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WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2024
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:

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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.

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9:30 Meeting Instructions via Zoom

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FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

The year 2023-2024 for the Department of Florida has been both a rewarding and a challenging experience. On the rewarding aspect, we have had many posts that have followed the few five requirements Good Standing (Fidelity Bond, Liability Ins., Finance Board Report, Warrant, and the 990) The frustrating part has been the post that either don't care and file no warrants or other papers, or those posts whose membership has aged to the point where they cannot file the necessary warrants and other papers. The department needs this to be compliant with the Constitution and the By-Laws of the JWV. Until the By-Laws are changed how we correct this is beyond me. I plan on making recommendations to the National so they can change the rules and regulations to accept the posts that have some of our elderly vets who cannot perform these functions currently. As far as the Post that are active but do not want to send the Warrants and other requirements, I am working to see what can be done to these Post. The department has followed through on having meetings both in the west and the east coast of Florida, which has been very successful and enjoyable. I'm looking forward to helping in any way I can to increase the membership of the Department of Florida. I would like to thank the membership for their support in keeping their Post active and in Good Standing.

Thank you.

Steve Jockers

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Jewish War Veterans of the USA

Department of Florida Annual Convention

June 5th, 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 April 21, 2024 meeting	
	C. Quartermaster's Report	PNC Alan Paley
	D. Committee Reports	
	National Policy Committee / National News Trustees	PNC Ainslee Ferdie, PNC David Magidson
		PNC Jerry Blum, Richard Rosenzweig
		Jack Tare
	E. Officer Reports	
	Department Commander	Steve Jockers
	Chief of Staff	Jules M. Golombik
	Senior Vice Commander	Harvey Charter
	1 st Jr. Vice Commander	Dave Patlak
	2 nd Jr. Vice Commander	Bruce Shur
	3 rd Jr. Vice Commander	Donn Kilburg
1020	Old and Unfinished Business	
	1. Installation of Officers of Post 400	
	2. Mergers of Posts	DC Steve Jockers
	3. Merging or Closing of Some Posts (See procedures)	DC Steve Jockers
	4. Nomination of Department Officers	PNC David Magidson
	5. Selection of NEC Representatives and Trustees	
	6. Election of Department Officers	PNC Alan Paley/PNC David Magidson
	7. Installation of Department Officers	PNC Alan Paley/PNC David Magidson
	8. Increase Membership	DC Steve Jockers
	9. More Efforts on Good Standing	
	10. Quarterly Meeting June 2024	
	11. Memorial Day Events May 27 th	
1030	New Business	
	1. Action Officer - New Appointed Position	DC Steve Jockers
	2. Posts in Good Standing	PNC Alan Paley
	3. Selection of NEC Representatives and Trustees	PNC Alan Paley
	4. Increase Membership	Dave Patlak
1100	Memorial Service	PNC David Magidson
1200	Lunch	
1230	Any Additional Business	
1300	Good and Welfare	DC Steve Jockers
1330	Closing Ritual	Rabbi Mark Golub

Agenda is Subject to Change

Chaplain's Corner



These are trying times. From violent criticism of the State of Israel and ugly antisemitism and anti-Zionism inflaming college campuses to the trial of a former president to violent weather attributable to climate change to the upcoming national election with all of its potential concerns, our lives are in constant turmoil.

Where can we turn for positivity and optimism? Is there hope that we will ever extinguish the ugly flames of hatred of our people? Will our students eventually be free and safe? Will G-d intervene and bring peace and harmony into our lives?

The leadership of Jewish War Veterans has always been in the forefront of efforts to restore peace and tranquility. Our national Commander, COL Barry Lischinsky, has appeared before Congress and fought for legislation condemning antisemitism. We need to continue to work on behalf of good and welfare in America. JWV will always be there to fight for what is in the best interests of our people and our great land.

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.

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.](#)

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.

