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## **Teleconference Schedule • All calls start at 8:00PM EDT or EST**

### **2007**

November 13	Tues.	United Nations <i>What's it all about?</i>
November 28	Wed.	Homeland Security
December 5	Wed.	Leadership at all levels <i>Meeting your Past National Commanders</i>
December 18	Tues.	Veterans' Legislation <i>What's pending?</i>

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### **2008**

January 15	Tues.	Israel and the Allied Mission to Israel - Your opportunity to be part of it.
January 31	Thurs.	Global War on Terrorism (GWOT)
February 14	Thurs.	Finance Board <i>The Mission</i>
February 27	Wed.	Before NEC/Capitol Hill Day <i>What to do and expect?</i>
March 18	Tues.	National Museum of American Jewish Military History
April 10	Thurs.	Leadership at all Levels <i>Make sure your elected Officials know of your concerns</i>
April 23	Wed.	Information Technology
May 14	Wed.	Membership
June 3	Tues.	Public Relations <i>Getting the JWV word out</i>
June 19	Thurs.	Leadership at all levels <i>The Post Commander</i>
July 15	Tues.	United Nations <i>What's it all about.</i>
August 14	Thurs.	At the Convention Information Technology Committee Meeting Viet Nam Veterans Committee
August 15	Fri.	At the Convention GWOT/Homeland Security
August 28	Thurs.	Housing and Homeless
September 10	Wed.	The Jewish Veteran <i>What about it?</i>
September 23	Tues.	Action <i>Working together to fight anti-Semitism and protect the Veteran</i>
October 2	Thurs.	Hospitals and VAVS
October 23	Thurs.	Women in the Military
November 18	Tues.	GWOT/Homeland Security
December 4	Thurs.	Leadership at all levels <i>Meeting your Past National Commanders</i>
December 17	Wed.	Veterans' Legislation <i>What's pending?</i>

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## Commander's Corner

### *A message from National Commander Lawrence Schulman*

Dear JWV Members and Friends,

I am truly honored to have the opportunity to serve as your Commander for the upcoming year. I pledge to you to do my best to represent you, the Jewish War Veterans, and veterans throughout this country who stand for what we believe in.... Freedom throughout the world.

The theme for my term as your Commander is "EVERY VETERAN COUNTS." It is our duty; no, it is our obligation to defend those who helped defend our nation. I ask the following questions: "What have we accomplished over the past years to support all of our veterans, both men and women?" "What support has this nation given to our veterans, and what support is still needed?" These are the questions that need to be answered, and, with your help, it is my goal to answer these and other questions and to continue to seek the benefits and support that our veterans deserve. For many years, our returning Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guard personnel, and Airmen were looked upon as men and women to admire, look up to and to emulate. We were proud to serve and, if called upon now, I am certain that we would proudly serve our country again.

We, the men and women, the former Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guard personnel, and Airmen, must help secure the physical and mental help for those young men and women who are serving today and who are serving in harm's way. We must insure that they receive the help that is needed to get them back on their feet and back into society to become productive husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, and workers so that this country can continue to grow productively.

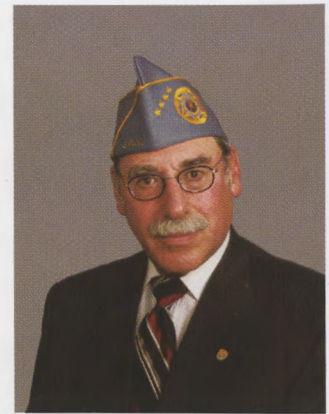
Our central goal as veterans, not only just Jewish veterans, but veterans of all races, nationalities and religions, must be to work together to secure the support needed to maintain the health and welfare of the American Veteran.

Yes, we are Jews, but we are Jewish Veterans.

We were proud to have served, and we are proud to continue to serve. We will always be there when our nation calls upon us to go whenever and wherever we are needed, to defend our freedom, as well as the freedom of others. Now that you have elected me as your National Commander, it is my honor, duty and obligation to serve you. I pledge to fight for the rights that you and other veterans deserve and for the right to receive benefits you need and you fought for. I pledge to do whatever is in my power to make the Jewish Veteran proud-- a leading figure in the defense of veterans throughout the United States. I am truly looking forward to working for you and with you.

Yours in friendship and service,

Lawrence Schulman  
National Commander



National Commander Lawrence Schulman with Israel's UN Council General Ambassador Asaf Shariv

## News From Capitol Hill

By Col Herb Rosenbleeth  
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### VA Secretary

As we go to press, President Bush has announced his decision to nominate Lt Gen James B. Peake (Ret), M.D., to serve as the next Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

General Peake is a 1966 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He served in Vietnam as an infantry platoon leader with the 101st Airborne Division, where he was awarded the Silver Star, a Bronze Star, and two Purple Hearts. After Vietnam, he graduated from Cornell University Medical College and eventually became board certified in general and thoracic surgery.

In 2000, Dr. Peake was nominated to be the 40th Surgeon General of the Army and as Commander of the United States Medical Command. In 2004, he joined Project Hope, a non-profit international health foundation with offices and programs in more than 30 different countries on five continents. Dr. Peake is now serving as the Chief Medical Director and Chief Operating Officer of QTC Management, Inc.

In announcing this nomination, President Bush said, "He will be the first physician and the first general to serve as secretary."

General Peake can count on the full support of JWV!

### Legislative Items of Interest

- H.R. 1585 would inaugurate a total force approach to the Montgomery GI bill, setting the stage for more effective support for armed forces recruitment and greater opportunity for returning veterans of the War on Terror, specifically including members of the Guard and Reserve.
- S. 1593 would provide military members, veterans, and their families with several tax breaks that they most assuredly deserve in light of their contributions to their nation.
- H.R. 3612 would prevent the nearly 10 percent cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors scheduled for January 2008 under current law and would even authorize a modest increase. JWV believes these increases are essential to prevent more doctors from refusing to see elderly and/or military patients.
- H.R. 3026, the Military Spouses Memorial Act of 2007, would authorize a military spouse monument in Washington, DC. This would be a great tribute to all military spouses, from all generations.
- H.R. 2682, the Military Spouses Employment Act of 2007, would amend the Internal Revenue Code to give employers tax credit for hiring military spouses. As military families are making extraordinary sacrifices, a bill to provide a strong incentive to hire qualified military spouses will help military families.