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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021
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Hope to have everyone on the call for the Department of
Florida Quarterly Meeting. And even though we are not
physically together, breakfast does not have to be "Virtual" -
you can really eat!

Guest Speaker

Isaac Greenberg — JWV Member —
who began his career at West Point in
the weeks prior to 9/11 will speak about
how 9/11 changed things at the Point,
about his two tours in Afghanistan,
and the work he has done to get the
interpreters out.

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FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

L'Shanah Tovah U'metukah, may you have a good and sweet year and may we all be inscribed in the book of life for another year.

It has been a long summer with many ups and downs. We had a break in the Covid situation and were able to have a successful Department Convention in June with the National Commander, Jeff Sacks, joining us. We partnered with the JWV Florida Auxiliary, and we had over 50 people in attendance.

In August, with Covid once again raising its ugly head, we had the National Convention in New Orleans. Due to the Covid situation we only had a little over 50 people in attendance. Unfortunately, after returning, we learned of 6 members who contracted Covid during the convention. Fortunately, all are or have recovered.

We will discuss the National Convention at our upcoming meeting, but a few points you should know: there is a committee formed to rewrite the Constitution and By-laws, a new process is being implemented in how future convention sites are chosen, and our own Alan Paley is the new National Commander.

One of the items discussed during the conventions, both Department and National, was the ongoing problem with veteran suicide. See the articles in this issue dealing with suicide, how to recognize someone in crisis, and what you can do.

As I write this, we are commemorating the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and also dealing with the withdrawal from Afghanistan and the problems associated with the Taliban taking over. Why were we there for 20 years and why did it end the way it did? There is no simple answer – it involves several administrations from both major political parties. What we do know is that the world is now a more dangerous place.

Many people feel our involvement was all a waste – however, our courageous veterans of the conflict helped avoid another 9/11 for the past 20 years. That is something to be proud of. Every veteran of the conflict should hold his/her head high and be proud of their service. Let us also never forget the veterans who paid the ultimate price or who came back with significant injuries, many of whom are still struggling with their injuries.

I have not forgotten my promise to hold some of the meetings on the West Coast. Last year we were scheduled in Naples, but Covid closed us down. I tried to schedule our next meeting in the same area and once again we were shut out. It will happen in time.

In the State of Florida the number of Covid cases have once again begun to decline, but there is no guarantee the trend will continue, and we all need to continue to exercise good judgement

Media Outreach Efforts

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and caution. This situation, coupled with what happened as a result of the National Convention, is why I decided to have our upcoming Quarterly Meeting via Zoom instead of in person. I do not wish to put anyone's health in jeopardy.

Hopefully by our next meeting, January 23rd, Covid will be settled to where we can meet in person. Current plans are to meet once again at the Delray Beach Golf Club with the National Commander and the National Auxiliary President in attendance.

I am finalizing plans to have a guest speaker for the October meeting, a JWV member who was starting his career at West Point when 9/11 occurred and subsequently spent 2 tours of duty in Afghanistan.

Please plan to join us online for the upcoming meeting, and plan to attend the January meeting.

L'Shalom,

Larry

National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)

This year's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) will strengthen our nation's military readiness and provide well-deserved increases for military families.

The final bill included two provisions:

The first, the DOD Burn Pits Health Provider Training Act implements mandatory training for all medical providers on the potential health effects of burn pits.

The second provision, the Reducing Exposure to Burn Pits Act requires the DOD to include an estimate of funding dedicated for incinerators and waste-to-energy disposal alternatives to burn pits.

There is still have a long way to go as it relates to ensuring Veterans exposed to burn pits have access to the care and benefits they have earned, but these two provisions will go a long way in helping to stop new exposure and the early identification of negative health impacts.

Passage of these provisions will be a huge step in the right direction. You can help by contacting your legislators and encouraging them to help pass veteran legislation.

The 2022 NDAA does the following:

- Boosts defense spending by nearly \$25 billion.
- Authorizes a 2.7% pay increase for the military
- Protects servicemembers' free speech for political statements on social media
- Prohibits dishonorable discharge for troops who refuse a Covid-19 vaccination
- Authorizes \$250 million to conduct counterterrorism operations in Afghanistan
- Requires the DOD to submit a plan to Congress on how it will support the evacuation of American citizens, maintain air superiority, conduct intelligence and surveillance missions, and carry out counterterrorism operations in Afghanistan
- Counters the interests of the Chinese Communist Party by establishing supply chain independence and security, supporting Taiwan, discovering the origins of Covid-19, and stopping human rights violations.

