



JWV Membership Committee

Where to Find the Current Generation of Jewish Veterans

***“To increase our JWV Membership base,
we have to introduce ourselves to a lot of Jewish Veterans.
The good news is, there are a lot of new Jewish Veterans we can meet.”***

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ALEPH INSTITUTE

Why Aleph Institute? The Aleph Institute is a recognized U.S. Department of Defense Ecclesiastical Endorsing Agency. Two major components of the Aleph Military Jewish Chaplain and Lay Leader Training Program are worship and experiential learning. Aleph Institute's focus is on spiritual growth and renewal amid an atmosphere of trust and peer sharing between selected faculty, military and VA rabbis and Jewish lay leaders. (1)

Update

Special thanks to the efforts of JWV FL Department Commander Larry Jasper, who attended a Department of Defense Symposium conducted by the Aleph Institute for Military Chaplains and Lay Leaders. This is a great opportunity for a partnership for Jewish with War Veterans of the USA, The Jewish Welfare Board and Aleph Institute. Look for Commander Jasper's article in a past edition of *"The Jewish Veteran."* (2)



(1) **Reference:** The 2020/5780 Jewish Chaplains and Lay Leader Training Course and Symposium, letter of introduction/memorandum of introduction, 19-23 February 2020.

(2) <https://www.jwv.org/the-aleph-institute-and-the-jwv/>

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(1) <http://www.aleph-institute.org/downloads/Tishrei-Warrior-5780-sm.pdf>

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(1) <http://www.aleph-institute.org/downloads/Chanukah-Warrior-5780.pdf>

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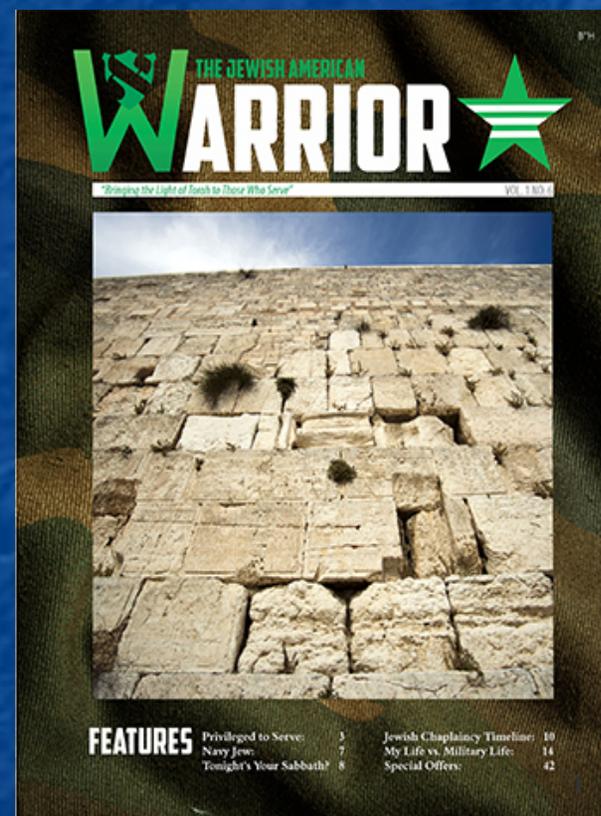
SERVICES (1)

Providing prayer books, tefillin, religious articles

- Kosher food and care packages
- Megillah* Readings
- Holiday Provisions
- Traveling Torah scrolls
- High Holiday Services
- Passover Services and Seder items
- Chaplain and military personnel Shabbat retreat and training
- Torah study correspondence courses
- Accredited volunteer rabbis
- Holiday programs for 2,000 Jewish military personnel around the globe
- Educational and religious materials, including National Liberator magazines, books, instructional-inspirational videos, prayer and Shabbat items and Jewish calendar
- Support and correspondence with military personnel and chaplaincy services
- Aleph House (Aleph Military Location)
- Military chaplaincy training and support and endorsements
- Religious and medical rights advocacy and facilitation

(1) <https://aleph-institute.org/wp/programs/military-program/>

(2) <https://aleph-institute.org/wp/jewish-american-warrior-magazine/>



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FEDERATION of JEWISH MEN'S CLUB



Why FJMC? It is the international umbrella organization for a confederation of more than 250 men's auxiliaries serving 25,000 men around the globe. Our chapters are concentrated in North America throughout the United States and Canada. The influence of FJMC's programs and contributions is felt worldwide.

