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DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY MEETING
SUNDAY, April 21, 2024
SILVER LAKES CLUBHOUSE
13035 Lakehurst Court, Ft. Myers, FL 33913

Note: Silver Lakes is located in the Gateway Area. We will begin at 9:00 am with Breakfast. Meeting to follow. Zoom will begin at 9:30 am.

Directions:

From the North:

Head SOUTH on Interstate 75 to EXIT #138 -- FL 82. Head EAST (Left) onto FL 82. Make a RIGHT TURN onto Griffin Drive and continue past the traffic circle. Make a RIGHT TURN onto Lakeland Circle, and make the next LEFT TURN to stay on Lakeland Circle. Make a RIGHT TURN onto Lakehurst Ct., and the destination will be on the RIGHT SIDE.

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9:30 Meeting Instructions via Zoom

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FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

The Jewish War Veterans is a proud organization that has served this county starting in 1896. Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.

It's commendable that this organization has a rich history of service and a commitment to representing the Jewish voice for veterans.

I encourage members to actively promote JWV in their communities through attending events, and speaking engagements, and placing ads in local temple/synagogue newspapers is a great strategy to increase awareness and membership. Lobbying for better benefits for veterans and their families further emphasizes the organization's dedication to supporting the needs of the veteran community. I urge you to be creative place ads in your local temple/synagogue newspaper, and attend community activities. Summarizing, let your community know who we are.

Thank you.

Steve Jockers

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Please ask the leader of your local Shul/Temple/Congregation/Synagogue/Chabad/Jewish Community Center (JCC) or your Jewish community partners if they can add the The Jewish Veteran link on their organization website, newsletter, or on their electronic bulletin board.

[Click here to access the latest issue of The Jewish Veteran.](#)

Jewish War Veterans of the USA
Department of Florida Quarterly Meeting
April 21st, 2024



0900	Breakfast	
0930	Official opening of Department Meeting	DC Steve Jockers
	Opening Prayer	Rabbi Mark Golub
	Introduction of Officers and Guests	DC Steve Jockers
0945	Business Session Convenes	
	A. Roll Call of Posts and members on conference call	COS Jules M. Golombik
	B. Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2024 meeting	
	C. Quartermaster's Report	PNC Alan Paley
	D. Guest Speaker — Col. Steve Epkins, US Army (Retired)	
	E. Committee Reports	
	National Policy Committee	PNC Ainslee Ferdie
	Trustees	PNC Jerry Blum, Richard Rosenzweig Jack Tare
	F. Officer Reports	
	Department Commander	Steve Jockers
	Chief of Staff	Jules M. Golombik
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	1 st Jr. Vice Commander	Dave Patlak
	2 nd Jr. Vice Commander	Bruce Shur
	3 rd Jr. Vice Commander	Donn Kilburg
1015	Old and Unfinished Business	
	1. Memorial brick/donation for Ike Heller	DC Steve Jockers
	2. Posts Not in Good Standing	DC Steve Jockers
	3. Veterans Day [November 11, 2023]	DC Steve Jockers
	4. NEC and Washington, DC, Visit	PNC David Magidson
	5. Briefing on National Convention	PNC Alan Paley
	6. February 11, 2024 Quarterly Meeting Recap	
	7. Future meeting Naples area up for discussion	
	8. JWV-FL.org and the importance of The Florida Veteran	
	9. Any Additional Business	
1030	New Business	
	1. Installation of Officers — Post 400	
	2. Mergers of Posts	DC Steve Jockers
	3. Procedures for Merging/Closing Posts	PNC Alan Paley
	4. Nomination for Department Officers	
	5. Selection of NEC Representatives and Trustees	
	6. June 2024 — Election/Installation of Post Officers	PNC Alan Paley
	7. Increase Membership	DC Steve Jockers
	8. Increased Efforts of Posts Good Standing	
	9. Annual Meeting (June 2024) Updates – New Venue and Date TBD	
	10. Memorial Day Events (May 27 th)	
	11. Any Additional New Business	
1100	Memorial Service	Rabbi Mark Golub
1400	Good and Welfare	DC Steve Jockers
1430	Closing Ritual	DC Steve Jockers / Rabbi Mark Golub

Chaplain's CORNER



As a child growing up in suburban Boston, my favorite holiday was Passover because we shared it with my beloved grandparents. We would sit with a large number of family members around their crowded dining room table using old matzah-flecked, wine-stained haggadot from which my zaydeh chanted every year. As the youngest male, I would offer The Four Questions. I was often successful finding the Afikomen and receiving the coveted prize of a shiny quarter. Those were wonderful, warm memories of my childhood that still resonate in my heart and mind to this very day.

What is your favorite memory of your childhood Passover? The matzah balls prepared by your bubby? The festive meals? The gathering of beloved family and friends, many of whom are now gone? The story of the Ten Plagues rendered in the Haggadah? Our pride in our ancestors' ultimate gaining of freedom from slavery in Egypt? Whatever it may be, I pray that it will contribute to a joyous celebration this year for you and your loved ones. Chag Pesach Sameach!!

Chaplain Mark A. Golub

Rabbi Mark A. Golub was born and educated in Newton, MA. He received a BA in French Literature from Tufts University (1961). He received a BA in Hebrew Letters, an MA in Bible Studies and Semichah (Ordination) from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati (1967).

He entered military service as Jewish Chaplain for the XVIIIth Airborne Corps & Fort Bragg (1967-1968). Later, he served as Jewish Chaplain for II Corps Tactical Zone, South Vietnam (1968-1969), where he received a Bronze Star for meritorious service in a hostile war zone, an American Service Medal, and a Vietnam Service Medal (1969).

Rabbi Golub served in civilian congregations in New York, Montreal, Ohio, Virginia, and Florida from 1969-2016. In 2016, he became a Life Member of the JWV. He is married to Alice, has two sons — Jonathan and Phillip — and currently has 5 grandchildren.

Can Veterans Get Glasses and Hearing Aids From The VA?



27 July 2022 | Military.com By Jim Absher

Are you a veteran in need of glasses or hearing aids? Did you know that in many cases the VA will provide glasses and hearing aids as well as examinations for free?

Here is a list of the eligibility requirements for VA provided vision and hearing care:

- Veterans with any compensable service-connected disability.
- Former Prisoners of War.
- Purple Heart recipients.
- Veterans who are qualified for an increased pension based on being permanently housebound and in need of regular aid and attendance.
- Veterans with vision or hearing impairment resulting from diseases or the existence of another medical condition for which they are getting care or services from the VA.
- Veterans with significant functional or cognitive impairment that keeps them from performing the activities of daily living.
- Veterans with vision and/or hearing impairment severe enough that it interferes with their ability to participate actively in their own medical treatment.
- Veterans who have service-connected vision disabilities rated zero percent or service-connected hearing disabilities rated zero percent if there is organic conductive, mixed, or sensory hearing impairment, and loss of pure tone hearing sensitivity in the low, mid, or high-frequency range or a combination of frequency ranges which contribute to a loss of communication ability; however, hearing aids are to be provided only as needed for the service-connected hearing disability.

If you are interested in VA provided vision and hearing benefits, you can contact the prosthetic representative at the nearest VA health care facility.

Top UN Court Will Hold Hearings in a Case Accusing Germany of Facilitating Israel's Gaza Conflict

7 April 2024 | Associated Press | By Mike Corder

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Preliminary hearings open Monday at the United Nations' top court in a case that seeks an end of German military and other aid to Israel, based on claims that Berlin is “facilitating” acts of genocide and breaches of international law in the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza.

Israel strongly denies its military campaign amounts to breaches of the Genocide Convention.