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Jewish War Veterans of the USA
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Quarterly Meeting Agenda
October 10th, 2021



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Old and Unfinished Business:	
1. Status of Membership	
New Business:	
1. Posts are encouraged to go the cemeteries to put out flags for Veterans Day	
2. Any Other New Business	
Good and Welfare	
11 O'Clock Ceremony (May Be Conducted Early): We will mention the loss of any departed comrades since the last Department meeting.	
Miscellaneous Announcements	
1. Next Department Meeting will be conducted jointly with the Auxiliary on Sunday, January 9, 2022, where we will host the National Commander and the National Auxiliary President	
Closing Ceremony	DC Larry Jasper

Agenda is Subject to Change

A History of September 11, 2001, and the Subsequent Events

On September 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al Qaeda hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon just outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Almost 3,000 people were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which triggered major U.S. initiatives to combat terrorism and defined the presidency of George W. Bush.

It all began at 8:45 a.m. on a clear Tuesday morning. An American Airlines Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City.

The impact left a gaping, burning hole near the 80th floor of the 110-story skyscraper, instantly killing hundreds of people and trapping hundreds more in higher floors.

As the evacuation of the tower and its twin got underway, television cameras broadcasted live images of what initially appeared to be a freak accident. Then, 18 minutes after the first plane hit, a second Boeing 767—United Airlines Flight 175—appeared out of the sky, turned sharply toward the World Trade Center and sliced into the south tower near the 60th floor.

The collision caused a massive explosion that showered burning debris over surrounding buildings and onto the streets below. It immediately became clear that America was under attack.

The hijackers were Islamic terrorists from Saudi Arabia and several other Arab nations. Reportedly financed by the al Qaeda terrorist organization of Saudi fugitive Osama bin Laden, they were allegedly acting in retaliation for America's support of Israel, its involvement in the Persian Gulf War and its continued military presence in the Middle East.

Some of the terrorists had lived in the United States for more than a year and had taken flying lessons at American commercial flight schools. Others had slipped into the country in the months before September 11 and acted as the "muscle" in the operation.

The 19 terrorists easily smuggled box-cutters and knives through security at three East Coast airports and boarded four early-morning flights bound for California, chosen because the planes were loaded with fuel for the long transcontinental journey. Soon after takeoff, the terrorists commandeered the four planes and took the controls, transforming ordinary passenger jets into guided missiles.

As millions watched the events unfolding in New York, American Airlines Flight 77 circled over downtown Washington, D.C., before crashing into the west side of the Pentagon military

headquarters at 9:45 a.m. Jet fuel from the Boeing 757 caused a devastating inferno that led to the structural collapse of a portion of the giant concrete building, which is the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense.

All told, 125 military personnel and civilians were killed in the Pentagon, along with all 64 people aboard the airliner.

Less than 15 minutes after the terrorists struck the nerve center of the U.S. military, the horror in New York took a catastrophic turn when the south tower of the World Trade Center collapsed in a massive cloud of dust and smoke.

The structural steel of the skyscraper, built to withstand winds in excess of 200 miles per hour and a large conventional fire, could not withstand the tremendous heat generated by the burning jet fuel.

At 10:30 a.m., the north building of the twin towers collapsed. Only six people in the World Trade Center towers at the time of their collapse survived. Almost 10,000 others were treated for injuries, many severe.

Meanwhile, a fourth California-bound plane—United Flight 93—was hijacked about 40 minutes after leaving Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey. Because the plane had been delayed in taking off, passengers on board learned of events in New York and Washington via cell phone and Airfone calls to the ground.

Knowing that the aircraft was not returning to an airport as the hijackers claimed, a group of passengers and flight attendants planned an insurrection.

One of the passengers, Thomas Burnett, Jr., told his wife over the phone that "I know we're all going to die. There's three of us who are going to do something about it. I love you, honey." Another passenger—Todd Beamer—was heard saying "Are you guys ready? Let's roll" over an open line.

