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JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING HONORS NATIONAL COMMANDER AND NATIONAL AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Harvey Weiner, JWV National Commander, and Sandra Cantor, JWV Auxiliary National President, will be joining us. There will be a weekend of activities to include a Saturday evening dinner with Commander Weiner and President Cantor.

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FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

We will be honored to have our National Commander Harvey Weiner and his wife Linda, as well as Auxiliary National President Sandra Cantor and her husband Allan, at our January quarterly meeting. Activities for the weekend have been arranged and we hope that you can join in on one or more of the planned events. The National Commander will arrive on Friday January 10th. NC will speak at Temple Torat Emet, 8600 Jog Road, Boynton Beach, services start at 1930 Friday evening. The Department of Florida will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat. Please join us.

On Saturday morning January 11th, the National Commander will attend Shabbat services and will speak at Congregation Beth David, 2625 SW 3rd Avenue, Miami. The Department of Florida will sponsor a kiddush luncheon following services. Services will begin at 0930. Saturday evening we will all gather with the Auxiliary for a Dutch Treat Dinner at Ben's Kosher Deli and Restaurant, 9942 Clint Moore Road, Boca Raton. Please join us if you can.

On Sunday January 12, at the Delray Beach Golf Club (see cover page for directions), after bagels and beverages, the Auxiliary and Department members will go to our respective rooms for our quarterly meetings. Following the meetings we will join for a catered lunch, honoring both the National Commander and National President. I hope you will be able to join us for both the meeting and luncheon to show our national leaders how motivated and involved the Department of Florida is. Sunday evening at 1830, together with the Auxiliary, we will have an informal get-together at Duffy's Sports Grill, 401 N. Federal Highway in Deerfield Beach. All are welcome.

On Monday, before departing for home, the National Commander and National President will tour the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. All are welcome.

The National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting will be held in Washington D.C. from February 12th to the 15th. We will have our annual visit to Capitol Hill during the first 2 days. Arrangements are being made for us to meet with our legislators and I urge you to join us if you can. We will get to discuss those issues that are critical to us as Veterans and Jews up front and personal with our Senators and Congresspeople. The remaining 2 days we will attend the semi-annual NEC meeting, which will be at the same hotel we will be staying at. Committee heads from all over the country will be there and will report to the body on the progress they have made since the August convention.

In this newsletter we have printed the form from Debra Stern wherein we are asking for information on any deceased Jewish Veteran that you know. Please take a minute to fill out the form and return it directly to Debra. We appreciate your cooperation with this project.

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The holidays are behind us, and we find ourselves with a renewed spirit – ready to perform more mitzvahs. Let’s hope this spirit lasts.

We have lots of activities coming up. Auxiliaries 321 and 631 have been hosting monthly Bingo games for the patients at the West Palm VA Medical Center, and both auxiliaries are looking forward to their annual Luncheon Card Parties. Kitty Cole, Annette Rose, and I have been working on the annual National President’s visit to Florida. This will again coincide with the National Commander’s visit. It’s a great honor for the Department of Florida to host these two dignitaries, and we do it beautifully! National President Sandra Cantor, from the great state of Texas, will visit from January 11 through 13. We have a full schedule for her:

• Saturday night, we will have a Dutch Treat Dinner at Ben’s at 6:00 with National Commander Harvey Weinstein, DC Larry Jasper, and his Florida officers.
• Sunday morning, we will have our joint Quarterly Meeting at the Delray Beach Golf Club, followed by a luncheon in honor of our visiting guests.
• Sunday night at 6:30, we will have an informal get-together at Duffy’s on Federal Highway in Deerfield Beach. All are welcome.
• Monday morning, we will tour the VA Medical Center and Fisher House, which is on the grounds of the hospital and houses families of the patients.
• Sandra and her husband Allan will fly home to Texas Monday evening.

Please mark your calendars for these events and any additional events by our JWV comrades.

