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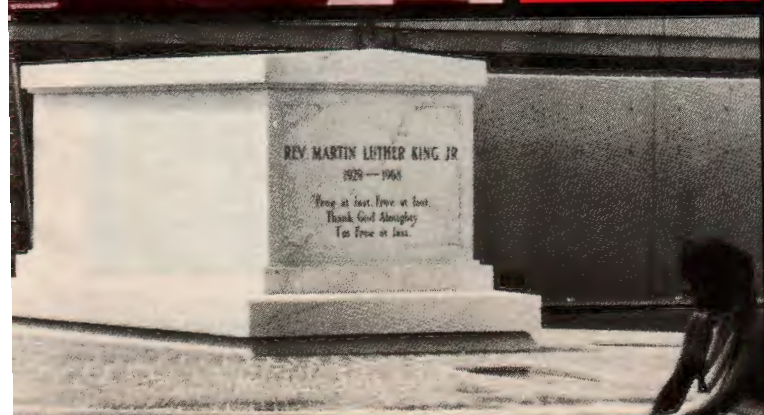
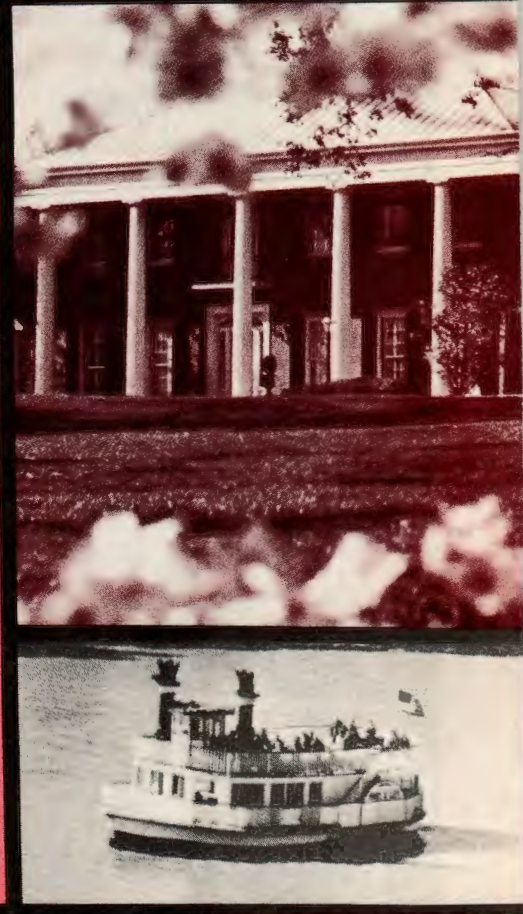
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Official Photo - The White House

In the Oval Office, National Commander Zwaik, President Reagan, National Executive Director, PNC Harris B. Stone, and VA Administrator Harry Walters pose for this formal photo before resuming their conversation.

jointly coordinated, continued search for peace.

Around JWV Echelons

Throughout my term as National Commander, I have attended many Posts, County/District Councils, and Department events. A couple of months ago, I was in sunny California traveling to San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. I was especially pleased to be an honored guest at San Diego's Marine battalion training base at ceremonies denoting the completion of recruits' training, to be a featured speaker at a dinner honoring Past Los Angeles County Council Commander Murray Rosen, and to deliver an address to Russian Jewish War Veterans in San Francisco. Our local echelons were able to arrange several interviews for me with the local media, so that I was able to speak to a larger audience about our organization and our policies.

I have fortunately been able to attend installation of officers of many of our echelons and will soon be travelling to Department Conventions in Michigan, New York, and Ohio. Although, I cannot unfortunately be present as every JWV echelon officer rises to take the oath of office, I want to congratulate all of you on your election and to send my best wishes for a successful term.

I also want to salute those echelons who will be celebrating soon their golden anniversaries. I will be addressing 50th anniversary celebrations of the Department of Ohio and of Post No. 63, Elizabeth, NJ as they proudly mark a half century of participation in JWV.

As my term of office draws to a close, my wife Anne and I express our deep appreciation to all of you for the hospitality and many courtesies extended to us during our travels throughout the U.S. as we visited our Posts, County and District Councils, and Departments.

I am grateful for the wonderful experiences I have had as your National Commander, particularly my visits to the Soviet Union and to Israel. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to have served as your National Commander. □



Jim Kelly of the San Francisco Progress Interviews NC Zwaik during the National Commander's visit to JWV California echelons.

View from the Top

by Stanley N. Zwaik
National Commander

In the Oval Office

On June 1st, I was privileged to meet with President Reagan in the Oval Office for an informal talk. Accompanied by our National Executive Director, I was honored to be greeted by our president as your representative of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. We presented President Reagan with a copy of *The Jewish War Veterans Story*, which he studied briefly with great interest.

I had the opportunity to express our appreciation for his support for Soviet Jewry and for his achievements in bringing Israel and Lebanon to reach their significant agreement. I also advised him of our organization's opposition to a nuclear freeze and support for nuclear arms reduction to be based on mutually verifiable treaty arrangements.

Upon commenting positively on his administration's VA budget and congratulating him on his appointment of Harry Walters as the VA administrator, President Reagan invited Mr. Walters and Sgt. Major Samuel J. Walsh, the Special Assistant to the Administrator for Veterans Service Organization Coordination, to join us for a series of photos.

As the flash bulbs were popping taking photographs of the cordial, happy scene, I thought to myself that this meeting couldn't have occurred at a more propitious time.

In almost all areas where we have taken issue with positions of the Reagan administration, positive action has been taken. While there are several outstanding matters on veterans' affairs, such as legislation to compensate Vietnam veterans for disorders linked to Agent Orange and the need to provide more funds and facilities to care for the medical requirements of our aging veterans, the President has by and large sup-

ported veterans concerns.

The suggestion delivered by the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control to abolish the Veterans Administration has been deleted in the task force's final report. On May 20, I received a letter from the White House explaining that the idea of eliminating the VA was part of a "preliminary report," which was omitted in the "final" document. We have, however, taken exception to one suggestion in the final report which would undermine the veterans' preference system during civil service reductions-in-force. The report suggests adoption of a new point scale system to be used when government lay-offs are required, which would place the veteran at a disadvantage against those employees who had not served in the military. The civil service employee who sat behind a desk while the veteran was serving his country would have more rights to job retention than the veteran.

Of our many concerns regarding the deterioration in relations between the U.S. and Israel, most of these issues have been resolved. The failure to establish proper liaison between the U.S. marines and Israeli Defense Forces, the failure to exchange intelligence information from Israel's battles in Lebanon, the failure to pursue contracts on co-production of Israel's Lavi jet fighter, the withholding of the F-16 sale to Israel, and the President's recommendation to reduce aid to Israel—all of these issues have been resolved satisfactorily, and the U.S.-Israeli relationship appears to be moving forward once again. I submit that our forthright, public positions contributed to these favorable changes.

The turning point was, of course, our Secretary of State George Shultz's success in bringing Israel and Lebanon together to sign an agreement on withdrawal of Israeli troops and on peaceful arrangements. Of course, the situation in Lebanon is still unresolved as Syria, supported militarily and politically by the Soviet Union, stridently opposes this agreement among two sovereign nations. While Syria's steam explodes, the United States' interests are best served by sticking closely with its ally Israel in a

Execu-Notes



by
Harris B. Stone
PNC

National Executive Director

Supreme Court Upholds Veterans' Lobbying Rights

In the November/December 1982, issue of *The Jewish Veteran*, I wrote that an organization, Taxation with Representation in Washington (TWR), had challenged the tax-exempt status of veterans organizations. They raised the issue of applying lobbying restrictions on other non-profit organizations which were not equally applied to veterans organizations. The central issue was whether Congress could grant constitutionally special tax-exempt treatment to veterans organizations.

The Supreme Court's unanimous decision of May 23 reversed a March 1982 decision of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia which had upheld TWR's contention that Congress violated the constitutional clause of equal protection in granting veterans' groups special benefits. The Supreme Court disagreed and upheld Congressional action.

The Supreme Court's official opinion reasoned that tax exemptions are a form of subsidy whether they take the form of tax deductions allowed for contributions made to non-profit organizations or whether they allow the organization to avoid paying taxes. Therefore, Justice William Rehnquist wrote, "Congress is not required by the First Amendment to subsidize lobbying... Congress has not infringed any First Amendment rights or regulated any First Amendment activity. Congress has simply chosen not to pay for TWR's lobbying."

While agreeing that TWR and other non-profit organizations could probably advance their purposes if they were allowed to lobby freely without risking their tax-exempt status (all tax-exempt organizations can do some lobbying; current law restricts the amount of time and money spent on such endeavors), the court stated: "Congress—not TWR

or this court—has the authority to determine whether the advantage the public would receive from additional lobbying by charities is worth the money the public would pay to subsidize that lobbying...."

The court decreed there was nothing irrational about Congress' subsidizing veterans organizations, and it said, "Our country has a long-standing policy of compensating veterans for their past contributions by providing them with numerous advantages."

Our organization's ability to lobby without restriction is advantageous to the total American-Jewish community. All echelons should stress the importance of JWV of the USA's position to work effectively and judiciously on issues of veterans' affairs, defense, foreign relations, social welfare and economics, in which we are all vitally concerned.

JWV Withdraws Support for 20th Anniversary Commemoration of King's March

JWV regretfully withdrew its name from sponsoring this summer's commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1963 March on Washington.

Twenty years ago, JWV proudly took part in Reverend King's march and supported his dreams for freedom and equality.

A year ago when Coretta King sent a telegram requesting JWV's sponsorship of a 1983 anniversary celebration to reaffirm Reverend King's vision, our National Commander responded affirmatively.

Recent incidents have necessitated a reversal of that decision. JWV's name appeared in a list of conveners and endorsers of the "New Coalition of Conscience" as supporters of the 1983 march. That list contains several names which have been linked on other occasions to anti-Semitism. National Commander Zwaik advised the Coalition organizers that JWV "does not and will not participate with people and/or organizations who are anti-Semitic."

The march is scheduled for Saturday, August 27. As you know, JWV, as a matter of long-standing policy, does not participate in any public event occurring on the Sabbath.

In addition, we recently received a

President Reagan thanks National Executive Director, PNC Stone, and National Commander Zwaik for the copy of *The JWV Story* which they just presented to him in the Oval Office.

form letter asking for support of the commemoration, which dealt with issues unrelated to civil rights and disfigured the originally stated purpose of the march.

In his letter withdrawing JWV's endorsement, National Commander Zwaik stated, "We agree on the need to reaffirm Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream for jobs, peace and freedom! We agree that there is an unfinished agenda that demands completion.... We cannot support this 20th anniversary celebration which distorts the causes for which he valiantly struggled."

JWV has also agreed to join with the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) in their statement refusing support of the commemoration.

Fund Raising Applications Being Approved Rapidly

Since the National Executive Committee's approval of the National Finance Board policy on April 30, National Headquarters has sent all echelon commanders applications for fund raising.

Many applications have been completed by various echelons and returned to Headquarters. Prompt action by the National Finance Board is being taken on all requests. To date, there have been no problems with approving any application. Please remember to fill out all information requested.

Please be reminded that these applications must be filled out and approved for all echelons' fund raising endeavors, even if they have been ongoing. Current and future endeavors must be applied for and approved prior to implementation. Applications may be obtained from National Headquarters or reproduced locally from initial distribution.

Y'ALL Come

This year's convention, JWV's 88th, promises to be one of the best ever. We'll have outstanding speakers, excellent workshops and seminars, and other events which promise good times for all. Don't miss the southern hospitality of Atlanta and the camaraderie of your fellow JWVs. Reservation forms and detailed information are on pages 16 and 17. □



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Service Through Song

Jackie Heller in the Pacific



December 1943, on Munda in the Solomon Islands, finds Jackie Heller serving his country with his songs.

by Joan Alpert

Little Jackie Heller was a rising singing star in the entertainment world when his hometown Pittsburgh draft board sent him "greetings" in 1943. Jackie was performing at the Baker Hotel in Dallas, Texas when his country called, and he made promises to return to the hotel for his first engagement after the war. He kept that promise, but only after he spent 16 months belting out his heart for our front line troops on some 45 islands in the Pacific—the longest USO tour in history.

First, Jackie, rated A-1 at the age of 37, had to convince his draft board that he could serve his country best with his songs rather than with a gun. It was not a difficult task. Jackie Heller had already sung his way through all the major night clubs in Pittsburgh, toured the country for 48 weeks in Bennie Davis' "Stars of Tomorrow" with other newcomers like Martha Raye, had his own coast to coast radio show six nights a week, and been featured in band leader Ben Bernie's shows at Chicago's College Inn for six years.

If such credentials weren't convincing enough, there was the matter of size. Although he had considered a career as a prize fighter, and was doing well in the "paper weight" class, winning watches and solid gold boxing rings in his early teens, Jackie approached the draft board at his full height of 5' 1" and solid weight of 104 pounds. He was already accustomed to the usual first question,

"Were you ever a jockey?"—to which he had a ready reply, "No, but I used to ride mice in Pittsburgh." Jackie had no trouble convincing his draft board that since the guns were bigger than he, he should be turned over to the USO.

Jackie's first assignment was to do USO shows in New York and New Jersey while waiting almost four months to be sent overseas. He was excited when he was outfitted with heavy clothing, because that promised assignment to the European theater where his youngest brother Lewis was serving under General Patton. In May 1943, given only a few hours notice, Jackie was, however, told to pack his bags for the South Pacific.

Upon his arrival in Hawaii, Jackie was thrilled to see a motion picture sign announcing, "Little Jackie Heller and the Yanks are Coming." He performed for three months there with the Faber Dancers, the Victory Twins, comedian Lew Parker, pianist George Furness, and an old vaudevillian Jack Powell. Life was luxurious in Hawaii with comfortable beds, good food, and performances on regular stages on all the islands in Hawaii. Then, the War Department sent orders for all to return to the mainland except for Jackie, Lew Parker and George Furness.

For the next nine months, it was jungles and swamps, tents and mud for Jackie and Lew Parker as they traveled from New Caledonia to Guadalcanal, from Bustling Point to Carter City, from

Wana-Wana to La Foa, entertaining troops wherever they were. (George Furness had to return to the states shortly after they began the tour because of illness). Frequently, the two entertainers would travel in a "tank lighter" that went right up to the shore, and do a show for some 20 men on the beach, then move up the shore to do another show for aircraft gunners manning their stations. On every island, Jackie and Lew would also make stops first at the servicemen's clubs and then at the officers' clubs to tell some stories and do informal entertaining. Jackie says, he and Lew always met with great receptions; they were frequently told they were the first live performers the troops had seen on the islands.

Performances always had to end by dark for the danger of snipers was greatest after the sun went down. Bombs, however, fell at all hours, interrupting many a show. Jackie was well trained to dive in his assigned—or if not readily available, the nearest—foxhole. Since the foxholes were frequently filled with water, "Little" Jackie Heller often found himself soaked up to his neck. His greatest fear was not the bombs, but catching cold, for this would prevent his singing for several days.

Singing the popular songs of the day, especially the ones he made famous like "Margie," "Moon Over Miami," and "Red Sails in the Sunset," Jackie also found time to lead many Jewish services. On one of his first stops in New

Caledonia, he led Friday evening Shabbat services and continued that practice throughout his tour. He remembers with special pleasure the Passover seder he led and the night he sang *Kol Nidre* in a Solomon Islands Catholic church, which had been turned over for Jewish use. This role as cantor came naturally to Jackie, for his revered father had been the cantor for Beth Sholem and later for B'nai Emunah in Pittsburgh. As a child, Jackie along with his three brothers and three sisters had served as his father's choir.

Towards the end of his tour, Jackie began appearing on stage with his hands wrapped in thick bandages; a tropical fungus was destroying the skin. After his New Guinea performance in June 1944, Col. Charles Mayo of Mayo Clinic fame examined Jackie's hands and ordered him out of the tropics. Warning Jackie that the fungus would spread over his entire body and could lead to death, Col. Mayo sent Jackie to a Brisbane, Australia hospital, from which he emerged cured.

On the day Jackie landed back in the states, Sept. 7, 1944, his brother Lewis was killed in the European theater although the family did not learn the news for another week. In 1947, Lewis' body was returned to Pittsburgh to be reburied at home. Attending the funeral was Major General Julius Klein with whom Jackie had become friends during his days in Chicago in the thirties and whom he had seen on his Pacific tour. Klein, then National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., brought with him members of the JWV Post No. 49, and Jackie was soon made an honorary member of the post—a status he still proudly holds.