While the case brought by Nicaragua centers on Germany, it indirectly takes aim at Israel's military campaign in Gaza following the deadly Oct. 7 attacks when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel, killing some 1,200 people. More than 33,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, according to the territory's Health Ministry. Its toll doesn't differentiate between civilians and combatants, but it has said women and children make up the majority of the dead.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Friday the U.S. has received Israel's report on the killing of World Central Kitchen aid workers in Gaza in an airstrike.

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“We are calm, and we will set out our legal position in court,” German Foreign Ministry spokesperson Sebastian Fischer said ahead of the hearings.

“We reject Nicaragua's accusations,” Fischer told reporters in Berlin on Friday. “Germany has breached neither the genocide convention nor international humanitarian law, and we will set this out in detail before the International Court of Justice.”

Nicaragua has asked the court to hand down preliminary orders known as provisional measures, including that Germany “immediately suspend its aid to Israel, in particular its military assistance including military equipment in so far as this aid may be used in the violation of the Genocide Convention” and international law.

The court will likely take weeks to deliver its preliminary decision and Nicaragua's case will likely drag on for years.

Monday's hearing at the world court comes amid growing calls for allies to stop supplying arms to Israel as its six-month campaign continues to lay waste to Gaza.

The offensive has displaced the vast majority of Gaza's population. Food is scarce, the U.N. says famine is approaching and few Palestinians have been able to leave the besieged territory.

“The case next week in The Hague will likely further galvanize opposition to any support for Israel,” said Mary Ellen

Smoke rises following an Israeli airstrike in the Gaza Strip, as seen from southern Israel, Monday, Oct. 23, 2023.

(AP Photo/Ariel Schalit)



O'Connell, a professor of law and international peace studies at the University of Notre Dame.

On Friday, the U.N.'s top human rights body called on countries to stop selling or shipping weapons to Israel. The United States and Germany opposed the resolution.

Also, hundreds of British jurists, including three retired Supreme Court judges, have called on their government to suspend arms sales to Israel after three U.K. citizens were among seven aid workers from the charity World Central Kitchen killed in Israeli strikes. Israel said the attack on the aid workers was a mistake caused by “misidentification.”

Germany has for decades been a staunch supporter of Israel. Days after the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas, Chancellor Olaf Scholz explained why: “Our own history, our responsibility arising from the Holocaust, makes it a perpetual task for us to stand up for the security of the state of Israel,” he told lawmakers.

Berlin, however, has gradually shifted its tone as civilian casualties in Gaza have soared, becoming increasingly critical of the humanitarian situation in Gaza and spoken out against a ground offensive in Rafah.

Nicaragua's government, which has historical links with Palestinian organizations dating back to their support for the 1979 Sandinista revolution, was itself accused earlier this year by U.N.-backed human rights experts of systematic human rights abuses “tantamount to crimes against humanity.” The government of President Daniel Ortega fiercely rejected the allegations.

In January, the ICJ imposed provisional measures ordering Israel to do all it can to prevent death, destruction and acts of genocide in Gaza. The orders came in a case filed by South Africa accusing Israel of breaching the Genocide Convention.

The court last week ordered Israel to take measures to improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza, including opening more land crossings to allow food, water, fuel and other supplies into the war-ravaged enclave.

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Top General in Mideast Calls for Microwave Weapons for ‘Layered’ Defense Against Drone Swarms

8 March 2024 | Military.com | By Jared Keller

The Army’s newest operational laser weapon may be undergoing testing in the Middle East, but the top general responsible for U.S. troops in the region is already looking ahead to bigger and better directed-energy systems amid a rising tide of adversary drones.

Speaking during a Senate Armed Service Committee hearing on Thursday, U.S. Central Command chief Gen. Michael “Erik” Kurilla argued that lawmakers should continue to invest in directed-energy weapons like high-powered microwaves rather than just high-energy lasers to combat the potential future threat of drone swarms.

“The bigger concern is if you start talking about swarms, so we need to continue to invest in things like high-powered microwave [sic] to be able to counter a drone swarm that is coming at you,” Kurilla said. “I mean, nothing is 100%. And at some point, the law of statistics will come up to you. You have to have layered defense.”

High-energy laser weapons are designed to defeat incoming drones and missiles by employing a narrow beam of energy to burn incoming threats out of the sky. In contrast, high-powered microwaves create a cone of electromagnetic interference that disables electronics across both a wider area and a wider range of target systems, according to the latest Congressional Research Service report on directed-energy weapons.

While lasers provide point defense against individual drones, microwave weapons are widely considered a more effective blanket defense across a broader area, making them suited to deal with complex attacks involving swarms of multiple fast-moving drones.

The Defense Department is working on at least 31 directed-energy projects at the moment (and funding them to the tune of \$1 billion a year, according to a 2023 report from the Government Accountability Office). However, only a handful of projects focus on employing high-powered microwaves.

Those weapons include the Army’s Indirect Fire Protection Capability-High-Power Microwave, or IFPC-HPM, weapon developed by Epirus, which the service first took possession of in November; the Air Force’s Tactical High-Power Operational Responder, or THOR, which faced off against a drone swarm in a first-of-its-kind test last May; and the Counter-Electronic High-Power Microwave Extended-Range Air Base Defense, known as CHIMERA, which is mostly classified.

While the THOR underwent an initial “real-world” test in Africa in 2020, none of the DoD’s high-powered microwave systems



The Tactical High-power Operational Responder, or THOR, a high-powered microwave counter drone weapon, stands ready to demonstrate its effectiveness against a swarm of multiple targets at the Air Force Research Laboratory, or AFRL, Chestnut Test Site, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., April 5, 2023. (U.S. Air Force photo / Adrian Lucero)

appears ready for an actual operational deployment, according to publicly available information gathered by the CRS.

Low-cost attack drones, which Central Command leaders consider the greatest threat to U.S. service members in the region since the improvised explosive device, have increasingly plagued troops deployed to outposts in Iraq and Syria and warships in the Red Sea, where Iran-backed militias have taken shots at American forces following the outbreak of Israel’s war with Hamas in Gaza.

One attack on a U.S. military base in Jordan killed three U.S. service members in January; as of February, there had been 186 U.S. casualties in Iraq, Syria and Jordan, including more than 130 traumatic brain injuries, according to the Defense Department.

Speaking to lawmakers during the Senate hearing on Thursday, Kurilla emphasized that incoming drones have come uncomfortably close to injuring or even killing more troops.

“There are several incidents where [drones] coming into a base hit another object, got caught up in a netting or other incidents where, had they hit the appropriate target that they were targeting, it would have injured or killed service members,” Kurilla told lawmakers.

While the Army has sent Directed Energy Maneuver-Short Range Air Defense, known as DE M-SHORAD, to the Middle East for an operational experiment -- Stryker infantry carrier

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Israel Finds the Body of a Hostage Killed in Gaza, While Talks Will Resume on a Cease-Fire

6 April 2024 | Associated Press | By Samy Magdy and Sam Metz

CAIRO (AP) — Israel’s military said Saturday it had recovered the body of a 47-year-old farmer who was held hostage in Gaza, while negotiators prepared to begin another round of talks Sunday on brokering a cease-fire and securing the release of the remaining hostages, six months into the war.

Israel’s army said it had found the body of Elad Katzir and believed he was killed in January by militants with Islamic Jihad, one of the groups that entered southern Israel in the Oct. 7 attack, killed more than 1,200 people and took about 250 hostages. Katzir had been abducted from Nir Oz, a border community that suffered some of the heaviest losses.

The discovery renewed pressure on Israel’s government for a deal to get the remaining hostages freed, as families have long feared time is running out. At least 36 hostages in captivity have been confirmed dead. About half of the original number have been released.