Verna Rosenzweig, President
JWVA Department of Florida

The Veterans Administration (VA) offers Veterans Choice Program

It stipulates that Veterans who have to wait more than 30 days to see a doctor, or who live more than 40 miles from their closest VA site can receive health care from community providers. The provider must be part of the VA’s network of community providers. Please go to the following website for further information:


Some historical facts about JWV

1896 – March 15th: 63 Civil War Veterans form the Hebrew Union Veterans (now JWV)
1912 – Secured passage of legislation allowing Jews to serve in the New York National Guard
1917 – JWV with other Jewish agencies form the Jewish Welfare Board
1927 – Successfully secured legislation to place Star of David markers on Jewish graves in France
1941 – After Pearl Harbor crafted the “Emergency Program for Victory” selling over $250 million in bonds
1948 – Took over JWB’s responsibility to process claims for veterans; created Service Officer program that VA took nationwide
1977 – Contributed $275,000 to build a Jewish Chapel at West Point
1991 – Rushed a special printing of pocket-sized Jewish bibles and airlifted them to 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
2016 – Jewish American Warrior Committee founded to fill the gaps for Jewish active duty and transitioning vets
Let Us All Welcome  
National President Sandra Cantor & National Commander Harvey Weiner  
to the Department of Florida

Dear Comrades and Sisters,

We are honored to have our National President, Sandra Cantor make her official visit to the Department of Florida JWVA on the weekend of January 11-13, 2020. JWV National Commander Harvey Weiner will make his official visit at the same time.

On Sunday, January 12th, we will have a luncheon at the Delray Beach Golf Club (see front cover). Enclose your Reservation Form and check for $36 per person, made payable to the Department of Florida Ladies Auxiliary, JWV, and mail to:

PAP Kitty Cole  
7 Oakridge B, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442  
AN ADVANCE RESERVATION IS A MUST!!!  

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

AP Verna Rosenzweig, Chairman  
PAP Kitty Cole Co-Chair  
DP Annette Rose

Menu selection and directions below:

Please detach below and mail:

January 12, 2020, Luncheon Reservation  
National President Sandra Cantor & National Commander Harvey Weiner Visit

PLEASE PRINT. List any additional names of Auxiliary and Post members, as well as phone numbers and menu selection on separate page.

NAME______________________________________________ AUX#____________ POST#___________
ADDRESS________________________________________________PHONE#________________________

Menu Choices:

Chicken Francaise____________________

Poached Salmon w/lemon dill sauce on the side_________________

Eggplant Parmesan served with Pasta Marinara_________________

Dessert: Key Lime Pie__________ Sugar Free Apple Pie__________

All meals served with Garden Salad with House and Ranch Dressing; Herb-roasted potatoes; Fresh Vegetable Medley; Rolls and Butter; Coffee, Decaf, and Iced Tea

If possible, please seat me with:

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JWV Florida Profiles

By Sergio Carmona, South Florida Sun Sentinel | 1 Nov 2019

Jewish war veterans living in South Florida feel a sense of pride to have served in the United States military.

One of these local veterans is Michael Corbett of Boynton Beach. Corbett, 73, is a Marine Corps combat veteran of the Vietnam War, a past Department of Florida commander of Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America and post commander of JWV Post 440 in Boynton Beach.

Corbett was born in Brooklyn, NY, and has lived most of his life in Maryland. He served in Vietnam from March, 1965 to June, 1966. He has lived in South Florida for 15 years. Although Corbett did not have a special pride in being a Jewish serviceman while serving in the military, he said, “Now that I’m a veteran and have been out of the service for 50 some years, I do feel immense pride in both having served in the military and being Jewish.”

The organization Corbett is a part of, JWV of the USA, was originally founded in 1896 to fight anti-Semitism and to prove that Jews are an integral component in the U.S. defense and the maintenance of American security, and have made priceless contributions and positive differences in America's growth as a nation.

"I serve a very small part for the organization, but I do it consistently to the best of my ability. It gives me a degree of satisfaction to do that and be part of an organization that has such meaning to the Jewish religion."

Corbett explained his goals for the post he serves in Boynton Beach.

"Locally, we certainly would like to be exposed to the entire Jewish community in Boynton Beach, as well as to embrace all of the Jewish veterans and have them join us. The national objective would be to stand up for Israel and to let the world know that Jews have serve in America's military since Revolutionary times."

Corbett said, regarding his experience serving in Vietnam with his fellow comrades, “Because we were all trained the same way, we all had experienced the initial shock of Marine Corps boot camp together.”

“We knew that for the most part, we could depend on each other. While the initial first combat experiences were mortally terrifying, we had our brothers with us, and we truly felt the brotherhood, and that gave us some sense of security and safety with each other.”

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Joshua Ochs of Miami served in the U.S. military from 1993-2017. (Courtesy: Joshua Ochs)

Joshua Ochs of Miami served in the U.S. Army from 1993-2017. Ochs, 46, is the senior vice commander for JWV Post 243 in Coral Gables, the department adjutant for the Jewish War Veterans Department of Florida, the national chairman for the Jewish War Veterans Post 9/11 Committee and the senior vice president for the Association of the United States Army Chapter 3201. He served multiple leadership positions during his service, including team chief, section sergeant, platoon sergeant, recruiting station commander, J3 superintendent and first sergeant. He deployed with the 112th Signal Battalion (Special Operations) (Airborne) to Iraq, the 82nd Airborne Division to Afghanistan and to both Qatar and Kuwait supporting forward deployed elements.