During his many years as an entertainer, Jackie Heller has known the thrills of applause and honors of many kinds; he has counted among his friends and benefactors many of the great names of show business. He especially treasures, however, the commendations he received for his USO service. One for "Outstanding Services" signed June 9, 1944, by Major General R.G. Breene reads in part, "Not content with appearing at scheduled performances, Jackie Heller voluntarily made numerous visits to small outposts and hospital wards where the strain of isolation and lengthy hours of rehabilitative rest were lightened by his ready wit, understanding camaraderie, and vocal ability. In the best traditions of the stage, he willingly accepted personal discomforts and strenuous schedules to provide entertainment and diversion, which enabled the troops to return with renewed zeal and heightened morale to their duties." □

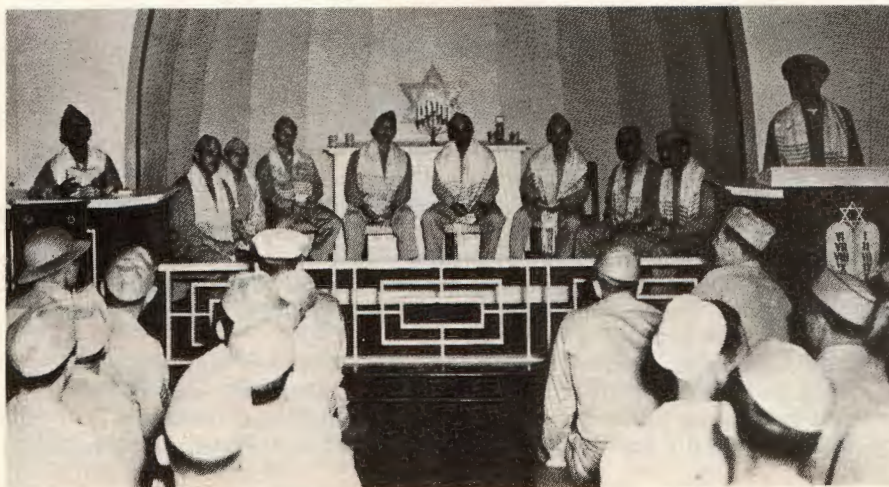


Jackie Heller, center, is conducting a typical Friday evening service in the South Pacific in 1943 and 1944.

Below left, Jackie chats with General Millard Harman on the island of New Georgia in 1944. General Harman, who was in charge of Supply Services for the South Pacific, caught Jackie's show many times and presented him with a beautiful citation. Below right, a recent photo of Jackie shows him with his good friend Joe Namath.



Jackie Heller, far left, chants the *Kol Nidre* at Yom Kippur services on Bougainville in the Solomon Islands, 1943.





Jack Jacobs, a youthful Army officer, stands proudly as President Nixon hangs our nation's highest military award, the Congressional Medal of Honor, around his neck, for his heroism in Vietnam. Fourteen years later, *The Jewish Veteran* sought an answer to the question: How do we define a hero? The following story is the result of several interviews with Lt. Col. Jack Jacobs.

Anatomy of a Hero

by Michelle Bernatsky
and
Joan Alpert

Receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1969 still remains a surprising citation to career soldier, Lt. Col. Jack Jacobs. "I don't think of being a hero," Jacobs maintains today, "because the thing about getting recognition for valorous acts is that there are many heroic deeds accomplished every day by ordinary soldiers in combat . . . one has to feel representative of the average soldier. I prefer to think of war in terms of soldiers with whom I fought and of the people I knew, rather than about what I did in particular."

When Jack Jacobs recalls his military experiences in Vietnam, the incident that triggered his receipt of our nation's highest and most prestigious military award is remembered as one that arose in the performance of his ordinary duties—a function of his being an infantryman.

Jacob's life as a soldier began in 1966 immediately upon his graduation from Rutgers University; having been a member of the ROTC program, he entered the Army commissioned as a second lieutenant to fulfill his three-year military commitment. After less than a year at Fort Bragg with the 82nd Airborne Division, he volunteered to go to Vietnam.

Now a 1st lieutenant, assigned in September 1967 as senior advisor to a Vietnamese Battalion Commander (2nd battalion, 16th regiment, 9th Vietnamese Infantry Division), Jacobs' job was to advise the Vietnamese unit on battlefield tactics and the best use of their American weapons. The battalion's mission was to provide security for Kieng Phong province, which required maneuvers to find the Viet Cong and then remove them from operating in the region.

For the first couple of months, there were few operations that resulted in any contact with the enemy. By the end of November 1967, action heated up with more frequent enemy contact and longer battles. With the Tet offensive beginning in January 1968 it was no longer necessary to search for the enemy, for the Viet Cong now attacked Vietnamese bases.

By March 1968, Jacobs and his Vietnamese battalion had driven the Viet Cong about ten kilometers from the province's capital city, Caolanh, and were pursuing them. Intelligence information located a large body of the enemy forces, and Jacobs joined the battalion's amphibious landing to get behind this force. First Lieutenant Jacobs was with the two lead companies (160-175 men) when they encountered the vastly superior enemy force. Within minutes, there were many casualties; Jacobs was one of the first wounded. The commanders of both companies were killed, so although wounded, Jacobs assumed command and began moving injured soldiers from areas under heavy fire to safe locations until his own injuries prevented him from functioning further. The evacuation team arrived to take Jacobs and the other injured soldiers to hospitals; Jacobs was credited with saving the lives of at least 13 soldiers (eleven of whom were Vietnamese and two American advisors).

After recuperating, Jacobs returned to his duties for a short period before being returned to the States in September 1968, having completed a 13-month tour in Vietnam. Although receiving a promotion to Captain in June 1968, Jacobs considered the advancement as routine as was his next assignment to Fort Benning, where he became a company commander and attended an In-

One Year Later, The Telephone Rings

In the spring of 1969, a colonel called Jacobs to inform him that he had been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his March 1968 valorous actions in Vietnam. Soon, he was at the White House for the dignified ceremony where President Nixon hung our nation's highest award around his neck, making Jacobs one of only 200 living Congressional Medal of Honor winners.

On Veterans Day 1969, Jacobs was honored by the JWV with the organization's Gold Medal of Merit and with a life membership. The JWV Department of New Jersey and Past National Commander Bernard Abrams made the presentations during a dedication ceremony of the Veterans Memorial in Woodbridge, New Jersey, Jacobs' hometown.

For Jacobs, the award and attending excitement were brief interludes in his military duties. After completing his tour at Fort Benning, he returned to Rutgers University to earn a masters degree in International Relations and Comparative Political Systems. Then, in 1972 he returned to Vietnam to be a senior advisor to the 1st Vietnam Airborne Battalion. His job was basically the same as in 1967-1968, although now his battalion was operating in the North, in Quangtri province. The major change in the five years since his first tour was the transformation in the enemy. According to Jacobs, in 1967 the Viet Cong were a poorly equipped and poorly trained guerrilla force; five years later, Jacobs was facing well equipped North Vietnamese regulars in more conventional battles. He was part of the force which attacked to recapture Quangtri Province in July 1972. By December, the battalion had succeeded in taking back most of the province; but a month later, under the administration's decision to remove all Americans from the battlefield, Jacobs was returned to the States. Although there were Americans in Saigon until 1975, Jacobs was one of the last Americans to be withdrawn from the battlefields of Vietnam.

Jacobs' military career continued with his assignment to teach International Relations at West Point for the next three and a half years during which he received his promotion to Lt. Colonel. Other tours took him to such places as California and Panama until his present assignment as Chief of Plans, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations at the Intelligence and Security Command of the U.S. Army.

At the April 1983 JWV National Executive Committee Meeting, Lt. Col. Jack Jacobs, center, poses with National Commander Zwaik and National Executive Director, PNC Stone, before addressing the meeting.



Ten Years Later, Jacobs Reflects on War

Ten years have passed since Jacobs was fighting in Vietnam; he says he was a "kid" when he went to fight the war and believes that not only he, but our nation, has matured in the last decade. He characterizes the 1960's political antipathy against the war as part of our nation's growing pains and the soldier's role as disconcerting and difficult. As an advisor to the Vietnamese, he encountered the frustrations of any teacher trying to get across points and ideas that frequently fell on deaf ears or on minds unwilling to change. As soldiers, Jacobs declares, the Vietnamese "were no different than any other soldiers; some leaders were good, others weren't; some units were good, others weren't." Although admitting other Americans talk of their bad experiences working with the Vietnamese, his were, by and large, very positive; Jacobs declares, "the Vietnamese soldiers I knew were deeply committed to defending their homeland against the foreign invaders; to them, the foreign invaders were both Viet Cong guerrillas and North Vietnamese regulars; they did not differentiate." Jacobs also maintains he did not see a change in that commitment between his first and second tours, although by 1972 many Vietnamese were war weary and greeted ecstatically any hints of a cease fire. Jacobs cautions all to remember, "Nobody hates war more than a soldier."

The major problem with the Vietnam War, according to Jacobs, was America's failure to find the way to achieve our objectives; he says, "We and the Vietnamese knew what we wanted the world to look like down the road, but we disagreed on how to travel there." The Vietnamese wanted more of a commitment from America and wanted strong actions such as the bombing of Hanoi. When America disagreed on these actions, our country appeared to have lost its purpose and its agreement on mutual goals. The simple,

but cogent lesson to be learned is that "we have to know where we're going and decide how we're going to get there."

Today—a Rhetorical Question— If not me, then who?

Looking at his life today and continuing service to the U.S. Army, Jacobs characterizes "being in the Army as a thankless task." While finding time to be an avid runner and to enjoy classical music and books of all descriptions, Jacobs says the Army does not offer an enjoyable or relaxing life style. Married since 1963, and the father of two children, Jacobs says his military career of battlefield assignments and frequent rotations has put great strains on his family. Military salaries are also not commensurate with a 24-hour job and being called to lay one's life on the line.

Why does this Congressional Medal of Honor winner, therefore, continue to wear a uniform when he has already served his country—above and beyond the call of duty? Part of the answer could be seen when the soft spoken lieutenant colonel addressed the JWV National Executive Committee meeting a month ago and pledged his willingness to serve the JWV. Jack Jacobs has an intense sense of service to others and an overwhelming sense of commitment to the defense of our country. His most enjoyable assignments in the Army are those which have best triggered this commitment to service—commanding an infantry unit and teaching young soldiers to be better soldiers and good officers.

Discussing his motivations for continuing his career in the Army, Jacobs finds it difficult to explain why he or any other person continues with difficult jobs, in spite of frustrations and other stresses. Suddenly, the words come succinctly as Jacobs reflects, "If people have the choice of doing something onerous but important, how can they choose?" Then comes a pause as Jacobs, paraphrasing Rabbi Hillel, rhetorically asks, "If not me, then who?" □

This historic photo of the Jewish Brigade introduces two articles about different forms of Jewish combat and resistance in World War II.

Moe in Cologne

by Dr. Seymour Weisman
JWV of the USA
National Consultant

On February 23, 1945, the 104th Infantry (Timberwolf) Division was one of three divisions given the mission to cross the Roer River in Germany and proceed to capture Cologne. Ten days later, we were in the suburbs of Cologne.

H-Hour for the attack on the city was 0600 the following morning. The company commander called in the platoon leaders to orient us for the attack in clearing the city. As the only German-speaking officer in the battalion, I was instructed to handle the interrogation of all civilians and prisoners for our sector. My code name for call purposes over the walkie-talkie was "Moe."

The jump-off occurred on schedule. The leading platoons moved out boldly, and the company crossed two phase lines before the first call for "Moe" came. Two French forced laborers, Andre and Jean, knew where six German soldiers were hiding in a basement. A patrol was promptly organized and we captured four enlisted men and two officers. The enlisted men gave me some valuable military information but the officers refused to talk. I sent them all back to the prisoner of war enclosure.

I was on my way back to rejoin the attacking column when a French woman ran up to me and emotionally reeled off a tirade of French patter that I could not understand. Andre, who was still with me after leading the patrol, meekly explained that the woman was his wife. She was worried that the American Army would send her husband back to France, but would keep her in Germany. I instructed Andre to assure his wife that the American government was very considerate, and the family would be returned as a unit. He dutifully translated for his wife. Her anger turned to smiles. Since I did not want to become involved in any family wars, I then took off.

About noon, we hit another phase line. Orders came down to remain in position until further notice. I opened my K-rations and began to nibble on the cheese and "dog biscuits." While I was resting on the steps of a bombed out church, the pastor of the church approached. He was a dignified looking Catholic priest

with friendly blue eyes and a soft, gentle manner. He was silent for a while and then asked if anyone spoke German. I introduced myself. He greeted me cordially. He volunteered the information that all the German soldiers had departed on the previous day, and hence we should meet little resistance.

This was my first encounter with a German civilian and my sociological curiosity was aroused. As the pastor seemed anxious to talk, I decided to ask him some questions. He proved to be a very informative conversationalist. He spoke about the low morale of the German people, the forbidding life under Nazi domination, and the terror of the Allied bombings.

After we had talked for about fifteen minutes, I asked the question, "Are there any more Jews in Cologne?"

To my astonishment, he replied, "Yes. Those few who have survived are in hiding."

It seemed incredible that German Jews could have survived in Germany. I asked the pastor for an explanation.

The pastor told me that when the 1938 laws were instituted, the Bishop of Cologne had created a special fund which was available to local pastors to aid in feeding and caring for the Jews. The pastor said that he was still aiding two families who were hiding out near the church. I asked if I could meet these Jews.

For the first time in our conversation, the pastor hesitated. It appeared as if he had something to say which he thought would displease me. Cautiously, he looked at me and said, "Herr Officer, I would like to oblige, but I vowed not to violate the trust put in me when I promised not to reveal the location of these people. I am a religious man and I believe in the sanctity of my vows."

I explained to the pastor that I appreciated his position, and inquired if he would ask these Jewish people if they wanted to meet me. Would the pastor explain to them that I was an American officer of Jewish faith who desired to help them in every possible way? The pastor indicated his agreement to visit these Jewish families and get their reaction.

Within ten minutes, the pastor returned with two elderly men. They were both pale, hollow-eyed, and emaci-

Photo from Philip Yellin collection, JWV USA National Memorial



Jewish Combat

ated looking. For a few seconds, they stared at me in bewilderment. Then Mr. Rothberg, the younger, less timid of the two, extended his hand and said quietly, "Shalom Aleichem." "Shalom," I answered softly.

Words are inadequate to describe the emotional reactions of these two men. To them, the events that were transpiring appeared unbelievable. They wondered if it were true that the Messiah had come.

During the ensuing conversation, Mr. Rothberg and his friend, Mr. Jacobs, gave me an eyewitness account of their trials and sufferings under Nazism. They repeated the story told by the pastor of how the church had assisted them. Mr. Rothberg confided that his wife was working as a practical nurse for the nuns in a convent home.

I told Mr. Rothberg and Mr. Jacobs that after the city was captured, I would return to visit them and would arrange to have Chaplain Gunther Plaut meet them. I asked if they knew of other Jews in Cologne. They answered that they thought a few might still be alive. They were not certain because they had remained in their hiding place in the city for almost two years.

The call came over the radio for "Moe" and I went forward with the attacking troops. Cologne fell before nightfall. The next morning, I travelled by jeep to Division Headquarters which was ten miles in the rear, and told Chaplain Plaut my story. He accompanied me to Cologne and we went to visit Mr. Rothberg. Chaplain Plaut spoke to Mr. Rothberg at length and arranged, through him, to locate the other Jews in Cologne. On the following Sabbath, Chaplain Plaut officiated at Jewish services at the Cologne Opera House for the first twenty German Jews to be rescued in Nazi Germany. □



During W.W. II

Desperate Struggle

by Wendy Elliman

Dov Shilansky was 20 years old when he was taken out of the Shawel Ghetto and transported to the concentration camp at Dachau. He had smuggled himself into the ghetto only days before to organize resistance against the Nazis—and was trapped there when the ghetto was liquidated and its entire population herded off to Dachau.

Cold, hungry and fearful after the long journey from Lithuania to Germany, Shilansky has never forgotten the words of the SS officer who greeted the doomed Jews at Dachau.

"When you were in the ghetto," said the officer, "I expect you still believed yourselves to be human, with some semblance of human rights. Here, things are different. Remember that now you are less than the worm that crawls on the ground, more silent than the grass that grows at your feet."

That was in 1944. Four decades later, Dov Shilansky is a member of the Knesset and a Deputy Minister of the State of Israel.

"My life story is a forceful illustration of the turn of the wheel of Jewish history," he said, "I am a survivor and, under another survivor, I have lived to serve in the government of a proud, strong and independent Jewish State."

