

The Florida Veteran



***Jewish War Veterans of the United States
Department of Florida***

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DEPARTMENT ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

CENTURY VILLAGE LeCLUB

3501 West Drive, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442

We will begin at 9:00 am with Breakfast. Meeting to follow. Zoom will begin at 9:30 am.

Directions:

From



Take I-95 to Exit 41 (SW 10th St/SR 869) and head WEST on SW 10th. Turn RIGHT onto Powerline Rd. Turn RIGHT onto West Drive. Turn LEFT heading towards Prescott Drive, and make an IMMEDIATE LEFT onto Prescott Drive. Follow the road around the bend to the RIGHT, and the destination is on the LEFT.

From



Take Florida's Turnpike to Exit 69 (Sample Rd.) Head EAST on Sample Rd. to Powerline Rd (about 0.8 miles). Turn LEFT onto Powerline Rd. Turn RIGHT onto West Drive. Turn LEFT heading towards Prescott Drive, and make an IMMEDIATE LEFT onto Prescott Drive. Follow the road around the bend to the RIGHT, and the destination is on the LEFT.

JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING HONORS NATIONAL COMMANDER AND NATIONAL AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Nelson Mellitz, JWV National Commander, and Natalie Blank, JWV Auxiliary National President, will be joining us. There will be a weekend of activities to include a Saturday evening dinner with Commander Mellitz and President Blank.

9:30 Meeting Instructions via Zoom

To join the online meeting,
click the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8248702308?pwd=WklnU29pV3haSEJqRU10ZlRzMdJYUT09>

**Online Meeting and Passcode:
Meeting ID: 824 870 2308
Passcode: N85SfE**

If you plan on joining by phone (not recommended), you can find a phone number by clicking the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8248702308?pwd=WklnU29pV3haSEJqRU10ZlRzMdJYUT09>

**Telephonic Meeting and Passcode:
Meeting ID: 824 870 2308
Passcode: 428712**

There are also apps you can download for your phone or tablet in the Google Play or Apple App Stores, if you prefer.

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FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year. May 2023 be a better year for all.

We will be holding the mid-year NEC meeting in DC on January 19th at JWV Headquarters. We will take the opportunity to visit Capitol Hill on Tuesday and Wednesday January 17th and 18th to present our legislative priorities to our elected officials and express what is important to JWV. If you are interested in joining the delegation, please let me know.

If you wish to participate in the NEC virtually, please use the following link to register:

https://jwv.wufoo.com/forms/m1amlwoh12bto1q/?mc_cid=f7be895d75&mc_cid=4e1ac33944

While in DC we will also participate in a ceremony honoring the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam conflict, to take place at The Wall.

Our next Department of Florida Quarterly Meeting will be in Deerfield Beach on Sunday January 29th. We will hold a joint session with our Auxiliary. We will have as guests NC Nelson Mellitz and NP Natalie Blank. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Let's have a good showing for our guests.

Our following quarterly department meeting will be on Sunday, April 23rd. If your post would like to host the quarterly meeting, please let me know.

Our Annual Florida convention will be held on Sunday, June 4th in Deerfield Beach. At that time we will elect our new slate of officers. If you are interested in holding any position, please let me know.

The next National Convention will take place in Jacksonville on August 27th – September 1st.

Among other things at the convention, we will elect the next National Commander and National Vice Commander.

The National Convention Committee is soliciting proposals for the conventions for years beyond 2023. If you post is interested in hosting a convention, please contact me for the criteria.

Some important things you should know:

JWV is pleased to announce the following new hires:

Ms. Melody Harrison is the new Membership Director (vice Ben Kane) with her start date being Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Media Outreach Efforts

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.

Important Links

(Click on the links below:)



- [The Jewish Veteran, Vol. 76, No. 4 — 2022](#)
- [JWV Online Membership Application](#)
- [JWV Online Store](#)
- [Dept of Florida Online Donation Page](#)
- [Post Management/Forms](#)

**If you encounter a Veteran
who is struggling,
call the
Veteran Crisis Line
at
1-800-273- 8255
and select option 1**



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JWV National:
<https://www.facebook.com/JewishWarVeterans>

State of Florida:
<https://www.facebook.com/floridajwv>

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Melody has more than 20 years' experience in the member services arena. Her email will be mharrison@jwv.org and her phone is (202) 265-6280 ext. 414.

Emily Shoher to be the Administrative Assistant/Office Manager (vice Irlean Banks) with a start date of Thursday, January 5, 2023. Shoher has more than 10 years' experience as an Office Manager and customer service representative in the hospitality industry. Her email will be eshoher@jwv.org and her phone is (202) 265-6280 ext. 410.

