

The Jewish Veteran

April 2009 • Volume 62 • Number 2



*National Commander Ira Novoselsky Being
Congratulated by Senator Daniel Akaka
after His Testimony to Congress*

2009 Teleconference Schedule

Your voice matters -Your ideas and input are important!

**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 toll-free into any
Teleconference listed below:**

PLEASE JOIN WITH US!

To participate in the Teleconference call:
Dial 1-866-266-3378 and then enter the JWV Code Number 202 265 6280#
(Enter the full number, including the # sign)

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

2009

May 7	Thurs.	Long Term Planning
May 20	Wed.	Finance Board
June 9	Tues.	Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Security, United Nations
June 24	Wed.	Membership
July 8	Wed.	National Convention
July 21	Tues.	Finance Board
August 18	Tues.	Global War on Terrorism - <i>time to be announced</i>
August 19	Wed.	Information Technology - <i>time to be announced</i>
August 19	Wed.	Vietnam Veterans - <i>time to be announced</i>
September 8	Tues.	Leadership
September 17	Thurs.	Rules and Meetings
October 6	Tues.	<i>The Jewish Veteran</i> , Taking Action, Public Relations
October 21	Wed.	National Museum of American Jewish Military History
November 3	Tues.	Veterans Benefits, Hospitals, VAVS
November 19	Thurs.	Housing, Homeless, Women in the Military
December 2	Wed.	Allied Veterans
December 17	Thurs.	Leadership

JWV Stamp Program Needs Your Contributions

National Stamp Program Chairman Eugene Moore of Roslyn Moore Post 502 sends approximately 25 boxes of stamps, both foreign and domestic, to VA Hospitals with therapy programs every second month. If you have any stamps that can be used in this worthwhile program to support our veterans, please send them to: Eugene Moore
5951 Regal Glen Drive #107
Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Contents

Features

- 8 20 Years as a Jewish Army Nurse
- 10 Book Reviews
- 11 Ed Robins Announces Candidacy
- 20 2009 Allied Veterans Mission to Israel

Departments

- 4 Commander's Corner
- 5 News from Capitol Hill
- 6 Letters to the Editor
- 7 Editor's Corner
- 12 Commentary
- 14 Press Releases
- 22 JWV in Action
- 23 New Members
- 25 People and Places
- 25 Reunions/In Search Of
- 26 Museum News
- 30 Taps



20 Years as a Jewish Army Nurse
Page 8



Allied Veterans Mission to Israel
Page 20

Organized 1896
Official Publication of the
Jewish War Veterans of the
United States of America

Ira Novoselsky
National Commander

Paul Bernstein, PNC
National Editor

Herb Rosenbleeth
National Executive Director

Cheryl Waldman
Managing Editor

Christy Turner
Graphics / Production Editor

Robert M. Zweiman, PNC
Editorial Fellow

The Jewish Veteran is a member of
The American Jewish Press Association.



EDITORIAL OFFICES, 1811 R Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20009, Telephone: (202) 265-6280 x504, Fax: (202) 234-5662, Home Page: <http://www.jwv.org>, e-mail: jwv@jwv.org. Advertising information and rates available from the Editorial Office. The opinions expressed in signed articles and letters in this magazine are not necessarily those of JWV. The Jewish Veteran is published 5 times a year: Winter (Jan-Feb), Spring (Mar.-Apr.-May), Summer (June-July-Aug), Post-Convention (Sept.-Oct.) and Autumn (Nov.-Dec.) by the

Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America at 1811 R Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009. Periodical postage paid at Washington, DC, and at additional mailing offices. Subscription price in the United States is \$5.00 per year, included in membership. Nonmember subscriptions: \$7.50. Single copies: \$2.50. Photos and articles submitted to the Jewish War Veterans of the USA shall be used at the discretion of the organization. JWV assumes no responsibility for products and services advertised in this publication. Postmaster: Send address changes or undelivered copies to The Jewish Veteran, 1811 R Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20009. © 2006 by the Jewish War Veterans of the USA.

Reproduction without permission is prohibited. ISSN 0047-2018

2009 Jewish War Veteran Publishing Schedule

June 2009 copy, photo, ad deadline –May 22; in mail June 22
Convention issue copy, photo, ad deadline –Sept. 4; in mail Sept. 25
November 2009 copy, photo, ad deadline –Oct. 16; in mail Nov. 18



Commander's Corner

A message from National Commander Ira Novoselsky



I am now more than half way through my term as your National Commander of the JWV of the USA. On March 15th, JWV reached 113 years of existence. We are the oldest active veterans' organization in the United States. And boy what a job we are doing!

Since our last issue of *The Jewish Veteran*, I have traveled far and wide representing our organization with my Chief of Staff Steve Lodgen. One of our memorable trips was our trip to Israel with the members of the Allied mission. It was an extraordinary honor to see our ancient homeland moving forward and still remembering our heritage in cities like Jerusalem and Bethlehem--visiting Yad Vashem, Ammunition Hill, Tel Aviv, Tiberius, Haifa, the Dead Sea, Caesarea, the Naval Base on the border to visit the Israeli soldiers and Naval Command, the Golan Heights, the Israeli Intelligence Heritage and Commemoration Center, Rabin Square, the Talmudic Village in Qasrin, Dona Garcia Hotel, Qumran Village, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Church of the nativity, JNF American Independence Park and many more sights.

Many JWV members joined Allied Mission guests, led by George Sepp and his wife Gloria, from Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas and New York. It was wonderful meeting them, meeting new JWV members on the trip (Ray and Jonathan Waite and Ricki Letowt from Maine; Ed Hochman and Nan from New York) and especially those members of Jerusalem Post 180. It was also wonderful being with our Mission JWV members. It was also very gratifying to be with our Israeli counterparts of TZEVEET. Everything was so overwhelming. Special thanks to our guide, Ronit. She was OUTSTANDING!!!!

Our trips to Pennsylvania with Steve and to Ohio and California, with my Chief Aide, Joe Cole, were very fruitful while visiting VA hospitals, Camp Pendleton medical facilities, historical sites and everyday people. It was great to meet the Ohio Secretary of Veterans Services, Bill Hartnett, and to present Honorary Membership to the Governor of Ohio. He was very accommodating and down to earth. He deserved this honor for his support of veterans.

Meeting JWV members from various Posts of the Department of California, whom I had never met before, was invigorating. In California, Rabbi Elson was most helpful in arranging our tour of the Bonhomme Richard Aircraft Carrier and troop mover. Getting a proclamation

from the Mayor of the City of Oceanside, CA, James Wood, was impressive, and visiting the Haym Solomon Statue in LA, after we had visited the Haym Solomon cemetery in Pennsylvania was very rewarding.

We also visited the Comfort House for VA families and veterans, a Veterans Home in Philadelphia and we met the Director of Veteran Services in Philadelphia, Mr. Edgar Howard.

Future trips will bring my staff and me to the Departments of New Jersey, New York, Maryland, and Florida to mention a few. I am also planning to visit Annapolis and West Point. Thanks to Department Leaders for making these arrangements: LTC Maxwell Colon for putting us up at his home; PDC Steve Rosmarin; DC Greg Lee; PDC Art Kamlet; VSO Ed Robins; PNC Joe Zoldan; PDC Roger Gove; DC Saul Laub; DC Larry Holman, PNC Sam Greenberg; and DCC Herb Zemble. And I can't forget our National President Joanne Lipshitz.

More of my highlights include joining the Jewish Council on Public Affairs, of which JWV is a member, for their Capitol Hill Day. Then I hopped over to our Capitol Hill Day and the presentation of my testimony in front of the Joint Committees on Veterans Affairs of the House of Representatives and Senate. Making my presentation was very rewarding, especially when the members questioned me, and other veterans' organization leaders, about our presentations. The Committee members were very interested in the issue of homeless veterans, an issue that I was the only leader addressing. We made a huge impression on the Committee. Another success was our Congressional reception where we honored Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) for her outstanding support of veterans and the Jewish-American heritage.

I will report on my future trips and events in the next issue of the Jewish Veteran.

Thank you all for your continued support.

I hope you had good and happy Passover

News From Capitol Hill

By Col Herb Rosenbleeth
U.S. Army(Ret)
Nat'l Executive Director



Military District of Washington joint service color guard and drum and fife unit opened our reception.

The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) accepting the prestigious JWV Medal of Merit from National Commander Ira Novoselsky and, at right, addressing our reception.



We appreciate the support of those from other veterans organizations including Bob Norton (Military Officers Association), Morgan Brown (National Association of Uniformed Services), Kathy Moakler (National Military Family Association), and Eric Hilleman and Justin Brown (both of the Veterans of Foreign Wars).

Jews in Combat

Dear Editor:

I just saw the movie, "Gentleman's Agreement," on TV. In it Gregory Peck is a Gentile playing a Jew. In a discussion about WWII, one of the other actors asks Peck, "You were in Public Relations, weren't you?" Peck responds, "What makes you think so?"

A neighbor tells me the Jewish soldier's favorite weapon was a typewriter.

Every Jewish guy my age that I knew was in the Armed Forces during WWII. Indeed some were in rear echelon jobs, BUT, many like myself were in mortal combat.

The fact is that a significant part of the American public believes that Jewish soldiers managed to avoid combat. With anti-Semitism growing on college campuses, I feel we are obligated to set the record straight.

Recently I attended the funeral of a distant relative. I was astonished to find out, for the first time, that he was a veteran AND that he was a Platoon Sergeant in a rifle company with a Combat Infantry Badge and a bunch of Battle Stars. He had died, taking a valuable piece of Jewish American history with him.

A friend who was shot down over Yugoslavia would talk about it only when pressed. He, too, is gone now. A Temple member lost an arm in the Battle of the Bulge. Another guy lost a leg in Africa.

While the stories in *The Jewish Veteran* are appropriate and interesting, they don't address the problem outlined above. Why can't we have a regular feature in the magazine titled, "My Most Unforgettable Day in Combat!" I want to read about other Jewish guys who really put their lives on the line like I did.

In my rifle company we had a Friedman and a Shapiro. For months we all had Nazi artillery and machine guns trying to kill us, AND these ignorant college kids don't know it! Let's tell them!

Sincerely,

Murray Leff,
Steine-Golde Post, Queens, NY

Women in the Military

Dear Editor:

I was fascinated by the article titled "An Unconventional Enlistment" by Amy Berger in the

February 2009 issue of *The Jewish Veteran*. I was fascinated because it was by a woman about a service woman.

