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Jewish War Veterans Second "Allied Veterans' Mission to Israel" Rousing Success

JWV has concluded its second Veterans' Mission to Israel and by all reports the Christmas tour was a spectacular success. Participants of the Mission returned with a truer understanding of the nature of Israel's challenges as the sole democracy in the Middle East.

Initiated during the 1989 Easter holidays, this semi-annual event provides the top leadership of America's veterans' service organiza-

tions with an opportunity to personally evaluate the Middle East situation with a first-hand look at the Jewish state.

According to JWV National Commander, Murray L. Rosen, "appearance has replaced fact" in the public perception of Israel. JWV seeks to bring veteran leaders to Israel to meet her people, learn her history, study her military preparedness, and address the current situation confronting Israel.

The visit included many historical sites, such as Masada, Yad Vashem and the Western Wall, the Christian holy places in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth, important military battle sites such as Ammunition Hill, and military installations.

State and Department Commanders, past and present, of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and representatives of AMVETS and the Pennsylvania Department of Veterans' Affairs took part in this Mission.

Each participant returned from the trip with a positive view of Israel, and as an unofficial ambassador of good will to the Jewish State. "The articles I have read in the newspapers are grossly exaggerated," said Arthur Bartolai,

Police Praise JWV for Providing Incentive in Yeshiva Vandalism Case

by Michelle Spivak Kelley, Natl. Dir. of
Communications and Programs

Informant leads police to "skinhead" who admits guilt.

Two-thousand dollars is a small price to pay to put three hate-filled, "skinheads" in prison. Two-thousand dollars is a drop in the bucket compared to the thousands of dollars of damage done to the Yeshiva School of Greater Washington, in Silver Spring, MD. Two-thousand dollars cannot begin to change three troubled men driven to "do something evil." But, it is a start, and it did make a difference.

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. released two-thousand dollars from its reward fund, recently, to pay an informant of the Montgomery County, Maryland Police Department. The confidential source provided key information which led to the arrest of Jeffrey Lee Eskew, a self-proclaimed "skinhead," and two accomplices. Police say the money provided by JWV was "a big motivator." "It's an important incentive that really pays-off," remarked Detective Linda Krieger. "I really appreciate the Jewish War Veterans."

Eskew and two others are accused of causing over twenty-thousand dollars worth of damage to the Yeshiva on December 26, 1989. The school's chemistry laboratory was destroyed, classroom doors were

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The participants of the recent Allied Veterans' Mission to Israel. From l-r: (top row) Tour leader PNC Sam Greenberg; Timothy Carmody, Past State Cmdr., NJ American Legion; Arthur Roy Morin, Past State Cmdr., NJ Veterans of Foreign Wars; Elwin Kline, Dept. Cmdr., MN American Legion; Leonard Pallis, Natl. Suce. Officer, AMVETS; Ignacio Ramirez, Dept. Cmdr., CA. Disabled War Veterans. Bottom row-Art Bartolai, Dir. Vet. Affairs Office, Luzerne Cty., PA.; Michael Brainard, State Cmdr., MN VFW.

National Commander Rosen Joins AJEX Remembrance Day Ceremony



NC Rosen presents commemorative award to AJEX (Association of Jewish Ex-servicemen and Women) Natl. Chmn. Leslie Segal, at ceremony in London. Edmund Rothschild looks on.

FORUM

Editor's Desk

by Warren S. Dolny, National Editor

On behalf of the entire Editorial Board and staff of *The Jewish Veteran*, I am proud to introduce to you our new tabloid. While we have not ceased publication of our magazine, this new format will become our prime informational source to our *Veteran* readers.

Our new format was brought about by a new contractual agreement to sell advertising for this publication, a long-standing dream of the staff. It is hoped that the increased revenue generated from these ads will increase the possibilities for growth of *The Jewish Veteran*. Our new advertisers are featured throughout this issue. I encourage all of our readers to support the products and services of our advertisers. In this way, our advertisers know that our readers appreciate their investment in our publication and their continued participation is encouraged.

Incidentally, we will still publish our critically acclaimed magazine twice a year. Our Pre-Convention issue will announce the schedule of events and guest speakers. Our Convention issue will present a com-

prehensive wrap-up of convention activities, including adopted resolutions, award winners, texts of speeches and an introduction of our new National Commander.

In this first issue of a new decade, we invite you to read about the various activities undertaken by your national organization over the past months. We have sent American veterans on our Allied Veterans' Mission to Israel, in the hopes that their experiences will counteract the negative press Israel has received. Responding to the heinous destruction of a Yeshiva in the Washington, D.C. area, JWV activated its reward fund, offering \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest of the individuals involved in this anti-Semitic act. These individuals were apprehended and the police congratulated JWV for its vigilance in finding the perpetrators. JWV's vital subsidiary, Descendants of JWV, is highlighted in this issue, as is some important information regarding our insurance program.