The FY 2023 Omnibus Bill was passed and includes a considerable number of appropriations for veterans care and the military in general. If you would like to see what is included use the following link:

https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/news/majority/chairman-patrick-leahy-d-vt-releases-fiscal-year-2023-omnibus-appropriations-bill?mc_cid=7496127685&mc_eid=4e1ac33944



We visit historical, religious, and military sites, including the Western Wall, Masada, Yad Vashem, Bethlehem, Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum, and a hidden bullet factory. Meet with T'ZEVET for an Israeli Defense Force briefing, plant a tree, and take a dip in the Dead Sea! You will enjoy fun and comradeship with fellow veterans. You do not have to be Jewish or a veteran to travel with us, so bring your family and friends!

For more information or to sign up please contact Iryna Apple at iapple@jwv.org or (202) 265-6280 ext. 103.

Have you or your post done something you want to share with JWV? Do you want to write an article about veteran issues? If you are interested in submitting photos or articles for the first issue of *The Jewish Veteran* in 2023, the deadline is March 2nd at Noon Eastern. Send items to editor@jwv.org. If you have questions, call Cara Rinkoff at (202) 265-6280 ext. 413.

See you in DC or in Deerfield Beach!

L'shalom,

Larry



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Let Us All Welcome

**National Commander Nelson Mellitz & National President Natalie Blank
to the Department of Florida**

Fellow Members of the Department of Florida,

We are honored to have JWV National Commander Nelson Mellitz and the Auxiliary National President, Natalie Blank, make their official visit to a joint meeting of the Department of Florida and the Jewish War Veterans Department of Florida Auxiliary on the weekend of January 28 & 29, 2023.

On Sunday, January 29, 2023, we will hold our Quarterly Department meeting and honor Commander Nelson Mellitz and President Natalie Blank with a luncheon at Century Village LeClub, 3501 West Drive, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442.

At 9:00 A.M. we will be serving coffee, tea, and bagels. At 9:30 A.M. the sisters and comrades will go into their respective meetings. Following the meetings, at 12:00 Noon, we will adjourn for lunch with our esteemed guests.

Enclosed you will find a reservation form with choices for your entrée and dessert. The cost is \$29.00 per person, which includes breakfast and lunch. See the form for where to send your response and your check.

AN ADVANCE RESERVATION IS A MUST!!!
THE CUT OFF DATE IS JANUARY 18, 2023.

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Please adhere to this request so that we can arrange the seating to the satisfaction of all attending.

I hope to see many of you on January 29th ! Let's have a good showing to honor our guests.

**L'Shalom,
Larry Jasper**

Menu selection and directions attached

"The Patriotic Voice of American Jewry - 125 years of Jewish Pride and American Patriotism"

Luncheon Reservation
VISIT of NATIONAL PRESIDENT NATALIE BLANK
AND NATIONAL COMMANDER NELSON MELLITZ

Sunday, January 29, 2023
Century Village Deerfield Beach - LeClub

Total cost is \$29 PP, includes breakfast & lunch
THE PLANNED MEAL PROGRAM INCLUDES

Breakfast - *Coffee, Tea, Bagels, Jelly, and Cream Cheese*
Lunch - *Choice of tuna salad, egg salad or chicken salad sandwiches*
Includes - *Choice of potato salad or cole slaw*
Bag of chips
Soda *Choice of diet or regular Coke in can*

If not staying for Lunch, there is a charge of \$6.00 for Breakfast.



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Enclose your menu selection and check (\$29.00/pp), made payable to:
Department of Florida Ladies Auxiliary, by January 18
Mail to PDP Annette Rose, 8018 Springside Ct., Boca Raton, FL 33496

YOUR NAME-----PHONE-----

ADDRESS-----ZIP-----

POST #-----AUX #-----NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING-----

**IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IS ATTENDING, PLEASE INDICATE WHICH
PERSON GETS WHICH MEAL (WHOLE NAME PLEASE)**

CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH-----TUNA SALAD SANDWICH-----
EGG SALAD SANDWICH-----
POTATO SALAD-----OR COLE SLAW-----
DIET COKE-----OR REGULAR COKE-----
BREAKFAST ONLY-----(\$6.00)

DIRECTIONS TO CENTURY VILLAGE LECLUB, 3501 WEST DR., DEERFIELD BEACH FL 33442
From S: Take Powerline, cross 10th, next traffic light is West Dr., make right on West Dr., stay to left.
From N: Take Jog/Powerline, cross Hillsboro, at 2nd traffic light after Hillsboro, make left onto West Dr.
From 95: Take 10th St. exit. Left on 10th to Powerline. Right on Powerline to West Dr., Right on West Dr.

Tell guard at gate you are here for JWV event. Guard will have your name. Once past guardhouse, take your first left, follow road around to the left until you see LeClub on your left. There are plenty of parking spaces.