Yemen's Houthi Rebels Claim Shooting Down Another US MQ-9 Reaper Drone as Footage Shows Wreckage

17 May 2024 | Associated Press | By Jon Gambrell

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Yemen's Houthi rebels on Friday claimed to have shot down an American drone, hours after footage circulated online of what appeared to be the wreckage of an MQ-9 Reaper drone. The U.S. military did not immediately acknowledge the incident.

If confirmed, this would be yet another Reaper downed by the Houthis as they press their campaign over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip.

Houthi military spokesman Brig. Gen. Yahya Saree claimed that rebels shot down the Reaper on Thursday with a surface-to-air missile, promising to later release footage of the attack. He described the drone as "carrying out hostile actions" in Yemen's Marib province, which remains held by allies of Yemen's exiled, internationally recognized government.

The U.S. military did not respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press over the Houthi claim. While the rebels have made claims about attacks that turned out later not to be true, they have a history of shooting down U.S. drones and have been armed by their main benefactor, Iran, with weapons capable of high-altitude attack.

Since the Houthis seized the country's north and its capital of Sanaa in 2014, the U.S. military has previously lost at least five drones to the rebels.

Smoke rises following an This is a locator map for Yemen with its capital, Sanaa. (AP Photo)



Reapers, which cost around \$30 million apiece, can fly at altitudes up to 50,000 feet and have an endurance of up to 24 hours before needing to land.

The drone shootdown comes as the Houthis launch attacks on shipping in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, demanding Israel ends the war in Gaza, which according to Hamas, has killed more than 34,000 Palestinians there. The war began after Hamas-led militants attacked Israel on Oct. 7, killing 1,200 people and taking some 250 others hostage.

The Houthis have launched more than 50 attacks on shipping, seized one vessel and sunk another since November, according to the U.S. Maritime Administration.

Houthi attacks have dropped in recent weeks as the rebels have been targeted by a U.S.-led airstrike campaign in Yemen. Shipping through the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden still remains low because of the threat, however.

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North Korea Test-Fires Suspected Missiles a Day After US and South Korea Conduct a Fighter Jet Drill

17 May 2024 | Associated Press | By Hyung-Jin Kim
SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea fired suspected short-range ballistic missiles off its east coast on Friday, South Korea's military said, a day after South Korea and the U.S. flew powerful fighter jets in a joint drill that the North views as a major security threat.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the weapons launched from the North's east coast Wonsan region traveled about 300 kilometers (185 miles) before landing in the waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan. Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi said a North Korean missile landed outside Japan's exclusive economic zone.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff statement called the launches "a clear provocation" that threatens peace on the Korean Peninsula. It said South Korea will maintain a firm readiness to repel potential aggressions by North Korea in conjunctions with the military alliance with the United States.

North Korea has extended its run of weapons testing in recent months as part of its efforts to enlarge and modernize its arsenal while diplomacy with the United States and South Korea remains stalled. Last week, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un supervised the test firing of a new multiple rocket launch system, according to the North's state media.

North Korea says it has been forced to boost its nuclear and missile programs to deal with U.S.-led hostilities. North Korea cites expanded U.S.-South Korean military training, which it calls an invasion rehearsal. Many foreign experts say North Korea uses its rivals' military drills as a pretext for building a larger weapons arsenal in the belief that it would boost its leverage in future diplomacy with the U.S.

On Thursday, two South Korean F-35As and two U.S. F-22 Raptors were mobilized for a combined aerial exercise over the central region of South Korea. North Korea is extremely sensitive to the deployment of sophisticated U.S. aircraft. It was reportedly the first deployment of a U.S. F-22 to South Korea in seven months.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency said Friday the re-deployment of the U.S. F-22s for joint training with South Korea is "another clear proof of the hostile nature of the U.S." which seeks "a showdown of force" with North Korea. KCNA accuses "the military gangsters" of South Korea of intensifying tensions to keep pace with "their master's confrontation scheme" against the North.



A TV screen shows a file image of North Korea's missile launch during a news program. (AP Photo/Abn Young-joon)

It warned the F-22s flyovers "will only precipitate the advent of a situation that the U.S. does not want to see." But it didn't elaborate what steps North Korea would take.

