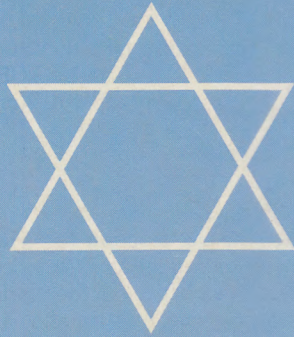


The Jewish Veteran

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Of Special Interest to JWV and Auxiliary Members

Donna S. Green, President
National Echelon, JWVA
1811 R Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Donna:

Enclosed is check number 097046073 of the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, the Insurers for the Jewish War Veterans, in the sum of \$30,825.15 as the final installment payment of the JWVA claimed embezzlement loss.

This check, together with the checks previously received by the JWVA from the Jewish War Veterans Insurers—the Peerless Company in the sum of \$2,500.00 and the Hartford Company in the sum of \$10,000.00—covers your entire claimed loss of \$43,325.15.

The Jewish War Veterans takes pleasure at its success in having been able to be of service to the members of our Auxiliaries through the JWV insurance carriers on the unfortunate situation which led to the JWVA loss.

Sincerely yours,
EDWIN GOLDWASSER
National Commander
Jewish War Veterans of the USA

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I recently received a copy of *The Jewish Veteran*, Vol. 37, No. 4, April-May-June 1983, in which appears an article of personal acquaintance, as I was there with both Major (later Lt. Col) Seiller and Corporal Bernstein, my interpreter and driver for a time as we moved through Germany.

I also simultaneously witnessed the holocaust which is shown in those pages, and took a few pictures of my own. Colonel Seiller, whom I visited yesterday in Louisville, is furnishing me with "Bernie's" address, which I believe is somewhere in California.

We three were in the 12th Armored Division and moved through parts of France and Germany together in WW II. I remained in the Army until retirement, and throughout the years I shall not forget seeing the vast waste of humanity at Lager Kaufering, just north of Lansberg. Of the more than 4000 emaciated, exterminated bodies, only 12 were yet alive. They had hidden in the dung barrels when the huts were set on fire by the SS guards—just before the firing in the distance was heard—surviving to tell only a

part of the story. I personally evacuated the 12 remaining starved men to a small house on the downward slope of the hill near the roadway to Lansberg. My interpreter and I directed the family of the house to give the men baths and feed them—but slowly, as their conditions were such that heavy food would not be digested easily. At this point we had to leave and move on, telling the German family that the next echelon would evacuate them for hospital care.

For me, this inhumane world shame will never be erased from my memory.

Sincerely yours,
James Darwin Stephens
LTC USA-Ret
Georgetown, Kentucky

Dear Editor:

To me, the big reaction to "Platoon" was the debasing of the American GI and America's purpose in the world. It is interesting to note that Rambo, a hero, was ridiculed in the media, while "Platoon", which too often shows American GIs at their worst, apparently cynically and purposefully engaged in warfare, turns out to be a probable prize winner.

We are being overwhelmed by self-abuse in the media, who prefer to show sensationalism and degradation rather than good solid American survival issues. It seems debauchery pays off better than patriotism.

Why don't they have movies showing the horrors perpetrated by the Germans in Russia, or by the Russians subsequently in Germany? They did show the Communist rape of Cambodia in "The Killing Fields," but at no point in the picture did they mention the word Communist, those who caused the whole mess.

Why do the movies so often show our military in an unsavory light and fail to show our prospective opponents in a similar light? Are only the Russians allowed to show patriotic fervor? Is there something wrong with our society that the Russians can find theirs so much more worth preserving and sacrificing for?

Sincerely yours,
Jerome Greenblatt
Laguna Hill, CA

Dear Editor:

"Edythe joins me in thanking all of those of our JWV friends for the many generous contributions to JWV causes on my behalf, all telephone calls, cards and letters that deluged our mail box.

Thanks to all of you, your generosity

and kind thoughts will remain with me. I am hoping that I will soon be back to 100% in my health and hope that I will be able to thank everyone in person.

Thank you, thank you, thank you . . .

Sincerely yours,
Stan Wides
National Membership Chairman
Teaneck, N.J.

Dear Friend,

I want to thank you for helping to bring to justice the Klansmen who lynched my son Michael. Attorney Morris Dees told me this would not have been possible if you had not stuck by the Southern Poverty Law Center and its Klanswatch project. The Center charged nothing to handle my case, and they will not take a penny of the judgement I won against the Klan.

A federal jury awarded me \$7 million in damages for what the Klan did to my son, but the money is not the important thing in this case. It won't bring Michael back.

What is important is that for the first time in history, a Klan group has been held responsible for the violent deeds of its members. This should be a warning to every Klan group in America.

In my heart, long ago, I forgave the Klansmen who murdered my son. I am just so grateful to know that Michael did not die in vain, and that other mothers may be spared going through what I did because of Michael's legal case.

Thank you so much for caring.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Beulah MacDonald
Michael's mother

Dear Editor:

I am overwhelmed and deeply grateful to the many members who, during my hospitalization and recuperation last December, sent heartwarming letters and cards wishing me well. I am touched by the comrades who, in the age-old Jewish tradition, gave *tzedakah* on my behalf and prayed for my recovery and well-being.

Yes, I am a member of other organizations in which I have leadership positions, but they do not measure up to my many friends and associates in JWV.

Many thanks to you all from my wife, Margie, and my entire family for your kind thoughts and good wishes.

Sincerely,
J. Mickey Cohen
(Past NEC)
Los Angeles, CA