Dear Sisters and Comrades,

National President Natalie Blank and National Commander Nelson Mellitz will be making their official visit to the Department of Florida from January 28 to 30, 2023. There will be a quarterly meeting on Sunday, January 29, for both the Department of Florida Ladies Auxiliary and the Jewish War Veterans Department of Florida, followed by a luncheon in their honor.

An informal Dutch Treat get-together will take place on Saturday evening, January 28. You are cordially invited to attend.

We will be having dinner at 6:00 P.M. at Ben's NY Kosher Restaurant, 9942 Clint Moore Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33498. Ben's is at the corner of Clint Moore and 441 in the SE corner of the shopping center. There is plenty of parking, both in the front and at the rear.

If you wish to join us that evening, please R.S.V.P. by no later than January 20, so we can make appropriate arrangements at the restaurant. Please call Claire Riccardi at 954-464-7734 or E-mail Verna Rosenzweig at vr5240@yahoo.com or Annette Rose at musiclady39@yahoo.com for reservations. We will be ordering from the menu.

Whether you do or do not join us on Saturday evening, we look forward to seeing you on Sunday at the meeting and luncheon.

Cordially,

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Annette Rose
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Claire Riccardi
Co-Chair
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Jewish War Veterans of the USA
Department of Florida
Quarterly Meeting Agenda
January 29th, 2022



Opening of Meeting and Welcome
(Altar Preparation)

Rise for the Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer

Introduction of Officers and Guests

NP Introduction

NP's Address

Roll Call

NC's Address

Quartermaster's Report

Committee Reports:

National Policy

NEC

Trustees

Archives

Any other Committees to Report

Officer Reports:

Department Commander

Senior Vice Commander

1st Jr. Vice Commander

2nd Jr. Vice Commander

3rd Jr. Vice Commander

4th Jr. Vice Commander

Chief of Staff

Chaplain

Break for Lunch

Guest Speaker

Old and Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Good and Welfare

Closing Ceremony

DC Larry Jasper

CoS Jennifer Brande

DC Larry Jasper

Chaplain Richard Berg

DC Larry Jasper

CoS Jennifer Brande/DC Larry Jasper

NP Natalie Blank

Adjutant Steve Falkowitz

NC Nelson Mellitz

QM Ike Heller

PNC Ferdie

PNC Magidson

Jules Golumbik

Debra Stern

Larry Jasper

Harvey Charter

Steve Jockers

Bernard Nachimson

Richard Berg

Rabbi Mark Golub

Jennifer Brande

Richard Berg

NC Nelson Mellitz

DC Larry Jasper

DC Larry Jasper

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Agenda is Subject to Change

JWV Department of Florida
Quarterly Meeting
Location TBD

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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

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.

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Go to [JWV.org](https://www.jwv.org) or [USAA.com](https://www.usaa.com) to apply.

VA to Begin Processing Burn Pit and Related Claims Under Landmark PACT Act on Jan. 1

29 Dec 2022 | Military.com | By Patricia Kime

The Department of Veterans Affairs will start the new year processing nearly one-quarter of a million claims for disability compensation under legislation that expanded coverage for veterans sickened by environmental exposures in combat zones.

VA officials said Thursday that the department has received more than 213,000 claims related to the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics, or PACT, Act, signed into law in August and will begin processing them beginning Jan. 1.

Under the legislation, veterans may be eligible for disability benefits if they served overseas in certain areas where the U.S. military burned trash in massive open air burn pits, or they were exposed to Agent Orange or other contaminants in certain parts of the world.

The VA began accepting claims this fall, but unless veterans were terminally ill, those claims couldn't be processed until next year. The agency had granted benefits worth \$3.4 million to 200 veterans who were terminally ill as of Dec. 22.

In total, the department has received more than 2,600 claims from dying veterans and is "actively working on the remainder," according to Joshua Jacobs, VA's senior adviser for policy.

The VA published a rule in the Federal Register on Dec. 22 saying it would process claims under a policy based on the legislation but is developing regulations that will codify the law and "address any gaps and ambiguity" in the PACT Act as written.

While the VA predicts that its backlog -- currently about 170,000 claims that are older than 125 days -- will grow with the influx of new claims applications, officials said the department has taken steps to manage the process.

The Veterans Benefits Administration has hired more than 2,700 people to assist with the processing and has automated portions of the process, according to officials.

The PACT Act extended the period for post-9/11 combat veterans to enroll in VA health care from five years to 10 and also included a one-year open enrollment for combat veterans who served more than a decade ago.

It expedited the claims process for 23 specific medical conditions believed to be caused by exposure to burn pits and other pollution in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere, and it expanded coverage for Vietnam-era veterans exposed to Agent Orange, adding Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Guam, American Samoa and Johnston Atoll to the list of places where veterans may have been exposed.