That proud, strong and independent State is mindful of the history of its people. It has declared 1983 as the "Year of Courage and Valor," and that "other survivor" under whom Shilansky serves, Prime Minister Menachem Begin, has

appointed Deputy Minister Shilansky as chairman of the forthcoming World Assembly to Commemorate Jewish Resistance and Combat during World War Two.

"The Assembly will be a culminating event of the Year of Jewish Heroism," says Shilansky, "It takes place in Israel between October 2 and 6 of this year, and we expect that thousands of Jews from all over the world will take part."

The Jewish fighters of World War Two have never before assembled as a unified group, says Shilansky. During the dark years of the mid-century, they fought in isolated cells, partisan bands and from the tanks of the Allied armies, often unaware of their fellow fighters.

The statistics of death, in fact, are far better known than those of life. Six millions Jews died—but half a million Jews fought with the United States Army, another half million with the other Allied forces, and a half million more with the Red Army. Some 26,000 Jewish soldiers enlisted in the Jewish Brigade, and unknown thousands fought with the partisans of Eastern Europe.

Tens of thousands more of Europe's Jews never fought in regular armies at all. Each of Eastern Europe's 55 ghettos had its underground movement. Some stole guns or fought with hammers and knives, harassing their oppressors however and whenever they could, that the Jewish people might survive. Of all the fighters in Europe, only the Jews could not wait for the best time to fight—so they fought as they could, where they could, often with no help, and frequently before they were ready.

The most famous battle of all, of course, is the Warsaw Ghetto struggle where 800 Jewish fighters held off 2,400 SS troops, 100 demolition experts, a battery of field artillery and four tanks for 33 days. The Warsaw Ghetto fell 40 years ago.

The Jews of the ghettos did not fight back only with guns and knives. They smuggled food into the ghettos, held weddings, gave birth to babies, and taught Hebrew and Yiddish—when the penalty for each of these was death. They obstinately continued to perform the small and ordinary acts that helped the physical, spiritual and ethical survival of the Jewish people—when every such act spelled resistance, because the Germans decreed death and the Jews struggled to live.

"Every Jew who lived through the Holocaust is a partisan, whether he carried a gun or simply fought back by staying alive, whether he smuggled food or just refused to die," says Shilansky.

The World Assembly this October will be the first time that these men and women will come together—to cele-

brate life, to remember those who died, to stand witness to the past, and to transmit a message of resistance, hope and peace to the future.

The timing and location of the Assembly were virtually dictated by history, says Shilansky. The year 1944 was when the German effort at annihilation became most concentrated and most effective, and Jewish resistance accordingly became most desperate. By 1944, the Jews of Europe knew that the unthinkable was not only possible but was happening, and that the Nazis were systematically slaughtering them in the millions. Not only did the Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt 40 years ago around Pesach, but so too did those of the Bialystock and Vilna Ghettos, and those in the death camps of Treblinka and Sobibor.

"There were probably more uprisings than we know of," says Shilansky. "But there are no survivors, no witnesses left to tell us about them."

Jerusalem was the obvious choice for the upcoming Assembly. "Even when we lost track of the Jewish calendar, we always knew when it was Pesach," says Shilansky, "and Seder Night was celebrated—in the ghettos, the camps, the forests. The penalty for such a celebration, of course, was death, so it was done in secret and in whispers. But when we came to the prayer 'Next Year in Jerusalem,' we cried it out loud. Jerusalem is the spiritual center, the heart of the Jewish people, as well as the capital city of the Jewish State."

The program of the four-day Assembly will include addresses by Prime Minister Begin, under whose patronage the Assembly is being held, and by the President of the State of Israel. Ceremonies will be held at the Yad Vashem Memorial to the Holocaust, at Massada, and at Jerusalem's Western Wall, and the Assembly's plenary session will debate the role of Jews in the struggle against Nazi Germany.

One day will be spent outside Jerusalem, when the Jewish fighters of World War Two will be hosted in Israel Defense Forces camps all over Israel. In an act of identification with the Jewish fighters, non-Jewish resistance leaders and soldiers who fought the Nazis in Europe and North Africa will come to Israel for the Assembly.

The passage from slavery to freedom is a recurring theme of Jewish experience. Jews relive it each year on Chanukah, Purim, and most especially at Pesach. For some, it is simply a tradition. For others, like Dov Shilansky and the thousands of Jewish fighters and survivors who will join him in Jerusalem this October, it is their personal history.

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Book Reviews

U.S.-Israel Relations

**A series of ten monographs, edited by Steven J. Rosen
American Israel Public Affairs Committee, 1982-83**

Regular Price: \$30.00 JWV Price: \$25.00

This series of individually bound monographs, averaging about 30 pages per booklet, provides rational argument and factual documentation for the importance of Israel as an ally to the United States. The first booklet of the series, *The Strategic Value of Israel*, discusses the advantages of using Israel as a prepositioning site for U.S. forces so that the U.S. could react quickly and effectively in case of a conflict in the Persian Gulf. Since the loss of bases in Iran, U.S. defense planners have sought with very limited success to make arrangements for access and/or bases in other countries in the Middle East, but Israel has been excluded from

our defense planning. This booklet persuasively lays out the geographical, financial, and military factors on Israel's abilities to be a vital asset to our country's strategic interests in the region.

The second monograph *Israel and the U.S. Air Force*, points out how Israel has assisted our Air Force in a number of ways, such as: providing combat data on the performance of American equipment in comparison to Soviet counterparts and contracting to overhaul and maintain USAF equipment, thereby increasing USAF readiness. The USAF has, however, not fully exploited available opportunities for strategic cooperation with Israel, and this booklet outlines the military and political reasons why it should.

Titles of other monographs in the series, all to be published in 1983, readily announce their subject matter: *Israel and the U.S. Navy*, *How Does Aid to Israel Serve the U.S. National Interest*, *Campaign to Discredit Israel—Anti-Israel Propaganda*, *Secure Borders Between Israel and Jordan*, *Israel Hospital Care for American Casualties*, *U.S. Government Procurement from Israeli Supplies*, and *The AIPAC College Guide: A Survey of Political Activism*. The last title in the series is yet to be determined.

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dividually. They will be sent out as soon as they are off the presses. The first two will be sent out upon receipt of your order, and then you will receive an average of one per month.

Judging by the first two monographs, this series belongs in everyone's library. The clear, succinct writing provides factual data and cogent arguments. As reference sources, they will be valuable assets, since they provide concise documentation on the need to maintain and strengthen Israel-U.S. ties—Joan Alpert □

This Year in Jerusalem

by Joel Gross

304 pages, G.P. Putnam's Sons

Regular Price: \$14.95 JWV Price: \$12.95 (\$11.95 plus \$1.00 p/h)

This Year in Jerusalem, the latest book by Joel Gross, author of the *Books of Rachel*, is appearing at a most appropriate time—the 35th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. The book tells the story of the struggle for Jerusalem in 1947 and early 1948. Its protagonists are David Stern, a Holocaust survivor and an active member of the Haganah; Diana Mann, a journalist from a wealthy American Jewish family; and Joey Marino, a half-Jewish American gangster.

At the start of the book, Diana, who is in love with David, is with him in Jerusalem, but he sends her to the United States to secure weapons for the Haganah. Through family connections she makes contact with shady underground figures who agree to supply the desperately needed guns. They send Joey to accompany Diana back to Jerusalem and to serve as her bodyguard. Predictably, he falls in love with her and she finds herself drawn to him, although still enamored of David. They form an odd trio, but work together toward achieving their common goals.

The book gives a vivid portrayal of the fight for Jerusalem. Although the emphasis is on Jerusalem, other pre-State areas are also involved. There is a particularly poignant description of a kibbutz that meets a tragic end. Interweaving historical events with fictional ones, *This Year in Jerusalem* offers suspense, romance, and the almost obligatory sex scenes. Mr. Gross is particularly bitter about the role the British played as their mandate drew to a close. They gave the Arabs freedom to do whatever they wished, while the Jewish attempts to defend themselves were severely restricted. The book is well written and one that can be enjoyed both for its background material and its story.—Edith Degani (from Jewish Books in Review, a service of JWB Jewish Book Council. Reprinted by permission.) □

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This true story of the way one Russian Jew joined the Partisans is reprinted by permission from Jewish Partisans, A Documentary of Jewish Resistance in the Soviet Union During World War II, Volume I, edited and with an introduction by Jack Nusan Porter (293 pages, University Press, 1982).

This excellent collection of reports and documents, many written by non-Jewish Soviet Partisans, confirms what German Propaganda Minister Josef Goebbels knew as early as 1941. Porter quotes from some of Goebbels' letters to German officials; in one he admitted "... the Jewish population is in the forefront of propaganda, resistance and sabotage against the Germans in Byelorussia."

This fascinating, highly recommended book can be purchased through the JWV Book Service. Your discounted price, which includes postage and handling, is: \$12.00 (paperback) or \$23.00 (cloth bound). Please use the order form on page 12.

by Shirka Gaman

In one small town the Germans did not leave any Jews alive, with the exception of a few craftsmen and invalids. They took out Ozer the blind man, put stones and wood stocks all around him, and shouted the command: "Jude, rechts! Jude, links!" (Jews right, Jews left). Ozer tripped and fell down, rose to his feet, fell down again, saying, "Shema Yisrael!"

The Germans went into the house of Zemach the tinsmith and dragged his wife Rachel from her bed, where she had been lying for years paralyzed in both feet. Two of them caught her under the armpits and the others shouted: "Forward! You wife of a swine!"

One day Zemach found her lying injured on the floor. When he lifted her up and put her into bed, she told him quietly: "Zemach, please have pity on me, give me the poison." Zemach had somehow gotten some poison. For about two months he had been keeping the powder, wrapped up in a piece of cloth, for her, but every time he fed Rachel with the spoon, he forgot to put the poison into the dish... he stood at the entrance to his smithy, his hand in his pocket, his fingers holding the powder. He wanted to take out his smoking tobacco, but lately his hand had somehow been slipping to the poison powder...

Today would be the end. He would redeem her, his own Rachel, "and they would no longer torture her," he decided.

Suddenly he heard the sound of wheels outside. A drunken German had pushed a motorcycle into the smithy. Zemach at once saw that the sidecar was beyond repair.

"What can I do for you, Sir?"

"The sidecar should be repaired by this evening."

"Please, sir," said Zemach, and went to the coal sack.

"No, no, you shouldn't use any fire. A Jewish tinsmith should know how to bend iron without using fire," the German said, sitting on a coal sack. He took out his pistol and asked: "Did you understand?"

"I understand quite well," said Zemach.

"Shut up, you cur," the Nazi retorted.

Zemach pretended that he did not hear; he looked around the smithy as if he were looking for something, went over to the wall, took down a wide piece of sheet iron, examined it with his hands, and bent down as if he were trying to pick up something.

"Sit up, Jude," the German shouted. "How long are you going to keep up this loitering!" He bent to take the piece of sheet iron from Zemach's hands.

Zemach raised his hands quickly and, letting out his breath as if he were bringing down the heavy hammer on the anvil of the smithy, threw the sheet iron around the soldier's head, and pulled it tightly with all his strength, as if he was winding a rope around his neck.

The German soldier groaned heavily. Zemach kept twisting the iron he held in his hands, pushing the German's head to the floor, then dragged him to the wall, threw a coal sack over him, and left the smithy, without closing the door behind him.

"Good morning, Zemach," greeted Hirsch the builder, who was passing by there by chance.

"Where have you come from, Hirsch?"

"From the forest of Yagila."

"How do the partisan boys feel there?"

"For the time being, very well. They are safe and sound."

"Come inside, please, I would like to show you something," said Zemach. He rolled back the coal sack from the dead German.

"Do you see, Hirsch?"



A partisan stronghold such as where Zemach ran to join his "sons."

"I see. God bless the hands that did it! You will have to run away into the forest at once, to the partisans, to your 'sons.' Do you hear me?"

"Yes, I hear. Today there will be an end to all this. Today... One moment, please..." Hirsch looked at him in amazement. "Come on, Hirsch." He was ready to return to see his wife when they saw dark smoke rising in a thick column, and in the air hung the smell of tar.

"They have once again put the town on fire," said Hirsch. "It seems that your house also is on fire, Zemach!"

Upon reaching the place of the conflagration, they found, that of his house and paralyzed wife Rachel, only a heap of cinders remained. For one moment they stood there in silence. Then Zemach turned in the direction of the forest, and went to greet his "sons," the partisans. □

Reunions

453rd Bombardment Sqdn. Assoc. Reunion, Sept. 2-4, 1983, Baltimore, MD. Contact: C.V. Sochocki, 1314 N. Brookfield St., South Bend, IN 46628.

321st Bombardment Group (L), 321st Bomb. Wing (M), and 321st Strategic Missile Wing Reunion, Sept. 6-8, 1983, Grand Forks AFB, N.D. Contact: Maj. James Boensch, 447th SMW/DO, Grand Forks AFB, N.D. 58205, tel. (701) 594-6447.

USS Gambier Bay, CVE-73 Reunion, Sept. 15-18, 1983, St. Louis, MO. Contact: Tony Potochniak, Historian, 1100 Holly Lane, Endicott, NY 13760, tel. (607) 748-3284.

97th Heavy Bomb Group Reunion, Sept. 16-17, St. Louis, MO. Contact: Clarence Hammes, 15 Avilla Heights South, Alexander, AR 72002.

USS McCaffery (DD/DDE-860) Reunion, Sept. 21-23, Fall River, MA. Contact: Gordon E. Leiser, 417 Adirondack Ave., Spotswood, NJ 08884, tel. (201) 251-1457.

8th Fighter Group, WW II Reunion, Sept. 21-23, 1983, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: Vincent Steffanic, 21 Curson St., West Warwick, RI 02893.

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JWV Arts and Crafts Exhibit and Sale

August 15-19, 1983
During the JWV National Convention
At Downtown Marriott Hotel,
Atlanta, Georgia

ELIGIBILITY: MEMBERS & SPOUSES of the JWV and its Ladies Auxiliary

ELIGIBLE WORK: Only ORIGINAL WORK of high quality and in good taste. NO COPIES, decoupage, commercial molds or printed designs.

Artist must determine category of each piece of work.

DIVISIONS: #1. Includes painting (oil, acrylic, water color, mixed media), drawing and graphics.
#2. Includes sculpture and crafts (weaving, pottery, enamelling, stichery & macrame).

AWARDS: First place; \$100.00; second place, \$50.00; two merit awards, \$25.00; two honorable mention ribbons. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded at the Friday National Convention meeting.

DEADLINE: July 20, 1983—Note, we have extended the deadline to this date.

DELIVERY OF WORK: Work must be delivered by hand by artist or agent to the Plantation Room Monday, August 15, Tuesday, August 16, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. and no later than Wednesday, August 17 between 10 A.M. and 2 P.M. (ART WORK WILL BE JUDGED ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18.)

REMOVAL OF WORK: Work must be removed on Friday, August 19 at 4 P.M. and no later than 5 P.M. All work not removed will become the property of JWV.

GENERAL: All work must be suitably presented for display ... matte work must be hung with heavy board and securely and neatly covered with heavy acetate. Hanging device should be suitable for use with peg board hooks. Artist must set their own value on their work.

FEES: One side of panel, measuring four feet by eight feet can be reserved for \$20.00. A six foot table can be reserved for \$20.00. The amount of space required should be indicated on the application form below, and a check made payable to JWV of the USA, should be included with your form. A 10% commission will be assessed on all sales made during the exhibition.

LIABILITY: The artist's signature on the entry form constitutes a waiver of responsibility to JWV/JWVA, the Marriott Hotel and the Exhibition Committee. Although every possible precaution and care will be taken for the protection of submitted artwork, the above organizations will not be responsible for any damage or loss suffered while work is in the hotel and/or on exhibition.

JUDGING: Artwork will be judged by LORRAINE WHITE, a well-known, award-winning regional artist.

DONATIONS: A tax-deductible donation of artwork or crafts by exhibiting artists would be appreciated. They will be sold at a silent auction.



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Convention Speakers Preview

Although arrangements for all JWV's 88th Annual Convention speakers have not been finalized, we offer a preview of some of the exciting, stimulating guests who will grace the convention podium:

General John W. Vessey, Jr.

General John W. Vessey, Jr., was appointed the tenth Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, by President Ronald Reagan June 18, 1982. In this capacity, he serves as the senior military advisor to the President, the National Security Council, and the Secretary of Defense. General Vessey served as Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army, prior to his current appointment.

General Vessey was born and reared in Minnesota. He enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard in May 1939, and was called to active duty in February 1941. He rose to the rank of first sergeant before receiving a battlefield commission as a second lieutenant of Field Artillery at the Anzio Beachhead May 6, 1944.

