

### DEPARTMENT ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022 HIBISCUS RECREATION CENTER 1740 Bailey Trail, The Villages, FL 32162

We will begin at 11:00 am with Brunch. Meeting to follow. Zoom will begin at 11:30 am.

### **Directions:**

## From the West Coast

Head NORTH on I-75 to Exit 329 (Wildwood). Turn RIGHT onto SR 44 EAST. Make a LEFT onto Sumter County Road 225 (44a) and continue for about 2 miles to Doctor M.L.K. Jr. Ave. Make a RIGHT TURN onto MLK Jr Ave/Lynum St. Make a LEFT TURN onto S. Main St., a RIGHT TURN onto Clevaland Ave, which becomes SR 466A (after a slight RIGHT). Make a LEFT TURN onto Buena Vista Blvd., and at the FIRST TRAFFIC CIRCLE, take the 2nd exit to stay on Buena Vista Blvd. At the SECOND TRAFFIC CIRCLE, take the 3rd exit onto Bailey Trail. 1.3 miles afterwards, turn LEFT onto Sunset Ridge Dr.

### 11:00 Meeting Instructions via Zoom

To join the online meeting, click the link below:

#### https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83126206925? pwd=WGVibzVPQlMyRVkzdkIzR1ZPdXkrQT09

Online Meeting and Passcode: Meeting ID: 831 2620 6925 Passcode: 211568

## From the East Coast

Stay on Florida's Turnpike until Exit 304 (Wildwood). Merge onto S. Main St. Make a RIGHT TURN onto Cleveland Ave., which turns into SR466A. Make a LEFT TURN onto Buena Vista Blvd., and at the FIRST TRAFFIC CIRCLE, take the 2nd exit to stay on Buena Vista Blvd. At the SECOND TRAFFIC CIRCLE, take the 3rd exit onto Bailey Trail. 1.3 miles afterwards, turn LEFT onto Sunset Ridge Dr.

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

#### https://us06web.zoom.us/u/keliebg3VQ Telephonic Meeting and Passcode: Meeting ID: 831 2620 6925 Passcode: 211568

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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### **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.



# FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a happy and healthy 5783.

You all know how devastating Hurricane Ian was. You may not know that we have members in the Fort Myers are who have been impacted by the storm. We also have members whom we have not been able to establish contact with at this time. Hopefully it is just a lack of communications and nothing more serious. As far as we know, we have not lost anyone to the storm. Please keep those impacted in your thoughts and prayers.

You should know that in addition to all the resources that the various levels of government bring, JWV also has a disaster relief program for our members and veterans. You can access this information at: https://www.jwv.org/veteran-resources/disaster-relief/.

Our upcoming meeting will be in The Villages, hosted by Post 352. We will have a dynamic speaker, Irving Locker, who is a WWII veteran. Irving landed on D-Day and continued on to be a camp liberator. He has a sharp mind and has a great story to tell. Join us!

JWV will be holding the mid-year NEC meeting in DC in January. We will take the opportunity to visit Capitol Hill to meet with our Florida Congressional and Senate members. We will be on "The Hill" Tuesday and Wednesday January 17th and 18th with the NEC meeting at JWV Headquarters on Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup>. On The Hill we will 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.

The Florida Veterans Council, on which I represent JWV, has been instrumental in getting many pieces of veteran legislation introduced and passed. We meet monthly when the legislature is preparing and meeting, and every other month in between sessions. We also take a trip to Tallahassee every year to meet with legislators and make our collective voices heard. If you are interested in getting involved with this group, let me know.

The National Convention was held in Savannah, GA, August 7-12. This year was a first – the convention was offered in person as well as virtual. At the convention we elected our new National Commander, Nelson Mellitz from New Jersey, and National Vice Commander, Barry Lischinsky from

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## Important Links



(Click on the links below:)

- The Jewish Veteran, Vol. 76, No. 3-2022
- 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



JWV National: https://www.facebook.com/JewishWarVeterans State of Florida: https://www.facebook.com/floridajwv

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Massachusetts.

A couple of the highlights of the convention were a most informative presentation by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough and a round table discussion with NED Ken Greenberg and former Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tom Bowman. Two very informative sessions!

We also passed a completely re-written Constitution and Bylaws, a project that took almost a full year to accomplish. We will be rewriting the Department documents to comply with the new national documents.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be in Deerfield Beach on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Hope to see you in The Villages!