Also Friday, Kim's sister and senior official Kim Yo Jong said North Korea's recent weapons tests were part of the country's five-year arms buildup plan launched in 2021. She said the recently tested weapons are designed to attack Seoul, the South Korean capital, and denied outside speculation that the tests were meant to display weapons that North Korea plans to export to Russia.

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The Army Has Officially Deployed Laser Weapons Overseas to Combat Enemy Drones

24 Apr 2024 | Military.com | By Jared Keller

The Army has officially deployed a pair of high-energy lasers overseas to blast incoming enemy drones out of the sky, the service recently confirmed, marking a major milestone for the U.S. military's ongoing development of futuristic directed-energy weapons.

The 20-kilowatt Palletized High Energy Laser, or P-HEL, "is currently deployed to support the Army's mission" in an undisclosed location abroad, a spokesman for the service's Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office, which manages its directed-energy portfolio, told Military.com.

The P-HEL, which is based on defense contractor BlueHalo's LOCUST Laser Weapon System, "commenced operational employment" overseas in November 2022, while a second system arrived abroad "earlier this year," the company recently revealed in a press release.

While the Army's top general responsible for counter-drone efforts had previously stated that several different laser weapons systems were undergoing "operational assessments" in the U.S. Central Command, U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command areas of responsibility, news of the P-HEL's operational employment marks the U.S. military's first publicly acknowledged deployment of a working laser weapon for air defense outside of experimental testing.

The service declined to confirm whether the P-HEL had achieved a "kill" against an incoming drone yet.

"The Army remains committed to testing and integrating cutting-edge technologies, such as directed energy, as part of its ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of our soldiers and effectively support the United States' mission," the Army spokesman said.

Laser weapons work by converting electrical power into an intense stream of photons that, when narrowed through a beam director, can burn through various materials -- like, say, the carbon fiber body of a drone, the casing of a rocket or mortar, or even the hull of a small boat.

While the service declined to specify where the P-HEL systems were deployed, citing operational security, the Defense Department's top spokesman had previously suggested that directed-energy weapons were part of the defensive arsenal of U.S. military forces in the Middle East currently subject to the ongoing drone and missile attacks since the start of Israel's war in Gaza in October.

"I don't want to go into the specific capabilities that we're using to protect our forces, other than to say we have a wide variety which does include directed-energy capabilities," Pentagon spokesman then-Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder told reporters Oct. 31 following weeks of rocket and missile attacks on U.S. troops in Iraq and Syria.

The Army's Palletized High Energy Laser, or P-HEL, during testing at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona, in April 2022. (U.S. Army photo/Brandon Mejia)



U.S. military leaders currently consider cheap weaponized drones -- like those increasingly launched at service members deployed to outposts in Iraq and Syria and warships in the Red Sea -- the greatest threat to American troops in the Middle East since the proliferation of the improvised explosive device.

In January, three American service members were killed in a drone attack on a military outpost in Jordan, while the Pentagon had seen an additional 183 casualties among troops deployed to Iraq and Syria (including more than 130 traumatic brain injuries) as of February as the result of drone and missile attacks.

If operationally proven, a laser weapon could drastically turn that cost calculus on its head: The average laser weapon costs between only \$1 and \$10 per shot, according to a 2023 report from the Government Accountability Office.

And military commanders are thinking beyond just lasers. In March, Kurilla called on lawmakers to consider expediting the development of high-powered microwaves -- directed-energy weapons that can blanket an area with powerful electromagnetic radiation, disabling multiple targets simultaneously -- to fill in gaps in U.S. air defenses in the Middle East.

"The bigger concern is if you start talking about [drone] 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."

The Pentagon currently spends roughly \$1 billion a year on directed-energy weapons and has 31 different systems at various stages of development, the majority of which are laser systems, Defense News recently reported.