Much of General Vessey's military service has been with combat divisions. His past assignments include the 34th Infantry Division in North Africa and Italy during World War II, the 4th Infantry Division in Germany, two tours with the



3rd Armored Division in Germany, the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam, and command of the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Carson, Colorado.

In 1975, General Vessey was promoted to Lieutenant General and became the U.S. Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans. He was promoted to his present grade in 1976 and assigned to Korea as Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command; Commander, U.S. Forces, Korea; and Commanding General, Eighth U.S. Army. In 1978, he also became the first Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command. General Vessey returned to

Washington in July 1979 to become the Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army.

He is the recipient of numerous military decorations and awards including the Distinguished Service Cross, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, and the Purple Heart.

General Vessey graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1963; from the George Washington University, Washington, D.C., with a Master of Science degree in 1965; and from the University of Pittsburgh's Management Program for Executives, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1970. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

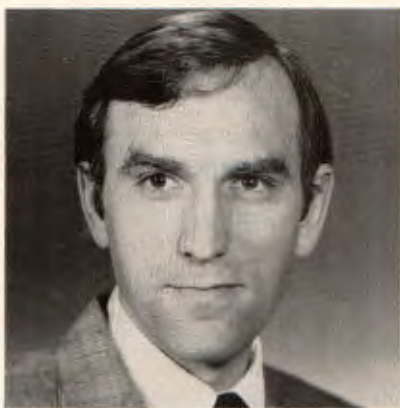
In addition to his military duties, General Vessey serves on the Board of Governors of the American Red Cross, and is Co-Chairman, Awards Committee American Academy of Achievement. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

General Vessey is married to the former Avis Funk of Minneapolis, Minnesota. They have two sons, John III, a Foreign Service Officer, and David, a Warrant Officer pilot with the U.S. Army; and a daughter, Sarah. □

Elliott Abrams

Elliott R. Abrams is an attorney who has practiced in New York and in Washington, D.C. He spent four years in the 1970s working for the U.S. Senate: as Assistant Counsel to the U.S. Senate Permanent Committee on Investigations in 1975; as Special Counsel to Senator Henry M. Jackson in 1975-6; as Special Counsel to Senator Daniel P. Moynihan in 1977; and from January, 1978 until May, 1979 as Senator Moynihan's Chief of Staff.

In January, 1981, Mr. Abrams began serving as Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of International Organization Affairs. He was confirmed unanimously as Assistant Secretary by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and by the U.S. Senate. In this capacity he supervised U.S. participation in the UN system.



On December 10, 1981, Mr. Abrams was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, a position for which, again, he was confirmed unanimously by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and by the U.S. Senate. In assuming this new position Mr. Abrams resigned as Assistant Secre-

tary of State for International Organization Affairs.

He was, until 1981, a member of the Committee for the Free World. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Jewish Committee, and the American Bar Association. He is the author of numerous essays and book reviews which have appeared in *Commentary*, *The Public Interest*, *The American Spectator*, *Policy Review*, and other journals.

Mr. Abrams was born in New York City on January 24, 1948. He received his B.A. degree from Harvard College in 1969, a M.Sc. Econ. in International Relations from the London School of Economics in 1970, and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1973. He lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife, Rachel, and their son, Jacob and daughter Sarah. □

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with biography of Harry Walters

Final Call to Convention August 14-21, 1983



Administrator Walters and NC Zwaik at the VA—they will greet each other again at the convention.

Harry Walters

Harry N. Walters, the twelfth Administrator of Veterans Affairs, assumed his position in December 1982. Prior to becoming VA Administrator, beginning June 1981, he served as Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Department of Defense. Mr. Walters was President and Chief Executive Officer of Potsdam Paper Corporation in Potsdam, New York, in 1977-1981; Management Consultant, Howard Paper Mills Inc., Dayton, Ohio, in 1976-1977; Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Standard Paper Manufacturing Company, Richmond, Virginia, in 1975-1976; National Sales and Marketing Manager, Plainwell Paper Company in 1971-1973; and Accounts Manager for Publication Papers, Kimberly Clark Corporation in 1969-1971.

He graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York (B.S., 1959) where he was fullback on the last undefeated Army football team and received Honorable Mention, All-American Honors. He served in the United States Army from 1959-1962; from 1960-1962, he served in Hawaii and Thailand with the First Battle Group, 35th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. He then served in the U.S. Army Reserves from November 1962-April 1968; in 1963-1964 he served in the U.S. Army Reserves Special Forces; the remainder of his tenure in the Army Reserves was spent in Ready Reserves.

He is married, has two children and resides in McLean, Virginia. He was born July 4, 1936. □

Taste of the South Tour

The Department of the Southeast has organized and subsidized an exciting tour and southern supper, which will take place Monday, August 15, from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For only \$7.50 per person (the other half of the \$15.00 price is being subsidized by the Department of the Southeast), you can join other JWV's on a guided tour of Atlanta, with stops at such "must" tourist attractions as Stone Mountain and the Cyclorama. The low cost includes a southern picnic supper at one of the stops. Upon your return to the hotel, there will be a reception in the National Commander's suite. To reserve your place for this unique "early bird" event, use the same coupon you are using for your hotel reservation.

Tentative Convention Schedule

Downtown Marriott Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, Aug. 15

- All day Convention Registration
(all delegates must come to JWV registration before checking into the hotel in order to pick up necessary authorization for check-in)
- 2:00 p.m. National Convention Committee Meeting
Shrine Executive Committee Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Taste of the South Tour

Tuesday, Aug. 16

- All Day Convention Registration
(see Monday, Aug. 15)
- Morning Resolutions Committee Meeting
Committee Meetings for: Personnel, Budget, Investment, National Finance Board, Action, Housing Commission
- 10:00 a.m. JWVA Meeting—Sister Ann Gillen, Director of National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry, Speaker
- 2:00 p.m. National Executive Committee Meeting
- Evening Square Dance

Wednesday, Aug. 17

- All day Convention Registration
(see Monday, Aug. 15)
- 8:30 a.m. Department Commanders Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Resolutions Committee Meeting
- Morning Committee Meetings for: Awards, Constitution and By-Laws, Grievance, Rules, Credentials and Registration
- 10:00 a.m. Workshop Sessions
- 2:00 p.m. Opening Convention Session—General John W.

Vessey Jr., Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, Speaker

Thursday, Aug. 18

- All day Convention Registration
(See Monday, Aug. 15)
- 8:30 a.m. Concurrent Workshop Sessions
Scholarship Committee Meeting
Constitution and By-Laws Committee Meeting (Second Session)
- 10:15 a.m. Second Convention Session—Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Speaker
- 2:00 p.m. Third Convention Session

Friday, Aug. 19

- All day Convention Registration
(see Monday, Aug. 15)
- 8:30 a.m. Concurrent Workshop Sessions
- 9:00 a.m. Resolutions Committee Meeting
Constitution and By-Laws Committee Meeting
- 10:15 a.m. Fourth Convention Session—Harry Walters, VA Administrator, Speaker
- 6:00 p.m. Century Club Reception
- 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Services

Saturday, Aug. 20

- 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Services
- 2:00 p.m. Shrine Board of Directors Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. JWV Pre-Banquet Reception
- 7:30 p.m. JWV Banquet
National Commander's Reception and Banquet
- 9:00 p.m. Delegate Registration
- 11:00 p.m. Final Convention Session
Election of National Commander

Please read carefully:

These special convention rates, listed in the coupon below, will prevail for the three days before and after the convention. To secure these rates, it is necessary to make your reservation in *advance* through JWV National Headquarters.

There is no charge for children under 18 sharing a room with adults.

A \$50.00 per person room deposit is required to make your hotel reservation.

Final payment on your hotel reservation **must be received** at National Headquarters **no later than July 25**. A full refund is available if you cancel at least 72 hours in advance.

Check-in time at the Downtown Marriott is 3:00 p.m.; check-out time is noon. If you drive, "in and out parking" is available for \$5.00 per day.

Special Note:

Unlike previous conventions, the Jewish War Veterans can no longer provide insurance coverage for delegates travelling to and from the National Convention. You are advised



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to make your own arrangements for insurance coverage.

Please make your check payable to Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. and send with reservation form to:

Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.
1712 New Hampshire Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20009
Attn: National Convention Reservations

Check Room Requested:

- Single Room - \$59.00 per day ☐
Double Room - \$62.00 per day ☐ (two adults in room)
Triple Room - \$91.00 per day ☐ (three adults in room)
Quad Room - \$111.00 per day ☐ (four adults in room)

Please fill in:

Enclosed is:

Room Deposit \$ _____

Room Reservation Deposit - \$50.00 per person

Fill in if applicable:

(There is no charge for children under 18 sharing a room with adults.)

I want to reserve a room to accomodate _____ adult(s) and _____ children.

Convention Registration fee: \$15.00 per person

(Note, registration fee at convention will be \$20.00)

Register the following: _____ Registration fees \$ _____

National Commander Banquet, Aug. 20: \$25.00 per person

(Note, Banquet tickets, if paid at convention, will be \$30.00 per person.)

Please reserve _____ places. Banquet Tickets \$ _____

Taste of the South Tour (Monday, August 15, 4:30 p.m.): \$7.50 per person.

Please reserve _____ places for this special tour. Tour fees \$ _____

Enclosed is my check for Total \$ _____

Please Print:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone _____, JWV Post No. _____ JWVA No. _____

Date of arrival _____ Date of Departure _____

Other persons in party _____

Send this completed coupon with \$50.00 per person room deposit, registration, tour and banquet fees to JWV, 1712 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, Attn.: Convention Registration.

Edward Ratner, a World War II veteran, member of Teaneck, NJ Post # 498, had spent much of his childhood and much of his professional life in the American Jewish community. Moving to San Francisco, he found it necessary to find the appropriate response to the question:

When do you tell them you're Jewish?

I grew up in a "Jewish neighborhood" in New York City in the thirties, went to a university that was 40% Jewish, and after I became a Madison Avenue "ad man," was assigned to accounts where 80% of my contacts were Jewish and then I moved to San Francisco where:

- My largest client is a company created and run by "born again" Christians.
- My second largest account is a Catholic university.
- Another account is a famous Seventh Day Adventist hospital for patients who have weight and alcoholic problems.
- I don't have a single Jewish client.

Not one of these clients knew that I was Jewish when they gave me their confidence and their business, but all of them know it now—and all were told at "the appropriate time." Most importantly, it didn't make any difference in our relationships.

My Gentile friends in advertising are always curious about "the appropriate time," so I assume my co-religionists are, too.

First, it is important to note that my formative years were not completely free of anti-Semitism. Just before my Bar Mitzvah, we moved to a part of Queens where Jewish kids were often attacked on their way to and from Hebrew school. When I was in the Air Force, not everyone believed that just because I was in uniform or had earned my wings, I was a good guy.

So I did not enter the California business world as a complete innocent. I knew there were some people who would rather work with "their own kind." But I also knew that if you could prove yourself to be the best qualified to promote a client's product or services, you had a good shot at almost any account.

One's religion does not come up when you solicit an account, unless you are a practicing Christian Scientist whose religion prohibits you from handling a liquor or medical account. (I was recently associated with someone who turned down business for that reason.) Therefore, when I started landing my ecumenical clients, there was no reason to mention that I was Jewish; but as time went by, it became apparent that it was only fair to come out of my religious closet. I was going to many "Christian" television and radio stations, putting my clients on the air, and being invited to too many high masses—not to say something. The only question was "when?"

Frankly, I always looked for the right opening at client meetings, even though I honestly never heard an anti-Semitic remark. The first breakthrough was easy. The San Francisco *Jewish Bulletin* (an excellent Anglo-Jewish newspaper) had run a column by Rabbi White, praising the Seventh Day Adventist church magazine for an editorial denouncing anti-Semitism. I called the director of the Seventh Day Adventist hospital I represented to read him the article and to recommend his advertising in the favorable climate of the *Jewish Bulletin*.

"Does this Rabbi White have any credibility in the community?" he asked.

"Of course," I said. "He's highly respected."

"How do you know?"

"He's my rabbi," I answered proudly to a long silence at the other end.

"Let me think about it," he finally said, as I began worrying about what I had revealed.

A few days later, he called to say that he appreciated my giving him that media recommendation, and was still considering it. We never ran the ad, but our conversation achieved something for me.

Some time after that, I had a business luncheon with my "born again" Christian friends. The president of the company was very enthused about a new idea. They were going to include a book with their most popular game, a book that told the story of how the game's creator was "born again" while creating it.

"Don't do it," I said. "It will hurt you with Jews, agnostics and atheists—all of whom are potential customers for your game."

"How do you know?" asked the company's president.

"I'm Jewish," I said, then stopped talking to observe the reaction. There was none; but, the decision was made not to include the book. No repercussions followed.

In the early fifties, many ad agencies were reluctant to hire Jews as account men because they thought clients might object. It was a breakthrough when I landed my first job on Madison Avenue, and it will be a breakthrough when I land my first Jewish client in San Francisco.

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In Search Of

Patricia Madsen is looking for her uncle, **Morris Kaplan**, born probably Nov. 1, 1924, last known in Brooklyn, NY. Anyone with information please contact Pat Madsen, 1445 Birch St., Denver, CO 80220, tel.: (303) 321-3993.

Rose Yalkut is seeking **Gilbert Teretsky** of Carroll Place, Bronx, NY; he may have

served in Saigon. Write: Rose Yalkut, 1545-59th St., Brooklyn, NY 11219.

Ray Weiss would like to hear from **Jewish veterans of WW II who served at a prisoner of war camp in Bad Orb, Germany, Stallag 9B, from Dec. 1944 to Feb. 1945.** Contact Mr. Weiss, c/o Fort Myers News-Press, P.O. Box 10, Fort Myers, FL 33902.

Survivors of **A Company, 5th Engr. Bn.**

5th Marine Div. would like to locate **Those who served on Iwo Jima** with this unit; especially Navy Medical Corpsman Norman (Muggsy) Fortman, PhM2c. Please contact Charles M. Nightingale, 4301 S. 8th St., Arlington, VA 22204, tel.: (703) 892-6745.

Marion Greenberg (nee Schoenberger) is looking for cousins **Adele Rawitz**, OCSH Hqs. EVCOM APO 807 US Army; and **Murry Baum**, WW II Pvt. 329-05-134; both are originally from NY. Anyone with information

should contact Marion Greenberg at 3021 W. Boca Raton, Phoenix, AZ 85023.

Sheldon L. Oberstein would like to hear from **any member of the crew of the flying fortress "Paper Doll," (Air Force, WW II 381st Bomb Group—534 Bomb Sqdn.)** who remembers being hospitalized with frostbite during the attack over Oschersleben, Germany on January 11, 1944. Write Mr. Oberstein at 65-83 160 St., Flushing, NY 11365.

Julian Kalothin would like to hear from all personnel who served with the **Air Transport Command, South Atlantic Wing in Brazil.** Write: Julian Kalothin, 64 Parson Rd., Clifton, NJ 07012.

Leon S. Schlafman is looking for **Tech. Sgt. Irving Rosen**, stationed at Smyrna AB in WW II. Anyone with information should contact Leon S. Schlafman, Justice of the Peace, P.O. Box 494, Haverhill, MA, 01830.

Former shipmates of **25th Naval Construction Battalion (WW II)** are asked to contact Alfred G. Don, 6204 Vicksburg Dr., Pensacola, FL 32503, tel.: (904) 476-4113.

Irwin H. Baeder is looking for members of the **52nd Aviation Bn., Pleiku-Kontu-Dakto, 1966-75, especially 57th Assault Helicopter Co. Kontum, Vietnam.** Contact: Irwin H. Baeder, 2857 Sedgwick Ave., Apt. 3D, Bronx, NY 10468.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **Julius ("Trader Horn") Greerwald**, former USAAF Sgt. in WW II, POW in Stalag Lufts, last known address 1702 Park Place, Brooklyn, NY, should contact M. Vineberg, 1565 Dominion, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada J1J 1N5.

The Armed Forces Broadcasters Association is seeking broadcasters and others who have previously served or are now serving in **military radio and television as civilians or as service members** to join the association. For more information write AFBA, P.O. Box 12013, Arlington, VA 22209.

Former members of WW II 9th AF Bomb Squadron are asked to contact Ralph M. Wefel at 114 Fontana Dr., Oxnard, CA 93033, tel.: (805) 488-1343.

WW II veterans at Corry Field, Pensacola, Florida, on the fire department from Aug. 17, 1945-Sept. 10, 1945 are asked to contact Robert F. Sedgebeer, 11901 Cohasset St., N. Hollywood, CA 91605, tel.: (213) 764-8327.

