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Dec. 7, 2006	Thurs.	National Museum of American Jewish Military History
Dec. 19, 2006	Tues.	Hospital and VAVS
Jan 10, 2007	Wed.	Israel and the Allied Mission to Israel <i>Your opportunity to be part of it.</i>
Jan. 23, 2007	Tues.	Finance Board <i>The Mission</i>
Feb. 7, 2007	Wed.	Americanism <i>Scouting, JRROTC, National Service and other programs</i>
Feb. 21, 2007	Wed.	National Museum of American Jewish Military History <i>Youth and Young Adult Education Program</i>
March 1, 2007	Thurs.	Before NEC/ Capitol Hill Day <i>What to do and expect?</i>
March 14, 2007	Wed.	What Happened at the NEC?
April 12, 2007	Thurs.	The Jewish Veteran
April 25, 2007	Wed.	Update on Information Technology
May 9, 2007	Wed.	Membership <i>The Future of JWV- How to increase and retain</i>
May 22, 2007	Tues.	Leadership at all levels <i>The Post Commander</i>
June 14, 2007	Thurs.	Veterans Benefits <i>What's available?</i>
June 27, 2007	Wed.	Housing and Homeless
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Aug. 1, 2007	Wed.	National Convention <i>What do you expect?</i>
Aug. 23, 2007	Thurs.	At the Convention Information Technology Committee Meeting

A New Year.....

.....A New Number!



Effective January 2007, JWV will use a new conference call number!

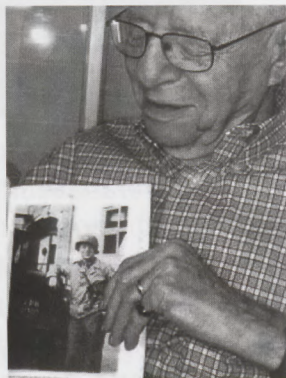
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Commander's Corner

A message from National Commander Norman Rosenshein

"The Mission: The Veteran"

As your National Commander I am excited to share a new initiative that embodies the essence of my goal for my term as your National Commander, "The Mission: The Veteran."

We must not forget that "The Veteran" is not just the veteran of WWII, Korea, or Vietnam." Unfortunately, there are newer generations of veteran to be served, veterans of the Gulf War or of today's Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). We must serve these veterans, whether still in-service or not, to continue our mission of outreach to all of the needs of the veteran community, young and old.

While the veterans of the "Greatest Generation" are confronting the problems brought on by age, a new generation of veterans is coming home to need the services of the VA at a time of dwindling budget resources. Many of the injured veterans of the GWOT have survived wounds that would never have been survivable in previous conflicts and face daunting medical challenges today and for years to come, first at the service hospitals and in the future at the VA medical facilities. Also, for the first time in the history of the Armed Forces, many of the injured and severely maimed veterans are women, who currently make up 15% of our Armed Forces. We must strive to see that the VA can accommodate the special needs of all of these defenders of our freedom regardless of their gender.

In order to assist these veterans of today and tomorrow, we are urging JWV members to work with the military and VA representatives at those military bases where soldiers from the GWOT are first processed upon their return from duty abroad. My own Department of New Jersey is proud of such a program we are currently implementing at Fort Dix. Please check with military installations in your own area to find other bases where you can help with this vital effort to assist our returning troops.

I am also proud to announce the formation of a Persian Gulf and GWOT Working Committee at the National Level under the chairmanship of COL (Ret) Nelson L. Mellitz, USAFR, Commander of

Post 126 in Cherry Hill, NJ. This new committee has two major goals, both of which are consistent with the goals that have motivated the JWV since its founding in 1896. Write to him at National Headquarters with your ideas and suggestions and your willingness to participate.



The first goal of the working committee will be to assist Persian Gulf and GWOT veterans in the same way the JWV has consistently supported all veterans since its founding. The second goal of the group will be to encourage these new and future veterans to become active members of the JWV at all levels of our organization.

In order to accomplish these goals the Working Committee will issue a survey to the greater Jewish community and JWV members at all levels to measure current JWV participation of Persian Gulf and GWOT veterans and guide us in the next step to better serve these veterans. The Working Committee, after its preliminary work, will become a permanent JWV National Committee, serving the immediate needs of these returning veterans and integrating them into the organization.