L'Shalom,

Larry

### 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

### Jewish War Veterans of the USA Department of Florida Quarterly Meeting Agenda October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022



1100 **Opening of Meeting and Welcome Rise for the Pledge of Allegiance Opening Prayer Introduction of Officers and Guests:** Roll Call Quartermaster's Report **Committee Reports: National Policy** NEC **Trustees** Archives Any other Committees to Report **Officer Reports: Department Commander** Senior Vice Commander 1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice Commander 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice Commander 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr. Vice Commander 4<sup>th</sup> Jr. Vice Commander Chief of Staff Chaplain **Guest Speaker** 11 O'Clock Ceremony **Old and Unfinished Business: 1.** Convention Site Selection 2. Any Other: **New Business:** 1. Nominations and Election for National Advisory Council 2. Next Meeting: January 29, 2023 in **Deerfield Beach** 3. Any Additional New Business Good and Welfare

**Closing Ceremony** 

DC Larry Jasper DC Larry Jasper Chaplain Richard Berg DC Larry Jasper Adjutant Steve Falkowitz QM Ike Heller

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### **Agenda is Subject to Change**

JWV Department of Florida Quarterly Meeting Location Deerfield Beach



## **Annual Post/Department Requirements**

Post Elections: Between January and April each year.

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**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**<sup>1st</sup>.

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 1**<sup>st</sup> to National Attn: Christy Turner.

**Dues update:** is sent to posts and departments between April and June and needs to be returned before **July 1**<sup>st</sup> 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



(800-698-2411)

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 (ITY: 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/healthcare/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 7

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 **8** 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.



## 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 MEMBERHSHIP LEVEL**

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

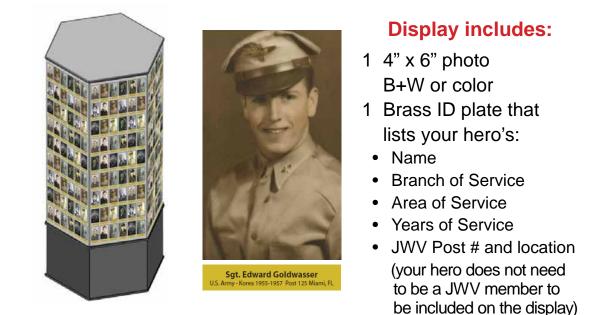
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			American Express	
Please send your completed membership application to:				

NMAHJMH Attn: Memberhsip 1811 R Street, NW Washington, DC 20009



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.



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Location of Post:			
• Attach photo or email image to nmajmh@nmajmh.org	g		

National Museum of American Jewish Military History 1811 R Street NW, Washington, DC 20009 • 202-265-6280 • 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:	f Death: Date of Birth:				
Branch of Service:	Rank:				
Conflict:	Male ( ) Female ( )				
Cemetery Name:					
ection #: Grave/Plot #:					
Cemetery City & State:					
Killed in Action: ( ) No (	) Yes				
Home State when Enlisted:					
Medals:					
Jewish War Veteran: ( ) No	( ) Yes				
	Mail to: Ms. Debra Stern Apt. 601-D				
	5103 NW 35th Street				

Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319

## 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 in 2016!
- 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 <u>membership@jwv.org</u> 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

### OCTOBER

October 1: 1938 - Hitler's troops occupied the Sudetenland portion of Czechoslovakia.

**1946** - Twelve Nazi leaders were sentenced to death at the International War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany.

*1949* - The People's Republic of China was founded with Mao Zedong as Chairman. *1979* - After 70 years of American control, the Panama Canal Zone was formally handed over to Panama.

October 2: 1967 - Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as the first African American associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

1975 - Japanese Emperor Hirohito made his first-ever visit to the White House.

**October 3:** *1863* – Pres. Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

*1990* - After 45 years of Cold War division, East and West Germany were reunited as the Federal Republic of Germany.

October 4: 1957 - The Space Age began as the Russians launched the first satellite into orbit. Sputnik I weighed just 184 lbs.

October 6: 1949 - "Tokyo Rose" (Iva Toguri d'Aquino) was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment and fined \$10,000 for treason.

**1973** - The Yom Kippur War started as Egypt and Syria launched attacks on Israeli positions.

**1981** - Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was assassinated in Cairo by Muslim fundamentalists.

**October 7:** *1985* - Palestinian terrorists seized the Italian ship Achille Lauro; an elderly wheelchair-bound American, was murdered.

October 8: 1996 - Palestinian President Yasser Arafat made his first visit to Israel for talks with Israeli President Ezer Weizman.