Sgt. Robert B. Brown, with Regimental Combat Team 6, Combat Camera Unit watches over the civilian firefighters at the burn pit as smoke and flames rise into the night sky behind him on May 25, 2007. (Cpl. Samuel D. Corum/U.S. Marine Corps photo)

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](#)

Will Congress Really Send 80,000 Afghans Back to the Taliban?

15 Dec 2022 | The Philadelphia Inquirer | By Trudy Rubin

Before the United States made its chaotic exit from Afghanistan in August 2021, Congress had promised special immigrant visas to Afghans who worked with our military or civilians. Once our allies were without the protection of American forces, they would surely face Taliban revenge.

As U.S. troops left, about 80,000 Afghans did make it out of the country, most with the help of their U.S. military colleagues (although tens of thousands who were qualified were left behind). But there was no time for eligible escapees to complete the complex SIV visa process, so they were granted a two-year, temporary “humanitarian parole” status.

Now, unbelievably, Congress seems ready to kick out those who made it here when their status expires in 2023.

The Afghan Adjustment Act, a bipartisan bill that would give those refugees a path to permanent residency, is almost dead because political leaders from both parties have chosen to ignore it.

Do congressional leaders, Democrats and Republicans, really plan to stand by while tens of thousands of Afghan allies are loaded on planes and sent back to the Taliban? It seems so.

“People just want to forget about Afghanistan,” said Rye Barcott, a Marine veteran and cofounder of With Honor, a bipartisan organization dedicated to enlisting veterans in public service.

Reps. Seth Moulton (D., Mass.) and Peter Meijer (R., Mich.) have been relentless in their efforts to help Afghans. Both are members of the House of Representatives’ For Country Caucus, comprised of veterans, a group that pressed the Biden administration to evacuate all of our Afghan allies before we withdrew.

That didn’t happen.

When tens of thousands of terrified Afghans rushed to the Kabul airport in 2021, there was no way to activate the cumbersome SIV process, which can take years. Thousands of Afghans were flown out on U.S. military planes and charters organized by U.S. veterans. Many of the evacuees had worked with Americans, many had not. Giving them temporary status was the easiest answer but left their future in limbo.

Meantime, tens of thousands of interpreters, democracy advocates, and women’s rights activists, who are entitled to those SIVs, are still in hiding in Afghanistan or neighboring countries, desperately waiting for their cases to be decided.

The Afghan Adjustment Act would move the process forward for both groups (although more must be

done for those allies left behind).

Passing this bill should be a no-brainer. Its death would add another chapter to a history of U.S. betrayal of its allies.



In this image provided by the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Air Force loadmasters and pilots assigned to the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, load people being evacuated from Afghanistan onto a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021. (Master Sgt. Donald R. Allen/U.S. Air Force via AP)

US: Taliban Release 2 Americans in ‘Goodwill Gesture’



State Department spokesman Ned Price speaks during a news conference at the State Department, March 10, 2022, in Washington. The Taliban have released two American detainees held in Afghanistan. That’s according to State Department spokesman Ned Price on Tuesday. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

The release was not part of any larger prisoner swap, and no money changed hands, he told reporters.

A senior administration official said the U.S. government was currently assisting the two, and that they would soon be reunited soon with their families. The official was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Neither Price nor the official identified the two Americans.

The U.S. does not formally recognize Afghanistan’s ruling Taliban, who took power from a U.S.-backed government after U.S. forces withdrew in 2021.

21 Dec 2022 | Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Taliban have released two Americans held in Afghanistan in what appeared to be a “goodwill gesture,” State Department spokesman Ned Price said Tuesday.

Biden Signs Defense Bill with Vaccine Mandate Repeal, 4.6% Military Pay Raise

23 Dec 2022 | Military.com | By Rebecca Kheel

The sweeping defense policy bill that repeals the military's COVID-19 vaccine mandate and endorses a 4.6% pay raise for troops is now law after President Joe Biden signed the legislation.

While Pentagon and White House officials have repeatedly said they oppose repealing the vaccine mandate since they believe it still necessary to protect the health of the force, the National Defense Authorization Act, or NDAA, is considered a vital bill for the military since it authorizes a host of special pay and bonuses, military construction projects, training exercises and other routine necessities for service members. Further, the bill passed Congress with bipartisan majorities that were large enough to overcome a hypothetical veto from Biden.

Republican lawmakers have been pushing for the repeal of the COVID-19 vaccine mandate since Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin ordered it in August 2021. They have used a series of different arguments, including that the mandate tramples on religious liberties, though the leaders of many major religions have publicly encouraged vaccination, and that the shot is experimental even though two brands have been fully approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

More than 8,000 service members have been discharged under the mandate, though all the services have been under court orders in recent months largely barring the discharge of any troops who had applied for religious exemptions. The latest court ruling came down just this week, when a federal judge in Texas enjoined the Army from taking adverse action against six soldiers and four West Point cadets who applied for religious exemptions.