Veterans are invited to submit Viet Nam Era literature for an anthology to be published by *Pig Iron Magazine*. Fiction, poetry, articles, reminiscences and photographs emphasizing the point of view of the American soldier in S.E. Asia are being solicited. Contributors are not required to have served in the armed forces or to have been in Viet Nam. Deadline for submissions is Sept. 1, 1983. Send material to Pig Iron Press, P.O. Box 237, Youngstown, Ohio 44501, tel.: (216) 744-2258. Send a copy to the Jewish Veteran, 1712 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

Marion Stone is looking for **members, relatives and friends of the 1946-1949 Cyprus Jewish Community**, and she would like information on the British camps used to stem "illegal" immigration to Palestine. Write: Ms. Marion Stone, 6 Alma Rock Rd., Stamford, CT 06903.

Who Will Remember If You Forget?

Our memories fail, records are lost. Current generations distort the past, such as the neo-Nazis who want to deny the truth of the Holocaust, or the bigots who deny Jewish participation in America's military struggles.

There is only one way to preserve historical truth; that is to gather the documents and records of events and to maintain them for future generations.

This is why Congress chartered the JWV U.S.A. National Memorial, Inc. mandating: "A National Memorial and Museum dedicated to and commemorating the service and sacrifice in the Armed Forces of the United States during the period of war by Americans of the Jewish faith."

While Congress recognized the need for the JWV U.S.A. National Memorial, it did not provide any funds. The important work of maintaining and increasing the Archives and Museum is entirely dependent on your tax deductible contributions.

If You Forget, No One Will Remember

Now is the time to make sure JWV U.S.A. National Memorial Inc. survives and grows. Please fill out the coupon below and send it with your contribution to JWV U.S.A. National Memorial Inc., 1712 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. Remember that the National Memorial is a separate organization from the JWV of the USA, which requests and deserves your utmost support.

Yes, I remember and I want to be sure future generations remember. Enclosed is my check, payable to JWV U.S.A. National Memorial Inc. for: \$ _____

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Annual Memberships: Shrine Member, \$10.00 ☐
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Staff Line

Programs



Photo: Mark Goldman

by Steve Shaw
Assistant National
Executive Director

Program Exchange

With this issue of *The Jewish Veteran*, we introduce a new feature "Program Exchange."

The purpose of this column is to advise you and your Post leadership on the "how-to's" of doing a program. The procedures listed here may not apply to the program you are doing. Feel free to adapt this in any way that will make for a successful program in your area for your purposes.

The following program was a JWV Department of Massachusetts Brotherhood project entitled "Classmates Today-Neighbors Tomorrow." It was written by Past Department Commander Oscar Rottenberg and submitted by Herbert Block.

Listed herein is the suggested procedure for having a function relative to a Post Brotherhood Program. Utilize these suggestions as a guide and surely it will only enhance your program.

1. Set date for program.
 - a. Suggested as a breakfast to be most economical on a Sunday morning.
 - b. Secure hall, committee and publicity chairman.
2. List of those to be invited.
 - a. Post members
 - b. Auxiliary members
 - c. Winners from your schools
 - d. Parents of winners
 - e. School Principals and other instructors as desired
 - f. School Committee
 - g. Town or city officials, notably mayor or selectman
 - h. Allied Veterans Commanders
 - i. Gold Star Mothers—Note no applause when introduced
 - j. Photographer from local paper
 - k. Reporter from local paper
 - l. Local personages of importance
 - m. Main speaker if desired
3. Mail out invitations three weeks in advance.
 - a. Utilize RSVP procedure
4. Call those not heard from one week in advance, making sure of students.
5. Program for the day.
 - a. Seat student winners at head table
 - b. Seat local dignitaries at head table if possible. If not, at front table
 - c. Commander opens program

- (1) Invocation by Rabbi or Post Chaplain
- (2) Salute to colors
- (3) Serve Food
- (4) Commander introduces Master of Ceremonies
- (5) Suggested speaker rotation
 - (a) Local officials
 - (b) Commander of Post
 - (c) Presentors of Awards to School Winners
- (d) Make sure that presenter has copy of resume before hand, and that they are familiar with same. Have them sit at the head table next to the student so they may become better acquainted.
- (e) It is suggested that when you have more than one school, have different presentors. This relieves the sameness of voices.
- (f) Present the student with his award, have same read; it is suggested that a gift such as a pen be also presented.
- (g) Main speaker. Let his subject be current but also relative to the Brotherhood affair. Suggested no more than fifteen minutes.
- (h) Benediction by Rabbi or Post Chaplain. Salute to Colors.
- (i) Adjournment

I invite you to submit "how-to" procedures for programs. Hopefully, this "Program Exchange" will stimulate and aid all echelons in their programming. □

Public Relations



Photo: Mark Goldman

by Joan Alpert
National Public
Relations Director

Soviets Attempt to Lock the Door on Emigration

A series of *NY Times* articles the first week in June, report a major Soviet propaganda initiative to halt emigration. The Soviets are claiming that almost all Jews who want to leave Russia have already left, and Soviet authorities have recruited Soviet Jewish leaders to denounce outsiders for interference in the lives of Soviet citizens.

Most disturbing was the report of a letter sent by Rabbi Yakov Fishman of the Moscow synagogue to U.S. Ambassador Arthur A. Hartman, objecting to the presence of American diplomat James H. Glenn at the Saturday gather-

ings of Jews outside the synagogue.

According to the article, Rabbi Fishman brazenly instructs the American-Jewish ambassador to remember that "the synagogue is necessary for believers as the expression of their feelings toward God."

In a letter to the editor, National Commander Zwaik declared, the rabbi "should more appropriately instruct the KGB that the Sabbath begins on Friday evening, so that the synagogue would be open for worshippers then—and not only for a few hours on Saturday mornings. He should also advise the Soviet government that synagogue buildings should be open for daily services, and therefore, should not be chained closed from Saturday to Saturday."

Commander Zwaik also asked, "Why doesn't Rabbi Fishman express concern at the absence of children and young people from his synagogue? He must know they are forbidden to attend the brief services at which he officiates."

Recalling his trip to the Soviet Union, NC Zwaik noted that everyone inside and outside the synagogue knows his conversations are monitored. He wrote, "I especially remember Russian Jewish War Veterans' wearing their medals at services to proclaim to KGB informers that they are above suspicion." Noting that he had met James Glenn there, NC Zwaik praised Glenn's "genuine concern for religious freedom for Soviet Jews and Christians and for the upholding of human and civil rights under the terms of the Helsinki Accords, which the Soviets have signed, but not practiced."

It was reported that Ambassador Hartman immediately responded to the rabbi's attacks with expressions of trust in Mr. Glenn. JWV applauds Mr. Glenn, he is a dedicated, devoted diplomat representing the highest standards of our country.

Ironically, Rabbi Fishman died on June 7 after the National Commander issued his response to the rabbi's attacks on Glenn. The theory is, however, that since Mr. Glenn is about to leave the Soviet Union for another assignment, the attack on Glenn was a Soviet attempt to make sure that his replacement would not be as interested in human rights. Our sources indicate that the U.S. policy of such active concern will not change.

JWV's Project Yachad, the letter writing campaign to and on behalf of Soviet Jewish veterans, demands everyone's involvement. Write to National Headquarters for information.

Petition the FCC to Deny License Renewal to Racist Radio Station

Dodge City, Kansas Radio Station KTTL-FM has been broadcasting programs promoting racial hatred and

The programs were from tapes made by members of Posse Comitatus, a radical, militant group opposed to all state and federal laws and to officials who enforce them. One of the Posse's members Gordon Kahl was recently indicted for the murder of two U.S. marshalls in North Dakota, and then escaped to Arkansas, where he and a sheriff killed each other in a shootout.

Claiming such programs violate public interest standards governing radio licensing set forth by Sections 307 (c) and 309 (a) of the U.S. Communications Act, NC Zwaik pointed out to the FCC, "We know you have ample evidence of this station's programming, urging illegal actions to inflict harm on American citizens. The fact that no one in Dodge City or elsewhere in the U.S. has yet been garrotted, hung, or ambushed as advocated in these programs should not mean that this station should be licensed to promote such actions—until some innocent people are victimized in this fashion. We do remind you that three officers of the law are dead apparently as a result of the Posse Comitatus philosophy."

Please write your own letter to protest renewal of this station's license to: William Tricario, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street N.W., Washington, DC 20554. If you want more information about this station and/or about Posse Comitatus, write National Headquarters. ☐

A black and white photograph of a dark, curved fabric item, possibly a hat or a piece of clothing, with the words "PATRON" and "J.W.V." printed on it in white capital letters. The fabric has a slight sheen and a visible seam or fold line. The background is light and textured.

A black and white photograph of a rectangular wooden block. Two pens stand vertically on the top surface of the block, one on the left and one on the right. In the center of the block is a circular medallion featuring a Star of David with a menorah inside it.

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS

Add postage and handling charges to your order as follows: up to \$6.00, add \$1.50. \$6.01 to \$15.00, add \$2.50. \$15.01 to \$30.00, add \$3.00. \$30.01 to \$50.00, add \$4.00. \$50.01, and over, add \$5.00 (except for special instructions above).

For a free and uncrowded future, subscribe to **CRUCIAL CONCEPTS**, a newsletter dealing with the triple problem of crime, welfare and overpopulation. Edited by Izzy Siev, a member of JWV Richmond Hill Post #75. **Five dollars per year. Twelve monthly issues. Box Ten, Queens, N.Y. 11417. Sample copy is one dollar.**

Veterans' Affairs

A Temporary Solution at Arlington

The problems of giving appropriate recognition to Americans who died in Vietnam at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was temporarily solved during Memorial Day ceremonies.

No "unknown" from the Vietnam War has been interned in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, because no unidentifiable remains have been located. There are also almost 2500 American military personnel still "missing and unaccounted for" from that conflict. Yet, it was troubling to have no recognition for our Vietnam war dead at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where those who died in World War I, World War II and Korea are honored.

On Memorial Day, two plaques were dedicated. One, placed at the Memorial Amphitheater is near an existing plaque, which explains the process for selecting World War I, World War II and Korean War unknowns. The new plaque describes public law requirements to inter an unknown from Southeast Asia at Arlington. It then explains the impossibility for an internment now, because remains of Americans who died in Southeast Asia are still being identified.

The other plaque placed near the Tomb of the Unknown states, "The crypt for the unknown serviceman from the Vietnam War lies empty as the nation continues to identify those American dead who have been recovered from Southeast Asia. In the meantime, there is nothing more important to the soul of our nation than that Americans never forget the sacrifice of those who died for Freedom in the Vietnam War."

Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger, who made the decision to erect the two plaques, confirmed that the plaques will remain at Arlington until final action on the Vietnam Unknown can be taken.

Remains Identified After Eleven Years of Effort

If anyone questions why an "unknown" cannot be buried yet in Arlington, the Army's identification of a body after eleven years of effort indicates the importance of waiting until all possibilities have been exhausted.

The National League of Families of POWS/MIAS reported that in early February, the Army positively identified an "unknown" as PFC Alan Keith Barton, who had disappeared from his unit in Vietnam without explanation and was reported AWOL. Since he was, therefore, not listed among the "missing," his

medical and dental records were not at the Army's Central Identification Laboratory, where anthropological comparisons are made for identification purposes. Just recently, these records were found at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, positive identification was made, Barton's military records were amended, and he was buried with full military honors.



(L to R), Irwin Mandelblatt, SVC Post #55, Marvin Plotkin, PPC Post #55, and Jay Berliner, SVC Dept. of VA, attended the May 15 official dedication of the new Quantico, Virginia National Cemetery. Also in attendance was Asst. Nat'l Executive Director Steve Shaw, representing National Headquarters.

House Votes Mortgage Aid

On May 24, the House of Representatives approved HR 2948 to give financial assistance to any veteran or surviving spouse who is unemployed or suffered substantial loss of income and who has fallen a minimum of six months behind in mortgage payments on a VA guaranteed mortgage. Under the bill, the VA could pay a veteran's mortgage payments for 12 months, including six months of back payments, and could extend assistance for an additional 12 months; the loan, however, cannot exceed \$8,400 and must be repaid within four years.

No additional funds need to be appropriated under this legislation; the money would be taken from revolving funds the VA uses to pay claims from lenders. The Congressional Budget Office reports that this bill, if passed, would also save the VA money, because costs of foreclosure and resale of the properties would be avoided.

VITAMIN E—Not a Cure-All

Every day, all over America, people swallow large doses of vitamin E in the belief that it will delay aging, increase sexual potency, and treat any one of a dozen or more ailments. These people are fooling themselves.

Veterans Administration investigators have reported that there is little scientific proof for most of the claimed benefits of vitamin E. Their studies show that in one disease for which it seemed

an ideal treatment (hemolytic anemia), vitamin E had no effect at all.

In an article published April 28 in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Dr. Gerhard J. Johnson and his coworkers at the Minneapolis, Minn., VA Medical Center, reported on the use of vitamin E therapy in three patients with hemolytic anemia.

The disease, which resulted from an inherited enzyme deficiency, is characterized by the rapid destruction (oxidation) of red blood cells. It is not in itself life-threatening, but can lead to debilitating complications, including an enlarged spleen and gallstones. Because of its antioxidant properties, vitamin E had been advocated as a potentially useful treatment for such disorders, Dr. Johnson said.

"The anemia we studied seemed to be an ideal test," he added. "The fact that vitamin therapy had no effect has implications far beyond the patients we studied. It challenges the concept that vitamin E is an effective antioxidant in situations other than those associated with vitamin E deficiency."

Vitamin E is known to play a role in fertility, in fibro-cystic disease and in the prevention of abortion. However, Dr. Johnson said, there is "a widespread perception of vitamin E as a panacea for a variety of ailments." This perception lacks scientific evidence. □

New VA Mortgage Rates

VA home mortgage rates dropped to a three year low of 11.5% as of May 16th; this rate is now the maximum lenders can charge for loans guaranteed by the VA. The VA rate for a mobile home is 13.5% or 13 percent if a lot is included.

VA Will Provide Medical Care to "A-Vets"

Seventeen months ago, in November 1981, legislation (PL 97-72) was enacted directing the VA to provide medical care to veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during atomic bomb tests in Nevada and the Pacific between 1945 and 1962. This legislation also authorized VA medical treatment for veterans exposed to Agent Orange. The VA established different standards for treating these two groups.

Based on the legislation, the VA established liberal guidelines for providing medical care for Agent Orange victims. If a medical condition could not be attributed to some source other than Agent Orange, then a VA medical facility was instructed to care for the veterans. The guidelines for treatment of radiation victims was, however, limited to those having malignant conditions or thyroid

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JWV echelons across the country participated in special ceremonies to commemorate Memorial Day; for one JWV echelon, this year was especially significant as they honored a war hero whose grave had been unmarked for almost 50 years.

A Special Dedication



On Sunday, May 29, 1983, members of Drizin Weiss Post #215, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dedicated an appropriate headstone to mark the grave of Congressional Medal of Honor winner, Corporal Samuel Gross at Har Nebo Cemetery in Philadelphia.

The pictures above tell the story. After an article by Edward R. Murphy about Samuel Gross appeared in *The Jewish Veteran* (April/May/June, 1982, page 7), members of Post #215 went to search for Gross' grave. The post regularly decorates all veterans' graves at Har Nebo Cemetery, but had never known until reading the *Veteran* story that Samuel Gross was buried there. Ted Stein wrote Headquarters in May, 1982, that Post members, after consulting with the cemetery manager, finally found the grave, but were shocked to discover it unmarked. They placed an American flag on the empty stretch of grass and took a picture (above, left).

Mr. Stein initiated the proceedings to have the VA supply a suitable headstone. After Stein's untimely death in July, 1982, Maurice Weiss, the Post's Americanism chairman,

continued the project. The middle photo shows cemetery manager Richard Levy kneeling to mark the boundaries of the grave as Mr. Weiss and Post Commander Ellis Zeitz observe.

On the right is a photo of the simple, but dignified headstone in place. At the beautiful ceremonies unveiling the headstone, representatives of the Department of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia County Council, and other JWV posts attended as well as special guests such as Sister Marie Veronica of the Freedom Foundation and Barbara Margulies, Samuel Gross' niece. A wreath was laid; a flag was placed; Kaddish was read; a Marine Color Guard fired a salute. Bill Reineck, *Philadelphia Daily News* reporter, called it "an appropriate ritual, for Gross was a soldier—celebrated but quickly forgotten," but as Edgar Williams wrote in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* five days before the ceremony, "Samuel Gross, hero, is about to emerge from history's shadows." Now that the stone has been dedicated, Corporal Samuel Gross will continue to receive the honor and recognition he merits. □

nodules. The VA had reasoned that definitive scientific evidence links those two medical conditions with radiation exposure, while there is as yet no scientific link between herbicide exposure and specific medical problems.