Our returning soldiers, many of whom come from the National Guard and Reserve components of the military, face a myriad of difficult transitions on their return to civilian life, even if they were fortunate enough to avoid the severe physical injuries faced by so many. They return to lives, careers, and marriages that have been severely impacted by their service and often face problems with such issues as returning to the civilian workforce and dealing with non-physical wounds, such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, that can remain dormant for many years.

As the original founders of the JWV, members of the Union Army, joined with veterans of the Spanish-American War to form a larger organization that continued to welcome veterans of WWI and all succeeding conflicts, we must today join

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News From Capitol Hill

By Col Herb Rosenbleeth, USA(Ret), Nat'l Executive Director



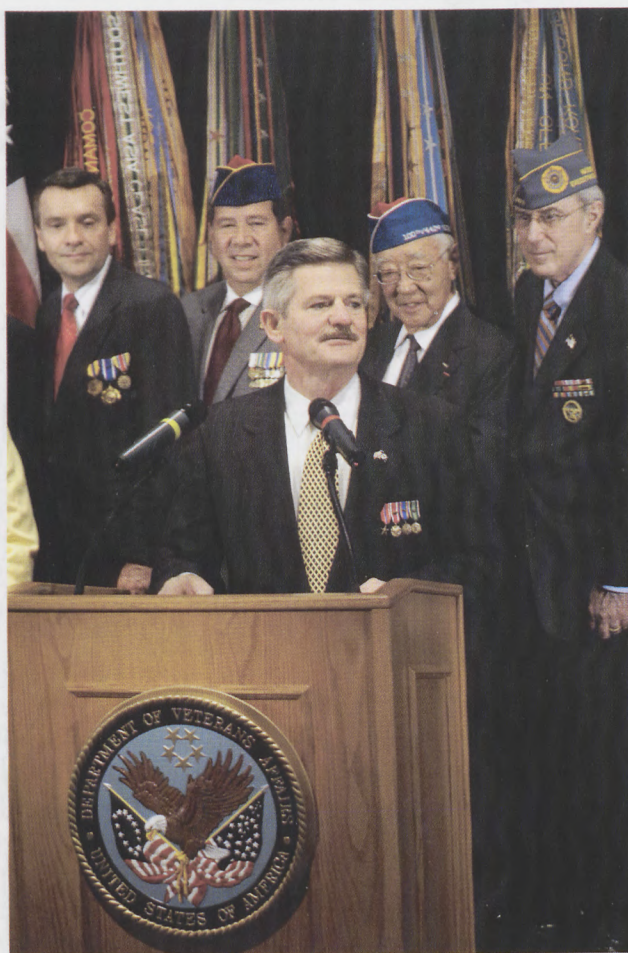
VETERANS PRIDE!

Following in the path of JWV's National Museum of American Jewish Military History, VA Secretary Jim Nicholson has announced the Veterans Pride Initiative.

Beginning with Veterans Day 2006, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) joined with major veterans service organizations to bring veterans together in a symbolic demonstration of unity and patriotism.

Our magnificent museum has always been at the forefront of Veterans Pride! Our museum is an inspiration to our members to submit award citations and we have always encouraged the inclusion of military memorabilia in our collections. Our exhibit material is essentially derived from our collections.

A veteran's military medals tell stories of service, sacrifice, bravery, and accomplishment. Each story is as unique as the veteran who wears those medals.



L to r--Larry Madison, Retired Enlisted Ass'n; Ernie Garcia, Chief of Staff of the Selective Service System (wearing cap of the GI Forum); Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, the Honorable Jim Nicholson (behind podium); Yeichi Kuwayama, 442d Regimental Combat Team and Colonel Herb Rosenbleeth, Nat'l Executive Director, JWV.

As we salute America's heroes on Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July wear your medals and show your pride, whether participating in public observances or relaxing with family and friends. Your medals tell a story of service in the cause of freedom that all Americans need to hear.

REPLACEMENT MEDALS

Medals awarded while in active service are issued by the individual military services if requested by veterans or their next of kin.

Requests for replacement medals, decorations, and awards should be directed to the branch of the military in which the veteran served.

However, for Air Force (including Army Air Corps) and Army veterans, the National Personnel Records Center verifies awards and forwards requests and verification to appropriate services.

More information is available at the VA website:

www.va.gov/veteranspride/