Army Will Present Purple Heart to Minnesota Veteran 73 Years After He Was Wounded in Korean War

17 May 2024 | Associated Press | By Steve Karnowski

ST. PAUL, Minn. — After 73 years and a long fight with the U.S. Army, a Korean War veteran from Minnesota who was wounded in combat was set to finally get his Purple Heart medal on Friday.

The Army notified Earl Meyer, 96, of St. Peter, last month that it had granted him a Purple Heart, which honors service members wounded or killed in combat. Meyer, who still has shrapnel in his thigh that continues to cause him occasional pain, was scheduled to receive it in a ceremony at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

An Army review board had rejected Meyer's application several times due to a lack of paperwork, but it reversed course after a campaign by his three daughters and attorney. U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota also intervened on his behalf along with the service's top noncommissioned officer, the sergeant major of the Army. A federal judge ordered the review board to take another look.

Meyer's case showcases the challenges for wounded veterans to get medals they've earned when the fog of war, the absence of records and the passage of time make it challenging to produce proof.

"Seventy-three years, yeah. That's a long time all right. ... I didn't think they would go for it," Meyer said in an interview after he got the news last month.

Klobuchar will be one of the dignitaries at the ceremony, while one of her former aides who worked on the case will sing the national anthem, said Meyer's daughter, Sandy Baker, of New Buffalo, Michigan.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Weimer said he wouldn't be able to attend, but he sent a letter of gratitude for Meyer's "selfless service and dedication." And in a handwritten addition at the bottom of the letter Weimer said: "Thank you for not giving up on us! Long overdue!"

Weimer will send two command sergeants major from the Army National Guard in his place, Baker said.

Few men in Meyer's unit who witnessed the mortar attack in 1951 survived. Only a few members of his platoon made it out unharmed. He didn't even realize at first that he had been wounded. He said he thinks the medic who treated him on the battlefield was killed before he could file the paperwork. And he wasn't thinking then about a medal anyway — he just wanted to survive.

When the Army denied Meyer's first applications for the medal, it said his documentation was insufficient. Klobuchar's office



Earl Meyer, who fought for the U.S. Army in the Korean War, talks with fellow veterans at the American Legion, Nov. 7, 2023, in St. Peter, Minn. (AP Photo/Abbie Parr)

helped him obtain additional documents and an Army review board finally concluded last month that the new evidence "establishes beyond reasonable doubt that the applicant was wounded in action in early June 1951."

The board cited records from the Department of Veterans Affairs, where doctors concluded the shrapnel in his thigh had to be from a combat injury. The board also cited a recent memo from Weimer, who said he believed Meyer's account was accurate, and that his medal request deserved another review.

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The New PACT Act

The new PACT Act was implemented IN 2023 to expand VA health care eligibility for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras.

More than any other network, VISN 8 (VA Sunshine Healthcare Network) screened nearly 500,000 Veterans for toxic exposures. Plus, more than 28,000 Veterans were newly enrolled in VA health care, a 26 percent increase from 2022.

In keeping with VA's priority to prevent Veteran suicide, VISN 8 partnered with more than 80 hospitals to host sessions about the Veterans Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care, and Treatment Act (COMPACT Act).

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The Branches of Service



The U.S. Navy was founded on October 13, 1775, with the Department of the Navy established in 1798. The Navy's mission is to "maintain, train and equip combat-ready naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression and maintaining freedom of the seas," and it does so with warfare specialties that include aviation, surface warfare, nuclear submarines, special forces and support services.

There are approximately 341,000 sailors serving actively in the U.S. Navy today with an additional 59,000 reserve personnel.

The U.S. Marine Corps was created on Nov. 10, 1775. It is a combined-arms task force known for its focus on aggressiveness and the offensive. The Marines have been central in developing groundbreaking tactics for maneuver warfare; they can be credited with the development of helicopter insertion doctrine and modern amphibious assault.

There are approximately 186,000 Marines actively serving today, with another 40,000 Marines serving in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

The U.S. Army was created on June 3, 1784, by the Congress of the Confederation at the end of the Revolutionary War. "To fight and win America's wars," the Army exists to organize, equip, and train forces "for the conduct of prompt and sustained combat operations on land."