Sandy Bradshaw, a flight attendant, called her husband and explained that she had slipped into a galley and was filling pitchers with boiling water. Her last words to him were "Everyone's running to first class. I've got to go. Bye."

The passengers fought the four hijackers and are suspected to have attacked the cockpit with a fire extinguisher. The plane then flipped over and sped toward the ground at upwards of 500 miles per hour, crashing in a rural field near Shanksville in western Pennsylvania at 10:10 a.m.

All 44 people aboard were killed. Its intended target is not

known, but theories include the White House, the U.S. Capitol, the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland or one of several nuclear power plants along the eastern seaboard.

A total of 2,996 people were killed in the 9/11 attacks, including the 19 terrorist hijackers aboard the four airplanes. Citizens of 78 countries died in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

At the World Trade Center, 2,763 died after the two planes slammed into the twin towers. That figure includes 343 firefighters and paramedics, 23 New York City police officers and 37 Port Authority police officers who were struggling to complete an evacuation of the buildings and save the office workers trapped on higher floors.

At the Pentagon, 189 people were killed, including 64 on American Airlines Flight 77, the airliner that struck the building. On Flight 93, 44 people died when the plane crash-landed in Pennsylvania.

At 7 p.m., President George W. Bush, who was in Florida at the time of the attacks and had spent the day being shuttled around the country because of security concerns, returned to the White House.

At 9 p.m., he delivered a televised address from the Oval Office, declaring, “Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.”

In a reference to the eventual U.S. military response he declared, “We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them.”

Operation Enduring Freedom, the American-led international effort to oust the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and destroy Osama bin Laden’s terrorist network based there, began on October 7. Within two months, U.S. forces had effectively removed the Taliban from operational power, but the war continued, as U.S. and coalition forces attempted to defeat a Taliban insurgency campaign based in neighboring Pakistan.

Osama bin Laden, the mastermind behind the September 11th attacks, remained at large until May 2, 2011, when he was finally tracked down and killed by U.S. forces at a hideout in Abbottabad, Pakistan. In June 2011, then-President Barack Obama announced the beginning of large-scale troop withdrawals from Afghanistan; it took until August 2021 for all U.S. forces to withdraw.

In the wake of security fears raised by 9/11 and the mailing of letters containing anthrax that killed two and infected 17, The Homeland Security Act of 2002 created the Department of Homeland Security. It was signed into law by President George

W. Bush on November 25, 2002. Today, the Department of Homeland Security is a cabinet responsible for preventing terror attacks, border security, immigrations and customs and disaster relief and prevention.

The act was followed two days later by the formation of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. The bipartisan “9/11 Commission,” as it came to be known, was charged with investigating the events that led up to September 11th. The 9/11 Commission Report was released on July 22, 2004. It named Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the accused mastermind behind 9/11, “the principal architect of the 9/11 attacks.”

Mohammed led propaganda operations for al Qaeda from 1999-2001. He was captured on March 1, 2003, by the Central Intelligence Agency and Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence and interrogated before being imprisoned in Guantanamo Bay detention camp with four other accused terrorists charged with 9/11-related war crimes. The use of torture, including waterboarding, during Khalid Sheikh Mohammed’s interrogation has received international attention. In August 2019, a U.S. military court judge in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba set a trial date for Mohammed and the other four men charged with plotting the 9/11 terrorist attacks to begin in 2021; it was later postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

TRICARE INFORMATION

Military families and retirees who use retail pharmacies or the Tricare mail-order delivery system for their medications will see an increase in copayments in 2022, according to a notice to be published in the Federal Register.

Likewise, military retirees still considered to be working age — those under age 65 who are not old enough for Medicare and Tricare for Life — can expect to pay more in health care enrollment fees, although the exact amount of the bump has yet to be determined.

Prescriptions for all Tricare beneficiaries at retail pharmacies will cost \$14 for a 30-day supply for a generic drug, up from \$11; \$38 for a brand-name medication, up from \$33; and \$68 for a non-formulary drug not listed in Tricare’s list of covered medications, up from \$60.

Eligible patients can save money by using military pharmacies, which charge no copayments, or they can trim costs of regularly prescribed medications by using Tricare’s mail-order pharmacy, managed by Express Scripts.