Lastly, this issue contains our Convention reservation form for our 95th Annual Convention which

will be held in San Diego, CA, August 12-19. I urge all of you to get your reservations in early to be eligible for our Early Bird Raffle. Grand prize is a complimentary room at convention. The first 150 reservations sent to National will receive a special free gift. Also, our fabulous pre- and post-convention cruises are outlined in this issue. This added attraction makes a trip to convention even more affordable. So make your plans to attend our convention and see you in San Diego!

As always, the high quality you expect from *The Jewish Veteran* magazine will continue. I invite all our readers to submit their stories, experiences or comments to our publication for publishing in either the tabloid or magazine. Though we cannot guarantee printing, we always welcome your ideas and encourage suggestions on how to improve the quality of *The Jewish Veteran*. Our readers are our most important responsibility, and their ideas are always carefully considered. We appreciate your continued support.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Comrades:

I am most excited to bring you greetings from the National Ladies Auxiliary, and to share their hopes for a bright future walking side by side with the members of the National Jewish War Veterans.

We all, you and I, wear our hats proudly in the veterans hospitals, at the National Memorial, on telethons, in parades,—anywhere and everywhere we go in response to our dedication.

We all have the same goals for our organization. We dream of a large active membership. We dream of a National Memorial second to none, free of debt. We dream of homes for the homeless. We dream of a State of Israel allowed to live in peace.

The future can be bright because WE believe. We know what and who we are, and we can help those dreams come true for the future because we are the greatest organization in the world—

The National Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. and Ladies Auxiliary

We look forward to greeting you in San Diego. Join us at our joint convention.

Rose Sklar Hurst
National President

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the article about our son, PFC Allan Katz, which appeared in the Fall, 1989 issue of *The Jewish Veteran*.

We have received many phone calls and positive comments about the feature and appreciate your publication of it.

Best regards and wishes for continued success.

Yours in comradeship,
Esther and Hy Katz
PFC Allan Katz Post 118

Dear JWV:

On July 8 of this year, I lost my beloved husband, Benjamin, a decorated veteran of the Pacific. Ben was a member of the Post 459 and I plan to join the Ladies Auxiliary as soon as my personal affairs are straightened out.

The graveside service that was performed by the members of Post 459 was very moving and made the family proud to be part of the Jewish War Veterans and proud of what they stand for.

Shalom,
Mrs. Helen Wolf

Dear Editor:

I read with great interest the letter written by J.D. Schiller which appears in the Fall, 1989 issue of *The Jewish Veteran* (Ed. Note: This letter dealt with the placing of American flags by JWV members on the graves of war dead at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery).

It has always been and continues to be the policy of the Kings County Council, in keeping with the pre-

amble of our national constitution, to "honor their memory and shield from neglect the graves of our heroic dead."

We placed the markers at the veterans grove in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, and we stand prepared to do the same at the grave of any our comrades-in-arms who made the supreme sacrifice during the wars.

Yours in comradeship,
William Posner, PCC
Executive Director,
Kings County Council

Dear Sirs:

I would like to thank the Jewish War Veterans for the sword awarded to me for my participation in the Naval Academy's debate program. The award is much appreciated and I assure you that I will wear it with pride as I enter into the "real navy".

The support of the Jewish War Veterans plays a significant role in the success of our program—the USNA Debate Team was ranked fifth in the nation last year by the National Debate Tournament.

Once again, I deeply appreciate the award and hope you will continue to support the Naval Academy's debate program in the future.

Sincerely,
S.B. Foley
Ensign, U.S. Navy

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View From The Top

by Murray L. Rosen,
National Commander

When I was first elected National Commander of Jewish War Veterans, one of my priorities was to increase the visibility of this organization with respect to the other Jewish and veterans' organizations. I felt this organization and the individuals committed to it were the finest, and that the personnel of the other Jewish and veterans' groups paled in comparison to those in JWV.

Since my election as your National Commander in August, our national organization has printed and distributed over 18 statements, press releases and letters covering a range of topics including responses to slanderous cartoons in local newspapers, JWV's stance on the invasion of Panama, the Dole proposal on a decrease in foreign aid to Israel, and the announcement of a reward for the capture of the perpetrators who savagely vandalized a yeshiva in Silver Spring, MD.

However, how many of you know of JWV's responsiveness and position on these issues or of the high praise given to JWV? I would venture to guess few of you, though press releases and mailings were circulated to all echelons and Posts by National. The reason for this is likely that those responsible to inform the general membership of mailings from National Headquarters, i.e., Post Commanders, National Executive Committeemen, Department and County Commanders, have neglected to disseminate the mailings they receive. I cannot tell you how many times I have spoken with members who are totally unaware of the efforts of National.

This is very sad, because an effective membership requires an informed membership. National and the members are partners in JWV programs. For programs to be successful the two partners must be "in sync". This cannot be accomplished

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NC Rosen with Hon. Edward Derwinski, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.