Harry Walters, VA Administrator, told the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on April 5 that revised guidelines have now been issued. The new guidelines regarding radiation exposure parallel those issued on Agent Orange. They direct that each veteran who participated in the testing of a nuclear device or who participated in the occupation of Hiroshima or Nagasaki between September 11, 1945, and July 1, 1946, will

be provided a free physical examination on request. If the exam reveals a condition requiring treatment, the physician shall determine whether the medical problem resulted from a cause other than exposure to ionizing radiation. If no other cause can be determined, then the veteran can be treated for a "service-connected" problem.

The 1981 legislation did not consider the problem of compensation. As of March 1, 1983, the VA states that they have received 3,325 claims for compensation based on radiation exposure. Twenty-nine claims attributed to atomic testing have been allowed, but none of approximately 338 claims attributed to

having been stationed in Hiroshima or Nagasaki has been granted. Claims attributed to Agent Orange now total 16,821; none has been allowed for that reason.

Because the scientific community is not in agreement about the range and degree of medical problems or effects on general health resulting from exposure to radiation or to dioxins, the VA refuses to compensate those who suffered such exposure, although it will now give all of them physical exams and treatment for medical conditions not clearly attributable to some other source.

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JWV'S

Washington Report

Highlights from news in the nation's capital and around the world

Israel's Ambassador Meir Rosenne to Speak at Convention

We are pleased to announce that Israel's new ambassador to the U.S., Meir Rosenne, will address the JWV 88th Annual Convention on Thursday, August 18.

Ambassador Rosenne has served the Israeli government since 1952. His positions have included: Consul of Israel in New York (1961-1967), Coordinator of the Israeli Atomic Commission (1969-1971), and Ambassador to France (1979-1983).

A lawyer, a Ph. D. with a degree from the Sorbonne and a graduate of the Institute for Advanced International Studies in Paris, Dr. Rosenne also served as legal advisor to the Israeli Foreign Ministry (1971-1979) and participated in all the negotiations leading to the Israeli-Egyptian Peace Treaty. He is a member of the Israeli Bar Association and the American and French Associations for International Law; he received the Harold Weil Medal of the New York School of Law for outstanding contributions to international law.

Born in Iasi, Romania in 1931, Ambassador Rosenne immigrated to Israel when he was thirteen years old. He is married and the father of two daughters.

For more information about the JWV Convention, see pages 15-17.

Dodge City, Kansas FM Station Silent on Opposition to License Renewal

The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) recently sent a copy of their June 20 letter to Mrs. Nellie Babbs of Radio Station KTTL (FM) citing five organizations which have opposed this station's license renewal (see story on page 20). The letter asks Mrs. Babbs whether she intends to file an opposition to the objections to have her station's license renewed and demands records of her programming. The letter observes that the station owner has not complied with at least one deadline for necessary responses and demands she immediately comply with FCC rules. It appears that this racist station owner's silence to the FCC could lead to the station's being permanently silenced.

In addition to the JWV, the other organizations objecting to KTTL's license are: Dodge City Citizens for Better Broadcasting, National Black Media Coalition, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Jewish Community Relations Bureau of Kansas City, Missouri.

UN General Assembly Sponsors Summer of Anti-Israel Meetings

The UN General Assembly is sponsoring four anti-Israel conferences this summer to provide a propaganda platform for the PLO. There has, however, been growing opposition to some of these forums.

In early July, a meeting is scheduled to prepare for the "International Conference on the Question of Palestine." The conference was initially scheduled for Paris in mid-August, but France refused to act as host. Austria was then selected as the host country, but Austria refused. Because Geneva, Switzerland has the United Nations facilities, the Swiss must host a UN sponsored conference upon request. The Swiss, however, have insisted on postponing the conference until August 29, because they claim too many of their security personnel are on vacation in August.

If there ever was any question about this conference's possibly offering a balanced debate on the subject of "Palestine," the proof of pre-planned bias is shown by the fact that non-governmental organizations with observer status at the UN (such as JWV) have been excluded from participation if they do not sympathize with the PLO. The EEC (European Economic Community) has recently declared it will boycott this meeting, and it is hoped European governments will also refuse to participate. There are also growing questions as to whether the conference will take place at all if the warring PLO factions cannot agree on official representatives.

An "International Conference on the Alliance between South Africa and Israel," scheduled for July 11-13 in Vienna, promises also to be a propaganda event whose proponents are undaunted by the fact that Israeli trade with South Africa only accounts for .2% (that's point two tenths percent) of South Africa's international trade. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY) and Congressman Tom Lantos (D-CA) are the leading congressional voices in urging the U.S. to withhold American contributions to the UN which would be used to support this conference.

Another sign of the growing world fatigue over using international forums to condemn Israel occurred in June at the ILO (International Labor Organization) conference. An Arab resolution condemning Israel for discriminatory practices against Arab workers in occupied territories failed. The U.S. was able to obtain enough Third World support to defeat this resolution.

Veterans' Job Training Legislation in Jeopardy

While the House and Senate approved emergency job training benefits for unemployed veterans, the Conference on the HUD and Independent Agency Appropriations Subcommittee has dropped the \$150 million the Senate appropriated to fund their program.

Stars and Stripes reported on June 23rd that one explanation being advanced for this outrageous action is that the Appropriations Committee wanted to wait until President Reagan signed the bill into law before appropriating the money. The conferees have placed the \$150 million into a "reserve fund" which would require special authorizing legislation to be released.

Suggestion: Abolish Senate Veteran Affairs Committee

A Senate study committee, charged to examine the practices and procedures of the U.S. Senate and to suggest improvements, recommends abolishing the veteran affairs committee and "returning" it to the Armed Services Committee as a subcommittee. Aside from the fact that a veteran affairs committee was never a subcommittee of Armed Services, there can be no question that a separate standing committee is needed to handle the many, varied responsibilities of overseeing veterans affairs. Senator Edward Zorinsky (R-NB) has introduced Senate Resolution #139 to support the continued existence of the standing Veterans Affairs Committee, and National Commander Zwaik advised Senator Zorinsky of JwV's support for his actions.

Senate Imposes Moratorium on Disability Reviews

On June 15, the U.S. Senate passed an amendment to the Supplemental Appropriations Bill imposing a moratorium on Social Security Administration reviews of benefits to the mentally disabled.

Senator John Heinz (R-PA) had offered his amendment to "correct the gross injustices inherent in the current disability review process" and "pave the way for a fair, humane review." During the six month moratorium on reviews of all mentally disabled on Social Security disability rolls, the Administration requires the Administration to revise criteria for assessing mental impairment and to devise new procedures for evaluating an individual's ability to work. The Administration must appoint a panel of experts in the mental health field to recommend appropriate revisions. The Amendment also requires that a qualified psychiatrist or psychologist complete the medical portion of the disability evaluation.

The House Select Committee on Aging held hearings on the Social Security review process during the week of June 23rd, focusing their attention on physical disabilities. A key witness was Congressional Medal of Honor winner Roy P. Benavidez who was declared "permanently unfit for duty" in the Army because of injuries incurred under fire in Vietnam. Recently a Social Security termination letter was sent to him declaring that he would be removed from the disability rolls, because he "can do substantial gainful work," in spite of the fact that two doctors declared him 100 percent disabled.

Deputy Commissioner of Social Security Paul B. Simmons told the House Committee that "mistakes have been made" in cutting one million individuals from Social Security's disability rolls. The Administration had offered suggestions for changes in the review process, but Benavidez's counsel claims these changes would not help his client.

House Veterans' Committee Approves Reestablishing G.I. Education Bill

In an effort to improve the quality of new military recruits and retain skilled personnel, the House Veterans' Affairs Committee has approved H.R. 1400 providing educational benefits for veterans. This bill will require the VA to provide a basic benefit of \$300 per month for three years of service. A supplemental benefit of \$300 per month will be available after eight years of service, to be paid by the Department of Defense. Members of the Guard or Reserves could receive an additional educational benefit of \$140 per month for enlisting, re-enlisting, extending their service for six years or possessing a high school diploma.

MOU Likely To Be Reinstated

The MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between Israel and the US (which President Reagan canceled only weeks after its signing in December 1981 when Israel "annexed" the Golan Heights) is likely to be restored when Prime Minister Begin visits the U.S. at the end of July.

Veterans' Affairs



Malvin Roseman poses with blind veterans (L to R) Joseph Fontenot, Jerome Bohon, and Ed Bahret who are members of the special stamp club Roseman coordinates. The VA's story on Roseman and his stamp club follows.

Birmingham JWV Volunteer Brings Stamp Collecting to the Blind

For years Birmingham stamp collector Malvin Roseman had sent stamps and moral support across the country to a veterans' stamp club at the White City, Ore. VA Domiciliary.

The opening of the new VA Southeast Regional Blind Rehabilitation Center in Birmingham last fall brought his philatelic talents to bear closer to home.

Roseman, a member of the JWV Post #608, is now advisor and coordinator of the rehab center's Stamp Club. He is sharing his stamp collecting expertise and enthusiasm with 12 blind and low vision veterans enrolled in the blind rehabilitation program—the first such group in any of the VA's four regional blind rehabilitation centers.

Roseman works with each Stamp Club member individually and tailors a program based upon his interest and visual capabilities. Blind Rehabilitation Center director Mark Voorhies endorses the club as part of the center's therapeutic recreation program.

"It's a hobby our clients can take home with them after they've been through our program," he said. "No matter where they live, there's a post office nearby, and there are millions of collectors around which enables our veterans to make contacts in their communities."

Jerome Bohon, current club president, said his new interest in stamp collecting is an important part of his rehabilitation. "I've got something that fills my spare time and that I'll be taking back home with me to Tampa," he said. □

On the right, Donald Burnette, Director of Davis Park VAMC, presents Henry Klitchner, JWV Post #533, Warwick, RI, AMVETS Department of Rhode Island Award for being the most outstanding hospital volunteer of the year.

VAVS and Other Services to Veterans

Among JWV VAVS Volunteers who were honored for their hours of service in their VAMCS were: from Mack Frankel Post #112, Atlanta GA—**Michael Graiser**, 1000 hours; **Otto Lieber**, 500 hours; **Harry Werbin**, **Wolfie Bromberg**, 300 hours ... from New York County Council—**Ben Pochulsky**, over 7500 hours; **Irving Gottlieb**, **Don Luxenberg**, over 2500 hours; **Dr. Joe Blumenthal**, **Phil Bloom**, **Louis Bromfeld**, **Martin Fox**, **Herman Levine**, **Irving Levitt**, **Sam Romm**, over 1000 hours plus 100 annually; **Louis Linn**, **Herman Gennis**, and **Peter Pepitone**, over 500 hours; **Bill Rosenberg**, **Seymour Hellman**, over 100 hours ... from Post #760 Orange County, CA—**Leonard Victor**, 10,000 hours; **Edward Yarmat**, 5000 hours; **Alvin Meyers**, **Gerard Witt**, 100 hours ... From Post #680, Newport Beach, CA—**Joseph Snyder**, 5000 hours ... from Post #1776, West Cabina, CA—**Ethel Weinberg**, 5000 hours ... from Fegelson-Young Post #697, Levittown, PA—**Mel Hyman**, 300 hours; **Irv Klein**, 100 hours ... from Post #593, Long Beach, CA—**Herbert Fingerhut**, 1750 hours; **William Hoff**, 1000 hours; **Richard Sullivan**, 100 hours ...

Department of Illinois has negotiated "the power of direction" for the veterans section, in the Jewish section, in Oakridge Cemetery at Hillside, IL to determine the eligibility for free burial sites; these sites are reserved for indigent veterans who are residents of Illinois ... **Post #18**, Bayonne, NJ took a bus load of disabled veterans to Monmouth Park for a day at the races, hosted an annual cookout for hospitalized veterans at East Orange, NJ VAMC, and will take a bus load of East Orange VAMC patients to Shea Stadium for a Mets game in July ... Cooperation was achieved in Michigan when the American Legion and VFW agreed to a request from the JWV **Dept. of MI** to postpone a poppy sale from its scheduled date, because it was the second day of Shavuot.



Ask the VA

These are representative questions posed to the VA. For more information, contact your JWV service officer or any VA office.

What is the order of admission priorities in VA medical facilities for inpatient care?

The priority sequence for inpatient care at VA medical facilities is as follows: 1) Veterans with service-connected disabilities who need treatment for that disability; 2) Veterans with a service-connected disability, but seeking care for an ailment not related to that disability; 3) Veterans without service-related disabilities who need inpatient care, but are unable to pay for such elsewhere, on a space available basis. (Veterans over age 65 have this limited eligibility without regard to their ability to pay for care elsewhere.)

Can I get a dental checkup and treatment at a VA hospital?

Eligibility for dental treatment is limited. Eligible are veterans with service-connected dental conditions and recently discharged veterans who need treatment for conditions that began while they were in the service.

I have applied for a GI home loan at every bank in town and have been turned down. I thought the Veterans Administration guaranteed every veteran a loan?

The guaranteed home loan is a guarantee by the VA to the lender, that if you default on your loan, the VA will pay the lender 60 percent of the loan, not to exceed \$27,500. The veteran, however, must be a good credit risk and be reasonably able to repay the loan.

I recently received a letter about a VA education overpayment which dates from 1976. Am I liable?

Yes. The VA and other government agencies are making serious efforts to collect debts, including old education overpayments like yours. The VA is willing to accept reasonable repayment agreements or lump sum payments.

How does one define a "service-connected disability"?

A "service-connected disability" is any physical or mental disease or injury incurred or aggravated during active service in the line of duty, providing the veteran was discharged or separated under other than dishonorable conditions.

JWV Sponsored Insurance Programs

by Herbert Greff

TYPE OF INSURANCE	FOR CLAIM FORMS CONTACT	AGE LIMITS AND INSURER	ENROLLMENT PERIOD
Group Term Life Programs (Amounts up to \$40,000 based on plan selected)	Bankers United Life Assurance Attn: Claim Department 20 N. Wacker Drive Chicago, Illinois 60606	Apply to Age 65 Continue to Age 80 Bankers United Cedar Rapid, Iowa	Open Enrollment 11/15 to 1/31 Underwritten Basis Available Year-Round
Weekly Hospital Indemnity	Same as above	Apply to age 65. All states except N.Y. & R.I. Connecticut General Hartford, CT New York & R.I.	Open Enrollment 4/1 - 6/14 Underwritten Basis Available From 6/15-3/31
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	Group Administration Agency 20 N. Wacker Drive Chicago, Illinois 60606	Apply to Age 70 North American Life & Casualty Co. Minneapolis, Minn.	All policies effective Dec. 1. Enrollment anytime during the year
Income Security Plan (Disability Benefits)	Same as above	Apply to Age 63 Durham Life Ins. Raleigh, N. C.	All policies effective Oct. 1. Enrollment anytime during the year
\$15,000 Basic Major Medical	Same as above	No Age Limit Durham Life Ins. Raleigh, N. C.	All policies effective Oct. 1. Enrollment anytime during the year
\$1,000,000 Excess Major Medical	Same as above	Apply to Age 65 Durham Life Ins. Raleigh, N. C.	All policies effective March 1. Enrollment anytime during the year
Perma-Life	Same as above	Ages 50 to 85 Continental Assurance Chicago, Illinois Valley Forge Life	Available at anytime on an underwritten basis
Medicare Supplement (Check for availability in your state)	Same as above	Apply if Age 65 or over Sentry Insurance Stevens Point, Wis.	Enrollment anytime during the year
Cancer Care (Check for availability in your state)	Group Administration Agency 20 N. Wacker Drive Chicago, Illinois 60606	No age limits Durham Life Insurance Raleigh, N. C.	All policies effective Feb. 1 Enrollment anytime during the year
Graded Benefit Life	Continental American Life Ins. P.O. Box 750 Wilmington, Del. 19899	Apply to age 75 Continental American Wilmington, Del.	Limited Enrollment periods

Brochures and applications on all JWV plans available from National Headquarters , 1712 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

Keeping Posted

(Right) Stanley J. Wides, Northern Valley, NJ Post #208, Chairman of the NJ Governor's Veterans Service Council, stands with Governor Kean after presenting him with the Council's annual report on veterans concerns.