Airman administers COVID-19 vaccine on March 10, 2021. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Christine Wood)

Pentagon officials have so far declined to detail how they will handle the end of the mandate, with press secretary Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder telling reporters as recently as Tuesday that he didn't "want to get ahead of pending legislation."

"We will comply with the law when it's the law," Ryder added at a press briefing.

Republicans, who will control the House next year, have vowed they will continue fighting to reinstate service members who were discharged, though a Senate amendment to the NDAA that

would have done so failed with every Democrat and four Republicans opposing.

Beyond the vaccine mandate, the NDAA makes several major policy changes. Among them, the bill builds on an overhaul of the military justice system passed in last year's NDAA by giving the newly created special trial counsel more authorities in the court-martial process and putting more crimes under their purview.

Four Good Things Retirees Can Look Forward to in 2023

19 Dec 2022 | The Penny Hoarder | By Rachel Christian

Rising prices, a turbulent stock market, and concerns about a possible recession are leaving many older Americans stressed about their financial future in 2022. But it's not all doom and gloom. A few things to look forward to in 2023 include bigger Social Security checks and lower Medicare costs. Here are four things people approaching or already in retirement can look forward to in 2023.

1. Social Security Checks Are Getting Bigger

If you're on Social Security, you can expect your check to increase by 8.7% in January. It's the biggest cost-of-living adjustment in four decades.

That's equivalent to an extra \$147 a month on average in your pocket. Of course, there's a reason for the record cost-of-living adjustment (COLA)—inflation. The price of everything from groceries to housing keeps going up, so an extra 8.7% might not seem like much.

What makes this year different is that the rising COLA won't be eaten up by rising Medicare Part B premiums.

Plus, if inflation starts to decline next year, retirees still benefit from their bumped-up Social Security checks—at least until the new COLA is calculated in October 2023.

2. Medicare Premiums Are Going Down

Medicare beneficiaries will pay less for their Part B premium next year, the first decrease in a decade.

The standard Medicare Part B premium will be \$164.90 a month in 2023, down from \$170.10 in 2022. The Part B deductible is also going down.

The combination of higher Social Security checks and lower Medicare Part B premiums is great news for retirees. Most years, Social Security COLAs are eaten up by rising Medicare costs. (Most retirees get their Part B premium deducted from their Social Security checks.)

That means more money in your pocket, which is welcome news during high inflation.

But the good news comes with a caveat: Next year's small reduction in Part B premiums (down \$5.20) is just a fraction of

the increase retirees shouldered in 2022—up \$21.60 from 2021.

3. Retirement Account Contributions Limits Will Be Higher in 2023

Looking to retire in the next couple of years? You'll get to enjoy increased retirement account contribution limits in 2023.

Prompted by runaway inflation, the IRS is ratcheting up 401(k) and individual retirement account (IRA) contribution limits faster than ever.

The maximum amount you can contribute to a 401(k), 403(b) and most 457 plans increases to \$22,500, up from \$20,500 in 2022, a record 9.8% increase. Contributions to IRAs will jump from \$6,000 in 2022 to \$6,500 in 2023, an 8.3% increase.

These new limits are particularly beneficial for workers over age 50 looking to catch up on their retirement savings.

The catch-up contribution limit for 401(k) plans is rising from \$6,500 to \$7,500 a year for those age 50 and older. The catch-up contribution limit for IRAs is \$1,000 per year on top of your standard contribution limit.

4. Now Is a Great Time to Be a Saver

Interest rates keep rising as the Federal Reserve attempts to clamp down on inflation.

That makes it more expensive to take out a mortgage or car loan, but higher interest rates are great if you're saving money.

Many retirees want a safe place to park their cash. Maybe you're selling your home to downsize and don't want to risk putting the proceeds in the stock market. Or maybe you're taking required minimum distributions from your retirement accounts—and don't mind earning some interest with a safe investment.

Next year is shaping up to be a great year for saving money. The interest rates on high-yield savings accounts, money market accounts and certificates of deposit are higher than they've been in years.



Retirees and Team Kirtland members compete in a golf tournament during Retiree Appreciation Week at the Tijeras Arroyo Golf Course at Kirtland Air Force Base, NM, July 15, 2022. The competitors participated in a golf tournament during a series of activities celebrating Retiree Appreciation Week. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Spencer Kanar.)

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One Japanese Soldier Continued to Fight for 30 Years After WWII

14 Dec 2022 | Military.com | By James Barber

When Japanese soldier Hiroo Onoda was deployed to Lubang in the Philippines in 1944, he was instructed to hold the remote island until the Japanese Army returned. Onoda took the orders very seriously and fought a guerrilla war on the island for more than 10,000 days until he finally surrendered in 1974.

