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Mission Participants with U.S. Ambassador to  
Israel Richard Jones in Tel Aviv

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## PLEASE JOIN WITH US

March 1, 2006	8:00 PM EST	National Service - Scouting - JROTC * Note new date!*
March 8 -11, 2006		Visit Congress on Capitol Action Day, JWV Congressional reception, NEC meeting
April 20, 2006	8:00 PM EST	The Jewish Veteran equals YOU
May 9, 2006	8:00 PM EST	Leadership at all levels
May 23, 2006	8:00 PM EST	Membership
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June 27, 2006	8:00 PM EST	Veteran Benefits
July 11, 2006	8:00 PM EST	What You expect from National Convention
August 6-13, 2006		National Convention - Richmond, Virginia
Sept. 13, 2006	8:00 PM EST	What happened in Richmond Convention Hi-Lites - New National Commander
Sept. 26, 2006	8:00 PM EST	Membership -- Increasing and Retaining Members and Patrons
Oct. 11, 2006	8:00 PM EST	Veteran Benefits Make sure that your elected officials know of our concerns and needs.
Oct. 24, 2006	8:00 PM EST	Women in the Military
Nov. 14, 2006	8:00 PM EST	Action and Homeland Security Work together to fight anti-semitism
Nov. 30, 2006	8:00 PM EST	Housing and Homeless
Dec. 7, 2006	8:00 PM EST	National Museum of American Jewish Military History
Dec. 19, 2006	8:00 PM EST	Hospital and VAVS

**We anticipate your participation by listening in and pursuing and making more valuable JWV policies and JWV programs in your local area and with your fellow veterans.**

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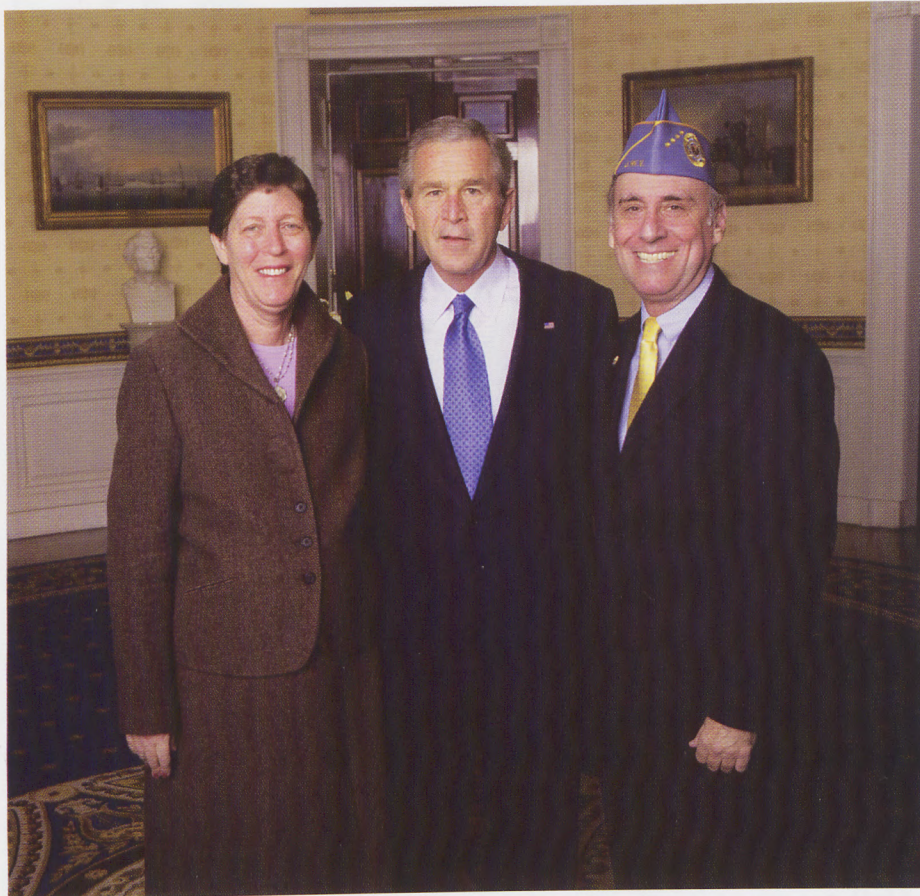
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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

### *A Message From National Commander David Magidson*

#### NEVER LEAVE A VETERAN BEHIND

I have been going to Capitol Hill to speak on behalf of Jewish War Veterans' concerns - Israel, the military, and veterans' affairs - for the past 25 years. Almost uniformly we are warmly received by Congress people and their staffers, who really do care about all three issues. Last year they raised a red flag, though, as to one particular matter - veterans' affairs.



**National Commander David Magidson and his wife Carol meet with President George Bush in the White House**

It seems they attended a briefing by the Veterans Administration which included a proposed budget. Astonishingly, (according to them) the budget did not include one cent of projected expense for the hundreds and hundreds of thousands of returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. I do not know whether this is true or not, but, I do know that the Administration was forced by Congress to pass a two billion dollar Veterans' Supplement. Sadly any lack of planning for the

returning veterans will mushroom into a nightmare of reality for them and for us.

During my travels throughout the United States as your National

Commander, Veterans Administration Executives have taken me aside and issued a plea for help. Monies are short, and they cannot keep up with the new influx. They have to choose between necessary capital expenditures, i.e., replacing outmoded equipment, and keeping needed staff. What a Hobson's choice! The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. has for years strongly supported mandatory V.A. funding. Why? Absent "mandatory funding" the V.A. budget becomes a political football in the hands of whatever National Administration is in power. A few years ago monies destined for the V.A. budget were diverted to the Federal Highway System. Last year the V.A. budget was placed in a "tug-of-war" with the financial needs of the active military. Legislators who are not compliant with orders to minimize V.A. outlays are replaced as Veterans' Committee Chairs.

My friend and fellow Post 243 member, Ed Fischer, provided me with a quote attributed to George Washington which resounds very loudly today.

*"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their Nation."*

We as Jewish War Veterans can "Never Leave A Veteran Behind." Come join us on Capitol Hill March 8 and March 9, 2006, and make our voices heard.