I am 84 years old and served 20 years in the Army Nurse Corps when nice Jewish girls didn't do that. In fact, the services didn't know exactly what to do with any woman. Nurse officers were not allowed to attend the post movie theater, nor use the commissary, nor live off post, nor marry. After they were allowed to marry, they weren't allowed to have children, even step-children.

However, I have written a story of my twenty years in the Army Nurse Corps from the aspect of being Jewish, not about being a woman. I thought you might be interested in my story because it is do different from and yet similar to Amy Berger's story. And it is, I think, humorous.

Sincerely,

LTC Miriam G. Rothchild, USA (Ret.)
Charles B. Krieger Post 567

[*Editor's Note: Please see p. 8 for LTC Rothchild's article.*]

East Boros Apartments

Dear Editor:

For the past 15 years my mother was a resident of the East Boros apartments in Monroeville Pa. This place was a tremendous blessing to her. She was able to afford a nice apartment and still have some spending money. The manager was always friendly and helpful and so were the maintenance workers. My mother was able to spend her final days without worry because of the wonderful work your organization does. A special thanks to Post 718 who sponsored the building. Thank you again.

Dave Shields

VA Medical Research

Dear Editor:

At a time when our nation is at war, we are reminded of our country's commitment to care for its service members and veterans. This commitment extends not

Editor's Corner

By PNC Paul Bernstein, National Editor

Veterans can now salute the flag. For many years now, I wanted to salute the U.S. flag during the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem instead of just placing my hand over my heart. We earned that right and now all veterans can.

A Congressional Amendment in the National Defense Authorization Act, 2009, states that "members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who are present, but not in uniform may render the salute." They can also salute the flag during the National Anthem as well as during "the hoisting, lowering and the passing of the flag."

We, as veterans, continue to represent our military services even not in uniform; it is a form of honor and respect we fought for, and those around us, seeing this gesture to the flag, will know we are proud veterans.

Now changing the subject to Homeland Security, I have good news and some bad news. For some time now, I have stressed the need to protect our Ports. Intel experts have stated that nuclear material for bomb making and other contraband would enter this country via our Nation's seaports. The ports are still not secure and protected. We need locking devices on containers, X-ray machines and nuclear detection devices for containers and trucks entering and leaving the ports. They are in the planning stage, and one day they will be operational.

Now back to the good news, over one million dock workers have been registered under the TWIC program. The TWIC is a transportation security work-

ers' identification program. Magnetic badges are issued to each worker and each trucker at the port. That's a great system, but here is the bad news I mentioned earlier. There are no readers in place to scan the badges. After two years in the planning, we still don't know who belongs at ports.

In the field of security, half a job is no job; security is wanting. Come to think about it, if a dirty bomb is their goal, many nuclear material components already exist here. Most hospitals have nuclear radiation departments, and universities use nuclear devices in laboratories. These institutions must insure that their nuclear materials do not fall into the wrong hands.

On another topic, our U.N. Chairman PDC George Weinstein has reported that the next Annual International Holocaust Commemoration Day at the U.N. will be held on January 26, 2010. JWV and other organizations were instrumental in setting this event up in Resolution 60/7, which was adopted by the General Assembly. Do you hear that you Holocaust deniers? There was a Holocaust. There are several web sites that might interest you. For more information go to <http://www.un.org/webcast/2009.html>. Regarding human rights go to www.un.org/right.



Letters to the Editor

only to medical care through the VA system, but to federal investment in medical research. Such research can help identify the causes of the chronic and sometimes fatal diseases that members of the military develop, possibly as a result of their military service.

I do not know for certain that my lymphoma (a type of blood cancer) has a direct relationship to radiation exposure during my service in a post A-bomb Hiroshima in 1945. What I do know is that a greater investment by the federal government in research on this topic could help me and countless other veterans understand the origins of our disease, and help scientists discover new ways to treat, and someday even

cure, these diseases.

That is why I, as a veteran and as a member of the Lymphoma Research Foundation, am working to encourage lawmakers to pay greater attention to this issue and dedicate more funds for this type of research. I invite my fellow JWV members who are interested in this topic to learn more at www.lymphoma.org/ advocacy.

Philip Hochman
JWV Member
Plainfield, NJ

20 Years as a Jewish Army Nurse 1950 through 1970

By LTC Miriam G. Rothchild, USA (Ret.)

I joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1950 during the Korean Conflict because I liked to travel, and my Christian nurse friends were joining. I planned to stay in the Army for one year, which was permissible at that time. As happens frequently, my life changed, and I stayed for 20 years.

When I joined the Army, my name was Lieutenant Miriam Ginsberg, a Jewish name if I ever heard one. After Basic Training and my first stateside assignment, I was transferred overseas, as they badly needed nurses to care for the wounded coming out of Korea.

My new assignment was Tokyo Army Hospital, which was the major back-up hospital for all allied patients out of Korea from all countries. It was a most interesting assignment. I arrived in Tokyo in early September, and the Rosh Hashanah-Yom Kippur holidays were about to begin. I was the only Jewish nurse at the hospital although there were a few Jewish doctors, and probably a few Jewish enlisted personnel. There was no Jewish Chaplain at the hospital.

The word came down that all Jewish personnel in the area were invited to attend a Jewish New Year's reception given in downtown Tokyo by the "locals." Since I was new in country, and relatively new in the Army, I didn't know who the "locals" were, and, of course, I assumed they were Americans.

I decided to go to the reception because I wanted to let the Jewish and the non-Jewish personnel know that I was proud of who I was.

When I arrived at the reception, I found that our hosts were all men—all Jewish men, and all Japanese Jewish men at that! And apparently Orthodox!

Since they were Japanese, they spoke Japanese and a little Hebrew; nothing else. I had not yet learned any Japanese words, and I spoke no Hebrew. They expected the male physicians and a few enlisted men; they were

not expecting any women at all. They didn't know how to even greet foreign women, and I didn't have a common language with which to communicate with them. After about fifteen minutes of very uncomfortable standing around, I left the reception and decided to put my religious observance on hold until a later time.

Once when I was first stationed at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC, early in my Army career, on a Sunday morning, while I was working as a staff nurse, my non-Jewish head nurse was being considerate when she asked me, as well as the other personnel, when we would like to take off a couple of hours to go to church. She wanted to make certain that the floor was properly staffed at all times.

After everyone else had made their requests, she again asked me. I thought she was kidding, and so I said, "My name is Ginsberg." She said, "What has that to do with it?"

I then realized that she honestly didn't know that, with a name like Ginsberg, I was probably Jewish. She was from the Midwest, and she had heard of Jews, just as I had heard of aborigines, but she had never knowingly met a Jew, nor did she know what Jews believe. When I told her that I was Jewish and attended religious services on either Friday or Saturday, but not Sunday, she couldn't believe it. To her, I was just like everyone else; how could that be possible if I were Jewish!

We continued to work together and got along just fine, but I decided that I needed to go to services as often as possible so that people would know that I was



Jewish and that Jews who “are just like everyone else” can be observant Jews.

We had a Jewish chaplain at Walter Reed so I would go to services on Friday evening at 4 PM; that would allow the Rabbi to get home and not drive during the Sabbath.

Other interesting Jewish experiences I had occurred during the Vietnam War late in my career when I was stationed in Okinawa at the only Army Hospital there. This hospital provided stateside-like medical care for all U.S. military personnel med-evaced out of Vietnam. I had the position of Educational Coordinator for Nursing Service and worked directly for the Chief Nurse of the Hospital.

Upon my arrival on island, my chief nurse who was Christian welcomed me on the day of my arrival by coming to my Bachelor Officer’s Quarters with a bag full of bagels. I was surprised to get bagels here on a small Japanese island off the coast for Korea. So I asked her how come! She said there was a German baker who lived on island, and he sold these in his bakery. (He was Jewish, but she didn’t know that!!)



Now, I came from a family that knew about bagels, but we ate them primarily when my family visited my grandparents in Baltimore on Sundays. I would eat a bagel if that were my only choice, but they were not my first choice of bread. When I told my chief nurse that, she couldn’t understand. She was under the impression that all Jews just LOVE bagels, EAT bagels and would give their eye teeth for a bagel. How could I be Jewish and not love bagels???

My culinary interests stayed my own, and because of my job, I soon knew almost everyone in the hospital, and everyone soon knew me.

One of the Army doctors on the staff was Jewish and married, and he had his pregnant wife with him in this relatively safe environment in Okinawa. She subsequently gave birth to their first child, a nice Jewish baby boy.

The doctor-father was justly proud and, as an observant Jew, wanted his son to have a Bris. Although there

were no Mohels on the Island of Okinawa, there was a Jewish urologist on the hospital’s staff, and he was asked to do the job.

All of the ingredients for the party were assembled, and everyone who was anyone in the hospital, Jewish or non-Jewish, was invited. The party was in the hospital conference area.

In one room, there was the family and others needed for the ceremony. In addition, there were most of the male guests, including the non-Jewish males who were anxious to find out what Jews do at a ritual circumcision.

The other guests, mostly women, not knowing what else to do, wandered into the second room where the food was; I was the only Jewish person in that room.

The women (all non-Jewish) wanted to know all about this strange party they were attending. They wanted to know “What is a Bris; is it necessary to have a Bris; doesn’t it hurt the child; why was cutting the foreskin on a baby boy worthy of a “party;” do all Jewish boys have a Bris; and what, if anything, is done for girl babies? And since the parents had im-

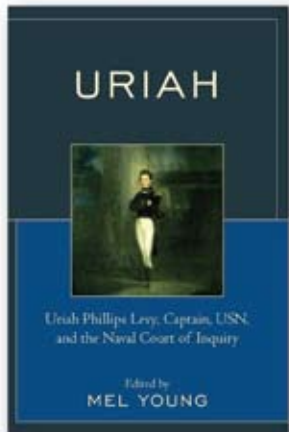
ported from the states all kinds of ethnic Jewish pastries to make this a real occasion, the guests also asked why were the pastries different; was it necessary to have these different pastries; and what do Jews eat at home?

I became the authority. I was expected to give detailed answers, and I did my best to answer each and every question. (I was exhausted by the end of the affair.)

My time in Okinawa was wonderful, and I enjoyed it thoroughly. I gave tours to visiting generals, arranged for the Okinawan nurses to work in the American Army hospital, toured an Okinawan hospital, gave classes to all the nursing personnel, and so on. When my tour was up, I returned to Walter Reed.

During my years in the Army, nursing was changing. In the late 1950s, the Army decided to open the first unit for studying the practice of nursing: Research

Continued on page 24



URIAH: Uriah Phillips Levy, Captain, U.S. Navy, and the Naval Court of Inquiry, Edited by Mel Young. University Press of America, \$22.99. Available from amazon.com. ISBN 0761844392.