(Below) Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill presents Rabbi Block a certificate for leading the House in prayer. Also pictured are (L to R): Chaplain Ford, Mrs. Block, Herbert Block, and Congressman Bill Green.



Rabbi Irving J. Block delivered the following prayer to open the June 2, 1983, session of the House of Representatives:

Almighty God who art the Creator of the universe and whose spirit guideth the destinies of nations,

Humbly we beseech Thee to bless the legislators of this House who seek through reason, faith and deliberation to promote harmony and cooperation in our beloved and great land as well as among peoples everywhere.

Endow them with divine wisdom and a keen sense of responsibility to transmit the blessing of freedom and democracy to their fellowmen, and to strive always for reconciliation and world peace.

Bless our Representatives, O Lord, with the ancient talmudic benediction, "May He who caused His name to dwell in this house, let dwell among you love, brotherhood, peace, and friendship."

Amen

After the prayer, Congressman Bill Green (D-NY) made the following remarks, which were printed in the Congressional Record:

Mr. Speaker, our guest chaplain this morning, Rabbi Irving J. Block, is the founder and rabbi of the Brotherhood Synagogue, established in 1954, and now located in a landmark building at 28 Gramercy Park South in New York City.

June 9 will mark the 30th anniversary of Rabbi Block's ordination. He has devoted his life to spreading the concept of religious brotherhood.

Rabbi Block has served on the board of directors of the Clergyman's Advisory Committee of the New York City Youth Board; as a national director of Religion in American Life; as grand chaplain of the New York State Masonic Order; as a director of the New York Family Court's Home Advisory and Service Council; with the antidrug addiction rehabilitative Training for Living organization; with the New York State Human Rights' Commission's Clergymen's Advisory Committee.

As a member of the Jewish War Veterans, I am proud of the fact that Rabbi Block is the JWV Department of New York State chaplain, and in 1982 was appointed national chaplain of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

Rabbi Block is here today with his wife, the former Dr. Phyllis Robinove, an editor and writer of French textbooks, and their son, Herbert, whom many members will remember as a former House page.

We are fortunate to have had my friend, Rabbi Block, give the opening prayer today. □

Community Service and Action

After a long, hard struggle, **El Paso, Texas Post #749** successfully spearheaded a drive to have New Mexico State University's Board of Regents remove the "Swastika" as the name of the student yearbook and as a symbol of the university. The notorious swastika had been the university's symbol since 1907, because it was a mark of benevolence among local American Indian tribes. The fact that the Nazis changed the angle of the swastika and gave it a new meaning did not affect the university's decision to retain their historical use of the symbol, in spite of the fact that since the 30's there have been constant questions and challenges to its use. In raising the issue again this year, Post Action Chairman PDC Lawrence H. Mandel, noted that JWV worked closely with the Albuquerque and El Paso Jewish Community Relations Councils and was able to enlist the active support of New Mexico's Governor Toney Anaya, the National Indian Youth Council (whose spokesman Gerald Wilkinson observed in testimony that no American Indian tribe uses the swastika symbol anymore) and Professor Jerome Brown who has taught at the university for 17 years. After much controversy (with many students claiming their rights would be violated if the swastika's removal was ordered, with letters and editorials being exchanged in the local media), a majority of the Board of Regents ruled on May 6 that the swastika symbol must disappear from the New Mexico State University. Kudos to Post Commander Bert L. Leslie and to Post Action Chairman Lawrence H. Mandel.

NY County Council is beaming with pride over its successful efforts to alert the public to the neo-Nazi philosophies of nine candidates running for School Board #6. Some 30,000 flyers were distributed to educate citizens about the anti-Semitic "La Rouche" candidates, according to County Commander Emanuel Goldstein. All nine were defeated ... **North Essex, NJ Post #146** hosted a special brotherhood event, their seventh annual Allied Veterans breakfast, which all 15 veterans organizations in their area attended ... Updating our report from the last issue (p. 29) on the **Dept. of Massachusetts' Program** "Classmates Today-Neighbors Tomorrow," the Dept. reported that one member of a bank's board of directors was so impressed with the program that he has already donated a \$100 bond to support next year's ... Additional Massachusetts posts which have held their own brotherhood breakfasts under this program are:

Pittsfield Post #140, Dorchester Centre Post #630 and Sharon Post #735 ... Leon E. Cone Post #213, Morristown, NJ has distributed over 2000 pieces of literature on crime prevention among the city's supermarkets to educate the community ... **Elin-Unger Post #273**, Newark, NJ led a campaign to raise funds for a local family to alleviate their hardships caused by an automobile accident which paralyzed the wife during her eighth month of pregnancy; a healthy baby was born shortly after, but the medical bills were enormous ... **Mack Frankel Post #112, and Auxiliary**, Atlanta, GA co-sponsored the 135th consecutive city-wide blood drive and provided a free continental breakfast to every donor ... In May, **Fleischmann-Horowitz-Col. Marcus Post #6**, Brooklyn, NY distributed 12,000 pounds of government cheese to the needy ... **Valley of the Sun Post #194**, Phoenix, AZ is supporting an organization called K.I.D.S. whose members take care of foster children ... **Liblit-Freedman Post #725**, Bayshore, NY has donated \$300 to aid an Israeli girl in the U.S. for medical treatment and \$500 to the Hatzilu organization for food baskets for the needy ... At a special "May Day" breakfast **Dept. of Maryland** hosted and honored forty-four Soviet Jewish World War II veterans who had emigrated to the United States ... American flags were presented by **NY County County** to the NY VAMC; by **Post #213**, Morristown, NJ to Beth Israel Cemetery; by **Canton, Ohio Post #73**, to the Canton JCC; and by **Maryland Free State Post #167** to the Sgt. Isadore Jackman U.S. Army Reserve Center ... Several echelons reported their co-sponsorship and participation in Holocaust Commemoration ceremonies; they include: **Post #47**, Passaic, NJ, **Post #133**, Brunswick, NJ, (which hosted special services with author Charles Allen, Jr., as guest speaker) and the **Dept. of Southeast** at the Georgia State Capitol ... The fortieth anniversary of the death by drowning of the Four Chaplains, who gave away their life jackets to other soldiers, as the troop transport "Dorchester" went down, was commemorated in ceremonies by several echelons: **Philadelphia County Council**, **Springfield-Freedman Post #26**, Springfield, MA, and Albany, NY **Post #105**.

Scholarships and Awards

Graduation days are here; **Elin-Unger Post #273**, NJ awarded its William and Gertrude Marcus Memorial Scholarship to high school graduate Steven Friedman ... The **Dept. of Mas-**

David H. Hymes, JWV National Civil Rights Officer, meets with Senator Charles Percy to discuss the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights legislative agenda and other issues of interest to JWV.



Congressman Bob Edgar holds the Man of the Year Award presented to him by the Philadelphia County Council. Also pictured (L to R) are: NSO Stanley Rosenberg, County Commander Alexander Silverberg, Auxiliary President Beatrice Leiman, Publicity Director Al Katz and Convention Chairman Edward Braude.



Members of William Kretzman Post #730, Ft. Lauderdale, FL and the Colonies Kitchen Band stand in the Miami VAMC Auditorium at the Post sponsored performance of this kazoo and washboard musical group.



West Valley Post #752 San Fernando Valley, CA presents a color TV to Sepulveda VAMC. Hospital Director Ronald Nelson thanks PDC CA, Bill Guralnick. Other Post #752 members pictured are (L to R): PC Lou Guttman, PPC George Nagy, PPC Sandy Paplanus, and Howard Feldman.



Irving Weiner, NY PDC, poses with Congressman Joseph P. Addabbo, recipient of Dept. of NY Public Service Award, and NC Zwaik, recipient of Dept. of NY In-Service Award, at ceremonies during Dept. of NY's All Star Show.



sachusetts presented its \$500 scholarship plus its \$250 Saul Shapiro Memorial Scholarship and its \$125 Samuel Weinrebe Scholarship to the student winners during its May convention ... **Kirschenbaum-Silver Post #282**, Skokie, IL donated \$150 to the scholarship fund of Music for Youth of Arlington Heights, and Canton, Ohio **Post #73** presented a \$100 donation to the Dept. of Ohio Scholarship Fund ... **Valley of the Sun Post #194**, Phoenix, AZ presented savings bonds to two outstanding students at the Phoenix High for Jewish Students ... **Lt. Robert P. Grover, Post #10**, Jersey City, NJ

presents an annual Dr. Phillip Shapiro Memorial Scholarship to a deserving high school graduate whose father is or was a member of the Post ... **Dept. of Michigan** is once again presenting three scholarships of \$300 each to deserving Michigan students.

In Support of Israel

Congratulations to **all contributing echelons**. JNF has advised JWV Forests in Israel National Chairman George Geller that JWV's third project has been completed; the \$100,000

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pledge for the Sha'ar Hagay Forest Recreation Area has been fulfilled. This brings JWV's total contribution of forest projects in Israel to one-half million dollars ... Bayonne, NJ **Post #18** has made donations to the Israel Emergency Fund, purchased Israeli Bonds, and participated in the local UJA drive ... **NY Kings County Council** was responsible for the parade of colors to escort Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden and Israeli Ambassador to the UN Yehuda Blum to the stage during the celebration honoring Israel's 35th anniversary ... **Heritage Post #644**, St. Louis, MO cosponsored "The Walk for Israel" in April.

Names in the News

Sidney Bick, JWV National Service Officer, Dept. of IL, has been chosen by the Combined Veterans Association as the Person of the Year ... **Bernard Z. Levine**, PDC Illinois, was feted in May as "the honoree" by the Veterans Assistance Commission at West Side Medical Center ... **Wallace Farber**, JWV National Service Officer, PDC NY, has been appointed to ex-officio membership on the Deans Committee serving the affiliation between NYU School of Medicine and the NY VAMC ... **Sam Mindel**, FL Dept. Commander, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Benjamin S. Hornstein Jewish Community Day School ... **Al Freiman**, NY Dept. Commander, is the third NY Department Commander to receive honorary life membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart ... **Buddy Katzenstein**, PPC Post #976, Atlanta, GA, has been named as grand marshall for Atlanta's Nov. 11 Veterans Day parade ... **Arnold Leidner**, Memorial Post #346 Commander, St. Louis, MO is now serving on the Board of the USO ... **Robert Rosen**, PDC Dept. of NJ, was cited by the New Jersey Agent Orange Commission for his assistance in achieving State Senate passage of legislation to benefit Agent Orange victims ... **Jerome Jacobs**, Post #519, Tamarac, FL was praised for providing transportation for blind people to the Broward for the Blind ... **Retired Colonel E. David Lapp**, Post #651, Fairlawn, NJ has been named Director of the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy for the Jewish Welfare Board's Armed Services and Veterans Services ... In an article in the March 8 *Milwaukee Journal* on unusual business cards, **Stanley Nathan Wiener's** (Post #760, Orange County, CA) was featured. On his card, his occupation is listed as "perennial dawdler and savant" who is "available when convenient." A drawing of an out-house is in the upper right hand corner.

This nineteenth century Italian, solid brass Ner Tamid (eternal light) was presented to the Coatesville, PA VAMC All Faith Chapel by JWV Posts #148 and #697. It was dedicated to deceased veterans of all faiths.

JWV Dept. of Minnesota Commander **Samuel Sloane** presents his echelon's contribution for cerebral palsy to Warren Marten of WTCN during cerebral palsy telethon.



(L to R) Jack Samuelson, Post #134; Irvin Stein, PDC Delaware County Council; Ben Radio, SVC Post #305, have acted as color guards for naturalization ceremonies in the Media, PA court house for the past ten years.



JWV Honors

NY County Council presented its annual Brotherhood Award to **Rabbi Irving Block**, JWV National Chaplain, and its Man of the Year award to **Congressman S. William Green**, Post #1, NY (note, this is a correction to photo caption, page 20, of the April/May/June issue) ... Philadelphia County Council presented its annual Brotherhood Award to **Dr. Walter H. White**, chief chaplain of the Chapel of Four Chaplains ... Albany, NY Post #105 selected **Raymond J. Kinley**, retired senior vice-



Past National Commanders **Fred Harris**, General **Julius Klein**, and **Harry Madison**, all World War I veterans, were honored at the April NEC banquet. (Below), **Max Erlanger** PPC Post #756, New City, NY, presents post member **Albert Avstreich** a garden certificate of 100 trees in Israel in recognition of Avstreich's outstanding efforts on behalf of Israel.



Myron Scheterman, PC #430, Belmar, NJ and **PPC David Silverman** donate stroller on behalf of post to Jersey Shore Medical Center. Below, **PCC William Posner**, Kings County Commander **Rubin Huffman**, President of Borough of Manhattan **Andrew Stein**, and **PCC Alan Leibowitz** display Humanitarian Award Kings County Council presented to Stein.



president of the State Bank of Albany, as the 1983 recipient of their Brotherhood Award ... **Leon E. Cone** Post #213, Morristown, NJ, selected winners for their first annual Community Relations awards: **J. Robert Tracey**, Morristown Postmaster, usually known as "Mr. Veteran" and the staff of the *Morris Plains News Bee*, a weekly newspaper ... **Fred Robbins** Post #142, Stamford, CT, sponsored the 38th annual program and dinner to select Stamford's Citizen of the Year, which this year honored **Christel Truglia**.

Reunions

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17th Bomb Group, WW II and 17th Bomb Wing, Pusan, Korea Reunion, Sept. 22-24, 1983, Washington, DC. Contact: 17th Bomb Group Reunion Assoc., 1008 B Stonewall, Garland, TX 75043.

USS Chester (CA27) Reunion, Sept. 23-24, 1983, Reno, NV. Contact: James E. Tracy, 4851 Castana #36, Lakewood, CA 90712, tel. (213) 630-1840.

783 Bomb Squadron of the 15th Air Force, WW II Reunion, Sept. 23-26, 1983, Colorado Springs, CO. Contact: Donald P. Kay, 2000 Scott Lane, Los Altos, CA 94022, tel. (415) 959-2827.

9th AF 445th BS, WW II Reunion, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 1983, Clearwater, FL. Contact: Ed Grabowski, 9495 Blind Pass Rd., #908, St. Petersburg Beach, FL 33706, tel. (813) 367-2149.

483rd Bomb Group, 15 AF, WW II Reunion, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 1983, Dayton, OH. Contact: Donald R. Speegle, 2808 Canongate Dr., Arlington, TX 76015.

397th Bomb Group Reunion, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 1983, Tampa, FL. Contact: Nevin F. Price, Secretary, P.O. Box 1786, Rockville, MD 20850, tel. (301) 460-4488.

Naval Minewarfare Assoc. Reunion, Oct. 6-9, 1983, Colorado Springs, CO. Contact: H.H. Stettler, 3604 Greenleaf Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95401, tel. (707) 545-8626.

854th Engineer Aviation Battalion, US Army, WW II Reunion, Oct. 7-9, 1983, Montgomery, AL. Contact: James E. Bethell, Secretary-Treasurer, 854th Spearheaders, 6805 Galax Court, Springfield, VA 22151, tel. (703) 256-2988.

8th AF Reunion, Oct. 12-15, 1983, Houston, TX. Contact: 4th SAD Association, 909 North T St., Apt. 106, Tacoma, WA 98403.

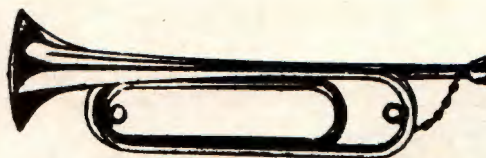
457th Bomb Group Assoc. Reunion, Oct. 12-16, 1983, Houston, TX. Contact: Homer Briggs, 811 Northwest "B" St., Bentonville, AR 72712, tel. (501) 273-3908.

339th Fighter Group, WW II, 8th AF Reunion, Oct. 13-16, Houston, TX. Contact: Chet Malarz, 2405 Kings Point Dr., Atlanta, GA 30338.

7th Photo Group, 8th Air Force Reunion, Oct. 13-16, 1983, Houston, TX. Contact: Claude Murray, 1933 E. Marshall, Phoenix, AZ 85016, tel. (602) 274-5871.

319th Bomb Group (Sqdns 437, 438, 439, 449 and Hdqr based in North Africa, Sardinia, Corsica and Okinawa, Reunion, Oct. 19-23, 1983, Washington, DC. Contact: Harold E. Oyster, 662 Deering Drive, Akron, OH 44313.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 31, 1983

MEETING WITH STANLEY ZWAIK

DATE June 1, 1983

LOCATION Oval Office

TIME 4:00 pm

FROM: Faith Ryan Whittlesey

I. PURPOSE

Recognize the Jewish War Veterans by a photo session with their National Commander Stanley Zwiak.