This is an absolutely true story. It's not like his country forgot him. Search parties could not convince Onoda that Japan had lost the war. They carried photos from Onoda's family members, but he thought they were fakes because, since his hometown had been bombed and rebuilt, the buildings in the images didn't match his memories.

For most of his lonely war, Onoda served alongside fellow Japanese soldier Kinshichi Kozuka, but Kozuka fell in 1972 when he was shot by the local Filipino police. When Onoda returned to Japan, he wrote a bestselling memoir, married and lived quietly until he died at age 91 in 2014.

His incredible story is now the subject of a feature film. French director Arthur Harari's "Onoda: 10,000 Nights in the Jungle" premiered at the 2021 Cannes Film Festival and has earned both acclaim and condemnation for its portrayal of the Japanese officer. The film is now available to buy or rent on digital.

Onoda, like many Japanese soldiers, fully embraced the principles promoted by his country's military command. Losing was inconceivable, surrender was shameful, and suicide was unimaginable. There were other Japanese soldiers who continued the fight in remote locations in the Pacific after their country's surrender, but none who held out as long as Onoda.

Even though Onoda believed he was still operating under wartime conditions, the conflict was over and his guerrilla military actions were actually a form of terrorism. Harari's film doesn't really offer that perspective on the violence Onoda committed after the war was officially over, but it's really not a stretch to hold the soldier responsible after he'd been told the truth.

"Onoda: 10,000 Nights in the Jungle" is still a fascinating movie, and it's a story worth learning. How does a soldier know when the war is over? How can men trained to hold out at all costs accept defeat? This movie tries to address those questions through one very strange soldier's experience.



Kanji Tsuda Onoda: 10,000 Days in the Jungle." (*Dark Star Pictures*)

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Savers have another tool in their toolbox: Series I Bonds from the federal government.

I bonds are one of the safest investments you can buy. They're indexed for inflation, and the variable rate resets every six months.

On Nov. 1, the I bond rate reset to 6.89%, a decline from its record 9.62% rate. The new rate is good until May 1, 2023.

The overall rate is down, but there's a silver lining. On Nov. 1, the Treasury Department announced a new fixed rate of 0.4%, the first time it's been over 0% since May 2020.

If you buy an I bond from the U.S. Treasury Department between now and the end of April 2023, you can lock in that 0.4% fixed rate over the life of your bond—and it will be calculated in addition to whatever the variable inflation rate is in the future.

I bonds can be a solid way for retirees to protect their cash against inflation. You can purchase up to \$10,000 of I bonds each calendar year.

You have to hold them for at least a year, and you'll lose three months worth of interest if you cash out your I bonds one to five years after purchase.

If you're trying to protect your nest egg against rising costs, it makes sense to speak with a financial adviser or other professional who can help you create a personalized strategy.

An 84-Year-Old World War II Sniper Hit a 1,000-Yard Target 65 Years Later

Military.com | By Blake Stilwell

Only the best of the best of the Army's shooters get to wear the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's (USAMU) coveted black hat. It signifies the wearer's extreme discipline, expertise and high professional standards. In March 2009, the unit bestowed one upon 84-year-old Ted Gundy, a World War II veteran who saw action in the Battle of the Bulge, Cologne Plains and Remagen Bridge with the 99th Infantry Division.



A private in World War II holding a Springfield M1903 rifle like the one used by Ted Gundy in the Battle of the Bulge. (*U.S. Army*)

There have only been eight recipients of the black hat who weren't members of the Marksmanship Unit. During a visit to Columbus, Georgia's National Infantry Museum, Gundy appeared wearing the Army uniform he wears to perform burial services for fellow WWII veterans. It was there that he received his black hat, one he earned by making a shot he thought was impossible.

Gundy wrote to the shooting enthusiast website Shooting USA after reading about how modern military snipers are making shots at more than 1,000 yards. He wrote that he couldn't imagine doing that with the weapons he used at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. The editors at Shooting USA decided to try and give him the chance.

Then a 19-year-old replacement, Gundy was made his unit's sniper after scoring the highest in his basic training rifle qualification. He arrived in Belgium in 1944, just before the German Army launched its last major offensive of the war.

Shooting USA's Jim Scoutten approached the USAMU to see whether it was possible to bring Gundy to the range at Fort Benning to attempt the shot. The unit's sniper team was excited to coach the old soldier and set up VIP services to bring the World War II veteran to Georgia.

Gundy's warm-up target was at 300 yards, using a replica Springfield Model 1903 A-4, like the kind he used to fight the Nazis. He hadn't fired a shot from one since leaving the war, but hit the target three consecutive times. The replica manufacturer, Navy Arms, gifted him the Springfield replica on the range that day.