Israelis are divided on the approach by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his government after multiple rounds of stalled cease-fire negotiations. A week ago, tens of thousands of Israelis thronged central Jerusalem in the largest anti-government protest since the war began.

Negotiations will resume on Sunday, according to an Egyptian official and Egypt’s state-owned Al Qahera TV. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the talks.

U.S. President Joe Biden has sent CIA Director Bill Burns to Egypt. And a Hamas delegation will arrive on Sunday to join the talks, the militant group said.

Hamas has insisted on linking a phased end to the war — not a temporary cease-fire — to any agreement releasing hostages. It has said it will agree to release 40 hostages as part of an initial six-week cease-fire deal that would include the release of Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails. Hamas also seeks the return of displaced people to devastated northern Gaza and more aid.

Israel has offered to allow only 2,000 displaced Palestinians — mainly women, children and older people — to the north daily during a six-week cease-fire.

Israel has blamed Hamas for civilian deaths in Gaza, accusing it of operating in residential communities and public areas like hospitals.

An Egyptian official on Friday called Israel’s most recent proposal to evacuate civilians from Rafah an “unrealistic and unworkable plan.” Egypt again threatened to suspend parts of the 46-year-old Camp David Accords that facilitate security cooperation between the states.

Muslims pray on Laylat al-Qadr, or night of power, that marks the last 10 days of the holy month of Ramadan, at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem’s Old City, Friday, April 5, 2024. (AP Photo/Mahmoud Illean)



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Agent Orange

11 August 2022 | Military.com | By Jim Absher

The VA offers health care and disability benefits for veterans who may have been exposed to Agent Orange and other herbicides during military service. Your dependents and survivors also may be eligible for benefits.

If you were exposed to Agent Orange between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, you may be eligible to enroll in VA health care.

What is Agent Orange and How Were People Exposed to It?

“Agent Orange” refers to a blend of tactical herbicides the U.S. military sprayed in the jungles of Vietnam and around the Korean demilitarized zone to remove trees and dense tropical foliage that provided enemy cover. Herbicides were also used by the U.S. military to defoliate military facilities in the U.S. and in other countries as far back as the 1950s.

For the purposes of VA compensation benefits, veterans who served anywhere in Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides, as specified in the Agent Orange Act of 1991. They don’t need to show that they were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides in order to get disability compensation for diseases related to Agent Orange exposure.

Agent Orange and other herbicides used in Vietnam were used, tested or stored elsewhere, including some military bases in the United States. If you served in one of the following locations you may be eligible for VA medical and disability benefits:

- Vietnam from Jan. 9, 1962, through May 7, 1975;
- Thailand at any U.S. or Royal Thai base from Jan. 9, 1962, through June 30, 1976;
- Laos from Dec. 1, 1965, through Sept. 30, 1969;
- Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Province from April 16, 1969, through April 30, 1969; or
- Guam or American Samoa, or in their waters, from Jan. 9, 1962, through July 31, 1980, or on Johnston Atoll or on a ship that visited Johnston Atoll from Jan. 1, 1972, through Sept. 30, 1977.

You may also be eligible if:

- You served in or near the Korean DMZ for any length of time between Sep. 1, 1967, and Aug. 31, 1971, or
- You served on active duty in a regular Air Force unit location where a C-123 aircraft with traces of Agent Orange was assigned, and had repeated contact with this aircraft due to your flight, ground, or medical duties, or
- You were involved in transporting, testing, storing, or other uses of Agent Orange during your military service, or



U.S. helicopter spraying defoliant in dense jungle during the Vietnam War, 1969. (Brian K. Grigsby/Department of Defense)

- You were assigned as a Reservist to certain flight, ground, or medical crew duties at one of the below locations.

Reservists may be eligible if they served in one of the following locations:

- Lockbourne/Rickenbacker Air Force Base in Ohio, 1969 to 1986 (906th and 907th Tactical Air Groups or 355th and 356th Tactical Airlift Squadrons)
- Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts, 1972 to 1982 (731st Tactical Air Squadron and 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, or 901st Organizational Maintenance Squadron)
- Pittsburgh International Airport in Pennsylvania, 1972 to 1982 (758th Airlift Squadron)

What Diseases and Conditions can Agent Orange Exposure Cause?

VA presumes the following diseases to be service-connected for veterans in affected areas:

- AL amyloidosis
- B-cell leukemia
- Bladder cancer
- Chronic lymphocytic leukemia
- Multiple myeloma
- Type 2 diabetes
- Hodgkin’s disease
- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Hypothyroidism
- Ischemic heart disease (including but not limited to, coronary artery disease and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease)

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- Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Parkinson's disease
- Parkinsonism
- Prostate cancer
- Respiratory cancers
- Soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma)

VA offers health care and disability benefits for veterans who may have been exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service. These services include an Agent Orange Registry health exam and clinical treatment at VA's War Related Illness and Injury Study Center.

Agent Orange Effects on Children of Veterans

Children who have spina bifida or certain other birth defects and are biological children of veterans with qualifying service in Vietnam or Korea may be eligible for a range of VA benefits, including:

- Compensation - a monthly monetary allowance based on the child's degree of disability
- Health care benefits
- Vocational training, which provides up to 24 months of full-time training, rehabilitation and job assistance with the possibility of an extension up to 24 months if needed to achieve the employment goal. The child may not begin vocational training before their 18th birthday or the date they complete secondary schooling, whichever comes first.

Disability Compensation

Veterans who want to be considered for disability compensation for health problems related to Agent Orange exposure must file a claim. During the claims process, VA will check military records to confirm exposure to Agent Orange or qualifying military service. If necessary, VA will set up a separate exam for compensation.

Agent Orange Registry Health Exam

VA's Agent Orange Registry health exam alerts veterans to possible long-term health problems that may be related to Agent Orange exposure during their military service. The registry data helps VA understand and respond to these health problems more effectively.

The exam is free to eligible Veterans and enrollment in VA health care is not necessary. Although the findings of your exam may be used to inform your subsequent care, they may not be used when applying for compensation as a separate exam is required.

On Friday, Israel said it's taking steps to increase the flow of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip, including reopening a key border crossing into northern Gaza.

Nicaragua argues that by giving Israel political, financial and military support and by defunding the United Nations aid agency for Palestinians, UNWRA, "Germany is facilitating the commission of genocide and, in any case has failed in its obligation to do everything possible to prevent the commission of genocide."

Israel strongly denies that its assault amounts to genocidal acts, saying it is acting in self-defense. Israeli legal advisor Tal Becker told judges at the court in January that the country is fighting a "war it did not start and did not want."

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vehicles outfitted with 50-kilowatt "Guardian" laser weapons -- it's Navy surface warfare leaders who are putting pressure on the DoD to furnish warships with directed-energy weapons rather than forcing them to rely on relatively costly missiles to take out incoming drones and anti-ship ballistic missiles.

Only one Navy warship, the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS Preble, is currently outfitted with one 60-kilowatt High-Energy Laser with Integrated Optical-Dazzler and Surveillance system, which is known as HELIOS.

"What we're facing in the Red Sea is more than just drones. We're looking at land-attack cruise missiles, we're looking at anti-ship ballistic missiles that are getting shot in the Red Sea by the Houthis. And our ships are dealing with all of those," Naval Surface Forces commander Vice Adm. Brendan McLane told reporters in January. "One of the things that I think we really need to get after quicker is we need to accelerate the development of directed-energy weapons, whether it's a laser, whether it's a microwave."

Kurilla echoed McLane's comments on Thursday, stating that he "would love to have the Navy produce more directed-energy [weapons] that can shoot down a drone, so I don't have to use an expensive missile to shoot it down."