“FJMC’s mission is to involve Jewish men in Jewish life. The FJMC is an “arm” of the Conservative/Masorti Movement but our affect goes far beyond men in the Conservative/Masorti Movement. Our programs have a profound impact on our congregations, our youth, world Jewry, and, when you consider the indirect impact of our Shomrei Ha’aretz environmental programs, all of humanity” (1)

(1) <https://www.fjmc.org/content/about-fjmc/>

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FRIENDS of the ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE (FIDF)



Why Friends of the IDF?

Mission: To offer educational, cultural, recreational, and social services programs and facilities that provide hope, purpose, and life-changing support for the soldiers who protect Israel and Jews worldwide. (1)

FIDF

Established in 1981 by a group of Holocaust survivors under the leadership of John Klein z'l, FIDF is a 501c3 not-for-profit corporation that operates 20 regional offices in the United States and Panama, with headquarters in New York City. FIDF relies on the commitment and dedication of our volunteer board members and staff to ensure that we are delivering on our mission each-and-every day. (2)

(1) <https://www.fidf.org>

(2) <https://www.fidf.org/about-fidf>

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HADASSAH

Why Hadassah? Hadassah has the largest Jewish women's membership in America. Hadassah is 300,000 members strong. Hadassah has members from every congressional district in the nation. (1) *...across all generations.*

Women Veterans

In the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) article "Women Veterans Make History" the following statistical data is provided: World War II - 140,000 women served in the U.S Army and Women's Army Corps. (Note: article did not include data for the Korean War.) During Vietnam War 7,000 women served in Southeast Asia. During the 1991 Persian Gulf War 41,000 women were deployed to the combat zone. Today, over 700,000 women have served post 9/11 including Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. (2) Here are two facts about Women Veterans: Fact - You may know that one in every ten veterans is a woman. Fact - But did you know that one in every 63 women is a veteran? (3)

(1) <https://www.hadassah.org>

(2) https://www.womenshealth.va.gov/outreachmaterials/womenveteransmakehistory/campaigns_makehistory.asp /

(3) U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2016 [Current Population Survey, Annual Averages](#)

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HILLEL



Why Hillel? When Jewish Veterans leave the military and want to cash-in on the G.I. Bill, they normally attend an Institution of Higher Education.

“A student’s involvement with Hillel is one of the strongest predictors of future Jewish leadership – stronger than Jewish day school enrollment, Jewish camp experiences, or membership in a Jewish youth group. As the leading authority on Jewish campus life, Hillel reaches, engages, and equips tomorrow’s leaders today. -Avi Chai Foundation Study, 2010” (1)

Former Hillel President creates Military Web Site, **“Jews In Green”** provides innumerable resources for Jewish soldiers in the US military.(2)

(1) <https://hillel.org/about/what-is-a-hillel>

(2) <https://hillel.org/about/news-views/news-views---blog/news-and-views/2004/06/15/former-hillel-president-creates-military-web-site>

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JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER (JCC)



Why JCC? When a Jewish Veteran leaves the military, they want to maintain their good physical shape. One of the best places to do this is your local JCC.

“Our focus is on the people who make your JCC shine: your staff. Whether face-to-face in learning cohorts or online communities, we meet the needs of your staff through intensive professional development opportunities. JCC professionals shape Jewish lives. JCC Association builds strong Jewish communal professionals.” (1)

(1) <https://jcca.org/about-us/leading-the-movement/>

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS (JWV) POST 77

Roslyn Schulte – Nathan Bruckenthal Online Post 77 ⁽¹⁾

In this era of both instant communication and multiple deployments to remote locations, JWV has established its first online Post to accommodate the needs of today's military and veterans. Through our online Post, Jewish service members and veterans in even the most remote locations will be able to join with their comrades in a virtual Post that will promote the JWV ideal to be of "*greater service to our country and to one another,*" as outlined in the preamble to the JWV Constitution.⁽²⁾

Once discharged from active duty the prior JWV Inservice Member may choose to reside in a state that has a JWV Post and become a traditional JWV Post Member. Remember that the first year off from active duty is a "free" JWV Membership year.⁽³⁾ Note: names should not be given to a third party for non JWV business, treat this list with privacy.

