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## DIRENFELD NEW COMMANDER LAINOF IS ELECTED NJA



THE WINNER—of the Jewish War Veterans' highest office, Bernard B. Direnfeld the new National Commander, receives the congratulations of Immediate Past National Commander, Charles Feuereisen, at the wind-up of J.W.V.'s 74th Annual National Convention in Los Angeles, California, August 17th-24th.

### JWV Wraps Up Convention Plans for 75th Jubilee Year

Bernard B. Direnfeld of Cleveland, Ohio and former National Judge Advocate of the Jewish War Veterans, was elected to the organization's highest office at the close of its 74th Annual National Convention which had been meeting in Los Angeles, California the week of August 17th through the 24th.

The new National Commander is a Cleveland Trial Attorney, admitted to practice by the Ohio Supreme Court, the U.S. Supreme Court and other subordinate courts. He holds the degree of Doctor of Law and has served as an instructor in law.

Commander Direnfeld served with the Army Air Force throughout Europe during World War II and was decorated by both the United States and the Belgium governments. He was voted the "outstanding veteran of 1967" and awarded the Joint Veterans Commission Plaque. He is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a Trustee of the Memorial Day Association.

*"L'ghono Tova"*  
from the  
JWV of the USA

May the Coming New Year  
Bring to You and Yours,  
All the Blessings of Peace,  
Health, and Happiness.

**Bernard B. Direnfeld**  
National Commander

**Felix M. Putterman**  
National Executive Director

### Robert I. Lainof Elected to Second Highest JWV Office

The former Commander of the 4th Region, Robert I. Lainof of Alexandria, Virginia, was elected National Judge Advocate of the Jewish War Veterans at the 74th Annual Convention in Los Angeles, California.



Robert I. Lainof

Mr. Lainof, a former Commander of the Israel Kleinman Post 676 in Alexandria, has played an important role in the present growth of the Department of D. C.

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### Historic Resolutions Adopted At JWV 74th Convention

The discussion of Resolutions by the Resolution Committee was one of the highlights of the Convention in Los Angeles in August. The Convention Hall was filled to capacity while proposed Resolutions were being discussed, voted upon and adopted by the Convention.

Despite the fact that there were scores of proposed Resolutions to discuss, there was no time limit on any of the debating. All were thoroughly discussed from all sides and from every possible angle by the delegates.

• **VIETNAM** — The President's call of June 8th for an initial withdrawal of troops was a clear indication of our government's desire to de-Americanize the war in Vietnam. Having spent so much of our national substance in men and materials aiming at the survival of self determination in South Vietnam, the Administration is beginning to re-

spond to the increasing lack of enthusiasm among so many Americans for the continuation of direct military involvement abroad. The JWV with a record of support for the United States of America's commitment in South East Asia consistent, in our opinion, with the National interests and our traditional support for the aspirations of Free people, cannot remain insensitive to the call for greater national unity, implicit in the President's desire to disengage and de-escalate our role in South Vietnam. JWV hails the heroic contribution of our fighting men who have made the greatest sacrifices in a mean and complex war, despite highly visible division and dissent at home. We pledge to continue our interest in the well being of each serviceman from his battle station through his resumption

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### Joseph Roos Honored By Jewish War Vets At L.A. Convention

Joseph Roos, Executive Director of the Community Relations Committee of the Los Angeles Federation Council, was given a testimonial Breakfast by JWV's National Executive Committee at the JWV's Annual National Convention held in Los Angeles last month.

Joseph Solonow, Vice Chairman of the NEC and a longtime voice of JWV in the Los Angeles area, introduced Mr. Roos to the gathering, telling them that Mr. Roos headed up the Committee that is the official public relations arms of the organized Jewish Community in the greater Los Angeles area.

A former newspaperman from Chicago, Mr. Roos, along with General Julius Klein who is a Past National Commander of JWV and also Mr. Roos' uncle, were among the first Americans to recognize the menace of German Nazism to the rest of the world. Together, with some other

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He assumes the highest office in JWV with an organization background as distinguished as his war record. Commander Direnfeld has been a member of Cleveland Post 44 for over 10 years. He served two successive terms as Commander of the 5th Region which comprises 10-Mid West States. He has served as the Commander of the Department of Ohio, the largest department of the 5th Region. Prior to that office he had served as Commander of Cuyahoga County Council. This year he has served as National Judge Advocate of JWV.

Commander Direnfeld succeeds Charles Feuereisen of New Jersey, to this high office of the Jewish War Veterans. He resides in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, with his wife Blanche, who is a member of Post 44 Auxiliary, The Direnfeld's are the parents of a son, Barry, a pre-law student and a daughter, Blanche who is of high school age.

The second highest office of JWV will be filled in the coming year by Robert I. Lainof of Alexandria, Virginia and who has been the Commander of the 4th Region.

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