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JWV 99th Annual National Convention To Convene In Dallas

Delegates from across the country to meet August 21-27

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The city of Dallas, Texas will serve as host for the 99th annual national convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV), August 21-27, 1994. JWV members from across the country and foreign guests will join with the Ladies Auxiliary and the Descendants of JWV at the Grand Kempinski Hotel for a week of deliberations on the future of the Jewish War Veterans and its subsidiaries, as the organization prepares to celebrate its centennial in 1996.

"Our national convention provides the forum for our members to review the past year, promote new programs and deliberate as to the future of JWV," JWV National Commander Edward D. Blatt said. "Our convention affords our members to have a direct voice in the administration of JWV for the year."

As has been customary, an address by a national leader will highlight the conclave. General John Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will address the delegates at the Opening Ceremonies. John Vogel, Undersecretary for Benefits, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, will also address the convention. Local political leaders and Israeli veterans' leaders will give official greetings to

the delegates.

National committees will deliberate JWV policy, and delegates will vote on potential policy positions for JWV. Unlike many other groups, JWV's convention is a democratic forum, where the members, not the leadership, decide the direction of the organization. "In this way," National Commander Blatt said, "our members have a direct influence on the course of JWV."

Concurrent workshops, known for its variety and interest, are once again on the agenda. Workshops on Americanism, membership recruitment and retention, veterans' benefits and Descendants, will afford the delegates the opportunity to learn more of JWV programs of interest to them and their post.

Not all of the convention will be business, however. The JWV National Convention Committee, chaired by PNC Edwin Goldwasser, has arranged for tours and evening excursions for the convention delegates. On Sunday evening, August 21, delegates will have a night at the ballpark, as the Texas Rangers will battle the New York Yankees from the brand-new The Ballpark at Arlington. This new base-

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Dallas - Our Convention City

by Howard Metzger

The Dallas/Ft. Worth area, encompassing more than 30 communities and 3.5 million residents, is so expansive that it has become known as the "Metroplex". Shaped like a giant football field, the Metroplex is 50 miles end to end, stretching from Dallas at the east to Ft. Worth at the west. Dallas is a center for finance, fashion and technology. Dallas boasts more restaurants per capita than New York and more four and five Diamond Hotels than any other city in the nation.

Dallas' reputation as a city where anything is possible dates back to 1841, when an entrepreneur named John Neely Bryan set out to establish a business center on the North Texas prairie. With no port or viable river, Bryan and his associates built a community out of sheer determination. In the 1870's, major lobbying brought six railroads to the area.

The result today is the eighth-largest city in the United States, and the nation's largest inland city. It is truly an international city, a distinction that is evident in everything from artistic to cultural activities and dining choices.

Dallas' international flair is also illustrated in its diversity of industry. The

city today is a major center of banking and finance, aviation manufacturing and operations, electronics and high technology, wholesale and retail trade, health care and related services, professional services, transportation and shipping, international commerce, real estate development, manufacturing and distribution. The area's corporate residents include Exxon, American Airlines, Texas Instruments, JCPenney, Rockwell International, The Southland Corp., GTE, MCI, EDS, Fujitsu, ARCO and Frito-Lay.

The region can roughly be defined as "prairie," though it is far from a flat grassland. The mild climate and seasonal extremes - 100-plus degrees in the summer to below freezing in the winter, are usually short-lived.

In downtown, attractions abound. The Dallas Arts District is the home of the Dallas Museum of Art and Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. Restored trolley cars running on century-old tracks connect downtown with Dallas' "Restaurant Row".

Set within the West End Historic District - the West End Marketplace, a multilevel complex of shops, restaurants, nightclubs and a 10-screen cine-

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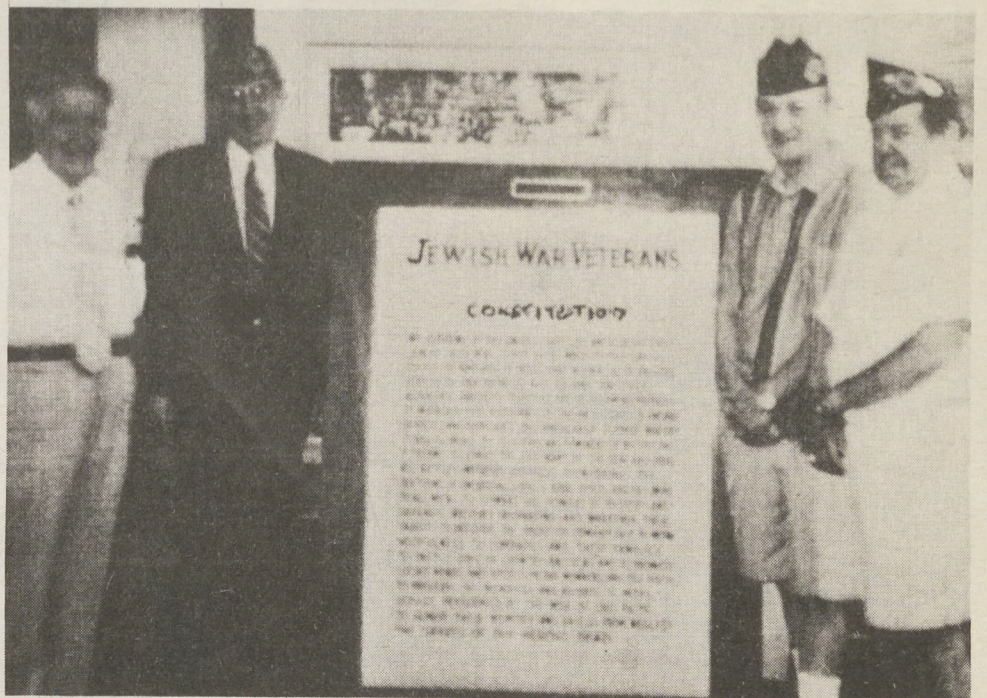
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Pvt. Louis Blum Post 115 donated a copy of the JWV Constitution to the Natl. Museum. Pictured from l-r: Al Lerner, Museum Docent, NED Herb Rosenbleeth, PPC Stanley Goodman, Sr. Vice Cmdr. and PPC Arthur Neuhaus, QM.