Reviewed by Herbert Y. Schandler, Colonel, USA (Ret.)

This short book edited by Mel Young, himself a West Point graduate (Class of 1952), attempts to show, by excerpts from the official records of a Naval Court of Inquiry, the parallel issues between the Biblical Uriah and the American Uriah, Captain Uriah Phillips Levy, USN, and the trials and tribulations of each. The Biblical Uriah was placed in a position by order of King David, where he would most likely be killed in action so that the King could claim his beautiful wife.

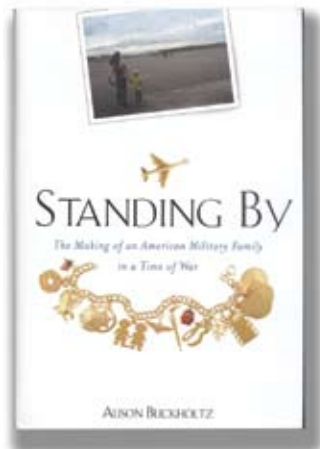
Uriah Phillips Levy entered the U.S. Navy in 1812 and served until his death in 1862. He was confronted by a series of circumstances that indicated the prejudice manifested by the Navy during that period. He suffered discrimination at all ranks because he was a Jew. Finally, after attaining the rank

of Captain, his name was ordered stricken from the rolls of the Navy in 1855, apparently because of this prejudice. The Secretary of the Navy, in 1857, upon former Captain Levy's application, ordered a Court of Inquiry affording Levy "a full opportunity to meet any charges against you."

Mr. Young then extracts from the 900 pages of the Court of Inquiry of this American Dreyfus to show testimony for and against Captain Levy. His quotation of the official record shows that the testimony offered convinced the members of the Court of Inquiry "That he ought to be restored to the active list of said Navy." Captain Levy made an impassioned statement in a letter to the Court decrying prejudice against Jews in the United States as being unconstitutional and possibly being applied to other groups in the future.

Despite this prejudice, as Mr. Young shows in an interesting epilogue, members from the extended Levy family attended or graduated from the United States Naval Academy from 1864 to 1931.

In a supplemental page, Mr. Young records an interesting but rather unknown historical fact. In his last will and testament, Captain Levy gave his "farm and estate in Monticello in Virginia formerly belonging to President Thomas Jefferson...to the People of the United States or such persons that Congress shall appoint to receive it." In 1923, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation was formed and acquired Monticello for the United States from Jefferson Monroe Levy, a nephew of Captain Uriah Phillips Levy.



Standing By: The Making of an American Military Family in a Time of War, by Alison Buckholtz. Tarcher/Penguin, \$24.95. ISBN 9781585426959.

While our military is deployed in harm's way, especially during this time of war in both Iraq and Afghanistan, their families are struggling to make lives for themselves, often

far from home themselves. In *Standing By* Alison Buckholtz tells the story of her family and of the other military families standing by at home while their loved ones are deployed for months at a time.

While Buckholtz' story is a universal story of the American military family, her story has the additional resonance of a Jewish family, not only far from home, but also far from a Jewish community.

Buckholtz' story goes back to the families of the Revolution, back to the example of Martha Washington, who herself was left to tend her family and home and support the other military families of soldiers under her husband's command.

Buckholtz's honesty about the difficulties of raising children whose father is far away for extended periods, the joys of the community of other military families, the adjustments necessary to raise children in a Jewish home far from a Jewish community, and the daily life of these brave military families is a welcome addition to the library of literature on our military in general, and our Jewish service people in particular.

While our service people have the support and gratitude of their nation, Buckholtz reminds us that their service would not be possible without the love and support of those who are left behind. Buckholtz shines a much needed light on the lives of those military families without whose love and support, our service people would not be able to serve. This fascinating book shines a light on those families who are often left behind not only by their loved ones but also by the general population that is often not sufficiently aware of their contributions to our freedoms.

Edwin M. Robins Announces His Candidacy for National Commander

Edwin M. Robins of Ohio, Director of JWV's National Service Officer Program and the first ever winner of the Murray L. Rosen Member of the Year Award, has announced his candidacy for National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA.

Ed, who has brought in over 100 members to join the JWV, is running for National Commander with a commitment to make the JWV better and stronger than ever.

Ed was born in Pittsburgh, PA and enlisted in the Army on the day he graduated from High School. He was an Acting Sergeant Major at the time of his discharge.

Ed, a member of Paul A. Rosenblum Post 44 in Cleveland, OH, has held many positions, some more than once, including Commander, in his Post and on the Cuyahoga County Council. He has also served in all positions in the JWV Department of Ohio and has been Department Commander twice.

He is in his 20th year as a JWV National Service Officer, has been a Representative at the Louis Stokes Brecksville Hospital for over 30 years and has over 8,000 volunteer hours at both Wade Park and Brecksville Hospitals.

He has served for 30 years on both the Joint

Veterans Commission of Cuyahoga County and the Memorial Day Association of Cuyahoga County, and he has been President of each organization three times.

On the National Level at JWV, he has served as National Adjutant, National Soviet Jewry Chairman, National Executive Committeeman, on the Resolutions and Awards Committees and on the National Board of Inquiry and the National Court.

Ed, who has worked as the State Manager for Bankers Life and Casualty Company, has been married to the former Helene Goldberg for 57 years. They have three children, sons Michael and Joel and daughter Shari, and two grandchildren, Eliana and Odelya.

Ed and Helene are Life Members of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History and the JWV and Auxiliary.

Ed, who was elected to the Ohio Hall of Fame in 2006, is also a member of the American Legion and is a Life Trustee of his synagogue.



Dr. Harvey J. Bloom Dallas Post 256 JWVUSA Contributes to New Fisher House

As many thousands of soldiers and veterans received treatment at VA Medical Centers and military hospitals across the United States, the lack of temporary, affordable housing for military families wishing to visit their loved ones presented a flaw in the mental and physical rehabilitation process.

Over twenty years ago, the Fisher Family Foundation, realizing the need, began to build "homes away from home" next to veterans and military hospitals. There are now more than three-dozen high quality homes across the country, each housing up to 42 people for stays up to one-month "free of charge," allowing families to be together as their loved ones receive treatment nearby.

Although the Fisher Foundation provides for the construction of the houses, additional contributions are needed to furnish and provide for appliances and supplies. After the newly-built Fisher House in Dallas was near completion, it was apparent to members of JWV Post 256 who were volunteering at the nearby VA Hospital that certain kitchen items were needed.

By unanimous vote, Dallas Post 256 members, voted to purchase a commercial grade ice-maker and ice-cream maker for the new house.

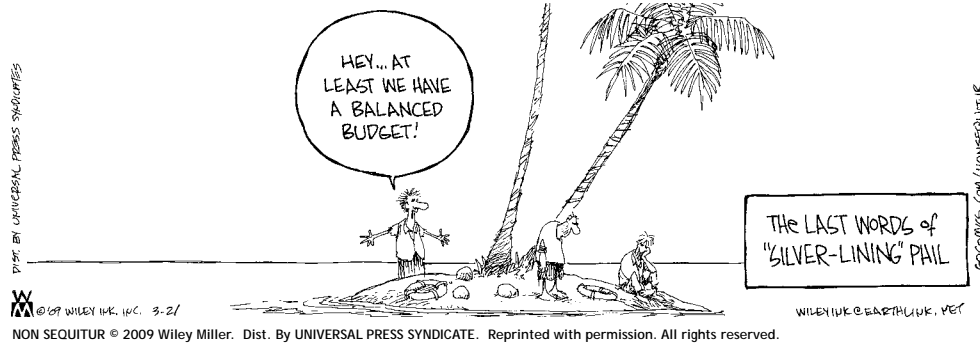
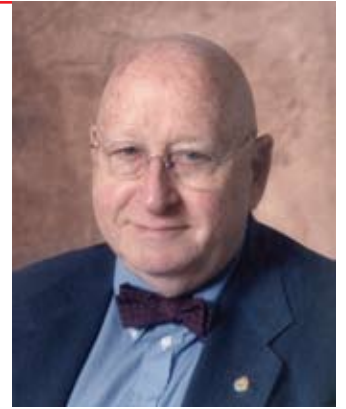
The accompanying photo was taken recently at a special "Thank You" reception in honor of the post's contribution.



Project Chairman Dick Lethe (on left) and Chief Fund-raiser Maury Schermann (on right) at the ice-maker, reading the plaque which credits Post 256.

Commentary

By PNC Bob Zweiman, Chairman, Coordinating Committee



Over the last few months, I, together with our citizens, have been treated by Professor Paulson and Professor Geithner as if we were slow addled students whom they require to absorb their lessons in economics without questioning their meaning—as sponges in a course in unreality. Add to all of that a requirement of control without question of its implementation or tracing the expenditure of the bailout funds.

I can remember the economics classes I took as a student at NYU—there were no student sponges there since the majority of the students were there under a newly enacted GI Bill and let no economic truth go by without detailed questioning of our professor who became uncomfortable in having to specify the reasoning for an economic fact. He didn't use a term he couldn't explain.

There are now an unlimited number of TV economic soothsayers who pompously doubletalk the issues to show how much they don't really know. They are trying to convince our citizens that we are not the victims, but rather that we are the ones who caused it all by permitting the greedy to bundle our mortgages and other credit instruments and sell them, knowing that they were not worth the powder to blow them to hell. We apparently are the ones who fooled the financial powers into thinking that we were looking for a better standard of living at their expense and our nation's stability.

Now that we understand this, we will get out of our mess by allowing private investors to join with the government in bundling so-called toxic assets and selling them to others for a profit. Of course, the government will be taking the major part of the cost in creating the bundle [whoever said our government was not a quick learner?] Hey, it worked in getting us into the mess—it should work in

getting us out, in part, or, at least, just a little. If it doesn't work, the investors, at least, won't be hurt too much. If they don't name him as Geithner's Number Two man in the U.S. Treasury, they will probably get Bernie Madoff to represent us.

Now, let me go back to what for many years was the golden rule of economics—namely the Balanced Budget approach. The States and Federal governments pranced around telling us that we can only spend an amount of money equal to what we actually take in in revenue. The illusion was made to seem real.

It was so simple that the citizens ate it up—even though it reallocated defined trust monies legislated for specific purposes over to general purposes to give the appearance of equality, such as a five-year moratorium imposed on veterans' health and other benefits and other social welfare programs which were turned over to non-profits to provide relief. We believed it to the point where we voted for amendments to State Constitutions to enforce an unenforceable theory that masked the needs of society.