“Our country is the greatest country on the face of this earth, and I can’t put into words the pride that goes along with representing this country in foreign lands,” Ochs said.

Ochs, who was born in Paterson, NJ, said his family inspired him to serve.

“My father was a police officer. My older sister was a police officer. My uncle was a police officer. We had a family that helped protect those that couldn't protect themselves, but I knew that I did not want to be a police officer, so I joined the military, and I found that I liked it, so I stayed.”

Ochs said, regarding his favorite aspects of serving in the military, "I enjoyed traveling, I enjoyed being part of something greater than myself and I enjoyed being part of an organization that is there to protect those that cannot protect themselves."
Harvey Charter, left, and members of the Jewish War Veterans, provided military honors by firing a 3-volley salute over the grave of Martin Posnansky at Coral Ridge Cemetery in Cape Coral. Martin Posnansky, a Vietnam vet who earned a Bronze Star with Valor, died in 2006 and never had a headstone because he had no family. He was to lay in an unmarked grave for 13 years while a steadfast friend, Bert Seidman of Fort Myers, tried to get a headstone placed. Through the Cape Coral group, Hearts for Homes, finally a Bronze Star headstone was procured from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs for Posnansky. It was dedicated at a ceremony on the last day of October 2019.

As if signaling the start of the month-long celebration of our veterans, the bugling of taps over the grave, the ceremony at Coral Ridge Cemetery was quiet and heartfelt. But the celebrations of our veterans, living and dead, that will take place over the month of November in Cape Coral, though heartfelt, will be anything but quiet.

How Will Veterans Get on Base for Their New Commissary Access? No One Can Say

Week of November 11, 2019 | Military.com

Just how the Defense Department will allow an estimated 3.5 million veterans and their caregivers on bases early next year to use commissaries, exchanges and some recreation resources is still largely unanswered, despite a looming deadline and potentially complicated access issues. Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, all service-connected disabled veterans, caregivers enrolled in the Department of Veterans Affairs' Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers program, and former prisoners of war will be able to shop at on-base grocery stores and exchanges. They will also be allowed to use some MWR amenities, such as golf courses and bowling alleys.
With the release of the remake of “Midway”, here are some interesting facts from the 1976 Movie “Midway”:

• Much of the battle footage was licensed from 20th Century Fox’s 1970 movie “Tora! Tora! Tora!”

• Producers padded things out with scenes from the 1960 Japanese production “Storm Over the Pacific.”

• The Zero crash into the bridge of the USS Yorktown originally appeared in the 1956 Universal WWII movie “Away All Boats”.

• Doolittle’s raid on Tokyo is recycled from the 1944 movie “Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo.”

• The excellent dogfight footage is from the 1969 movie “The Battle of Britain.”

• The cast of Midway is old; and most main actors were veterans:
  • Henry Fonda, who portrays Adm. Chester Nimitz, was 71 years old when the movie was released. He served in the Navy during World War II. Nimitz was actually 67 at Midway, so that casting’s close to accurate.
  • Charlton Heston, who plays the lead, was a rapidly aging 52. Heston was also a WWII veteran who served in the Army Air Forces.
  • Glenn Ford (60) served in the Marine Corps.
  • Hal Holbrook (51) joined the Army.
  • Cliff Roberson (52) served in the Merchant Marine.
  • Robert Webber (51) served in the Pacific with the Marines.
  • Screenwriter Donald S Sanford (58) served in the Navy.
  • Director Jack Smight (51) actually flew missions in the Pacific for the Army Air Forces
  • Robert Mitchum (58) didn’t serve but worked as a machinist in a Lockheed Aircraft factory.
  • All of the Japanese characters speak English. Toshiro Mifune, the actor who played Adm. Yamamoto, had an accent so thick that audiences couldn’t understand him. The producers hired the great American voice actor Paul Frees to dub his lines. WWII veteran Frees served in the Army and fought at Normandy, where he was wounded in action.
In his remarks at the New York City Veterans Day parade Monday, President Donald Trump singled out 96-year-old former Staff Sgt. Lester Tanner, one of the Jewish World War II prisoners of war saved by Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds' heroic defiance of a Nazi camp commandant.

