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Commander's Corner

A message from National Commander David L. Magidson

A THANK YOU AND A PROMISE TO THE GREATEST GENERATION

In our organization, as in life, there is a gradual, and all too quiet, passage of membership and leadership. I wasn't there when the World War I Jewish War Veteran [in the words of General Douglas MacArthur, "simply faded away"]. But I am here now. While it is not too late, as your National Commander, I wanted to say "thank you."

We – The Jewish Community, The Military Community, and The Veterans' Community – owe our World War II J.W.V. brothers and sisters big time. They stepped forward and went to war with no limitation on service. They fought and won the battle for our existence against Nazi Germany; liberated the Concentration Camps, and helped found the State of Israel. As in all wars some died; some suffered physical wounds; and all were affected.

They came home and became the life blood of J.W.V. They attended meetings and recruited members. They raised money. They fought for veterans' benefits. They promoted patriotism and respect for our military. They established a Jewish presence and perspective at the American table.

They wonder [as did the World War I Veterans] whether there will be J.W.V. continuity and progress after they are gone. On behalf of those who served during the Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, in Iraq and Afghanistan, etc., I wish to assure our World War II brothers and sisters we will be there. Why? Because our values as expressed in the J.W.V. Preamble to our constitution remain the same.

We, citizens of the United States of America, of the Jewish faith, who served in the Wars of the United States of America, in order that we may be of greater service to our country and to one another; associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to foster and perpetuate true Americanism; to combat whatever tends to impair the

efficiency and permanency of our free institutions; to uphold the fair name of the Jew and fight his or her battles wherever unjustly assailed; to encourage the doctrine of universal liberty, equal rights, and full justice to all men and women; to combat the powers of bigotry and darkness wherever originating and whatever their target; to preserve the spirit of comradeship by mutual helpfulness to comrades and their families; to cooperate with and support existing educational institutions and establish new educational institutions; and to foster the education of ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen, and our members in the ideals and principles of Americanism; to instill love of country and flag; and to promote sound minds and bodies in our members and our youth; to preserve the memories and records of patriotic service performed by the men and women of our faith; to honor their memory and shield from neglect the graves of our heroic dead.

At a meeting on June 8, of VSO leadership with House Majority Leader John Boehner (R-OH) and House Veterans Committee Chairman Steve Buyer (R-IN), I was wearing my cap as was Rose Lee of Gold Star Wives. Leader Boehner, in answering questions from Rose Lee and me, stated he had never heard of the Jewish War Veterans or Gold Star Wives.

In 1896 there was a need. In 1945 there was a need. There is a real and defined need now!

NC Magidson spoke recently at a gathering in his honor in his home state of Florida.