The U.S. Army operates with an active component and two reserve components: the United States Army Reserve and the Army National Guard. There are just under 500,000 soldiers serving actively in the U.S. Army today and another 550,000 serving in the reserve components.

The Coast Guard was established on Aug. 4, 1790. The Coast Guard is charged with maritime security, safety, and stewardship. While the Coast Guard operates under the Department of Homeland Security during peacetime, during times of war, it can be transferred to the Department of the Navy, as it did in WWI and WWII.

The Coast Guard is comprised of approximately 40,000 active-duty personnel supported by an additional 7,000 reservists.

The Department of the Air Force was created with the signing of the National Security Act of 1947. The Air Force's missions are broken down into Air and Space Superiority, Global Attack, Rapid Global Mobility, Precision Engagement, Information Superiority and Agile Combat Support.

There are approximately 310,000 Active-Duty airmen currently serving across the globe with an additional 71,400 airmen serving in the Air Force Reserve.

The U.S. Space Force is the 6th independent U.S. military service branch, tasked with missions and operations in the rapidly evolving space domain.

Space Force was signed into law Dec. 20, 2019, as part of the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act. SpaceForce.mil went live shortly thereafter.

The U.S. Space Force is the first new military service in more than 70 years, following the establishment of the U.S. Air Force in 1947.

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PURPLE STAR SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION DESIGNATION



The Florida Purple Star School of Distinction Designation was established by the Florida legislature in 2021 and further defined in Rule 6A-1.0999, Florida Administrative Code. Once awarded, schools will maintain their designation as a Purple Star School of Distinction for three school years.

The purpose of the Purple Star School of Distinction Designation is to recognize schools that support the unique needs of military families, help military-connected students navigate critical challenges and provide resources for military-connected students when transitioning to a new school environment.

HB 1285, a bill that further enhances Florida's top-ranked education system, was signed April 15. It institutes Purple Star School Districts, which recognizes districts with Purple Star Schools making up 75% of schools in their district. It also helps to ensure a seamless transition for military families moving into Florida by requiring schools to provide them with support and resources.



Governor DeSantis signed into law in April the following:

House Bill 357, which designates each November as Veterans Appreciation Month and replaces Veterans Week with a month-long recognition of Veterans.

House Bill 1227, which designates Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day as a legal holiday on the fourth Thursday of every March.

Senate Bill 548, Public Records/Military Personnel and their Spouses and Dependents was signed into law by Governor DeSantis effective immediately on April 26, 2024.

The new law provides an exemption from public records requirements for identification and location information of certain current and former military personnel and their spouses and dependents; providing for retroactive application of the exemption; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption.

Awaiting signature: **House Bill 725** which seeks to allow admission of eligible spouses to the Florida network of State Veterans' Homes.

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](#)

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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

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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): ☐ WWII ☐ 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

June 5, 2024

4/17/24 Irving Loxford from Oxford trying to connect to Steve Falkowitz. Forward message from National to Steve F; follow-up -- Steve F he has reached out.

4/17/24 Winslow S. Truax retired Air Force, looking for a post near him. Referred him to Post 373

4/23/24 Winslow S. Truax retired from the Air Force, looking for a post near him. Referred him to the Villages Post 352; he will be joining Post 352.

4/23/24 Speaker for synagogue in Boca -- sent to Post 440.

4/25/24 Cemetery plot is available at Beth David. David Magidson will accept on behalf of Department of Florida.

5/2/24 Winslow S. Truax retired Air Force, Thank you for the information on Winslow Traux. As a result, Mr. Traux attended our JWV meeting on 4/28/24, and submitted his application, DD214, and check to me at that time. I have forwarded his Application to Washington DC.

5/9/24 Action Officer Notice sent to all looking for Action Officer for the Department.

Received check from Deborah Grundleger for the 99th birthday party for her father. Sent thank you letter.

Working with Vice Commanders on contraction for posts in trouble. Continue to follow up on same.

