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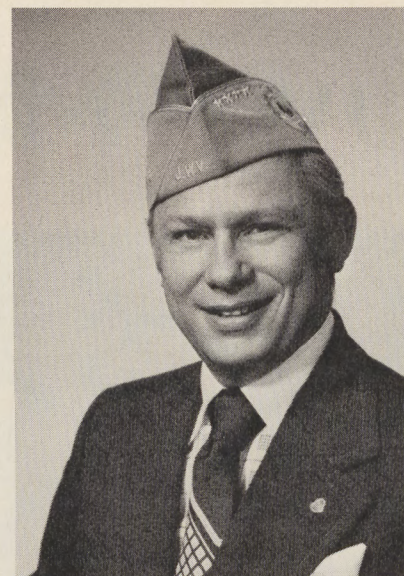
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By Ainslee Ferdie  
*National Commander*



The obituary was short. Only a few lines called note to the passing of Joseph Rosenthal. If you had not looked for it, you probably would not have noticed it. Yet his contributions to his country, his community and to the Jewish War Veterans were of more worthy note than many others who received blatant headlines and longer stories. In latter years when his eyesight dimmed, his vision held true. Long before JWV called for a national policy of reconciliation, Joe Rosenthal had spoken in favor of bringing together all the elements of our society. The kind of problems that concerned Joe also concerned all of us throughout the country.

Our leaders, our spokesmen and indeed our activities are found in all parts of the country. When in connection with Vietnam Veterans Day we attended the ceremonies at Ft. McNair and met with our Armed Forces brass and civilian leadership, Donald E. Johnson, then Director of the VA, was there. He had just come from a confrontation with the American Veterans Movement in California. JWV was the only recognized organization whose spokesman, at that meeting, called him to task. Alex Orlan, with documented shortcomings existing for more than four years, asked why they had not been corrected. It is our personal opinion that the change in leadership of the VA does not change the underlying problems. JWV did not

call for the Director's ouster. We understand full well that the forces determining the destiny of benefits and treatment for veterans is beyond the capacity of any single individual.

The President's impoundment of funds and failure to call for adequate benefits contributes to the problem. Congress' belated granting of increased benefits without restoring the losses sustained in Social Security legislation merely catches up with inflation and does not give any appreciable gain to the veterans receiving the benefits. Perhaps the entire attitude was shown by correspondence from Representative Don Edwards of California, whose Subcommittee was charged with the Veterans Day Hearings. He said his schedule would simply not permit these concerns as long as he was concerned with impeachment. Indeed he sat and did nothing on it for months while the Committee was biding their time with investigative work in connection with impeachment.

Here is a Representative from the state with the largest veteran population in the United States. He says he can't find time for what is a "non-essential" piece of legislation, yet this is a matter of simplicity and of great interest to most veterans. Indeed the Federal government is so far out of step with the public and with the States on the Veterans Day issue, it would not be

inappropriate to picket any Federal office remaining open on November 11th as a means of expressing the veterans' disgust with what amounts to apparent indifference among some in Congress.

Fortunately, there are some Congressmen like Representative Eilberg of Philadelphia. He was one of those who sought to have Edwards hold these hearings. There are many other Representatives and Senators who actively seek appropriate veterans legislation instead of miniscule compromise designed as a stop to keep the veterans temporarily off their backs.

If one wishes to single out a culprit, then one must look to the Bureau of Budget and Management. Here statistics and computers and charts and tables replace human concerns. Here terms like "fiscal management", in effect, say that the life of a man is worth just so many dollars.

There is something wrong with our nation's sense of values when a Vietnam Vet cannot get adequate educational benefits, and where there is no nursing home care or home assistance care of adequate amounts for our World War I and older World War II veterans. This is happening in the United States—where recent legislation will provide more than a billion dollars in foreign loans for undeveloped countries. The United

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# JWV Philadelphia National



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**PLACE:** Philadelphia Marriott Hotel

**DATES:** August 18-25

The Jewish War Veterans' 79th annual National Convention, scheduled to be held in Philadelphia, the birthplace of American independence, during the week of August 18-25, 1974, is rapidly drawing near.

A dynamic, growing city that seems to be conquering many of the ills that have beset other American urban centers, Philadelphia with its rich history, is the ideal location for the JWV national convention.

The convention is scheduled for the luxurious Philadelphia Marriott with its 30,000 square feet of meeting places and plenty of recreational facilities.

Located on City Avenue off the Schuylkill Expressway, the Philadelphia Marriott is just minutes away from the center of the city and Philadelphia's Main Line.

The city certainly has a wide variety of activities to offer JWV delegates. Delegates are within minutes of famous museums, the Franklin Planetarium and the world famous Philadelphia Symphony. And of course, Independence Hall, the birthplace of American liberty, is nearby.

In addition, Veterans Stadium, the home of the National League's Philadelphia Phillies is nearby if delegates and their families prefer to enjoy a baseball game during the evenings.

The Philadelphia Marriott is an ideal facility for the convention. Situated on 20 acres of lushly landscaped grounds, the Marriott is a self-contained resort complex featuring 750 luxurious guest rooms and suites, ten restaurants and lounges, three pools, miniature golf, a game room and special accommodations for children and families.

The Marriott has much to offer JWV delegates with its convenient and spacious convention facilities. The elegant decor and modern appointments of the Marriott make it a most pleasurable experience. Flexible meeting and banquet rooms include closed circuit television, portable stages, sound systems, visual aids, exhibit rooms and hospitality suites.

The convention will get underway Sunday, August 18th,

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