Now, Balanced Budget is an economic stone in a rock garden of social indifference. It gives way to the U.S. Bureau of Printing and Engraving with its ability to create enough money to cover needs in a stimulus budget and the regular budget, which now includes the former Afghan and Iraqi War supplemental budgets and the Congressional earmarks of goodies needed to pass it.

The new package given to GM and Chrysler contains a small number of billions of dollars with a short date to reorganize their operations or face the prospect of bankruptcy. We have even fired the head of GM to show we mean business or the appearance thereof. This will involve not only GM

and Chrysler but the many suppliers, dealers and whoever else is associated with or tied into the automotive business. Not really important since a number of them were small businesses—not even considering the workers now without wages, health coverage, pensions and the sense of comfort for which they all worked and to which they are entitled. It comes under the classification of middle class relief.

Guess what? China is questioning the value of our collateral for the billions of dollars of debt that they bought from us. Of source, forget about any offsets for the value of all of the Chinese toxic toys, toxic plaster board, and poisoned food products, the theft of our textile and leather industries and the attempted control of our steel and other products. They seek global euros in place of dollars to give them an economic energy drink.

Europe is irritated about our trying to save our own economy through the infusion of bailout funding instead of acting as we always have by being sucked into saving theirs. You have to remember that AIG took some of the bailout money and used it to pay European banks at par for what they were insured for—not a percentage, but the full amount.

In upcoming weeks of global meetings, we will face their anger for our thinking of ourselves and our fight against terror and our humanitarian

endeavors in Sudan and elsewhere and the maintenance of American forces in Europe and NATO for their benefit at our expense.

They will try to convince us that the protection in the saving of the global economy is the cardinal obligation for America if we want them to love us. They are already telling us that, not only are they unable to provide any additional NATO forces in Afghanistan, they will be withdrawing some of their forces and convert it into an American obligation.

I sometimes have been accused of having a convoluted sense of reality, and this is one of those times. It appears to me that the Automotive Task Force may have come up with a solution not only for the automotive industry but for our country. By our filing a pre-packaged bankruptcy for our nation, we can eliminate all debt on our books so we can start afresh. Over the years we have forgiven debts owed us by third-world countries—why not allow the global “leaders” to do the same for us? It ain’t gonna happen, but it was nice thinking of it.

I just hope that all of the bailouts don’t turn out to be black-outs of our economy and our nation as we know it. Although to think about it, what’s the big deal about a \$3.5 trillion budget? I guess the real question is—will it truly be a budget, or is it to be a global bailout? I’m entitled; I passed Economics 101.

Visiting with Members of Congress at the JWV Congressional Reception and on Capitol Hill Action Day



DC Robert Pickard, MD, PNC David Magidson, PNC Robert Zweiman, Congressman Kendrick Meek (D-FL), NC Ira Novoselsky, Congressman Ron Klein (D-FL), PNC Ainslee Ferdie, and PDC John Nemon.



Rich Berg, Bernie Epworth, Bob Ruderman, Congressman Donald M. Payne (D-NJ), DC Carl Singer, and Harry Ettlinger.

Work of JWV Results in Rescinding of Wrong-Headed Plan to Charge Wounded Heroes for Treatment

National Commander Ira Novoselsky of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV), on his way to meet with JWV Departments in Ohio and California, directed National Executive Director Herb Rosenbleeth and PNC Norman Rosenshein to attend meetings at the White House to voice the JWV's anger at the Obama administration's ill-advised proposal to force private insurance companies to pay for the treatment of service-connected disabilities and injuries for veterans.

At Commander Novoselsky's request, NED Rosenbleeth and PNC Rosenshein attended meetings with President Obama, Chief of Staff Rahm Emmanuel, and VA Secretary Shinseki together with the other veterans organizations and military groups to voice their opposition to this clear attempt to help balance the Federal budget on the backs of those who deserve their highest priority, the wounded troops who have given so much of themselves to protect and defend our fellow Americans.

All of our veterans have earned their care in their defense of their country. Our country has the obligation to care for them in return. The mission of the VA is, "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan." The passing off of this responsibility to a third-party insurer is unconscionable.

Following his meeting at the White House, PNC

Rosenshein attended a meeting on veterans' issues convened by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, who started the meeting by announcing that the White House had rescinded the unconscionable 3rd party payer proposal.

We therefore applaud word from the White House that as a result of the diligent work of the JWV, working in partnership with other VSO's and MSO's, most notably the fellow organizations of the Veterans Health Care Partnership, this proposal has been dropped, and our veterans will get the care they both deserve and have earned from the VA.

When word of the successful work of the veterans groups in getting the President to abandon this ill-considered and insulting proposal reached National Commander Novoselsky on his travels, he thanked NED Rosenbleeth and PNC Rosenshein for their work in helping to avert the implementation of this disastrous and insulting proposal. He reiterated that, "Our highest duty and obligation as a country is to care for those who have served in harm's way to protect American freedom. This proposal for 3rd party care for veterans with service-connected disabilities was an insult to those who have earned the thanks and care of a grateful nation. We will remain vigilant that no such proposal will ever destroy the rights and benefits earned by our veterans."

The response to JWV's objections is very much appreciated.



National Executive Director Herb Rosenbleeth, to the right of President Obama, joined leaders of major veterans and military organizations to discuss an administration budget proposal that would have caused service-connected veterans health care to be covered by a third party insurer.

JWV Urges Changes in Military Appeals Process

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV) urges a change in the current military appeals process under which members of the military whose cases have been declined by the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces cannot appeal to the Supreme Court.

Legislation to allow this change to the Uniform Code of Military Justice is currently under consideration, and the JWV urges its enactment. The code went into effect in 1951 and has not undergone major changes in the last 25 years.

Those who serve and defend our country should have the same rights as those they defend. The time to right this imbalance is now.

JWV Condemns Attack against Synagogue in Venezuela

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV) condemns both the attack against Tiferet Israel, a synagogue in Caracas Venezuela, and the actions of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez whose anti-Semitic attacks have created an atmosphere of anti-Jewish sentiment in his country. In following Iran's example, he has pursued anti-Semitism as an integral part of his campaign against the United States.

The leaders of South America and the world have been curiously silent about the attack on the synagogue and the atmosphere of anti-Semitism permeating Venezuela. The world must not be silent as it was in the days leading up to WWII. The voices of justice must speak out against Chavez and his regime. The time for silence is over; the time for action is upon us. America's world position must be maintained.

JWV Call for Passage of the Newly Introduced VA Funding Legislation

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV) applauds the newly introduced Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009 authorizing advanced funding for the VA as the first step toward the ultimate goal of mandatory funding.

This is an important first step toward mandatory funding for the department, which would ensure that not only is the funding available when it is needed, but that what is available is sufficient for the needs of all of those wounded veterans who so desperately need medical services for injuries received in service to their

country.

Only when the VA not only knows in advance the level of its funding but also knows with certainty that its funding levels will be adequate for all of its requirements can our veterans be assured that all of their health care needs can and will be met.

JWV Applauds Inclusion of Benefits for Filipino Veterans in Stimulus Bill

JWV has repeatedly fought for benefits equity for Filipino veterans who fought alongside US troops in WWII. PNC Robert M. Zweiman, Chairman of the JWV Coordinating Committee, and himself a veteran of service in the Philippines, has championed the cause of these veterans as a priority for the Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV).

Under this bill, Filipino veterans who are American citizens will receive a one-time payment of \$15,000, while veterans who are Filipino citizens will receive a one-time payment of \$9,000. While the JWV had hoped that these brave soldiers would have received the compensation they had deserved at the conclusion of the War, we are pleased that the remaining veterans are finally being recognized and compensated for their service.

JWV Supports Suits against Manufacturers of Agent Orange

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV) supports the soldiers who served so bravely in the Viet Nam War and suffer to this day from the effects of exposure to Agent Orange.

However, law suits on behalf of these veterans should be directed against the manufacturers of Agent Orange, rather than the US Government, which purchased and used Agent Orange without being aware of the potential damage to humans and animals alike that could be caused by the chemical.

The JWV deplors the harm that was done to so many by the use of Agent Orange and asks only that the manufacturers, who withheld deadly information, and not the Government, which was itself duped by these companies, be liable for the dangerous and destructive effects of its use.

Continued on page 24

Laissez Les Bons Temps Roulez!

(Let the Good Times Roll!)

Convention Schedule
subject to change

Daily • Aug 18-23

Morning Minyan - 8:00 a.m.

Sunday • Aug 16

Dinner with New Orleans Jazz

Monday • Aug 17

Explore New Orleans!
NMAJMH Evening Reception

Tuesday • Aug 18

Wreath-laying Ceremony
Committee Meetings
National Executive Committee Meeting
Vietnam Veterans Night Out

Wednesday • Aug 19

Joint Opening Session, JWV-JWVA
Resolutions
1st JWV Business Session
Century Club

Thursday • Aug 20

2nd JWV Business Session
Committee Meetings
Resolutions
National President's Banquet

Friday • Aug 21

3rd JWV Business Session
Committee Meetings
National Commander Elections
Sabbath Evening Services

Saturday • Aug 22

Sabbath Morning Services
NMAJMH Board Meeting
Commander's Banquet

Convention Journal Ad Rates

Inside Front Cover.....	\$750.00
Inside Back Cover.....	\$500.00
Full Page..... 7.5 x 10 inches.....	\$375.00
Half Page..... 7.5 x 5 inches.....	\$200.00
1/3 Page..... 7.5 x 3 inches.....	\$150.00
1/4 Page..... 3.25 x 5 inches.....	\$120.00
1/6 Page..... 3.25 x 3 inches.....	\$75.00
1/10 Page..... 2 x 3.5 inches.....	\$50.00

- B+W ads only • Deadline submission is July 7
- All ads must be accompanied with payment at time of submission. Ads submitted without payment will not be included.
- Contact Christy Turner for more information:
P: 202-265-6280 • F: 202-234-5662
E-mail: cturner@jvw.org

Please print or type your ad copy:

Name of Individual or Echelon submitting ad

Address

City State Zipcode

Post/Auxiliary Name and Number Department

Authorized by: (Signature)

Please return this form along with your tax deductible payment to: Jewish War Veterans
1811 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Attn: Christy Turner

Jewish War Veterans 114th Annual National Convention New Orleans • August 16-23, 2009

Omni Royal Orleans Hotel
621 St. Louis Street • New Orleans, Louisiana 70140
Phone: (504) 529-5333 • Fax: (504) 529-7089

Hotel Registration deadline is Wednesday, July 8, 2009

A one night (\$135/single or double) deposit is required for all hotel registrations. All prices include tax. Rooms with two double beds are very limited. A 3-night minimum stay is required

\$150 Convention surcharge for those not staying at the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel.
People living within a 50 mile radius are exempt.