Next came the attempt at an impossible shot, or at least one that seemed impossible to Gundy. It was a target at 1,000 yards, using the USAMU's custom Remington Model 700.



World War II veteran Ted Gundy takes aim with a replica of a Springfield Model 1903 rifle at Fort Benning, Georgia in 2011. (*ShootingUSA*)

"I couldn't dream in a thousand years how you would do this," Gundy told Shooting USA in a 2009 video. "How you'd even see it, a human that far away ... I hope that I can hit the target, but if I was betting money, I'd bet nine to one that I don't."

The Army Marksmanship Unit's sniper team gave Gundy instruction on how "environmentals" like wind can affect the shot, and how to adjust for those factors. Gundy watched as two of the snipers took test shots during this instruction.

When it was time for Gundy to take his seemingly impossible shot, it was a good thing he hadn't bet against himself: He scored a head shot. He did the same on his second attempt. And his third.

Harvey Edmund "Ted" Gundy died at age 90 on Oct. 12, 2015, in his hometown of Memphis, Missouri.

Reports

Report from 1st Jr Vice Commander

For the period: October-December, 2022

1. Continued E-mails to all posts on various subjects, what national JWV offers on their website and their post responsibilities.

a. Please add us in your temple or synagogue about JWV to recruit new members and patrons.

b. Available resources available during hurricane on West Coast.

c. Distributed numerous e-mails to all posts, urging them to hold monthly meetings.

d. E-Mail to posts in on Holidays and upcoming events.

2. Various communications with National on members that needed help with membership issues.

3. Communications with members that needed help with and directed them to the resources that then need.

4. During the Hurricane on the west coast, communicated with numerous members directing them to resources to help them.

5. Reconcile and Post October, November and December Books for Operating and Conventions accounts.

6. Assist the Quartermaster in the preparation of 2nd Qtr. financial reports for the Department.

7. Prepared and filed Annual Report with Florida Department of State for Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Jockers

1st Jr Vice Commander

Quartermaster's Report

Cash Basis JEWISH WAR VETERIANS OF THE USA, DEPT OF FLORIDA			
Cash Flow-Operating			
July through December 2022			
	Jul - Sep 22	Oct - Dec 22	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Expense			
7041-National Pres Award	100.00	50.00	150.00
7110-Commander Expenses	350.00	0.00	350.00
7561-Nat Ad Journal	250.00	0.00	250.00
Total Expense	700.00	50.00	750.00
Net Ordinary Income	-700.00	-50.00	-750.00
Net Income	-700.00	-50.00	-750.00
Opening Bank Balance Oct 1, 2022	\$ 19,169.81		
Closing Bank Balance Dec 31, 2022	\$ 19,169.81		

Cash Basis JEWISH WAR VETERIANS OF THE USA, DEPT OF FLORIDA			
Cash Flow Convention			
July through December 2022			
	Jul - Sep 22	Oct - Dec 22	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Expense			
7450-Office & Miscellaneous	93.00	0.00	93.00
Total Expense	93.00	0.00	93.00
Net Ordinary Income	-93.00	0.00	-93.00
Net Income	-93.00	0.00	-93.00
Opening Bank Balance Oct 1, 2022	\$ 6,918.47		
Closing Bank Balance Dec 31, 2022	\$ 6,825.47		

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!

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- ☐ 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 \$ _____.

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Member of: ☐ JWV Post # _____ ☐ JWVA # _____

Method of Payment

☐ Check Enclosed: Make payable to *NMAJMH*

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Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Please send your completed membership application to:

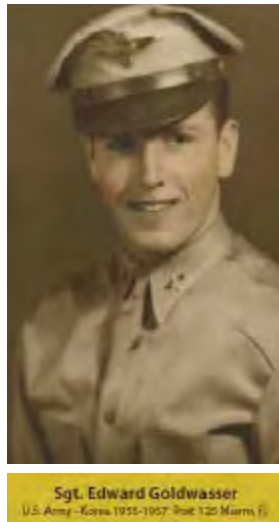
NMAJMH
Attn: Membership
1811 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009



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

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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

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- **A network of volunteers** – JWV volunteered 33,000 hours in over 80 VA facilities in 2016!
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- 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
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HISTORICAL EVENTS CALENDAR

January 1: 1776 - George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

1863 - The Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves in the states rebelling against the Union.

1892 - Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

1901 - The Commonwealth of Australia was founded.

1959 - Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba

1979 - China and the U.S. established diplomatic relations, 30 years after the foundation of the People's Republic.

1993 - Czechoslovakia broke into separate Czech and Slovak republics.

1999 - Eleven European nations began using a new single European currency, the Euro

January 2: 1942 - During World War II in the Pacific, the Japanese captured the Philippines capital of Manila

January 3: 1790 - President George Washington delivered the first State of the Union address.