New York's Famous Katz's Deli Will Still 'Send a Salami to Your Boy in the Army'

5 April 2024 | Military.com | By Blake Stilwell

Katz's Delicatessen is known for many things. It's New York City's oldest operating deli, it's where Meg Ryan famously stunned Billy Crystal (and everyone else present) in the beloved romantic comedy "When Harry Met Sally," and it'll make a pastrami sandwich so surprisingly large, you'll wish you had brought a friend to share it with. The price tag might shock new visitors to Manhattan's Lower East Side, but those visitors are getting the highest-quality meat, prepared in the old-world style, a method of curing and preservation that dates back centuries.

"Listen, it's a classic. It's the way deli was traditionally," Jake Dell, a member of the Dell family that now owns Katz's, recently told Military.com. "It's a snapshot in time, dating back to the late 1800s -- a food tradition that you don't see everywhere. We're really proud to uphold those traditions, to do things the classic way and to make sure the food is some of the best you've ever had. You might've tried some new or fun variations of it and that's wonderful, but there's something special about the classic and the nostalgia of our place."

What visitors might also be surprised by is its decades-old promise to "Send a Salami to Your Boy in the Army." Signs with the saying adorn the walls, hang from the ceiling and are even on the backs of employee T-shirts. But it is more than just a slogan: Like everything at Katz's, it's part of a tradition, but this one dates back to World War II, when so many New Yorkers were away at war.

"At the time, the owners' three sons were serving in different branches, Air Force and Army primarily," said Dell. "Their mother was worried they weren't eating too well over there with the rations and so figured, 'Well, we got to send them some food.' So they figured out a way to send over some salamis, and yeah, it's a tradition we've been doing ever since."

And maybe some pastrami to your mother.

Katz's Delicatessen was founded in 1888 as "Iceland Brothers" by two brothers named Iceland. Willy Katz bought into the deli in 1903, and the name changed to "Iceland & Katz" until Willy's brother Benny came along and bought the brothers out. It's been called "Katz's Delicatessen" ever since. In April 1917, landlord Harry Tarowsky bought into the business. The slogan "Send a Salami to Your Boy in the Army" originated with his family during World War II, but has remained a staple of Katz's Deli, and spread well beyond Manhattan.

"It became pretty popular after an old skit with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis where they sing a song, 'Send a Salami, to your Boy in the Army'; there's a whole song and dance routine," Dell



All you need is an APO or FPO address for your boy (or girl) in any branch, not just the Army.

said. "And by the way, it rhymes if you say it like a true New Yorker: 'Salami/Army.' You wouldn't think so, but that's how we do it."

Some might wonder what's so enticing about getting a salami in a care package, but anyone who's eaten MREs three meals a day for weeks on end can absolutely tell you. At the very least, it's a welcome change; for many, it can be a literal godsend, especially during World War II, when an estimated 550,000 Jewish troops served at a time when the U.S. government wasn't exactly concerned with making sure those boys could eat kosher.

Jewish soldiers, even those raised kosher, changed the way they ate so they could fight the war, so far that "eating ham for Uncle Sam" became a mantra of the times. But when times were good, families could send something like a kosher salami to their boys overseas. Then, as now, a properly cured salami will make the trip, no matter how long it takes.

"It can last," Dell said. "These old-world preservation techniques, curing and smoking, go back centuries. You see it all over the world in different forms, and it's about taking a piece of food and making it last. Salami, and a lot of sausages in general, just really can withstand temperature changes, travel and things like that. So even if it does get lost and it gets there three, four, even five weeks later, it's still good to eat."

A photo dating back to World War II hanging on the wall of Katz's Deli in Manhattan's Lower East Side.

Salami — from page 10

Though Katz's (and many delis like it) helped ease hunger pangs and homesickness during World War II with their salamis, the tradition didn't stop there. Sending a salami to boys in the Army (and the Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps) continued through the rest of the country's overseas conflicts, and when the Dell family took over Katz's in 1988, they never thought about changing it.

"It's humbling as hell, that's for sure," Jake Dell says. "I mean, it's unbelievable. We have various letters up on the wall, dating back to Vietnam, from various people thanking us for salamis over the years. One of my managers is a Marine. One of my other managers was Army, and when he was serving in Iraq, we sent him care packages all the time. It's a great tradition and one that we're really proud of."

Katz's Deli can ship pretty much anything it sells in New York City to anywhere in the U.S. or Canada. Corned beef can get to California, matzo ball soup to Miami and pastrami to Portland, Oregon. The deli can send everything you need to make the world's best Reuben sandwich as long as you're stateside, but as of right now, it can only ship salamis to overseas military bases.

"All we need is an APO or an FPO address," Dell says. "My father always said, 'Wherever there's a soldier, there's a salami.'"

To learn more about Katz's Delicatessen or place an order, visit the Katz's Deli website. To send a salami to your boy (or girl) in the Army (Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and probably even the Space Force), call at 212-254-2246 and make sure you have the APO/FPO address of the person deployed overseas.

**If you encounter a Veteran
who is struggling,
call the
Veteran Crisis Line
at
988
Press 1**

Important Resources to Support Our Nation's Heroes

(Click on any of the links below or head to www.jwv-fl.org and click on the link at the top of the page.)

Courtesy of: Ryan MacKenzie from Thankyouveteran.com

[Matching Career Options with Personality Types](#)

[Veterans Employment Assistance](#)

[Career Advice for Veterans: Interviewing Tips](#)

[What is a VA Home Loan?](#)

[Mortgage Assistance Programs for Veterans](#)

[Moving Companies with Military Discounts](#)

[At-Home Services That Can Help Senior Veterans](#)

[Veterans' Health Care: Costs & Co-Payments](#)

[Military & Veterans Mental Health Issues](#)

[Counseling, Crisis Help, & Suicide Prevention for Our Military Community](#)



JWV Department of Florida

**Annual Convention
Date and Location TBD**



Jewish War Veterans

of the United States of America

2024 Good Standing Documents

Post/Council/Department Due Dates

Fidelity Bond

Due by November 15

Proof of Liability Insurance

Due by November 15

Finance Board Report

Due by May 1

Warrant/Installation Form

Due by June 30

Please Note: Elections are held between January and April. The Installation must be furnished within 60 days of the election. Thus, all Installation Forms should be sent between January and June ANNUALLY.

IRS Tax Form 990

Please Note: Form 990-N is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your tax year. You cannot file the e-Postcard until after your tax year ends.

Questions? Contact Melody Harrison at mharrison@jvv.org or Kim Queen at rocksog@sbcglobal.net



Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

www.jwv.org | membership@jwv.org

Membership Matters

With 125 years of collaboration within both the Jewish and veterans communities, JWV serves the needs of veterans, active duty, and their families, as well as promotes patriotism and supports education across the nation. A few of our proud moments are detailed below.

1896

- Seeking **recognition for service** in the US Civil War, 63 Jewish Civil War veterans gathered and formed the Hebrew Union Veterans (now JWV)

1912

- Secured passage of **legislation removing restrictions** against Jews serving in the New York State National Guard. (Prior to the legislation, Jews were denied opportunity to become commissioned officers in the National Guard.)

