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All individual JWV Post Members are an important part of the Jewish War Veterans. As a JWV member, you can attend a National Committee Meeting by dialing into any Teleconference listed below:



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|----------------|--------|--|
| 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   |
| July 17, 2007  | Tues.  | Women in the Military  |
| Aug. 1, 2007   | Wed.   | National Convention <i>What do you expect?</i>   |
| Aug. 23, 2007  | Thurs. | At the Convention Information Technology Committee Meeting   |
| Sept. 11, 2007 | Tues.  | What happened in Charleston, New National Commander, Resolutions                                   |
| Sept. 26, 2007 | Wed.   | Working together to fight anti-Semitism and protect the Veteran                                    |
| Oct. 9, 2007   | Tues.  | Hospitals and VAWS   |
| Oct. 24, 2007  | Wed.   | Leadership at all levels <i>Make sure your elected officials know of your concerns</i>             |
| Nov. 13, 2007  | Tues.  | United Nations <i>What's it all about?</i>   |
| Nov. 28, 2007  | Wed.   | Homeland Security  |
| Dec. 5, 2007   | Wed.   | Leadership at all levels <i>Meeting your Past National Commanders</i>                              |
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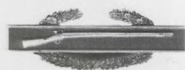
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Your voice matters - your ideas and input is important!**

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# Commander's Corner

*A message from National Commander Norman Rosenshein*



## Our Chain of Service Continues to Grow

The scene is both familiar and heart-wrenching and has been reenacted as long as mankind has gone to war. A young girl mourns her lost love, a warrior cut down in the prime of his life as he made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. The picture on the front page of the Jan. 1, 2007, edition of the *Washington Post* shows this timeless grief repeated at Arlington National Cemetery, as a young girl sits in front of the grave of her lost love, a young man who now lies beneath a simple white headstone topped with a Star of David. (Please see pgs. 16 + 17 of this issue.)

This young Marine, Colin Joseph Wolfe, is but one of the most recent in the long line of Jewish service men and women who have served, and in many cases, given their lives, to defend America in a long chain that stretches back to Dutch New Amsterdam in 1654 and predates the establishment of the United States. We can and must take great pride in this unbroken chain of service.

As those who founded our organization on March 15, 1896, did so to fight unjust perceptions that Jews did not serve in the Civil War, we must continue our struggle to proclaim to the world that Jewish service has always been an unbroken and sacred chain going back to the earliest days of Jewish life in America for over 350 years. Those who do not believe that Jews have served continue this calumny today, while Jews serve at all levels in today's military, from the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan to the halls of the Pentagon. The mission of those veterans in 1896 must sadly still be our mission today.

The inspiration

of this unbroken chain of service was always with me as I met with NATO officials on my recent trip to Europe. I am pleased to be able to share with the members of JMW that the NATO force well represents the ideals of defending democracy in the world wherever it is threatened by terrorism. Please be assured that recent changes in personnel at NATO continue to ensure that U.S. troops within the NATO forces remain under the command of senior American officers and are under senior U.S. control.

As I prepare to present testimony in March to the Joint Committees on Veterans Affairs, I will always keep this unbroken chain of service in mind as the JMW continues to fight for the rights that all service people, both Jewish and non-Jewish, have earned and to keep this covenant of Jewish service that has remained unbroken throughout the years. Therefore I will emphasize the need for mandatory funding to protect the rights of those who have served and champion the causes of women veterans, who now make up 15 % of our service people, and whose special needs must be addressed.



**NC Rosenshein and his wife Freda met with President and Mrs. Bush at the Veterans Day breakfast at the White House.**

As we continue to add links to our chain of service, we must always remember those who have forged their links in previous battles. We must always continue to fight for the rights that they have earned through their service. We have a covenant that stretches back to those early Jews in New Amsterdam through to today's  
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# News From Capitol Hill

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

## CAPITOL HILL ACTION DAY(S), MARCH 7 AND 8! JWV WILL STORM THE HILL!

Wearing JWV caps, military medals and ribbons, JWV National Executive Committee representatives, all other JWV members who wish to participate, and the Ladies Auxiliary, will storm Capitol Hill on March 7th and 8th to present our legislative priorities to individual Senators and Representatives.



### NEVER BEFORE HAS THIS BEEN SO VERY IMPORTANT!

Veterans need and deserve more! We need mandatory funding for VA Health Care. This is JWV's number one legislative priority! Demand for VA health care still outpaces the capacity to deliver care in a timely manner. Each day more and more veterans are triaged onto waiting lists. Congress must appropriate sufficient funds to care for all veterans!

JWV strongly urges Congress to provide vigilant oversight of the VA to protect veterans' personal information. As the result of what happened this past year, veterans are acutely concerned over the potential theft of their personal information. JWV urges Congress to enact laws that put real teeth into personal identity protection programs.

The Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) needs a "total force" approach to integrate all military personnel under Title 38. Educational benefits under the MGIB do not reflect the DoD policy that our nation's active duty, National Guard and Reserve forces are operationally integrated under the Total Force policy.

JWV continues to support improved quality and timeliness of the VA Disability Benefits System. JWV supports investment in the claims processing system including additional staff, uniform standards and procedures for rating claims, upgraded training, quality control and technology, and congressional oversight of the system.

JWV's Congressional Reception will be Wednesday evening, March 7th, in Russell Senate Office Building Room 418. National Commander Norman Rosenshein will present the JWV Medal of Merit to Senator Daniel Akaka, the new Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. All members of JWV and the Ladies Auxiliary are invited!

The next morning, Thursday, March 8th, in the Cannon Caucus Room (345), National Commander Norman Rosenshein will present JWV's legislative priorities to a joint session of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees. NC Rosenshein is an eloquent speaker and he will clearly cover our issues! Again, all members of JWV and the Ladies Auxiliary are welcome to be with us!

The JWV staff will support these important events.  
**We are here to help you storm and take the Hill!**

### SCHEDULE YOUR CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS NOW!

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