Name: _____ Post No. _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Room will be shared with: _____

Arriving: ____/____/____ at _____ Departing: ____/____/____ at _____ Total nights _____

2009 JWV 114th Annual National Convention	Cost	How Many?	Amount
Convention Registration Fee	\$50.00 per member		
I prefer: <input type="checkbox"/> King size bed (Single Room) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Full size beds (Double Room)	\$135.00 per night		
3rd Person, sharing where possible	\$65.00 per night		
Minimum Deposit Only	\$135.00		
Convention Surcharge for those not staying at the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel	\$150.00		
Sunday Night Dinner with New Orleans Jazz No. of: Fried Chicken _____ Fish _____ Sugar Free Dessert _____	\$37.50		
Century Club • Wednesday, August 19	\$100.00 member \$40.00 spouse		
Commander's Banquet • Saturday, August 22 No. of: Chicken _____ Fish _____ Kosher _____ Sugar Free Dessert _____	\$40.00 per person		
You must include full payment for all event(s) that you plan on attending. Reservations for trips or activities will only be made if paid in full.	Total:		
I am paying by <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card:	Sign and mail this completed form, along with your payment to: Jewish War Veterans 1811 R Street, NW Washington, DC 20009 Attn: Convention Dept.		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover			
Card No. _____ Exp. ____/____/____			
Signature _____			

Scenes from Capitol Hill Action Days and NEC Weekend



Scenes from Capitol Hill Action Days and NEC Weekend



Congressman Joe Sestak Addresses Post 305

Congressman Joe Sestak (D-PA 7th Dist) gave an assessment of the current economic crisis including his own recommendations at a recent meeting of JWV Post 305. Most members of the Post come from Philadelphia and suburban communities in Delaware and Montgomery Counties. Sestak, a retired admiral, is a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

While he covered several topics during his talk and in the question-and-answer session that followed, most of the audience of about 50 came to hear about the economy. Sestak said he is a proponent of the Economic Stimulus plan, justifying that by looking at the Great Depression and how the government handled that. Citing history, Sestak said that from 1929-33, the government did nothing to alleviate the Depression. But in 1933, once the federal government took action, unemployment went from 27% to 9%.

Sestak claimed that despite today's problems, America is still strong. To back up his assertion, he noted that other countries are willing to buy our bonds even though they offer virtually no interest. Last September's "bail out" failed, according to Sestak, because the Treasury printed \$680 billion to save the banks. However, he said, it all went into bank equity. We need to spend money now and worry about debt later.

Though he is not Jewish, earlier in his talk the congressman cited a midrash on the topic of friendship and loyalty. He also reviewed some of the contributions by Jews in the defense of the USA. "The contribution of Jewish veterans to the U.S. is invaluable. [Members of the JWV] exemplify the true meaning of courage, com-

passion, and patriotism, and are an inspiration to us all." Continuing with his Jewish theme, Sestak stated that tikkun olam is the burden of the rich. As vets, we try to repair the world: Thanks to all vets.

Later, during the question period, Sestak told an audience member: "There is a danger of loss of faith in government and the military. It may take 10 years to restore." In addition, he was frank regarding a fundraising event he attended for CAIR (Committee on American Islamic Relations). He stated: "At the meeting, I expressed my views, some of which were not welcome. I would meet with them again, if asked."



Congressman Joe Sestak (second from left) is presented a JWV Certificate of Appreciation at a recent meeting near Philadelphia of JWV Post 305. Others in the photo are (left to right) Post 305 Commander Sidney Fingerhood, Adjutant Henry Frank, and Department of Pennsylvania Commander Larry Holman.

The 2009 Allied Mission To Israel

Just try to imagine my feelings of absolute joy when I was asked to lead the Allied Mission this year. From the 14th of February until the 24th of February our group was to explore the nooks and crannies of everything that the State of Israel had to offer. We were to be joined by the members of the JWV Leadership mission for a unique top-to-bottom look into the issues affecting the survival of the nation and how they are being addressed.

The Allied Mission program annually selects highly qualified non-Jewish leaders to participate in a hands-on, in-your-face mission. Each Department within the JWV organizational structure can select one individual from a list of candidates submitted by the Posts.

Funds are then raised by the Posts to sponsor the final selectee for the Department. The candidates are leaders and policy-makers from within the ranks of large national Veteran service organizations. Those selected are given the opportunity to travel to Israel and to see for themselves the people, the land, and the historical influences that abound. They are not coerced by any stretch.

We want to emphasize the importance of the JWV Posts and their Departments in building the Allied Mission programs' success. Participation and commitment are all that is needed to build a leadership cadre with a clear understanding of Israel and her people. This is the understanding we want our policy makers to have. Encourage your Department Commanders and your Post Commanders to get in and fully support this program. Select the National and community leaders and policy makers you want from your area and submit their stats to your Department. Be sure to invite these leaders to speak before your membership when they return. Funds your Department members raise for the Allied Mission will prove to have been well spent.

Now here is a look at the tour itself. Try to perceive the events through the eyes of a non-Jewish veteran with little knowledge of Israel and especially Judaism.

After a full 12 hour flight from the U.S., we arrived at Tel-Aviv at noon on a beautiful clear day. We grouped and met our tour guide, Ronit Nachman. She, as a veteran herself, was a great choice for our group. We left



Tel-Aviv the following day.

Next we had a most interesting tour of the Gilot Intelligence Memorial Center. We learned of the four components of the intelligence service and viewed memorials to their clandestine deceased members. It was an impressive visit.

We went north to the ancient Roman city of Caesarea on the coast. This well preserved Roman city was one of the many traces of Israel's past. The group saw Roman buildings and an acoustically perfect theater arena that still functions. This was but one of the many archeological sites we viewed as we headed towards Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Kineret. The tour took us past several large manufacturing and research facilities for Microsoft, Cisco, and IBM. This technology capacity showed us a very progressive and modern Israel.

The Kineret is a major source of concern for present day Israel. The water level of the Kineret has dropped nine feet in the past eight months. The region is also having an unusual drought at this time. The available capacity just isn't there to meet demand. Later we would find similar drought conditions at the Dead Sea with its water level down 10 feet.

Directly across the water to the East loomed the Golan Heights, one of the major highlights of our tour. This is the area of many conflicts and battle sites and, today, close borders for three nations. The strategic value of the Heights became apparent when we got to the Shalom Observation point. Israelis paid heavily for

their victory here.

Once atop the Golan the terrain resembles plateaus with large flat open fields and is ideal for tank battles. At a glance one now sees the fields full of productive crops being grown by the kibbutzim to feed the world. Our group then turned West along the northern border towards Rosh Hanikra and to an IDF Navy Observation facility on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. This site was right at the border with Lebanon. Here we were given privileged access to actual operational activities and sensor displays.

We then turned south along the seacoast with stops at Acre for a tour of the huge Ottoman Fortress. Then into Haifa with a spectacular view of the Harbor and the Bahai Gardens, and then into Jerusalem.

Once in Jerusalem we were fascinated with tours of the walled city, the restored Jewish Quarter, the scars of the invaders and wars, the Herodian sector, and the underground sanctuaries. We toured the Kotel, and saw the newest exhibit, the "Chain of Generations."

We went the short distance to Ammunition Hill and learned of its importance in the six-day war. The Hill was a major conflict site during the liberation of Jerusalem and also was the Israeli storage site for the ammunition used in the battles.

Another of the major highlights was the trip to the Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem and its surrounding grounds. This is the national memorial to the six million Jews who perished in the holocaust. We learned and we will never forget. Our final stop was in Tel Aviv where we met with the officers of TZEvet, the IDF veterans organization.

We left Israel after a very busy and active tour. The Guide, the sights, and the people we met provided a personal knowledge and experience resource for every Allied Mission Veteran to call upon. The Group became very cohesive and expressed their appreciation for their gain.

May they use it well.

JWV Member Captain Issac Greenberg on Patrol in Afghanistan



Captain Isaac Greenberg, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the Vice-Chairman of our Global War on Terrorism Committee, is currently serving his second tour in Afghanistan.





On March 22, 2009, National Commander Ira Novoselsky visited the Department of California spring quarterly meeting. A highlight of the trip was a visit to the Haym Solomon Memorial in Los Angeles. A book and motion picture are being planned relating to the life and accomplishments of Haym Solomon, who was instrumental in funding the American Revolution. Pictured from left to right are: Mr. Bill Sachs, author and producer of the book and movie, Department Commander Greg Lee, NC Ira Novoselsky, and NEC Steve Rosmarin.



JWV Post 631, Boca Raton, FL, honored Harold and Estelle Wildfeuer for their dedicated years of service in support of hospitalized veterans at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center and local post operations at a membership luncheon on Jan. 25, 2009. David Richman, Post Commander, and Frances Wertheimer, Auxiliary President, awarded them lifetime memberships, and a letter of appreciation from Mary C. Phillips, Chief, Voluntary/Recreation Therapy Service at the VA Medical Center was read.



Post 105 Commander Richard Goldenberg (at right) presents the 2009 Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award to Mrs. Cynthia Cromie on Sunday, Feb. 22. Cynthia received the award for her efforts to create and support the Albany Mayor's Championship Team, a program directed to support literacy in teen mothers and their young children.



Members of Austin Post 757 stand with the Passover mailing of kosher food, matzo, macaroons and other Passover items being sent to Jewish Active duty service members in Iraq, Afghanistan and other overseas assignments. These packages were shipped shortly after these photos were taken. Four times a year Austin Post 757 in cooperation with local religious schools, synagogues and stores ships packages to our active Duty Jewish service members who are stationed far from home. The Post routinely receives letters and email from thankful service members in the field noting these packages are a wonderful connection to the religious holiday seasons and the acknowledgement from those of us at home that they are appreciated and not alone.

New Members

The JWV welcomes our newest members to our fold. We hope you will join with us and participate in our many programs and activities.