October 10: 1954 - Ho Chi Minh entered Hanoi, Vietnam, after the withdrawal of French troops.

October 12: 1960 - In the United Nations, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev took off his shoe and pounded his desk.

**October 13: 1775** - The United States Navy was born, authorized by the Second Continental Congress.

1792 - The cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington.

**1943** - Italy declared war on its former Axis partner Germany after the downfall of Mussolini.

October 14: 1947 - U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager became the first man to break the sound barrier.

October 17-25: 1944 - The Battle of Leyte Gulf, off the Philippine Islands, the largest naval battle in history during WWII

October 18: 1945: The Nuremberg War Crimes Trial began

October 23: 1983 - Terrorists drove a truck loaded with TNT into the U.S. and French headquarters in Beirut killing 299.

October 24: 1945 - The United Nations was founded.

October 25-30: 1983 - The Caribbean island of Grenada was invaded by the U.S. to restore "order and democracy."

October 28: 1886 - The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.

1919 - Prohibition began in the U.S.

1962 - The Cuban Missile Crisis ended

October 29: 1929 - The stock market crashed as over 16 million shares were dumped amid tumbling prices.

### November

**November 4: 1979** - Young Iranian militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Teheran, taking 90 hostages, including 52 Americans.

*1995* - Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated as he left a peace rally in Tel Aviv.

**November 8: 1939**-An assassination attempt on Hitler failed at the Buergerbraukeller in Munich.

**November 9: 1989** - The Berlin Wall was opened up after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War.

**November 10: 1775** - The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy.

**November 11:** *1954* - Celebrated in the U.S. as Veterans Day after Congress changed the word Armistice to Veterans.

1938 - Irving Berlin's God Bless America was first performed.

1972 – Official end to the Vietnam War as the U.S. turned over its military base at Long Binh to the South Vietnamese.

1973 - Egypt and Israel signed a cease-fire agreement sponsored by the U.S.

November 13: 1942 - The 5 Sullivan Brothers from Iowa, were lost in the sinking of the cruiser USS Juneau.

November 15: 1777 - The Articles of Confederation were adopted by Continental Congress.

November 17: *1800* - The U.S. Congress met for the first time in the new capital at Washington, D.C. President John Adams then became the first occupant of the Executive Mansion, later renamed the White House.

*1869* - The Suez Canal was formally opened after more than 10 years of construction. **November 19:** *1863* - President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.

November 20: 1945 - The Nuremberg War Crime Trials began

November 22: 1963 - At 12:30 p.m President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in downtown Dallas.

November 26: 1789 - President George Washington proclaimed the first American holiday to be Thanksgiving Day,

**November 29: 1947** - U.N. General Assembly partitioned Palestine, establishing the Jewish state of Israel in 1948.

November 30: 1782 - America's War of Independence ended with a provisional peace treaty.

### DECEMBER

**December 1:** *1955* - Birth of the modern American civil rights movement as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, AL.

December 6: 1865 - The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified abolishing slavery.

**December 7: 1941** – Attack on the Pearl Harbor by 200 Japanese aircraft, leaving nearly 3,000 Americans dead.

**December 8: 1941** - A day after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States and Britain declared war on Japan.

1991 - The USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) ceased to exist,

December 14:

1799 - George Washington died at Mount Vernon.

*1911* - Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first person to reach the South Pole.

December 15:

1791 - The Bill of Rights (first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution) became effective.

1961 - Nazi SS-Colonel Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death in Jerusalem

December 16: 1773 - The Boston Tea Party occurred

1944 - During World War II in Europe, the Battle of the Bulge began

*1991* - The United Nations revoked Resolution 3379, approved in 1975, which had equated Zionism with racism.

December 17: 1903 - Orville and Wilbur Wright achieved the first powered, controlled airplane flights.

**December 19:** *1946* - War broke out in French Indochina as Ho Chi Minh attacked the French seeking to oust them from Vietnam.

December 20: 1989 - The U.S. invaded Panama attempting to capture Manuel Noriega

**December 21: 1945** - World War II General George Patton died in Germany following a car accident.

1972 - East and West Germany established diplomatic ties,

*1993* - The KGB (Soviet Secret Police) organization was abolished by Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

December 23: 1913 - The U.S. Congress passed the Federal Reserve Act

**December 24:** 1943 – Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was appointed Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force.

**December 30:** *1993* - Israel and the Vatican agreed on mutual recognition, ending 2,000 years of unfriendly relations