January 8: 1798 - The 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, preventing lawsuits against a state by anyone from another state or foreign nation.

January 10: 1776 - Common Sense, a fifty-page pamphlet by Thomas Paine, was published.

1920 - The League of Nations officially came into existence

1984 - The U.S. and Vatican established full diplomatic relations after a break of 116 years.

January 12: 1991 - Congress authorized the use military force against Iraq following its invasion of Kuwait.

January 15: 1973 - Golda Meir became the first Israeli Prime Minister to visit the Pope.

January 16: 1991 - The air war against Iraq began as operation Desert Shield became Desert Storm.

January 19: 1966 - Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India

1983 - Former Gestapo official Klaus Barbie, known as the "Butcher of Lyon," was arrested in Bolivia, South America.

January 21: 1924 - Soviet Russian leader Vladimir Lenin died of a brain hemorrhage.

1954 - The USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear powered submarine, was launched at Groton, Connecticut.

1976 - The Concorde supersonic jet began passenger service.

January 22: 1973 - Abortion became legal in the U.S. as the Supreme Court decided in the case of Roe vs. Wade.

January 23: 1968 - The American ship USS Pueblo was seized by North Koreans in the Sea of Japan.

January 24: 1848 - The California gold rush began.

1972 - Japanese soldier Shoichi Yokoi was discovered on Guam after he had spent 28 years hiding out in the jungle not knowing World War II had long since ended.

January 27: 1945 - The Russian Army liberated Auschwitz death camp.

1967 - Three American astronauts were killed as a fire erupted inside Apollo 1 during a launch simulation test at Cape Kennedy, Florida.

1973 - U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War ended as North Vietnamese and American representatives signed an agreement in Paris.

January 28: 1915 - The U.S. Coast Guard was created by an Act of Congress.

1986 - The U.S. Space Shuttle Challenger exploded 74 seconds into its flight.

January 29: 1919 - The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (Prohibition Amendment) was ratified.

January 30: 1968 - Tet Offensive began in Vietnam as North Vietnamese troops attacked 36 provincial capitals and 5 major cities in South Vietnam.

February 1: 2003 - Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven crew members.

February 3: 1870 - The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

1943 - An extraordinary act of heroism in the icy waters off Greenland after the U.S. transport ship Dorchester was hit by a German torpedo and began to sink rapidly. There were not enough life jackets and four U.S. Army chaplains on board removed theirs, handed them to frightened young soldiers, and chose to go down with the ship while praying.

February 9: 1943 - U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal after six months of battle; 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed.

February 14: 1849 - Photographer Mathew Brady took the first photograph of a U.S. President in office, James Polk.

February 15: 1898 - In Havana, the U.S. Battleship Maine was blown up while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost. The incident resulted in a declaration of war against Spain on April 25, 1898; "Remember the Maine!"

February 17: 1989 - Soviet Russia completed its military withdrawal from Afghanistan after nine years of unsuccessful involvement.

1869 - The Suez Canal was formally opened after more than 10 years of construction.

February 19: 1942 - Internment of Japanese Americans began.

February 20: 1962 - Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit.

February 23: 1991 - In Desert Storm, the Allied ground offensive began

February 26: 1848 - The Communist Manifesto pamphlet was published by two young socialists, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. It advocated the abolition of all private property and a system in which workers own all means of production, land, factories, and machinery.

February 27: 1991 - In Desert Storm, the 100-hour ground war ended as Allied troops entered Kuwait.

February 28: 1994 - NATO conducted its first combat action in its 45-year history as four Bosnian Serb jets were shot down by American fighters in a no-fly zone.

March 1: 1781 - Formal ratification of the Articles of Confederation was announced by Congress.

March 4: 1789 - The first meeting of the new Congress under the new U.S. Constitution took place in New York City.

March 5: 1770 - The Boston Massacre: a group of rowdy Americans harassed British soldiers who then opened fire .

March 6: 1836 - Fort Alamo fell to Mexican troops led by General Santa Anna.

March 10: 1862 - The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred.

March 11: 1918 - The 'Spanish' influenza first reached America as 107 soldiers become sick at Fort Riley, Kansas. One quarter of the U.S. population eventually became ill from the deadly virus, resulting in 500,000 deaths. The death toll worldwide approached 22 million by the end of 1920.

March 13: 1943 - A plot to kill Hitler by German army officers failed as a bomb planted aboard his plane failed to explode due to a faulty detonator.

March 16: 1968 - During the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre occurred.

March 20: 1995 - A nerve gas attack occurred on the Tokyo subway system during rush hour

March 23: 1775 - Patrick Henry ignited the American Revolution with a speech at the Virginia convention in Richmond, stating, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

March 26: 1979 - The Camp David Accord ended 30 years of warfare between Israel and Egypt.