1917

- Joined with several civic and religious Jewish agencies in the **formation of the Jewish Welfare Board**

1927

- Successfully lobbied for legislation requiring the American Battlefield Monument Commission to place **Star of David Markers on the graves** of Jewish soldiers buried in war cemeteries in France. A decade later, appointed to the commission

1941

- Meeting ten days after Pearl Harbor, JWV leadership crafted the civilian program to **support the war effort**, "Emergency Program for Victory." Results included the purchase of seven fighter planes and over \$250 million in war bonds sold

1948

- Proudly accepted the transfer of JWB's responsibility to **process claims for veterans** and assist them in securing benefits. The Service Officer program in LA notably expanded services to disabled veterans that the VA would go on to replicate across the country

1955

- Signed an accord with Association of Jewish Chaplains that provided for **consultation and cooperation** by both organizations on matters relating to religious activities in the military and veteran affairs

1977

- Contributed \$275,000 to **build a Jewish chapel** at West Point

1991

- At the suggestion of the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, JWV rushed a special **printing of pocket-sized Jewish bibles**, which was airlifted to Jewish personnel in the Gulf War

2006

- Established **The Fallen Heroes Memorial**, an ongoing record of all Jewish American servicemembers lost since 9/11. Hundreds of synagogues read the list annually on Memorial Day. In 2008, Historic Sixth and I Congregation in Washington, DC began hosting an annual Memorial Day Shabbat during which the fallen are honored

2016

- Filling the gaps between services and programs and the Jewish active duty and transitioning vets they target, the Jewish American Warrior Committee founded to **tighten the network**



Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. • Membership/Patron Application

5-19-21

JWV Membership USE ONLY: Member Number: _____
Date Received by: _____ Date Processed: _____

MAIL COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT TO:
Jewish Veterans of the U.S.A.
ATTN: Membership
1811 R Street NW
Washington DC 20009-1603

• For online application, go to https://www.jwv.org/online_membership/users/membership

QUESTIONS? Contact membership at (202) 265-6280 ext. 414 or email at: membership@jwv.org

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Full Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix): _____
 2. Mailing Address (street, apartment, etc.): _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____
 3. Phone (circle preferred): H: (_____) _____ C: (_____) _____
 4. Email: _____ Military Email (If Applicable): _____
 5. Birthdate (Day, Month, Year): ____/____/____ Gender: _____ *(Patrons - stop here and go to section C)*
 6. Service Branch: USA USN USMC USAF USCG USSF Uniform Service: USPHS NOAA
 7. War/Campaign (Check all that apply): WWI Korea Vietnam Cold War Gulf War Global War on Terror
 Post 9/11 Decorations/Awards (Optional): _____
 8. Veteran Status: Active Duty Reserve National Guard Retired Former Allied Nation
 9. Dates of Service: From: _____ To: _____ Retirement/Discharge (MM/YY) ____/____
 10. Applicant confirms: I am of the Jewish Faith and have been Honorably Discharged or currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America OR in the Armed Forces of an Allied Nation. _____
Name of Allied Nation
- Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

B. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

- Active Membership** (Regular Annual): in the Jewish War Veterans (Post sets the dues amount)
 - Associate Membership** (Associate Annual): for Jewish veteran whose service was not during a war, or who served on an Allied force and later became an American citizen (dues same as Active Membership (Regular Annual))
 - Life Member** (Investment in lifelong membership). Regular Life (\$500) Associate Life (\$500)
Payment Option: Three-payment investment plan: \$200-enclosed \$150-billed next year/ \$150-billed the following year.
 - In-Service Membership** (Active Duty NOTE: Membership is free while In-Service and for one year after completion of Service with an Honorable Discharge. In-Service members must verify In-Service status each year by sending a statement to membership@jwv.org via their military (.mil) email account. If you do not want routine JWV email sent to your military email address fill in your "Preferred email address" above. I want to be a member of Post _____.
**If you are not aware of a Post in your area, JWV will assign you one.*
 - Sponsor confirms: I have reviewed the proof of service for this applicant for membership and affirm this applicant is eligible for membership in the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.
- Post: _____ Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

C. PATRON CATEGORY A Patron is an individual who does not meet the criteria for JWV Membership, however holds the same values that JWV represents.

- Annual Patron** **Life Patron**
 - Applicant confirms: I subscribe to, pursue or reflect the purpose, policies and aims of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.
- Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

D. PAYMENT INFORMATION

 (Patron contribution will be the same as dues for a member).

Payment: Amount being paid: \$ _____
 Amex Visa MasterCard Discover Check (Make checks payable to 'Jewish War Veterans')

Card No.: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____

I, _____, authorize The Jewish War Veterans USA to charge my credit card above PRINT FULL NAME AS SHOWN ON THE CREDIT CARD for the agreed upon purchases. I understand that my information will be saved to file for membership purposes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Officer Reports

Department Commander's Report

April 21, 2024

1/24/24 Rabbi Seth Phillips is looking for a post in Palm Beach area. Post 440 did not get in touch. I sent him officers' names and contact info.

Alan Paley and I are continuing to work with Irwin Chimerine (Post 819) on setting up new meetings and elections and filing of the Post's Form 990.

Joseph Berrios is still looking for a Post in the northeast area of FL. Harvey Charter found one in Daytona.

1/26/24 Sent instructions to Department staff on contacting and gathering information on Posts.

1/28/24 M. Goodman moved and is looking for a Post in Naples area. I gave him H, Strum's contact information for Post 202.

S. Slade contacted me for information on how to renew membership. I sent him information as to how to contact National and cc'd Melody.

1/25/24 AJD wanted to speak at meeting, sent him an e-mail telling no room on this agenda and that we would welcome speakers in April.

2/2/24 J. Brown wanted to get the speaker in Jacksonville; sent a text saying we do not have an active post in that area.

TC with Irwin Post 819, sent him how to do all reports.

2/8/24 M. Wind Berger changed email. Notified National on change.

2/12/24 Donation honoring Ike Heller. Check for \$1000 sent to American Friends of Magen David Adom.

Post 300 — David P and Donn K sample letter to send out to Post 300.

2/14/24 Sent sample letter to D. Patlak and Donn Kilburg to email members of Post 300. No response yet.

2/17/24 E-Mail to all Post and members requesting information on who their officers are. Following Posts responded with info: 202,352,941,300,606, &338.

2/18/24 I corresponded with member of Post 300 who has informed me that he not been to a meeting in over 10 years.

2/23/24 Memo to Vice Commanders to compose a letter starting with Post 300 and get all unreported Posts contacted. No response yet.

2/24/24 Avidor Hercz 84 Lt Col in Navy looking for post. Mark Kolsky of 440 has worked with Avidor and he has found a new post.

2/26/24 Birthday party for Albert Wagner. I spoke with Mr. Wagner's daughter, and my wife and I will visit with him on March 16 at 2:00 pm. Thank you to Mark Kolsky, Sr. Vice Commander, Post 440.

3/1/24 E-mail to Bruce Shur VC to send letters per sample to members of Posts 246 and 409.

E-mail to Donn Kilberg VC to send letters per sample to Members of Post 300.

Request from Post 549 for installation procedure and form. E-mailed Warrant form and Installation Ceremony.

3/18/24 E-mail from B. Solomon requesting someone from Post 440. M. Koisky is going to follow up.

3/27/24 Request from LTC Joy Lehenert for the awards ceremony at school on 4/12. Sent to Donn Kilburg.

4/4/24 Dedication of the Iraq & Afghanistan memorial — request for JWV to attend. M. Kolsky & D. Magidson responded and will attend.

4/7/24 Drop list letter sent to members that have not paid their dues since 2021. Mail merged and sent to all on list, coordinated with M Harrison.

Sent weekly e-mail to all members of Dept of FL, informing them of meetings and requirements.