Copayments for the mail-order pharmacy also will see an increase. The cost of a generic prescription will rise from \$10 to \$12 for a 90-day supply, and from \$29 to \$34 for a brand-name drug for a 90-day script. Non-formulary drugs will cost \$68.

FBI Releases First 9/11 Document

12 September 2021 | CNN | By Evan Perez

Washington, DC (CNN)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation on Saturday released the first of what is expected to be several documents related to its investigation of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and suspected Saudi government support for the hijackers, following an executive order by President Joe Biden. The newly declassified document, which is from 2016, provides details of the FBI's work to investigate the alleged logistical support that a Saudi consular official and a suspected Saudi intelligence agent in Los Angeles provided to at least two of the men who hijacked planes on September 11, 2001. The document, released on the 20th anniversary of the deadly attacks, still contains significant redactions.

It details multiple connections and witness testimony that prompted FBI suspicion of Omar al-Bayoumi, who was purportedly a Saudi student in Los Angeles but whom the FBI suspected to be a Saudi intelligence agent. The FBI document describes him as deeply involved in providing "travel assistance, lodging and financing" to help the two hijackers.

A group of family members and survivors of the 9/11 attacks said the report released Saturday night "puts to bed any doubts about Saudi complicity in the attacks."

"Even with the unfortunate number of redactions, the report contains a host of bombshell new revelations, implicating numerous Saudi government officials, in a coordinated effort to mobilize an essential support network for the first arriving 9/11 hijackers, Nawaf al Hazmi and Khalid al Mihdhar," 9/11 Families United said in a statement. "The range of contacts at critical moments among these Saudi government officials, al-Qaeda and the hijackers is stunning."

The Saudi government has denied any government involvement in the attacks. But the allegations of Saudi government complicity have long been the subject of dispute in Washington. Fifteen of the 19 al Qaeda terrorists who hijacked four planes on September 11, 2001, were Saudi nationals.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan reaffirmed Sunday that his country welcomes the decision by the US to release classified documents relating to its investigation of the attacks, saying the documents "would completely show that there was no (Saudi) involvement" in the attacks.

He said Saudi Arabia has advocated for the release of these documents for over a decade and is confident that the documents "would completely show" that there was no (Saudi) involvement ... any way."

The 9/11 Commission established by Congress said in 2004 that it had found "no evidence that the Saudi government as an institution or senior Saudi officials individually funded" al Qaeda, although a number of commission members have since said, including in declarations that were submitted as part of the lawsuit, that the review did not include an exhaustive investigation of evidence of possible Saudi government

involvement.

A Justice Department spokesperson said in August that the government advised a Manhattan federal court that the FBI had recently closed an investigation related to certain September 11 hijackers.

"Although this development followed the U.S. District Court rulings upholding the government's privilege assertions, the FBI has decided to review its prior privilege assertions to identify additional information appropriate for disclosure. The FBI will disclose such information on a rolling basis as expeditiously as possible," the spokesperson said.

Important Resources to Support Our Nation's Heroes

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

Courtesy of: Ryan MacKenzie from Thankyouveteran.com

Matching Career Options with Personality Types

Veterans Employment Assistance

Career Advice for Veterans: Interviewing Tips

What is a VA Home Loan?

Mortgage Assistance Programs for Veterans

Moving Companies with Military Discounts

At-Home Services That Can Help Senior Veterans

Veterans' Health Care: Costs & Co-Payments

Military & Veterans Mental Health Issues

Counseling, Crisis Help, & Suicide Prevention for Our Military Community

JWV CELEBRATES 125 YEARS



2021 marks JWV's 125th anniversary. We are celebrating JWV every day this year with the #JWV125. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for fun facts about JWV history.

To celebrate this milestone, order the 125th Anniversary commemorative pin! The pins are \$5 each and a minimum of 5 pins per order is required. Post Commanders please consolidate your requests and e-mail or call Ben Kane at National: bkane@jwv.org; 202-448-5410.

What Is ISIS-K? Two Experts on the Group Behind the Kabul Airport Attack and its Rivalry with the Taliban

30 Aug 2021 | The Conversation | By Amira Jadoon and Andrew Mines

Amira Jadoon is an assistant professor at the Combating Terrorism Center at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Andrew Mines is a research fellow at the Program on Extremism at George Washington University. They have been tracking ISIS-K for years and answered our questions about who the terrorist group is and the threat it poses in a destabilized Afghanistan.