Department At Large

Richard J. Brownstein-100 • M. David Cohen-100
• Charles F. Heller-100 • Bennett A. Kalmans-100 •
Philip Lacher-100 • James M. Olson-100 • Harold
G. Robinson-100 • Philip L. Stahl-100 • Philip
Wilens-100 • Philip J. Dubowitz-344

Department of California

David C. Kahn-185 • Max S. Narod-603 • Ira
Saffer-603 • Marvin A. Sibulkin-603 • Paul Spira-603 •
Jerome S. Hochheiser-680

Department of District of Columbia

Marvin Berlin-58

Department of Florida

Jerry G. Beck-172 • Arnold S. Corr-199 • Leonard L.
Schley-202 • Henry A. Mart-373 • Robert Dorf -459
• Perry T. Deangelis-502 • Myron R. Steinberg-505 •
Joseph Feldberg-606 • Milton D. Cohen-631 • Burnet
M. Horkin-639

Department of Illinois

Daniel Kahn-89 • Jerome F. Katz-89 • Martin W. Slov-
89 • Herbert W. Spiwak-89

Department of Maryland

Isadore Stein-167 • Marion Zelman-567

Department of Maryland

Mark Azia-157 • George R. Barnes-157 • Victor Beck-
157 • Richard A. Constant-157 • Sanford Levey-157 •
Sybil Warshaw-157 • Joel L. Dunsky- 211

Department of Michigan

Robert L. Hencken-510

Department of Nevada

Milton E. Goldstein-64 • William Budin-65

Department of New Jersey

Lester Davis-395 • Jacob Braunstein-536 • Robert
Lipchitz-538 • George Zellman-569 • Edward H. Silk-
657 • Harmon Cantor-689 • Alfred M. Kertheim-741

Department of New York

Stanley Silver-2 • Abraham Cohen-206 • Julius
Hurwitz-250 • Stanley M. Feltman-336 • Milton
Hirschhorn-336 • Stuart L. Rosenthal-500 • Max
Shamis-600 • Shepperd A. Woda-652 • Henry
Kirstein-655 • Uriel J. Goldsmith-720

Department of Ohio

Bert Cowan-44 • William Hartstein-44 • Louis J.
Ullman-587

Department of Pennsylvania

Murray Platt-239

Department of Southeast GA-AL-SC-TN

Herman R. Beck-112 • Howard Margol-112

Department of the Southwest AZ-NM

Derek J. Feit-194

Department of TX-AR-LA-OK

Harold I. Levine-753 • Jason M. Brooks-755 • Joseph
Levinson-757 • Michael Rotman-757



Manhattan-Cooper-Florence Greenwald Post 1, the oldest veterans echelon in the United States celebrated the 113th Birthday of the JWV with a luncheon at the Manhattan VA Medical Center on March 15. Keynote speaker was PNC Paul Bernstein (at left) holding a proclamation from the New York City Council honoring Post 1. Recipient of the first Colonel Larry Epstein Award for service to the Jewish War Veterans was PNC Warren S. Dolny (center) holding a museum certificate. Post 1 Commander is Jerry Alperstein holding the Epstein Award plaque.

CORRECTION

On page 13 of the February 2009 issue of *The Jewish Veteran*, we incorrectly spelled the name of Medal of Honor Recipient Tom Kelley. We regret the error.

Continued from page 15

JWV Demands Transparency in Troop Deployment to Afghanistan

President Barack Obama has promised that transparency and accountability are hallmarks of his administration. The Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV) demands that this transparency extend to all issues in the administration, including the deployment of additional troops to Afghanistan.

What the President has not told the American people is exactly what the role of these troops will be. Are they being deployed as combat troops; are they there to support the existing Afghan troops; will their numbers be sufficient to counter the insurgent Taliban?

The Administration has promised transparency in all of its undertakings. It is imperative that this transparency extends to increased troop deployment in Afghanistan. The JWV will continue to scrutinize any troop increases and will continue to demand accountability for this troop buildup as has been promised, especially when American troops are being put in harm's way. Without stating the reasons for our presence there and what result we are looking to accomplish, the death of one American is not worth it.

JWV Supports Changes to USERRA and SAJA

The National Executive Committee of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, the National's oldest continuously active veterans' organization, voted unanimously to support changes to the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Act (USERRA) and the Servicemembers Access to Justice Act (SAJA). These changes became necessary after several Court decisions appear to weaken the protections given to members of the National Guard and Reserve who are returning from deployments and seeking to return to the workforce with their prior employers.

National Commander Ira Novoselsky, a retired member of the Massachusetts National Guard, and Monroe Mayer, the Chair of the National Executive Committee, issued a joint statement after the vote of the National Executive Committee, thanking Senators Casey and Kennedy for their sponsorship of amendments to SAJA which would explicitly give all returning servicemembers the clear right to seek the assistance of the federal courts in getting back their jobs at the pay and status

level they would have enjoyed but for their time in the military helping to defend this country. Commander Novoselsky said, "As our men and women return from harm's way in Iraq and Afghanistan, our courts should be reading these two statues liberally so as to assist these true American heroes get their jobs back rather than place obstacles in their way." Chairman Mayer added, "It is obvious even to the most casual observer that the Courts have misunderstood the intent of Congress who designed these laws to protect the men and women who serve this Nation. It's not designed to protect employers who seek to cheat these folks out of their jobs."

Jewish Army Nurse

Continued from page 9

in Nursing.

I was assigned to the new unit when it was just getting started. Therefore, I was frequently in an office setting, writing reports after working in the field. My co-investigators sat at side-by-side desks.

Thus, every now and then, when a date on the calendar or a patient with specific needs would bring up a Jewish question from my non-Jewish associates, I was again the authority! They asked me all kinds of questions about Jewish cooking, specific Jewish foods, Jewish holidays, Christmas and Jews, and so forth.

I tried to answer every question to the best of my ability.

My time in the Army was one of change for nursing, for women in the Army, and for me personally. In the service of my country I worked off two advanced degrees, wrote professional papers for Journals, met lots of wonderful people and met my husband (for 36 years). I would have stayed many years longer, except, after my marriage in 1969, I was afraid to stay because of the military practice of changing your duty station after 3 or 4 years. And once you got assignment-change orders, you couldn't turn around and say, "I want to retire." So, after 20 years of active duty, I retired in 1970. Among other awards, I received the Legion of Merit upon retirement.

I enjoyed my time in the Army; it was a wonderful life, and I certainly would recommend it for any nurse who likes adventure.

People and Places

On Tuesday, February 10, 2009, during the National Salute to a Hospitalized Veteran Week, Post Commander **Joseph Ettenberg**, Post Hospital Chairman **Jay Balter** and member **Stan Richstone** of **Bernard L. Becker Post 123** of Ventura and the Conejo Valley, CA, presented to the Sepulveda VA Hospital three new wheelchairs. To date, the Post has donated 30 wheelchairs to the Hospital. Money for the wheelchairs, which cost \$400 each, was raised through the Post's annual Poppy Sales Drive.

VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System has named **Seymour Bloom** of **San Fernando Valley Post 603** as Volunteer of the Month for January 2009. Mr. Bloom has been working in the Patient Education Resource Center and the Occupational Therapy Clinic at the Sepulveda Campus since 1997 and has contributed almost 11,000 hours to veterans during that time.

Department of DC Commander **Jack Macfadden** spoke about the Jewish War Veterans as part of a speakers program at a meeting of Seniors Organized for Change.

Post 639, Brevard County, FL, has donated to the VA

Clinic in Vieira, FL, a six-seat electric cart and a Wii system to help physical therapy patients. The money for the purchases was raised through poppy sales.

Ed Green of **Roslyn Moore Post 502**, West Palm Beach, FL, has received two honors from the French Consulate of Miami. The first is a certificate and medal appointing him to the Legion of Honor as a Chevalier, which were signed by President Sarkozy of France. The award was created by Napoleon in 1802 to recognize services rendered to France by persons of great merit and devotion to the cause of freedom. He also received an award from the American Society of the Foreign Legion of France.

PC **Jack Lewis** of the **Kew Forest-Woodside-Irwin Loitz Post 250** has been honored by the United Hospital Fund for his volunteer services at Long Island Jewish Forest Hills Hospital at a ceremony at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Arizonans **Art Sloane, Post 619**, **Bernie Kaplan, Post 210**, and **Jack Nemeroff, Post 100**, have all been elected to the Arizona Veterans' Hall of Fame.

Reunions

- CV/CVS/CVA11 AIRCRAFT CARRIER INTREPID national reunion will be held August 14-16, 2009, in New York City.
- USS WILLIAM M. WOOD (DD715/DDR715) 14th Reunion will be held October 21-25, 2009, in Ft. Mitchell, KY. Contact Ferdinand (Fuzzy) Bartels (MM 47-51), 153 Ridgeway Avenue, Fort Thomas, KY, 41075, 859-441-4116, chome@insightbb.com.
- USS PHILLIPINE SEA (CV/CVA/CVS-47) 1946-1958 reunion will take place Oct. 5-10, 2009 in Tucson, AZ. Contact CPO Chuck Davis, PO Box 406412, Port Charlotte, FL 33949-6412, 941-743-5460, PHILSEA@embarqmail.com or chuckdavis1@embarqmail.com.
- Kilo Company 3rd BN, 7th Marine Rgt., Vietnam will be holding a reunion in Colorado Springs, CO, Aug. 20-24, 2009. Kilo 3/7 Iraq War Marines are also invited to attend. Contact Harry Smith at 870-247-1146, smitty@kilo37.com, or Bill Rolke at 262-780-0993, Wrolke@wi.rr.com.
- USS CASCADE AD-16 reunion will take place Sept. 23-27, 2009, in Norfolk, VA. Contact Barb Kennovin, 176 Teal Drive, Millsboro, DE 19966, 302-945-

2719 or Bob Croghan, 7827 Cassia Court, St. Louis, MO 63123, 314-954-7801.

- 793rd Military Police Battalion Association, US Army, reunion will take place Sept. 16-19, 2009, in Louisville, KY. Contact Richard Kealy, 211 Lakeview Road, Newcastle, Ontario, Canada, L1B 1C9, 905-987-5016, richliz793@rogers.com.

In Search Of

Searching for Abraham Bartram (?) Epstein who served on the USS SHIELDS (DD-596) during the Korean War period. Contact Robert MacNeil, 509-966-7924, or macneib@aol.com This is in regards to our 21st annual upcoming Shipmate Reunion for Officers, Chiefs and White-hats, in Colorado Springs, CO.

- Are there any men or women who served in the 2nd Signal Service Battalion either at Two Rock Ranch, Petaluma or on Guam reading this? I would like to hear from you. Dave Milstein - dmilstein-1@comcast.net.
- Searching for Donald Levin (originally from Chicago), stationed at a B17 base in England during WW II. Contact Al Yoselle, stationed in England at a B24 base during WW II. Call 818-907-1525.

DO JEWS JOIN THE MILITARY?
YES THEY DO!