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Quartermaster's Report

Cash Basis

JEWISH WAR VETERIANS OF THE USA, DEPT OF FLORIDA

Cash Flow-Operating

July 2023 through March 2024

	Jul - Sep 23	Oct - Dec 23	Jan - Mar 24	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
3120-Per Capita	0.00	0.00	932.00	932.00
3618-Post 459	0.89	23,976.00	0.00	23,976.89
Total Income	0.89	23,976.00	932.00	24,908.89
Expense				
7110-Commander Expenses	0.00	0.00	1,525.13	1,525.13
7140-Donations	0.00	0.00	1,126.00	1,126.00
7190-Insurance	0.00	33.00	0.00	33.00
7339-Department Meeting	0.00	371.53	527.30	898.83
7550-Postage	0.00	0.00	70.76	70.76
7586-Rent-Storage Locker	852.83	0.00	0.00	852.83
7587-Website	0.00	432.00	0.00	432.00
7600-Taxes-Annual Report	0.00	0.00	61.25	61.25
8900-Voided Checks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	852.83	836.53	3,310.44	4,999.80
Net Ordinary Income	-851.94	23,139.47	-2,378.44	19,909.09
Net Income	-851.94	23,139.47	-2,378.44	19,909.09

Opening Bank Balance December 31, 2023 **\$ 38,848.24**

Closing Bank Balance March 31, 2024 **\$ 30,469.80**

Cash Basis

JEWISH WAR VETERIANS OF THE USA, DEPT OF FLORIDA

Cash Flow Convention

July 2023 through March 2024

	Jul - Sep 23	Oct - Dec 23	Jan - Mar 24	TOTAL
Net Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Opening Bank Balance December 31, 2023 **\$ 6,633.81**

Closing Bank Balance March 31, 2024 **\$ 6,633.81**

Annual Post/Department Requirements

Post Elections: Between January and April each year.

Department Elections: Held at Department Convention, warrant to National Attn: Harrison Heller following Department Convention.

Post Installations: Within 60 days of election; send Warrant to National Attn: Harrison Heller, due by end of **June**.

Financial Board Report: Sent to posts by end of February and returned to National Attn: Harrison Heller no later than **May 1st**.

990N: Sent to IRS with copy to National Attn: Harrison Heller by **May 1st** along with the Financial Board Report.

Fidelity Bond: Bill is sent by National to Post in December and payment is due by **February**. Send to National Attn: Christy Turner.

Liability Insurance: Can be purchased through National or separately and proof of insurance should be sent at the same time as the Financial Board Report by **May 1st** to National Attn: Christy Turner.

Dues update: is sent to posts and departments between April and June and needs to be returned before **July 1st** when dues are set for the year. Send to national Attn: Harrison Heller.

Membership Updates: Should be sent as they occur to the National Membership Department, Department Adjutant, and Department Commander and should include address, phone, and email updates; deaths; transfers; and post contact information.

Delegate form for National Convention: Sent to each post between May and June and needs to be returned to National Membership Department at least 15 days prior to the National Convention. Each post gets 1 delegate for every 10 members who are current on their dues status. Copy should be sent to Department Commander and Adjutant.

Report of Convention Form: Department submit to National Attn: Harrison Heller not later than 15 days prior to convention.



VA Now Has One Centralized Phone Number for all Customer Service

The agency currently has several dozen customer service lines, each set to address a different issue. That has now changed with the addition of the new single access telephone contact point that VA officials say will alleviate confusion and make it easier for veterans, families, caregivers, and survivors to reach a live agent that can provide assistance.

The new number is

800-MyVA411

(800-698-2411)

and provides a single access point to all VA contact centers. The number is available anytime 24/7/365. The other numbers are not going away. That means if you can't remember or lose the new number, the line you've been using for years to contact your desired division will still work.

The PACT Act and your VA benefits



The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans — and their survivors — with the care and benefits they’ve earned and deserve.

This page will help answer your questions about what the PACT Act means for you or your loved ones. You can also call us at 800-698-2411 (TTY: 711). And you can file a claim for PACT Act-related disability compensation or apply for VA health care now.

To file a disability claim online: <https://www.va.gov/disability/file-disability-claim-form-21-526ez/introduction>

To apply for VA Healthcare online: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction>

What’s the PACT Act and how will it affect my VA benefits and care?

The PACT Act is perhaps the largest health care and benefit expansion in VA history. The full name of the law is The Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act.

The PACT Act will bring these changes:

- Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras
- Adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures
- Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation
- Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care
- Helps us improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures

If you’re a Veteran or survivor, you can file claims now to apply for PACT Act-related benefits.

What does it mean to have a presumptive condition for toxic exposure?

To get a VA disability rating, your disability must connect to your military service. For many health conditions, you need to prove that your service caused your condition.

But for some conditions, we automatically assume (or “presume”) that your service caused your condition. We call these “presumptive conditions.”

We consider a condition presumptive when it’s established by law or regulation.

If you have a presumptive condition, you don’t need to prove that your service caused the condition. You only need to meet the service requirements for the presumption.

Gulf War era and post-9/11 Veteran eligibility

We’ve added more than 20 burn pit and other toxic exposure presumptive conditions based on the PACT Act. This change expands benefits for Gulf War era and post-9/11 Veterans.

These cancers are now presumptive:

- Brain cancer
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
- Glioblastoma
- Head cancer of any type
- Kidney cancer
- Lymphatic cancer of any type
- Lymphoma of any type
- Melanoma
- Neck cancer of any type
- Pancreatic cancer
- Reproductive cancer of any type
- Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type

These illnesses are now presumptive:

- Asthma that was diagnosed after service
- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Chronic rhinitis
- Chronic sinusitis
- Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
- Emphysema
- Granulomatous disease
- Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
- Pleuritis
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Sarcoidosis

How do I know if I have a presumptive exposure to burn pits?

If you served in any of these locations and time periods, we’ve determined that you had exposure to burn pits or other toxins. We call this having a presumption of exposure.

On or after September 11, 2001, in any of these locations:

- Afghanistan
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Syria
- Uzbekistan
- Yemen
- The airspace above any of these locations

On or after August 2, 1990, in any of these locations:

- Bahrain
- Iraq
- Kuwait
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Somalia
- The United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- The airspace above any of these locations

Am I eligible for free VA health care as a post-9/11 combat Veteran?

We're extending and expanding VA health care eligibility based on the PACT Act. **We encourage you to apply, no matter your separation date.** Your eligibility depends on your service history and other factors.

If you meet the requirements listed here, you can get free VA health care for any condition related to your service for up to 10 years from the date of your most recent discharge or separation. You can also enroll at any time during this period and get any care you need, but you may owe a copay for some care.

At least one of these must be true of your active-duty service:

- You served in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War, or
- You served in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998

And this must be true for you:

- You were discharged or released on or after October 1, 2013

We encourage you to enroll now so we can provide any care you may need now or in the future. Enrollment is free.

What if I was discharged or released before October 1, 2013?

If you meet the requirements listed here, you can receive care and enroll during a special enrollment period between **October 1, 2022, and October 1, 2023.**

At least one of these must be true of your active-duty service:

- You served in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War, or
- You served in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998

And both of these must be true for you:

- You were discharged or released between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013, **and**
- You haven't enrolled in VA health care before

We encourage you to apply during this 1-year period so we can provide you with any care you may need now or in the future. Enrollment is free. And your care may be free as well.

Vietnam era Veteran eligibility

What new Agent Orange presumptive conditions will VA add?

Based on the PACT Act, we've added 2 new Agent Orange presumptive conditions:

- High blood pressure (also called hypertension)
- Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)

If you think you're eligible for VA health care and benefits, we encourage you to apply now.

What new Agent Orange presumptive locations will VA add?

We've added these 5 new locations to the list of presumptive locations:

- Any U.S. or Royal Thai military base in Thailand from January 9, 1962, through June 30, 1976
- Laos from December 1, 1965, through September 30, 1969
- Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Province from April 16, 1969, through April 30, 1969
- Guam or American Samoa or in the territorial waters off of Guam or American Samoa from January 9, 1962, through July 30, 1980
- Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll from January 1, 1972, through September 30, 1977

If you served on active duty in any of these locations, we'll automatically assume (or "presume") that you had exposure to Agent Orange.