(1) <http://onlinepost77.jwv.org>

(2) <https://www.jwv.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Constitution-and-Bylaws-for-web-August-2019.pdf> Page 3

(3) <https://www.jwv.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Constitution-and-Bylaws-for-web-August-2019.pdf> Page 19

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS (JWV) POST 100

JWV Post 100 also referred to as the *“At Large Post”* consist of JWV Veterans, *across all generations*. They are JWV Members who are currently not affiliated with a traditional JWV Post for multiple reasons such as: Their previous JWV Post may have closed and the JWV Member chose not to be affiliated with another JWV Post. They may have completed their term as a JWV In Service Member and at the time of discharge, did not wish to join a JWV Post. Etc.....

Their needs, wants and desires may have changed and deserve to be contacted. Each JWV Department Adjutant can obtain a list of names by calling the JWV Membership Coordinator. The JWV Department Adjutant should distribute the names based upon the zip codes covered by their JWV Department Posts. Some JWV Post 100 Members, may desire to remain unaffiliated to a JWV Post. This is a request that we must continue to honor. JWV Post 100 names should not be shared with any third party. Please treat this list of names with privacy as you would your own JWV Post Members.

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS AUXILIARY (JWVA)



(Left to Right) Gloria Teller – Past National President, Auxiliary, Dorothy Katz – President, North Shore Post 220 (NSP 220), Auxiliary and Hilda Ozuransky – Member Auxiliary.



Hilda recruited her grandson LtCmdr Eric Polonsky, USN. LtCmdr Polonsky recruited his father Ted Polonsky.

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MILITARY BASES

Why Military Bases? For the continued growth of our organization, we need to focus on its future. Our future will be determined by how effective we are at recruiting new members. One of the most crucial places to find new members are active military bases. There are many affiliated groups on any Military base to choose from. Active Component, Active Duty Military Families/Dependents, National Guard, U.S. Reserve, Military Retirees, Federal Employees, State Employees, Government Contractors, Civilian Contract Employees, etc.....

Not located Near a Military Base

Consider a Reserve Component Center: Joint Forces Headquarters, National Guard Armories, U. S. Reserve Training Centers etc..... A Reserve Component can be found in most congressional districts in the nation. Reserve Component Centers are also, a local community-based partner just like most of our JWV Posts.

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Shomrim Societies

Why Shomrim Societies?

The Shomrim Societies are fraternal organizations of Jewish members of police departments, like the New York City Police Department and the Chicago Police Department....(1) Although not a requirement many of your law enforcement officers in any Police Department are Military Veterans.

Shomrim

Shomrim is a Hebrew word meaning "watchers" or "guards"(2) From our humble beginnings, which date back to Asser Levy's appointment as the first Jewish Burgher Guard in New Amsterdam in 1657, to the first Shomrim founded in New York City in 1924 by Capt. Jacob Kaminsky, we have grown and prospered. We are proud of our Jewish heritage and our public safety careers. (3)

(1) [https://www.fidf.orghttps://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shomrim_\(fraternal_police_organization\)](https://www.fidf.orghttps://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shomrim_(fraternal_police_organization))

(2) <https://findwords.info/term/shomrim>

(3) <https://www.nationalshomrim.org/what-is-shomrim/>

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YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 established the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP). It is a Department of Defense-wide effort to promote the well-being of National Guard and Reserve members, their families and communities, by connecting them with resources before, during, and after deployments. YRRP addresses the unique challenges facing the Guard and Reserve community, including geographic dispersion away from military support networks and fewer deployment resources than the Active Component.



While the Service Member is deployed, invite their family over for Shabbat.



Invite the family to your place of worship for Jewish Holidays.



Send the Service Member a care package during their deployment.



Welcome the Service Member Home with a “*Welcome Home Shabbat Meal.*”

For a list of YRRP in your area: <https://www.yellowribbon.mil> (click on events)