An attack on a crowd gathered outside Kabul's airport on Aug. 26, 2021, has left at least 100 people dead, including at least 13 U.S. troops. ISIS-K claimed responsibility for the coordinated suicide bomb and gun assault, which came just days after President Joe Biden warned that the group -- an affiliate of the Islamic State group operating in Afghanistan -- was "seeking to target the airport and attack U.S. and allied forces and innocent civilians."

Who is ISIS-K?

The Islamic State Khorasan Province, which is also known by the acronyms ISIS-K, ISKP and ISK, is the official affiliate of the Islamic State movement operating in Afghanistan, as recognized by Islamic State core leadership in Iraq and Syria.

ISIS-K was officially founded in January 2015. Within a short period of time, it managed to consolidate territorial control in several rural districts in north and northeast Afghanistan, and launched a lethal campaign across Afghanistan and Pakistan. Within its first three years, ISIS-K launched attacks against minority groups, public areas and institutions, and government targets in major cities across Afghanistan and Pakistan.

By 2018, it had become one of the top four deadliest terrorist organizations in the world, according to the Institute for Economics and Peace's Global Terrorism Index.

But after suffering major territorial, leadership and rank-and-file losses to the U.S.-led coalition and its Afghan partners -- which culminated in the surrender of over 1,400 of its fighters and their families to the Afghan government in late 2019 and early 2020 -- the organization was declared, by some, to be defeated.

Can you tell us a little more about the group's background?

ISIS-K was founded by former members of the Pakistani Taliban, Afghan Taliban and the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan. Over time, though, the group has poached militants from various other groups.

One of the group's greatest strengths is its ability to leverage the local expertise of these fighters and commanders. ISIS-K

first started to consolidate territory in the southern districts of Nangarhar province, which sits on Afghanistan's northeast border with Pakistan and is the site of al-Qaida's former stronghold in the Tora Bora area.

ISIS-K used its position on the border to garner supplies and recruits from Pakistan's tribal areas, as well as the expertise of other local groups with which it forged operational alliances.

Substantial evidence shows that the group has received money, advice, and training from the Islamic State group's core organizational body in Iraq and Syria. Some experts have placed those figures in excess of US\$100 million.

What are its aims and tactics?

ISIS-K's general strategy is to establish a beachhead for the Islamic State movement to expand its so-called caliphate to Central and South Asia.

It aims to cement itself as the foremost jihadist organization in the region, in part by seizing the legacy of jihadist groups that came before it. This is evident in the group's messaging, which appeals to veteran jihadist fighters as well as younger populations in urban areas.

Like the group's namesake in Iraq and Syria, ISIS-K leverages the expertise of its personnel and operational alliances with other groups to carry out devastating attacks. These attacks target minorities like Afghanistan's Hazara and Sikh populations, as well as journalists, aid workers, security personnel and government infrastructure.

ISIS-K's goal is to create chaos and uncertainty in a bid to push



Rocket launcher tubes are seen inside a destroyed vehicle in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Aug. 30, 2021. Rockets struck a neighborhood near Kabul's international airport amid the ongoing U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan. It wasn't immediately clear who launched them. (AP Photo/Khwaja Tawfiq Sediqi)

disillusioned fighters from other groups into their ranks, and to cast doubt on any ruling government's ability to provide security for the population.

What relationship does ISIS-K have with the Taliban?

ISIS-K sees the Afghan Taliban as its strategic rivals. It brands the Afghan Taliban as "filthy nationalists" with ambitions only to form a government confined to the boundaries of Afghanistan. This contradicts the Islamic State movement's goal of establishing a global caliphate.

Since its inception, ISIS-K has tried to recruit Afghan Taliban members while also targeting Taliban positions throughout the country.

ISIS-K's efforts have met with some success, but the Taliban have managed to stem the group's challenges by pursuing attacks and operations against ISIS-K personnel and positions. These clashes have often occurred in tandem with U.S. and Afghan air power and ground operations against ISIS-K, although the full extent to which these operations were coordinated is still unclear.