What new radiation presumptive locations will VA add?

We've added these 3 new response efforts to the list of presumptive locations:

- Cleanup of **Enewetak Atoll**, from January 1, 1977, through December 31, 1980
- Cleanup of the Air Force B-52 bomber carrying nuclear weapons off the coast of **Palomares, Spain**, from January 17, 1966, through March 31, 1967
- Response to the fire onboard an Air Force B-52 bomber carrying nuclear weapons near **Thule Air Force Base in Greenland** from January 21, 1968, to September 25, 1968

If you took part in any of these efforts, we'll automatically assume (or "presume") that you had exposure to radiation.

Getting benefits

If you haven't filed a claim yet for the presumptive condition, you can file a new claim online now. You can also file by mail, in person, or with the help of a trained professional.

File for VA disability compensation online

Learn more about how to file a disability compensation claim

If we denied your disability claim in the past and we now consider your condition presumptive, you can submit a **19**

Supplemental Claim. We'll review your case again.

Find out how to file a Supplemental Claim

What if VA denied my claim but now considers my condition presumptive?

We encourage you to file a Supplemental Claim. When we receive a Supplemental Claim, we'll review the claim again.

Find out how to file a Supplemental Claim

Note: If we denied your claim in the past and we think you may be eligible now, we'll try to contact you. But you don't need to wait for us to contact you before you file a Supplemental Claim.

What if I have a pending claim for a condition that's now presumptive?

You don't need to do anything. If we added your condition after you filed your claim, we'll still consider it presumptive. We'll send you a decision notice when we complete our review.

Can I apply now?

Yes. We're considering all presumptive conditions established by the PACT Act presumptive on the date the bill becomes law.

If you think you may be eligible for VA health care or benefits, we encourage you to apply now.

When can I expect VA to make a decision on my PACT Act claim?

We encourage all Veterans and survivors to file for benefits now. We'll start to process PACT Act-related benefits in January 2023. We must wait for funding approval from Congress and put the needed systems in place before we can process these claims.

If you apply for benefits at any time in the next year and we grant your application, we'll likely backdate your benefits to the date of the bill signing. This means we'll pay you the amount you would have received from August 10, 2022, to the date we grant your application.

Information for survivors

Can Veterans' survivors get compensation payments under the PACT Act?

Yes. If you're a surviving family member of a Veteran, you may be eligible for these benefits:

- A monthly VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (VA DIC) payment. You may qualify if you're the surviving spouse, dependent child, or parent of a Veteran who died from a service-connected disability.

Learn how to apply for VA DIC

- A one-time accrued benefits payment. You may qualify if you're the surviving spouse, dependent child, or dependent parent of a Veteran who we owed unpaid benefits at the time of their death.

Learn about evidence needed for accrued benefits

- A Survivors Pension. You may qualify if you're the surviving spouse or child of a Veteran with wartime service.

Learn how to apply for a Survivors Pension

What if VA denied my DIC claim and I think I'm now eligible?

You can submit a new application for VA dependency and indemnity compensation (VA DIC).

Learn about VA DIC and how to apply

Note: If we denied your claim in the past and we think you may be eligible now, we'll try to contact you. We may be able to reevaluate your claim. But you don't need to wait for us to contact you before you reapply.

What other VA benefits are survivors eligible for?

You may be eligible for these VA benefits as the surviving family member of a Veteran:

- **Burial benefits and memorial items** such as a gravesite in a VA national cemetery or a free headstone, marker, or medallion.
- **A burial allowance** to help with the Veteran's burial and funeral costs. You may qualify if you're the Veteran's surviving spouse, partner, child, or parent.
- **Education and training.** You may qualify if you're the survivor of a Veteran who died in the line of duty or as a result of service-connected disabilities.
- **Health care through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA).** You may qualify if you're the survivor or dependent of a Veteran with a service-connected disability.
- **A VA-backed home loan.** You may qualify if you're the surviving spouse of a Veteran.

Florida Veterans Support Line

1-844-MyFLVet

(1-844-693-5838)

or dial 211

Let us return your call:

(727) 319-7440

Send us an email:

VSO@fdva.state.fl.us

Telling the Story of the Jewish American Warrior



Chartered by an act of Congress in 1958, the National Museum of American Jewish Military History, under the auspices of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., documents and preserves the contributions of Jewish Americans to the peace and freedom of the United States, educates the public concerning the courage, heroism and sacrifices made by Jewish Americans who served in the armed forces, and works to combat anti-Semitism.

The purpose of the Museum is to preserve a record of the patriotic contributions of the men and women of the Jewish faith who served during and between times of

war in the Armed Forces of the United States and as veterans thereof, from the time of the founding of this country to the present, for future generations by illustration through public education utilizing the Museum's collections for exhibits, publications, and educational programs.

The Museum was founded in 1958 by a group of Jewish War Veterans, who saw the value in telling the story of American Jewish Warriors. It is located at 1811 R Street NW, in the historic Dupont Circle area, and it is near the Dupont Circle Metro Station, as well as having a Capital Bikeshare station directly in front of the museum.

The Museum is open Monday through Friday 9-5, Sundays by appointment, and admission is free. If you wish to schedule a group tour, please call 202-265-6280 or email nmajmh@hmajmh.org. Membership information is below and also available at nmajmh.org.

HOW ABOUT JOINING OUR MUSEUM?

Many of you know that housed in the same building as JWV National headquarters in the National Museum of American Jewish Military History. Our museum is a separate entity, and membership in the Jewish War Veterans does not include membership in the museum. Many of our members do not know that.

JOIN THE MUSEUM

Please fill out the information below to get started on your NMAJMH membership. We appreciate your support and thank you for joining!

CHOOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

- Student and Active Military Personnel.....\$10
- Single Membership.....\$25
- Three-Year Single Membership.....\$60
- Family.....\$36
- Friend.....\$50
- Single Sustaining.....\$75
- Guardian.....\$100
- Organization or Echelon.....\$100
- Life Member (Individual).....\$1000
- Life Member (Family - Member & Spouse).....\$1000
- Sponsor.....\$2500
- I am unable to join but wish to support the NMAJMH programs and enclose a contribution of \$_____.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Member of: JWV Post # _____ JWVA # _____

Method of Payment

Check Enclosed: Make payable to *NMAJMH*

VISA Mastercard Discover American Express

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Please send your completed membership application to:

NMAJMH
Attn: Membership
1811 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009



Our Heroes Photos

For a **limited time only**, the NMAJMH is offering a special discount for you to honor your hero by including his or her photo on the **Our Heroes** photo display in the museum.

For only \$100, your hero's photo will be displayed for everyone to see that Jews serve with honor in defense of this nation. This is a savings of \$80 off the regular cost of \$180.



Display includes:

- 1 4" x 6" photo
B+W or color
- 1 Brass ID plate that lists your hero's:
 - Name
 - Branch of Service
 - Area of Service
 - Years of Service
 - JWV Post # and location
(your hero does not need to be a JWV member to be included on the display)

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

PAYMENT: Make checks payable to NMAJMH or provide credit card information:

Credit Card # _____ Exp. _____ MC __ VISA __ DISC __ AMEX

Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Area of Service: _____

Years of Service: _____

JWV Post: _____

Location of Post: _____

• Attach photo or email image to nmajmh@nmajmh.org



The National Museum of American Jewish Military History is creating a Deceased Registry of American Jewish Veterans and has requested the following information:

Veterans Name: _____

Date of Death: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Branch of Service: _____ Rank: _____

Conflict: _____ Male () Female ()

Cemetery Name: _____

Section #: _____ Grave/Plot #: _____

Cemetery City & State: _____

Killed in Action: () No () Yes

Home State when Enlisted: _____

Medals: _____

Jewish War Veteran: () No () Yes

Recruiting New Members and Patrons Is Everyone's Job!