It is acknowledged that the Jewish War Veterans was founded in 1896 in response to statements by non-Jews, that Jews did not fight in the Civil War. What is left unsaid, I believe, is that it was also created to inform an unaware or disinterested American Jewish Community that thousands of American Jews had enlisted, been wounded and died, for the Union and the Confederacy.

Why this antipathy by our Community to recognize American Jewish participation in the American Military? The exact reasons I do not know. But I do know that it has existed and still exists today. Recently this was brought home to me in a conversation with my accountant, a mensch-type leader in my hometown. Somehow, our conversation drifted from tax preparation to military affairs, and he posed the question, “Jews don’t join the Marine Corps, do they?”

Memories of my father working out of Henderson Hall, my brother Josh (a fellow J.W.V. member) going through basic training at Parris Island and my Post-buddy Mike slogging through rice paddies outside of Danang came to mind. I also thought about one of the Past Presidents of my Temple’s son, who was graduating that very week as a machine-gunner from Camp LeJeune. “Yes,” I told my accountant-friend, “Jews do join the Marine Corps.” In fact the recently retired Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps is Jewish.

Our aversion to this reality is founded in the American Jewish Community’s experience. The Mourners Kaddish praises peace and is silent as to war – “Oshe Shalom Bimromov.” Those who attend services have oft-repeated the refrain from Isaiah 2:4,

“Let them beat their swords into plowshares:
Let them beat their spears into pruning-hooks.

Let nation not lift up sword against nation;
Let them study war no more.”

Immigrants from Russia and the Germanic states

carried with them the painful scars of the Pogroms and Prussianism.

But American Jewish participation in the American military and “war” are part of our heritage as well.

Occasionally, as Prophet Joel stated, it is necessary:

“To beat your plowshares into swords,
And your pruning hooks into spears.”

Joel 4:10

The purpose of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History (now celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its being granted a Charter by the Congress of the United States) among other things is to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Jews in the Armed Forces of the United States during wartime.

We, your Museum, try to document, tell and retell our story—your reality, on a daily basis. Just the other day I, along with Past Presidents Ed Goldwasser and Florence Levine, witnessed a beautiful discourse at our building in Washington, D.C. Students from William and Mary College listened with fascination as N.E.C. Alan Moskin and N.E.C. Bernard Storch described the horror and joy of liberating our people in Eastern Europe; and Anita Stern, J.W.V. member, (wife of Lt. Col. Walter Stern) spoke from the perspective of the person being liberated. Moreover, it is not unusual to see students from Jewish Day Schools throughout the United States wandering our halls with a smile on their faces – having learned of the accomplishments of their religious compatriots.

Our mission/your mission is to insure that Jews, as well as non-Jews, understand the significant contribution that our Community has made and continues to make to this Nation through service and sacrifice in the military of the United States of America.

The NMAJMH will again be part of the Dupont Kalorama Museums Consortium (www.dkmuseums.com) Museum Walk Weekend. On June 7, 2009, the public will be invited to listen to PDC Bernhard Storch (NY) who will relay his experiences as a camp liberator during the Holocaust and to Prof. Jeffrey Greenhut, who will present his American Jewish Military Experience lecture. Children can go on a fact finding treasure hunt and have the opportunity to participate in a military fashion show and to have their picture taken festooned in deaccessioned uniforms. For more information call Mary Westley at (202) 265-6280.

Recent Visitors to the Museum

Students and Professor Bruce Campbell from William & Mary College's Washington DC campus visited the NMAJMH on March 6, 2009 as part of their course study, *The Politics of Memory: The Commemoration of the Second World War and the Holocaust in and around Washington, DC*. They were greeted by members of the Museum's leadership. Museum President PNC David L. Magidson and Past Museum Presidents Exhibits Chair Florence Levine and PNC Ed Goldwasser talked about



From left to right, camp liberator Alan Moskin, camp survivor Anita Stern, camp liberator Bernhard Storch.

the history of the Jewish War Veterans and Museum, touching on the 75th anniversary of the March 23, 1933, protest march against Nazi Germany, the fifty years of existence of the NMAJMH and the rededication of the Museum at 18th and R Street location on its 25th year. The program featured Holocaust survivor Anita Stern and concentration camp liberators Alan Moskin and Bernhard Storch, who all captivated the audience with their stories of endurance and freedom.



Dr. Bruce Campbell and students from the College of William and Mary (right) visit with Museum leaders, concentration camp liberator Alan Moskin, camp survivor Anita Stern, and camp liberator Bernhard Storch (left)

Medal of Merit Recipient Congressman Debbie Wasserman Schultz Congratulates NMAJMH on the 50th Anniversary of Its Congressional Charter

At its annual Congressional Reception, on March 4, 2009, the JWV celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the granting of a Congressional Charter to the NMAJMH.

As PNC Bob Zweiman, twice a past Museum President, has said, "Our museum in Washington stands as the base from which educational material presenting the contributions of Jews to the American military can flow through traveling exhibits and exchanges with other museums beyond our geographical boundary. We take great pride in our very open purpose to show the world the history of American Jewish military service."

Medal of Merit Recipient Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) highlighted this accomplishment in her remarks following the presentation of the Medal of Merit. Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz, who has led the efforts to establish Jewish American Heritage Month, praised the museum for its contributions in presenting the history of American Jewish military service to the country and expressed pride in the celebration of Jewish heritage in the American military exemplified by our Charter.

In May 2008, Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz

led a group of fellow Representatives to the Museum to mark Jewish American Heritage Month. At the Congressional Reception, Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz recalled that visit and congratulated the Museum for its contributions to preserving American Jewish military heritage as a source of pride for generations to come.



PNC Robert M. Zweiman congratulates Medal of Merit recipient Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

Donations • January 22 - March 13, 2009

The National Museum of American Jewish American Military History is pleased to acknowledge the following people for their donations to the Museum.

The National Museum of American Jewish Military History wishes to acknowledge Life Memberships for The Honorable Ron Klein, Elaine Bernstein and Morton Millinger.

\$1000+

The Carl Marks Foundation (D) • Isidore Elbaum (P)
• Fegelson-Young Feinberg Post 697 (P) •
Roger Gove (V,T)

\$500+

Morris Eisenstein (D) • Sgt. Manny Peven Post 65 (D)
• Kelkey-Blatt Post 575 (D) •
Arthur Greenwald (V • YD) • Shore Post 712 (V)

\$250+

Irving Berk (D) • Gordon A. Ginsberg (P) •
Hyman I. Kessler Post 248 (P) • USHMM (C)

\$100+

Marvin and Irene Garfinkle (T) •
Art and Diane Swanson (T) • Jewish Communal

Fund (D) • Phillip Berman (D) • Jack Scapa (P) •
Nathan Segal (P) • Richard M. Rosenberg (P) • PNP
Pearl Tyler (PJWVA) • Jonathan De Sola Mendes (P)
• Carolyn Gold (P) • Florence Samuels (P) • PDC
Walter and Anita Stern (P) • Mary Biondo (P) • PDC
George Sepp (P) • Morris Monesson (P) • Covered
Bridge Post 536 (P) • Stephen A. Somogyi (P) • Lt.
James I. Platt Post 651 (P) • Joseph L. Feinberg
(P) • William Kretchman Auxiliary 730 (DJWVA) •
Col. Maxwell S. and Linda Colon (T) • Debra Stern
• PNEC (T) • Ainslee R. Ferdie (T) • Edward Baraw
(TJWVA) • Col. Richard M. Goldberg • AUS-Ret. (Y)
• Max R. Polesuk-Coral Springs Post 606 (Y) • DC
Jerome M. Berns (Y) • Richard Crystal (Y) • Dept.
of TX • AR • LA & OK (Y) • Jason and Petra Kaatz
(YJWVA)

KEY



50th: NMAJMH 50th Anniversary Events-75th: JWV Protest March Against Nazi Germany Exhibit

B: Bequest

BF: Building Fund

C: Catalogs

D: General Donation

DJWVA: General Donation JWVA

E: Endowment Fund

H: Honorial Wall

HFMG: Harvey Friedman Memorial Grant

P: Permanent Exhibit

PJWVA: Permanent Exhibit JWVA

T: Tree of Honor

TD: Traveling Display

TJWVA: Tree of Honor, JWVA

V: Proposed Vietnam exhibit component to Permanent Exhibit fund

Y: Yahrzeit Program

YD: Yahrzeit Program anniversary contributions

YPJWVA: Yahrzeit Program JWVA

MEMORIAL PROJECT- By Iris Goldwasser, Development Chairman

The NMAJMH is initiating a Memorial Candle project in addition to our Yahrzeit computer program. Participants in this new Museum project will receive an envelope which will include a notice of the Yahrzeit date of their loved one and a memorial candle to be lit the night before, as is Jewish custom. If you do not know the exact Jewish date of death, we can convert the English date to the Jewish one. To better expedite the process, please provide **full and complete information** on this form.

Your participation in this service will enhance the goal of your museum to institute a meaningful program that will benefit our supporters. In keeping with Jewish tradition of donating charity at Yahrzeit time, we hope a generous contribution to your museum in return for this service will be forthcoming.

To register a loved one in this program please fill in the following information (add additional sheets for additional names) and return to the Museum office.

From Your Museum Membership Chairman *By George D. Sepp*

For the past two months I have visited several dozen Museums both here in the U.S. and in Israel. In February 2009 I was fortunate to tour Israel as Host to the Allied Mission selectees and was also accompanied by the JWV Leadership Mission at the same time. Those of you who have been know that Israel is a land of many museums documenting the many struggles and heroes produced in building Israel as a great nation. From the outposts in the Golan Heights to the Naval surveillance station on the Lebanon-Mediterranean border I was privileged to meet with IDF Officers and soldiers. Most sites had military exhibits or small museums such as the terrorist's exhibit at the intelligence Museum.

I soon found myself comparing the benefits of each with our own National Museum as I browsed like a special tourist. Back in Washington I truly liked what I saw at home. We have every right to be bursting with pride to have this outstanding institution dedicated to the Jewish Veteran, and I mean to include "YOU." This is our faith, our pride, our honor, and our patriotism on display.

At our museum we are telling the story of the deeds and actions of every last one of us in the service to

America. We honor your part. The exhibits display your contribution to American Jewish military history and they do it very well. Our Museum reminds visitors of the sacrifices, humor, and hardships Jews in the Military experienced during the growth of our Nation.

We want America and the World to know that in spite of blatant anti-Semitism that existed for many years both overtly and covertly Jews served with bravery, pride and patriotism. This we must do.

Your support is needed now. We are a dynamic institution. We have to be responsive with more exhibits and space reflecting Jewish roles in actions up to present day military conflicts. This requires your action.