Tanner bore witness to Edmonds' refusal to identify the Jewish soldiers at the camp despite a gun being held to his head. As Trump told it, Tanner and Edmonds were among the Americans taken prisoner by the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge offensive aimed at splitting the allied lines in late 1944.

"After they arrived at a prison camp, the German commandant sent an order over the loudspeaker. The Jewish-American soldiers were all told to step out of line during the roll call the next day," Trump said. "Knowing the terrible fate that would come to his Jewish comrades, Roddie immediately said, 'We're not doing that.' He sent orders to have every American step out of line with their Jewish brothers-in-arms.

"The next morning, 1,292 Americans stepped forward. The German commander stormed over to Roddie and said, 'They cannot all be Jews.' Roddie stared right back. He said, 'We are all Jews here,'" the president continued. "At that point, the German put a gun to Roddie's head and demanded, 'You will order the Jews to step forward immediately or I will shoot you right now through the head.'

"Roddie responded: 'Major, you can shoot me, but you'll have to kill us all.' The German turned red, got very angry, but put down his gun and walked away," Trump said.

Edmonds, of Knoxville, Tennessee, died in 1985. He was posthumously given the "Righteous Among Nations" award in 2015, Israel's highest honor for non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust.

Tanner was among those who gave testimony to Israel's Yad Vashem World Holocaust Remembrance Center to verify Edmonds' actions. In his testimony, Tanner said he knew Edmonds as the "all-Army" senior non-commissioned officer in the 442nd Infantry Regiment.

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 available at nmajmh.org.

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.
Jewish War Veterans of the USA

33rd Mission to Israel
March 22-March 31, 2020

Join us on our 33rd Mission to Israel! Witness the wonderful achievements of this small Jewish country. America’s friend and ally. We visit places other groups do not visit. Get updated briefings. Meet Israelis and their leaders. Enjoy fun and comradeship with fellow veterans. Feel at home! You do not have to be Jewish or a veteran to travel with us, so bring your family and friends!

To find out more information, go to: https://www.jwv.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/JWVs-2020-Mission-to-Israel.pdf,
or you can simply use a QR code reader to scan the code on the right.

If you have any other questions, please contact Christy Turner at: cturner@jwv.org or 202-265-6283.
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. _____ __ M C __ VISA __ DISC __ A M E X

Name: ____________________________
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*Attach photo or email image to nmajmh@nmajmh.org*

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: __________________________ 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: ________________________________________________________________

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Jewish War Veteran: ( ) No ( ) Yes

Mail to:
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Apt. 601-D
5103 NW 35th Street
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319
CALENDAR

DECEMBER  1939: SS-Fuhrer Himmler begins deportation of Polish Jews to concentration camps
1941: US Navy Seabees, Civil Air Patrol, National Guard Bureau established
1942: Gasoline rationing begins in US
1943: Bougainville: Americal Division completes relief of the 3rd Marine Division
1944: Battle of the Bulge
1950: Korea: Chinese troops cross 38th Parallel
1989: US invades Panama in attempt to capture Manuel Noriega
1991: North & South Korea sign treaty of reconciliation and non-aggression which formally ended the Korean War, although actual fighting ceased in 1953.
2012: The USS Enterprise, the world’s first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, is officially inactivated in ceremonies held at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, completing a 51-year career in the United States Navy.
2019:

7 DEC – Sat: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
22 – 30 DEC – Sun: Chanukah — celebrating the miracle of a little oil that lasted eight days.

JANUARY  1 JAN 2020 – Wed: New Years Day
7 JAN – Tue: Tenth of Tevet — A Fast Day — commemorating the day the Babylonians first laid siege on Jerusalem, setting in motion a long series of tragedies for the Jewish people.
12 JAN – Sun: Dept. of Florida JWV Quarterly Meeting — Delray Beach Golf & Country Club. Come meet our National Commander and the National President of the JWV Auxiliary.
20 JAN – Mon: Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY  12 – 15 FEB: JWV National Executive Committee meets in Washington, DC, as we “storm the hill” and meet with our Congressional representatives and attend important JWV meetings (see www.JWV.org for details).
14 FEB – Fri: Valentine’s Day
17 FEB – Mon: President's Day

MARCH  9 – 11 MAR – Mon: Purim (The Holiday of Joy)

APRIL  8 Apr – Wed: Passover begins — First Seder.
26 Apr – Sun: JWV Quarterly Meeting at the Jewish Federation, 9701 Commerce Center Court, Ft. Myers.