Why you should join JWV

1. We support American military service and the contribution of Jews in the US Armed Forces.
2. We directly help, provide assistance to, and advocate for, ALL American veterans (all ages, races and creeds).
3. We strengthen the network of American Jewish servicemembers and build community.

JWV Membership provides:



- **Comradery** – connecting members and patrons through local Posts across the USA, in Israel and online
- **Network** to share and record the story of American Jewish military service; explore the greatest accomplishment of JWV, **The National Museum of American Jewish Military History**, in Washington, DC, to view the story!
- **Advocacy** for veteran rights and benefits, civil rights, and Jewish issues at all levels of government, including local veteran coalitions, state legislatures, and US Congress. JWV's National Executive Director is President of The Military Coalition, a collaborative lobbying group of 32 VSOs
- **Access to National Service Officers** that help you navigate the Department of Veterans Affairs, access your veteran benefits and assist in benefit disputes
- **The Jewish Veteran**, our national publication reporting on Jewish and veterans' issues
- **Financial services** through our long-standing partner USAA

JWV Services and Programs include:

- **A network of volunteers** – JWV volunteered 33,000 hours in over 80 VA facilities.
- **Annual Mission to Israel**
- **Special attention to active duty Jewish service persons** including donations of Jewish Bibles, ritual needs and foodstuffs to members of the Armed Forces
- **Education grants** for active duty and veterans, as well as qualifying descendants of JWV members
- **Fight for earned recognition**, awards, and medals for deserving service persons, including posthumous recognition
- Sponsorship of **Boy Scout Troops and Girl Scout Troops**; recognition of Eagle Scouts and Gold Award winners
- Graduation gifts and **recognition for military cadets**



To join, email membership@jwv.org or call (202) 265-6280!

To fill out an online application for membership, [click here](#).

To fill out an paper application for patron status, [click here](#).

HISTORICAL EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

April 1: 1945 - US Forces land on Okinawa.
1968 - Operation Pegasus, the relief of the Marines at Khe Sanh.
1865 - Confederate troops of General Pick defeated at Five Forks, VA.
April 2: 1513 - Ponce De Leon landed at present-day St. Augustine.
1792 - Congress established first US Mint at Philadelphia.
1942 - India-Burma Campaign begins.
1982 - Falkland Islands War begins.
April 4: 1945 - North Apennines Campaign ends.
1949 - NATO created by 12 nations.
1968 - Martin Luther King, Jr., killed in Memphis, TN.
April 5: 1945 - Po Valley Campaign begins.
April 6: 1896 - First Olympics in 1,500 years held in Athens, Greece.
1917 - US enters WWI.
April 9: 1865 - General Robert E. Lee surrenders at Appomattox Court House, effectively ending Civil War.
1942 - US Forces on Bataan surrender.
April 10: 1945 - Nazi Concentration Camp at Buchenwald liberated.
1998 - War in Northern Ireland ends after 30 years.
April 12: 1861 - American Civil War begins at Fort Sumter.
1961 - Yuri Gagarin becomes 1st human in space.
1981 - Launching of first US Space Shuttle flight (Columbia).
April 14: 1865 - President Abraham Lincoln shot at Ford's Theater. **April 15:** 1912 - Titanic sinks.
April 17: 1961 - Bay of Pigs.
April 18: 1942 - Doolittle raid on Tokyo.
April 19: 1755 - The "Shot Heard Around the World" began the American Revolution.
April 21: 1918 - The Red Baron (Manfred Von Richtofen shot down and killed.
2024 - Department of Florida Quarterly Meeting.
April 23: 1959 - Israel's Knesset establishes Holocaust Day.
April 24: 1800 - Library of Congress established.
April 26: 1986 - Chernobyl nuclear plant meltdown.
April 28: 1945 - Dictator Benito Mussolini shot and killed, ending Fascist rule in Italy.
1952 - Occupation of Japan ends.
April 29: 1970 - US Forces invade Cambodia.
April 30: 1789 - George Washington sworn in as 1st US President in New York City.
1965 - US Forces invade Dominican Republic.

MAY

May 1: 1960 - Frances Gary Powers, in a U-2 Spy Plane, shot down over Russia.
May 2: 1945 - Axis forces in Italy surrender.
2011 - Osama Bin Laden killed by US Special Operations Forces in Pakistan.
May 4: 1970 - Shooting at Kent State University in Ohio.
May 5: 1955 - Occupation of Germany ends.
May 7: 1945 - German General Alfred Jodl signs unconditional surrender of all German forces.
May 8: 1945 - Second German surrender document signed because Joseph Stalin refused to recognize first.
May 8: Mother's Day.
May 11: 1969 - Battle of Hamburger Hill in Viet Nam began.

May 12: 1949 - Berlin air lift ends
May 13: 1943 - Axis forces surrender in North Africa..
May 14: 1942 - Act of Congress allows women to serve in non-combat roles in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC), Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Services (WAVES), Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), and Semper Paratus Always Ready Service (SPARS), the women's reserve of the Marine Corps.
1948 - State of Israel declared.
May 17: 1792 - New York Stock Exchange established.
1875 - First Kentucky Derby run.
May 18: 1980 - Mt. St. Helens volcano in Washington State erupts for the first time since 1857.
May 20: 1927 - Charles Lindbergh took off from New York for the first solo flight to Paris.
1932 - Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.
1969 - Battle of Hamburger Hill ends.
May 21: 1881 - American Red Cross founded by Clara Barton.
May 24: 1844 - Samuel Morse sends the first telegraph message from Washington, DC, to Baltimore.
May 25: 1787 - Constitutional Convention begins in Philadelphia with delegates from seven states.
May 26: 1940 - Dunkirk evacuation began in order to evacuate British troops trapped by advancing German armies.
May 27: 1937 - Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco opens.
May 30: 1922 - The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, is dedicated.
May 30: Memorial Day — name changed from Decoration Day in 1917 to include dead from all American wars. Originally observed on May 30th. Congress passed the Uniform Holiday Act on June 28 1968, to change Holiday observances to a Monday, effective in 1971.

JUNE

June 4: 1989 - The Chinese government orders troops to open fire on protestors in Tiananmen Square.
June 5: 1968 - Robert F. Kennedy shot and mortally wounded in Los Angeles.
1944 - 77th Anniversary of D-Day invasion at Normandy, France.
June 11: 1994 - Soviet occupation of East German ends after 49 years.
June 13: 1966 - US Supreme Court establishes Miranda rights.
June 14: 1775 - US Army Birthday — established by 2nd Continental Congress.
1949 - Flag Day — John Adams introduced to Congress that a flag be established with 13 stripes and 13 stars; celebration established by Proclamation of Woodrow Wilson (1916), by Act of Congress.
June 17: 1972 - Watergate break-in, which led to the eventual resignation of President Richard Nixon.
June 20: 1782 - US Congress officially adopted the Great Seal of the United States of America.
June 25: 1876 - Custer's Last Stand at Little Big Horn — 250 soldiers attacked 2,000-4,000 Indians.
1950 - Korean War began as North Korean troops crossed the 38th parallel.
June 26: 1945 - UN Charter signed in San Francisco by 50 nations.
2022 - Department of Florida Annual Convention to take place at Delray Beach Golf Club.
June 28: 1919 - Treaty of Versailles signed formally, ending WWI.