Be a part of this legacy that we are committed to leave to our future generations. I encourage you to join today to show a solid core of support for all Jewish veterans, especially for the heroes who are no longer with us. Do not wait. The Museum is yours; it is a dynamic image of our love for this great country. Answer the call. Send in your membership or renewal now. Call (202) 265-6280 or e-mail www.nmajmh.org for a membership form. Your support is needed.

The NMAJMH would like to thank those donors (\$50-\$1000) who continuously support the Yahrzeit program by responding to the monthly anniversary letters. They are: Irma Sitkoff, Arthur Greenwald, Jerry Steinman, Sylvia Korn, Selma Binder, Ita Kotler, Sandford Kutash, PNP Sylvia Piltch, PDC Roland Greenwald, Selma Fauer, Dorothy Tranes, Selma Silver, Dr. Ellen Fishkin, Marilyn Ginsberg, PNP Eleanore K. Bell, Joseph Chawtsky, Henry Norton, Rona Kesselman

Tree of Honor *By Iris Goldwasser, Development Chairman*

Our appreciation and thanks to those of your who have inscribed leaves on our Tree of Honor. There are 652 brass leaves on our tree and, as of March 17, 2009, 581 have been dedicated, and, with your help, we hope to complete this project as soon as possible. Remember, we accept inscriptions on leaves even if you are not a JWV/JWVA member or a Museum member – so, encourage your families and friends to participate and honor their loved ones.

Memorial Project

Sponsor _____ Telephone# _____

Address _____

Post/Aux _____

Deceased _____ Relationship _____

Date of Death (Jewish) _____ (English) _____
Month Day Year Month Day Year

Before or After Sunset? Y/N _____

To Expedite Processing, Please Provide Full And Complete Information.

Department At Large

Donald S. Freedlander-99 • Rose M. Chasin-100 • Martin Lerner, Usaf/Ret-100 • Stanley I. Musicant-100 • Norman G. Kholos-344

Department of California

Jay G. Davis-603 • Abe Englander-603 • David Langer-603 • Israel Rosenwald-603 • Martin A. Alpert- 680 • Sid Baumbsten-680 • David Raifaisen-680

Department of Connecticut

Julius Galin-45 • Nathan Shear-45 • Phillip Gelb-141 • Stanley Kraus-141 • Howard Jacobs-317

Department of Delaware

Saul Galperin-525 • William Markel-747

Department of District of Columbia

Irving R. Lipsky-381 • Irving S. Cassell-589 • George H. Chase-589

Department of Florida

Seymour Rutberg-72 • Herbert Epstein-266 • Morris Keller-440 • Donald I. Herman-501 • Helen Gibson-502 • Kenneth Tatarsky- 506 • Leonard Feingersch-520 • Leonard L. Arron-639 • Haskell Schwartz-639 • George Albert-682 • Ralph Levine-682 • Ruth Sondak-723 • Marvin B. Sacks-780

Department of Illinois

Isidore Scheinman-282 • Jules Rothschild-328 • Fred W. Sinay-328 • Walter Steirman-328 • Milton Libman-800

Department of Maryland

Marvin Blumberg-167 • Robert Franz-167 • Stanley E. Hiken-167 • Lewis J. Allison-567 • Morris Osband-567 • Lemuel W. Wills-567 • Leo Koenigsberg-692 • Jacob Licht-692 • Jerome S. Friedman-888 • Leonard Fruman-888 • Isidore Styar-888

Department of Massachusetts

Arthur S. Bregman-26 • Irving A. Cowen-26 • Ernest Schwartz-26 • Jack Smith-26 • Bernard Jacob Hurwitz-32 • Henry Rubin-32 • Ralph Yetvin-32 • Robert Morris-52 • Keve Grunin-140 • William Ginsberg-161 • Morris Grodsky-302 • Edward Kransberg-486 • Abram Lew-638

Department of Michigan

Oscar D. Schwartz, M. D.-135 • Donald Perliss-510

Department of Minnesota

Louis L. Kvasnik-354 • Esther Shor-354 • David Sultan-354

Department of New Jersey

Samuel G. Flitter-10 • Herbert Cahan-39 • Solomon Friss-39 • Richard P. Haas-39 • Harris M. Lissak-39 • Samuel Seigel-47 • Lionel Kantrowitz-76 • Ronald D.

Barrett-125 • Beatrice S. Blum-125 • Jerome Perlman-125 • Richard Rosen-125 • Benjamin Z. Schwartz-125 • Ira J. Werksman-125 • Herman Wilk-125 • Miriam G. Bookman-126 • Norman Hutz-126 • Stanley Teich-133 • Seymour S. Weinblatt-133 • Milton Ziment-133 • Mal Roesch-146 • George Vice-273 • Bernard Jacobson-395 • Milton Antonoff-609 • Moe Goldberg-609 • Louis Roff-609 • Murray Marks-651 • Irving Miller-657 • Gabe Sanders-741

Department of New York

Morton Z. Lustgarten-1 • David H. Hersh -25 • Harry Taub-25 • Arnold Weiss-25 • Rubin Cooper-46 • Charles J. Boosler-50 • Solomon Krystal-50 • Jesse Rubin -69 • Sidney Haber-80 • Max Fiks- 105 • Jacob Sher-105 • Charles Manheim- 131 • Hy. Miller-131 • Edgar Finsmith-191 • Irwin Howard-191 • Robert A. Mendelsohn-191 • Allen Plotkin-206 • Gerald Rudolph-206 • Samuel Foreman-336 • Seymour Kaitz-336 • Bernard L. Goldman-655 • Eric Mayer-655 • Alex H. Eisenberg-673 • Max Strahl-673

Department of Ohio

Alex Baron-44 • Emanuel Levine-44 • Jack Levitt-44 • Samuel Miner-44 • Melvin Rubin-44 • Israel Yelsky -44 • Stanley Tremaine-587

Department of Pennsylvania

Denny Caruso-83 • Sidney Bomze-98 • Larry J. Starer- 134 • Rudolph Brooks-176 • Albert K. Farber-181 • Benjamin Eisenberg-215 • Edward L. Finfer-215 • Irvin Gerben-215 • Robert D. Hefenfinger-215 • Jack Shervin-215 • Irvin Silverstein-215 • Abraham Stein-215 • Joseph Weiss-215 • Fred Middleman-305 • Stanley Moravitz-499 • Sherman Pearlstein-499 • Bernard Rozensky-499 • Max Kahn-575 • Lester J. Kramer-575 • Benjamin Needelman-575 • Erwin Fisher-697 • Jerome I. Mandel-697 • Jerome Schneier-697 • Karl Seidel-785 • Stanton Rosenbluth-791

Department of Rhode Island

Arden B. Klar-23

Department of Southeast GA-AL-SC-TN

Bernard Messinger-121 • Charles A. Steinberg-121 • Harold H. Bowman-976

Department of the Southwest AZ-NM

Myron Kulwin-194 • Gerald Fried-210

Department of TX-AR-LA-OK

Marcus Cohen-757 • Bernard D. Meltzer-757 • Paul Schultz-757

Department of Wisconsin

Jack Glaser-701 • Bernard Sims-701 • Sheldon Stein-701

Happy Passover

CMDR. Allan Abramson & Wife Sheila

Happy Days and Good Health

Jerry & Sara Alperstein

Howard M. Barmad • Post 76-NJ

Chag Sameach

Howard A. & Dorothy G. Berger

Naples, FL/Denver, CO

PNatl. Adj. Izzy & PDP Harriet Brosbe

PPC Norman & Phyliss Goldberg • Post 98

Nat. Inspector Sidney & Fay Goldman

Irving & Dena Goldberg

National Officer of the Day

Martin & Sandy Greenberg

PNC Sam & PNP Barb Greenberg

Happy Holidays to All

PCC-PNEC Arthur H. Greenwald • Post 69

PCP Mildred Pirkowsky • Aux 3

Roland Greenwald • Holiday Greetings

Lt. Robert P. Grover Post 10

Donald H. Haber, PDC-NY

Susan Schneider Helsinger

President, Dept. of NY -2007/2008

PDP Ruth Herbst & PDC Willy Herbst

Post 83 Celebrating 75 Years!

In Service to a Higher Calling

Larry & Debbie Holman

Jewish War Veterans USA Post 1

Our Original Post

PC Arthur & Barbara Kahn • Post 74-MA

L'Chayim and Best Wishes to All



Beth Kane Wishes You Good Health

Enjoy Your Health!

NC Ira & Shelley Novoselsky

Happy Holidays

The Perlman -Matlin Post 800

Best Wishes & Happy New Year

SGT. Manny Peven Post 65

LT. J. I. Platt Post 651 • Fairlawn, NJ

Jerry & Lea Rosenberg • Post 740, NJ

Good Health & Happiness to All

Herb & Francie Rosenbleeth

Happy Holiday to You and Yours!

Lillian Rovner, PDP • II

Murray Runin, PDC/PNEC

Zinita & Cliff Sawyer • Post 113

Good Health & Happy Days

Stephen & Helen Sax

PNC Lawrence & Judith Schulman

Our Very Best Wishes to All

Ralph & Marian Schwartz

Post 625 • Poughkeepsie, NY

PDC Ralph & Florence Shear • Post 459

PPC Norman & Toby Smith • Post 129-NY

Hy Tuchman

Post 400 • Ft Meyer, FL

Ken & Anita Volk • Post 510-MI

Shalom -Peace on Earth

PNC Robert & Jeri Zweiman

To Life

Join your Comrades and send a holiday greeting to family and friends in the next issue of the Jewish Veteran!

For only \$30.00 per 1 line of names, or \$50.00 for 2 lines, you can purchase a one year subscription which includes greetings for 5 holidays!

Rosh Hashanah • Yom Kippur • Chanukah • Purim • Passover

Names and greetings can be submitted anytime. Please fill out the form and send it along with your payment to :

Jewish War Veterans
1811 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Name _____

Address _____

Amount of payment _____ Check Credit Card

Visa MC Amex

Card # _____ Exp: ____/____

1st line _____

2nd line _____

(no more than 30 characters per line)

Laissez Les Bons Temps Roulez!

(Let the Good Times Roll!)

Jewish War Veterans 114th Annual National Convention New Orleans • August 16-23, 2009

**Mark your calendar for JWV's
114th Annual National Convention in New Orleans!**

We'll enjoy the legendary hospitality of the Big Easy as we enjoy our stay in the heart of the French Quarter at the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel.

Don't miss this chance to get together with your fellow JWV'ers in the welcoming atmosphere of this most unique and charming of American cities!

