take a river boat cruise along one of the city's three rivers.

Our convention hotel itself represents a unique chapter in the history of this "livable" city. The Omni William Penn Hotel dates back to 1916 and has retained the elegance of that bygone era while having undergone extensive renovations bringing it up to the standards of the best of a 21<sup>st</sup> century hotel. The hotel is located in the heart of the city, bringing most of the city's cultural attractions within easy access.

Be sure to join us in Pittsburgh, where the best of yesterday and today meet in this most livable of American cities. We'll see you in Pittsburgh for the 113<sup>th</sup> JWV Annual Convention!

# Constitutional Changes

## Constitutional Changes Enacted at Convention

By Allen E. Falk, Esq., NJA

Amendment to National Bylaws

Article I - Membership

Addition to section 2 (a)

Article I, Section 2 (a) (xvii), of the JWV Constitution and National Bylaws shall be amended to include the following:

Section 2 (a). Such service shall include, but not be limited to:

- xvii.
- x. Operation Desert Shield, aka Defense of Saudi Arabia, August 2, 1990 - January 16, 1991
  - y. Operation Desert Storm, aka Defense and Liberation of Kuwait, January 17, 1991 - April 11, 1991.
  - z. Cease Fire Campaign, August 12, 1991 - November 30, 1995
  - aa. Operation Provide Comfort, June 1, 1992 - November 30, 1995
  - bb. Operation Iraqi Freedom, March 19, 2003 - Present
  - cc. Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan Campaign
  - dd. Global War on Terrorism, September 11, 2001

These are generally known as the Gulf War (not the official title) and the periods for which one could earn the SW Asia Service Ribbon.

### ***Combating the Sin of Silence - The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans' Protest March Against Nazi Germany***

On March 23, 1933, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America led a protest march through the streets of New York City and presented Mayor John O'Brien with a tri-part resolution that condemned Hitlerism and the persecution of the Jews, called for a boycott of German goods, and pled for the dismantling of barriers preventing Jewish immigration to Palestine.

The wall of public silence had been broken. It was only 1933, but those with the capability of listening heard the message.

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this historic event is rapidly approaching. During the week of March 2, 2008, the Jewish War Veterans is sponsoring an exhibit at the National Museum of American Jewish Military History in Washington, DC. On March 8, there will be a dinner to commemorate the Protest March.

We hope you will participate. The world must be reminded of this remarkable event.

#### ***JWV Dinner Reservation and Donation Form — March 8, 2008, Washington, DC***

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# JWV Announces 2007-2008 Olympiad Award Winners

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA is proud to present to a worthy High School Senior its Olympiad Award in memory of the Israeli athletes murdered at the Munich Olympics in 1972. All student athletes, whether or not they have ties to the Jewish community, are eligible for this award. The Olympiad Committee, under the leadership of Chairman Harry Ettlinger, has awarded three cash prizes to this year's winners.

The winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> prize award of \$1,000 is

Ashley Higginson of Marlboro, NJ. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place award of \$300 goes to Nicole Branchini of Slingerlands, NY, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place award of \$200 goes to Alex Gornitzky of Toms River, NJ.

The achievements of each of these student athletes-leaders impressed the committee greatly, and the JWV wishes them the best as they begin their college careers.

# JWV Announces 2007-2008 Educational Grant Winners

The JWV Scholarship committee under the leadership of its Chairman, PNC Bernard Becker, faced the daunting task of selecting three winners from among the outstanding group of applicants for the JWV Educational Grants for Academic Year 2007-2008. All applicants for Educational Grants must be direct descendants of JWV members in good standing, be in the top 25% of their class, and be active in extra-curricular activities and in the Jewish community. After difficult deliberations, the committee awarded the Bernard Rotberg Memorial Scholarship Fund grant of \$1,000 to Joel Joshua Fliegelman of East Brunswick, NJ.

The Louis S. Silvey Grant of \$750 went to Shane Lawrence Kolpon of Wayne, NJ, and the JWV Grant of \$500 was awarded to Craig H. Flaster of Manalapan, NJ. We congratulate all of the winners, and wish them continued academic success as they begin their college careers.

Information on the competition for next year's grants to be awarded to outstanding high school seniors who will be attending 4-year colleges in the fall of 2008 will be available from National Headquarters at 1811 R St., NW, Washington, DC, 202-265-6280, ext. 504, or [cwaldman@jwv.org](mailto:cwaldman@jwv.org), by the end of 2007.

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At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History, PNC Robert M. Zweiman was elected President for the coming year, succeeding outgoing President Jack Berman, who was thanked for his devoted service to the museum as its President over the past two years.

The concluding gala event of the convention was the National Commander's Banquet honoring outgoing National Commander Norman Rosenshein for his outstanding year as an eloquent advocate for "The Mission: The Veteran." Commander Rosenshein was honored with many accolades for his outstanding service. A special feature of the banquet was a presentation by TZEVEET Chairman, MG (RET) Baruch Levy, who shared with the JWV delegates his views on the political situation in the Middle East in general, and the political situation of Israel, in particular.

The evening ended with the swearing in of the new National Commander, Larry Schulman of NY, who announced his plans for the coming year and will lead the JWV into the next year as a strong advocate for veterans' rights.

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