Working with Ladies Auxiliary on June 5th meeting, set up for Memorial Service, menus and various items needed for meeting. Depositing checks, coordination of list and attendance sheet.

Various correspondence with National on Post items. Respond to same.

Sending weekly notices to all members of Dept of Florida.



Click on our banner to go to our website!



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.

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

JUNE

17, 1972: 5 people arrested for what would be known as Watergate

18, 1812: Declaration of war against Great Britain. War lasted 2 years

18, 1815: Waterloo in Central Belgium. France matched 72,000 troops against 113,000 British, Dutch, Belgian, & Prussian. Ended 23 years of war between France and other powers in Europe.

20, 1782: Congress added the Great Seal of the USA

22, 1941: 3.2 million Germans attacked Russia.

24, 1948: Russian blockade of Berlin.

25, 1876: Little Bighorn – Custer had 250 soldiers against 2,000 – 4,000 Sioux. 1 Scout and 1 horse survived.

25, 1950: Korean war began.

28, 2014: Archduke Ferdinand and wife assassinated in Sarajevo starting World War I.

28, 1919: Treaty of Versailles ending WWI.

30, 1997: Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule.

JULY

1, 1862: Abe Lincoln signed first income tax bill.

2, 1788: Congress announced Constitution ratified.

2, 1881: President Garfield shot and mortally wounded in a railway station in DC. Still a dangerous place....

3, 1976: Israeli raid at Entebbe rescued 103 hostages. 3 hostages, 7 hijackers, and 20 Ugandan soldiers killed.

4, 1776: Declaration of Independence approved by Continental Congress.

10, 1943: Invasion of Italy began at Sicily.

16, 1945: Fat Boy detonated in New Mexico desert; mushroom cloud rose 41,000 feet.

20, 1969: First steps on moon by Neil Armstrong.

22, 1934: John Dillinger shot and killed. He was the first person labeled by FBI as "Public Enemy Number 1".

26, 1953: Castro overthrows Batista to eliminate dictatorship.

30, 1975: Teamsters Union leader Jimmy Hoffa disappears.

31, 1776: Francis Salvador – first Jew to die in the American Revolution.

AUGUST

1, 1944: Warsaw uprising began; 40,000 Polish Patriots. Nazis sent 8 divisions. 2 months later it ended.

2, 1990: Iraq invaded Kuwait.

3, 1492: Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain.

6, 1945: Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

9, 1945: 2nd bomb intended for Kokura dropped on Nagasaki. Bad weather over Kokura.

13, 1961: Berlin wall erected.

14, 1945: VJ Day. Delegate of Emperor Hirohito accepted surrender terms. Formal surrender on USS Missouri on September 2, 1945 in Tokyo Bay.

24, 79 AD: Mt. Vesuvius, in Southern Italy, erupts and destroyed Pompeii, Stabiae, & Herculaneum.

SEPTEMBER

1, 1939: Germany invades Poland to begin WWII.

3, 1783: Treaty of Paris ends American Revolution.

5-6, 1972: 11 members of Israeli Olympic Team murdered in Munich by PLO. Israel bombed Palestinian positions in Lebanon and Syria 2 days later.

11, 2001: Approximately 3,000 Americans murdered in terror attacks.

15, 1916: Tanks used for first time in battle of Somme.

15, 1935: Nazis enact Nuremburg laws depriving Jews of citizenship.

18, 1947: US Air Force established as a separate service.

22, 1776: Nathan Hale executed by British without a trial. "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country"

24, 1980: Iran Iraq war begins; lasts 10 years. No winner.

29, 1789: US Army created with 1,000 men and officers.

30, 1949: Berlin airlift ends. 277,254 flights with over 2 million tons of supplies.

OCTOBER

1, 1979: Panama Canal Zone turned over to Panama after 70 years of American control.

3, 1863: Lincoln issues proclamation designating last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

3, 1990: East and West Germany unified after 45 years.

6, 1973: Yom Kippur war began with attacks by Egypt and Syria.

6, 1981: Anwar Sadat assassinated for signing a peace agreement with Israel.