II. BACKGROUND

The Jewish War Veterans have about 100,000 members and an auxiliary of 50,000. The group, founded in 1896, now conducts a wide variety of services for veterans and their dependents. They are very helpful at V.A. facilities in many ways. They visit hospital wards, stage shows and parties for patients, and raise funds for special projects such as ambulances and canteen funds for the indigent. One special service has been to volunteer to "take over" as many hospital staff positions as possible on Christmas to allow Christian workers to spend time with their families. The Jewish War Veterans has been politically supportive of most Reagan Administration policies.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Stanley N. Zwaik, National Commander
Harris B. Stone, National Executive Director

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

4:00 pm President greets his guests
4:05 pm Guests leave

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
STANLEY ZWAIK

- I want to thank you very much for the support which the Jewish War Veterans have given my administration.
- Your organization performs many valuable services for veterans of all faiths.
- If I could ask for your additional help on another topic, Central America. I understand that the Anti-Defamation League and other Jewish sources have compiled quite a lot of information on P.L.O. and Libyan activity there. I would appreciate your helping get out the message that the Marxist aggressors in Central America by their words and their deeds threaten all political, economic and religious freedom in our hemisphere.



JEWISH WAR VETERANS
of the United States of America
1712 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

(202) 265-6280

The JWV Story



In 1654, Asher Levy, one of the original twenty-three Jewish settlers in New Amsterdam, demanded and secured for himself and fellow Jews the right to stand guard at the stockade. From Colonial times to the present, Jews have played an important part in the defense of the United States of America. On July 31, 1776, Frances Salvador, a plantation owner from South Carolina, was killed in a British incited Indian skirmish. He was the first Jew killed in the Revolutionary War. One hundred and eighteen years later, in 1896, a group of Jewish Civil War veterans organized the Hebrew Union Veterans, an organization that was later to become the Jewish War Veterans of the USA. The Hebrew Union Veterans was founded as a direct result of slander and insinuations that Jews had not participated in the military during the War Between the States.

What concerned Jewish veterans then and throughout America's development, concerns the Jewish War Veterans today. Jews must still defend themselves against the slanders of anti-Semites who continue to spread the lie that Jews have not served in the armed forces of their country.

Thousands of Jews have died in combat for their country and thousands more have been awarded combat medals for the performance of their duty in time of war. In spite of this record, the bigots continue to spread their lies.

A study of Jewish participation in the military during World War II indicates very clearly that Jews served in the Armed Forces beyond their numerical proportion to the general population. They received more than 52,000 awards, including the Medal of Honor, the Air Medal, the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. More than 51,000 Jews were listed as casualties; 11,000 died in combat.

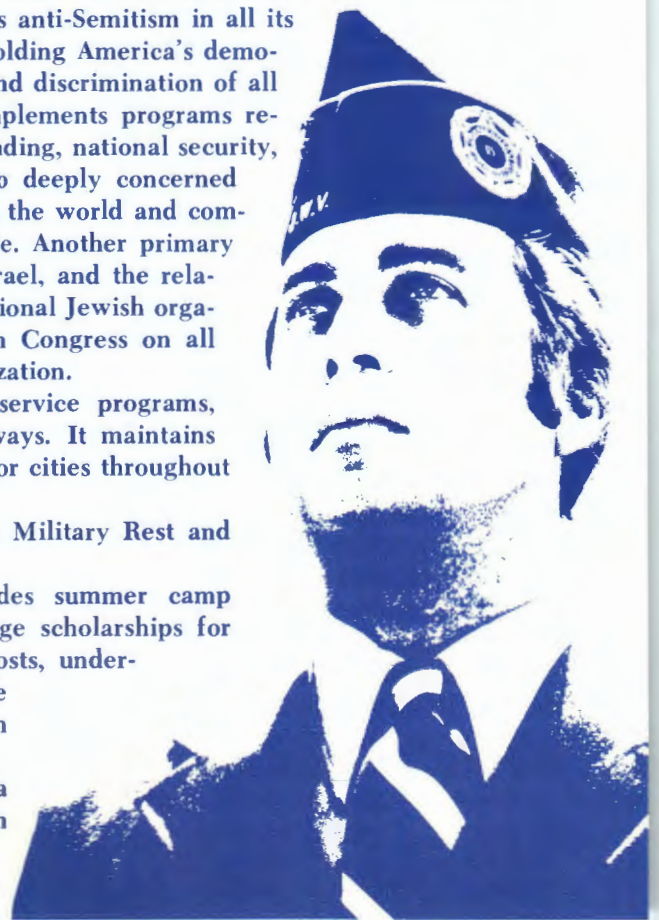
Today, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA combats anti-Semitism in all its forms, carries on an extensive program committed to upholding America's democratic traditions, and fights bigotry, prejudice, injustice and discrimination of all kinds. As a national veterans' organization, the JWV implements programs related to American foreign policy, civil rights, defense spending, national security, veterans' benefits, etc. The Jewish War Veterans is also deeply concerned about the condition and status of fellow Jews throughout the world and commits itself to the assistance of oppressed Jews worldwide. Another primary concern is the security and well-being of the State of Israel, and the relationship between it and the USA. The JWV is the only national Jewish organization that can effectively lobby without restriction in Congress on all issues of concern, because of its status as a veterans' organization.

Through its hospital, rehabilitation and veterans' service programs, JWV assists the veteran and his dependents in many ways. It maintains Veterans' Service Offices, staffed by professionals, in major cities throughout the country.

JWV also supports and raises money for the Israeli Military Rest and Rehabilitation Home in Beersheba, Israel.

JWV supports the Boy Scout organization, provides summer camp scholarships for underprivileged children, provides college scholarships for promising high school students, and through its local posts, undertakes a variety of civic betterment projects, including the building of low-cost, federally-subsidized senior citizen housing.

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA represents a proud tradition as the oldest active veterans' organization in America.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1983

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *fjr*

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: The photograph with Stanley Zwaik, Jewish War Veterans National Commander, currently scheduled for May 26th has been cancelled and rescheduled for June 1, 1983

DATE: June 1, 1983

TIME: 4:00 pm

DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be covered in Briefing Papers

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House Photographer

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

cc: A. Bakshian	M. McManus
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General Responsibilities

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

4/14/83

MEMORANDUM

TO: FAITH WHITELESEY
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Photo with Stanley Zwaik, Jewish War Veterans
National Commander *+ Harris B. Stone*

DATE: May 26, 1983

TIME: 4:30 pm

DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

REMARKS REQUIRED: Background in briefing paper

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House Photographer

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Feb. 14, 1983

*Next
12:30 M*

TO: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR, Director
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: RED CAVANEY ✓

REQUEST: President to meet with national commander
of the Jewish War Veterans for photographs.

PURPOSE: To take photos for publication in Jewish
War Veterans national pulication.

BACKGROUND: Virtually every Jewish War Veteran national
commander has had their picture taken with
the President. The President has not posed
for such a photo with the current national
commander.

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION: The immediate past Jewish War Veterans
national commander had his picture taken
with the President in 1981.

DATE / TIME: OPEN DURATION: 5 min

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICTPANTS: The President; Stanley Zwaik, Jewish War
Veterans National Commander.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Zwaik will enter Oval Office, pose for photos
and then depart.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Talking points.

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House Photographers.

RECOMMENDED BY: RED CAVANEY

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: MORTON C. BLACKWELL

APPROVED FOR

Date. 5/26/83

Time. 4:30

Length. 5 min

Date 4/13/81

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Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

1712 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009

Harris B. Stone, PNC
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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November 3, 1982

*Do we have
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proposal?*

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500


Dear Mr. President:

It would be greatly appreciated if you could allocate a few minutes of your most valuable time to meet with our National Commander Stanley N. Zwaik for taking a photograph. It has been customary for our National Commanders to have a picture taken with the President to display in our National magazine. We consider this a great honor for our organization.

The National Commander could come to Washington in mid-December or any date convenient to you.

We look forward to your favorable consideration of this request.

Yours respectfully,



Harris B. Stone

Harris B. Stone, PNC
National Executive Director

bcc: Morton C. Blackwell



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Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

1712 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009

April 27, 1982

COMMUNITY SERVICE OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE U.S.A.

The community services of Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. generally are designed to support the following goals: to provide comfort and sustenance to those veterans and their dependents who served in our nation's defense and to support and initiate activities to preserve our nation's democratic heritage and strength.

JWV, like most veterans organizations, participates actively in the VAVS (Veteran Administration Voluntary Service) program. Volunteers support and supplement the work of the professional staff in VA hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics. Although their tasks can vary depending on the needs of the facility, volunteers bring "the community into the hospital," by regular visits with individual patients, by conducting bingo games, staging shows and other parties for patients, and by raising funds for special projects such as ambulances, TV sets, and canteen funds for the indigent. One of JWV's special contributions to this program has been to "take over" as many hospital staff positions as possible on Christmas to allow Christian workers to spend time with their families. Between April 1980 through March 1981, JWV members worked a total of 106,134 hours in VAVS programs.

A new program being developed by JWV along this line is the Vet Centers support program for the Vietnam Veteran Storefront Outreach Centers. JWV is initiating a project whereby JWV members will offer the same kind of active support to these centers as they do to other VA facilities.



JWV, as a national organization, sets general policies for the community work its echelons set into motion. JWV is organized into regional, state, county, and local post units, all of which carry out projects to serve the community. For example, the national organization offers six college scholarships annually; the winners are chosen from candidates submitted by each echelon. Many local units also offer scholarships to needy youth in their communities (for example, JWV Department of Michigan sponsored twenty-three scholarships last year) and/or sponsor essay contests to promote brotherhood and other American ideals. Another example of this type of program is the JWV Department of Massachusetts' project "The Classmates Today--Neighbors Tomorrow." One hundred and one public high schools in the state participated by selecting a student in their respective schools who best exemplified brotherhood. Based on resumes submitted by high school principals, three first place winners and three honorable mentions were awarded.

JWV also actively supports the national Boy Scout programs and many posts sponsor troops, including troops for the handicapped.

Additional examples of JWV community service illustrate unique projects designed to fulfill the needs of local communities. There's the "Invest in a Cop Program" whereby many posts throughout the United States have raised funds to buy bullet proof vests for their local police. In areas where vandalism has been a problem, JWV units, working with their local police, have organized patrols to guard sensitive places. Other JWV units have set up referral services to help place senior citizens in nursing homes, donated baseball equipment to children's baseball teams, raised funds for public television stations, and sponsored fund raising drives to finance surgery for a needy, handicapped youth.

These are just some examples of JWV's community service. JWV does not see its service in isolation, but works with other veterans and community organizations to further its efforts.



NEWS RELEASE

Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America
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Tel. 202-265-6280 DATE: September 13, 1982
CONTACT: Joan Alpert
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STANLEY N. ZWAIK ELECTED JWV NATIONAL COMMANDER

Washington, D.C....Stanley N. Zwaik of New York City has been unanimously elected National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. at the organization's 87th annual convention at the Concord Resort Hotel, Lake Kiamesha, New York.

In his acceptance of the leadership of JWV, Commander Zwaik declared, "JWV can not rest on the laurels of its many past achievements, but must give new meaning and spirit to its name -- as Americans, as Jews, and as veterans."

A practicing New York City attorney, specializing in immigration and nationality law, Stanley Zwaik has been an active member of JWV since 1946. His many leadership roles in JWV include: Queens County Commander (1956-57), New York State Commander (1968-69), National Judge Advocate (1976-79) and National Program Chairman (1981-82). As JWV Action Chairman for the Department of New York, Zwaik led the New York delegation in demonstrating against French premier Pompidou and in boycotts of French goods when the French refused to fulfill their contracts to sell Mirage planes to Israel. He was voted JWV's outstanding Department Commander at the National Convention in 1969.

Stanley Zwaik's military service was marked by two years of duty in the South Pacific as part of the 801st Military Police Battalion. He became the Battalion's commander in July 1945 and was in Manila preparing for the invasion of Japan when the war ended. He then joined the active reserves, retiring in 1964 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

A graduate of New York University and New York University School of Law,

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Zwaik's professional associations include membership in the New York State Bar Association, New York County Lawyers Association, and the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He has also served on the Board of Trustees of the Holliswood Jewish Center.

He and his wife Anne have been married 34 years; they have two married daughters and four grandchildren.



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HARRIS B. STONE
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE USA

Harris B. Stone was appointed National Executive Director of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA in April, 1981.

Born in New York City, Stone has earned degrees in Electrical Engineering and Industrial Economics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He entered federal employment in 1953 as an electronics engineer at the Electronic Warfare Center in New Jersey, and has also been associated with the Office of Naval Research in Washington, D.C., the Army Security Agency Operational Center and Electronic Warfare Department at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Stone's varied 30-year government career has included assignments in the areas of management, engineering and science associated with the fields of electronic warfare, intelligence, command and control, communications, anti-submarine warfare, anti-air warfare, long range planning, operations research, and the mechanical, chemical and physical sciences. His efforts as manager of the Navy's marine mammal program have been acclaimed by the media.

On October 23, 1978, Stone was awarded the U.S. Navy's highest honor -- the Distinguished Civilian Service Award. He was cited by the Secretary of the Navy for "exceptionally meritorious achievements and leadership in developing a successful method for planning the Navy Research and Development Program and for superior performance throughout the years...in the highest tradition of the

United States Navy." He retired from the Federal Government in February, 1981, as Director of the Research and Development Plans Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

A man of versatile talents, Harris B. Stone is listed in Who's Who in Engineering, Who's Who in the Federal Government, Who's Who in World Jewry and American Men of Science. He is on the Advisory Board of the Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute.

Stone was elected National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA at the organization's 84th annual convention held in San Diego, California in August of 1979. He has served the Jewish War Veterans with distinction for many years, as Vice Chairman of the National Executive Committee, National Public Affairs Officer, Chairman of the National Board of Inquiry, Commander of the 4th Region, member of the National Policy Committee and ten years as a National Executive Committeeman. He is Past Commander and Quartermaster of Post 589 Arlington and Past Department Commander of the District of Columbia. He has also served two years as Chairman of the National Personnel Committee, ten years as Chairman of the National Resolutions Committee, three years as Chairman of the National Board of Inquiry, Chairman of the National Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman of the JWV Task Forces on the Future and on Fiscal Concerns, National Supply Officer, National Civil Rights Officer and member of the National Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Stone is a life member associated with the Robert L. Cohen Post 589.

A veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, Stone rose through the enlisted ranks to Commissioned Officer status.

Active in the Jewish community, Stone is past president of Arlington-Fairfax Jewish Congregation. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the

United Synagogue of America and past member of the Executive Committee and current member of the National Council of American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC).

He is married to the former Ray Masin of New York City and they reside in Fairfax County, Virginia. They have two sons, Steven and Richard Stone.



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May 4, 1983

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

In order to provide some background about Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., founded in 1896, I am enclosing a brochure, "The JWV Story," and a copy of a report on community activities which was prepared for the April 27, 1982 President's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives.

I am also enclosing my biography and the biography of National Commander Stanley N. Zwaik.

We are looking forward to our meeting with President Reagan on May 26.

Sincerely,

Harris B. Stone, PNC
National Executive Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Feb. 14, 1983

TO: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR, Director
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: RED CAVANEY

REQUEST: President to meet with national commander
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PURPOSE: To take photos for publication in Jewish
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MEDIA COVERAGE: White House Photographers.

RECOMMENDED BY: RED CAVANEY

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: MORTON C. BLACKWELL



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November 3, 1982

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500


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The National Commander could come to Washington in mid-December or any date convenient to you.

We look forward to your favorable consideration of this request.

Yours respectfully,


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June 2, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for inviting JWV National Commander Stanley Zwaik and me to meet with you in the Oval Office. We were pleased and gratified for this opportunity. We appreciate receiving your gift as a remembrance of this special occasion.

As we discussed yesterday, our organization would be deeply honored if you could accept our invitation to speak at the JWV's 88th Annual National Convention, which will take place in the "Deep South," at Atlanta, Georgia from Tuesday, August 16th through Saturday, August 20th. The convention's climax is always the Commander's banquet on Saturday evening (August 20th), and this would be the ideal time for your appearance. If however, this time is inconvenient, we would welcome you at any time during the convention and would tailor an exclusive session for you.

We expect over 1,000 people to be in attendance including political leaders of the states and municipalities, military leaders and leaders of our organization. Our membership includes top ranking businessmen, professionals and community leaders who have served our country in time of armed conflict.

As the patriotic voice of the American Jewish community we would be honored to welcome you to our National Convention. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Harris B. Stone, PNC
National Executive Director

cc: Mortan Blackwell