What is clear is that the majority of ISIS-K's manpower and leadership losses were the result of U.S. and Afghan-led operations, and American air strikes in particular.

How much of a threat is ISIS-K in Afghanistan and to the international community?

As a relatively weakened organization, ISIS-K's immediate goals are to replenish its ranks and signal its resolve through high-profile attacks. Doing so can help ensure that the group doesn't become an irrelevant player in the Afghanistan-Pakistan landscape. It is interested in attacking U.S. and allied partners abroad, but the extent to which the group is able to inspire and direct attacks against the West is an issue that has divided the U.S. military and intelligence community.

In Afghanistan, however, ISIS-K has proved itself to be a much greater threat. In addition to its attacks against Afghan minorities and civilian institutions, the group has targeted international aid workers, land-mine removal efforts and even tried to assassinate the top U.S. envoy to Kabul in January 2021. It is still too early to tell how the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan will benefit ISIS-K, but the attack on the Kabul airport shows the continued threat posed by the group.

In the short term, ISIS-K will likely continue its efforts to sow panic and chaos, disrupt the withdrawal process and demonstrate that the Afghan Taliban are incapable of providing security to the population.

If the group is able to reconstitute some level of territorial control in the longer term and recruit more fighters, it will most likely be poised to make a comeback and pose threats on the national, regional and international levels.



Two little kids are in a hospital, lying on stretchers next to each other, outside the operating room. The first kid leans over and asks, "What are you in here for?"

The second kid says, "I'm in here to get my tonsils out and I'm a little nervous."

The first kid says, "You've got nothing to worry about. I had that done when I was four. They put you to sleep, and when you wake up they give you lots of Jell-O and ice cream. It's a breeze."

The second kid then asks, "What are you here for?" The first kid says, "A circumcision."

And the second kid says, "Whoa, I had that done when! I was born. Couldn't walk for a year."

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Air Force Posthumously Promotes Dick Cole, Last of the World War II Doolittle Raiders

8 Sep 2021 | Stars and Stripes | By Rose L. Thayer

Retired Lt. Col. Richard “Dick” Cole was celebrated during the final years of his life as the last surviving member of the legendary Doolittle Raid of World War II in which 80 crew members manning 16 aircraft bombed Japanese cities, including Tokyo.

Tuesday would have been the 106th birthday of the former Air Force pilot, who died April 9, 2019. To honor him and his service, Gen. Charles Q. Brown, the Air Force chief of staff, posthumously promoted Cole to the rank of colonel in a ceremony held at Joint Base San Antonio in Texas.

“We often get caught up in the daily static of life. Let us never forget that we truly stand on the shoulders of giants,” Brown said. “I’m forever grateful for the early aviators that paved the way for our nation and for Air Force.”

The ceremony included a memorial service followed by a burial service for Cole and his wife, Lucia Martha “Marty” Cole, who died in 2003.

The Doolittle Raid, named for Lt. Col. James Doolittle, who planned and executed it, began April 18, 1942, when 16 Army Air Force

B-25B Mitchell medium bombers lumbered off the aircraft carrier USS Hornet with crew members instructed to land or bail out over neighboring China after unleashing their payloads over Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

There would be no triumphant return to the aircraft carrier for the crews. The best-case scenario for the 80 men involved was to survive hard landings in hostile territory as Japanese units dominated the ocean and land for hundreds of miles in each direction. Of them, 72 survived that mission.

Cole was Doolittle’s co-pilot for the raid. Piloting the lead aircraft, Doolittle and Cole dropped incendiary bombs to mark targets for other bombers.

“Although the mission was initially thought to be a tactical failure. It ended up being such a huge strategic success. Their raid proved to Japan and the world that airpower could be delivered on Japanese soil,” Brown said. “This man embodied service before self.”

Knowing the danger, all the men involved volunteered to participate. Brown likened their courage to that of the airmen and pilots who stepped up in recent weeks to fly Americans and refugees out of Afghanistan as America’s longest war came to a close. Those service members also volunteered for the mission, Brown said.

Following Brown’s remarks, two of Cole’s five children, Dr. Rich Cole, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, and Cindy Cole Chal, placed the rank of colonel on the box holding their parents’ cremated remains. Maj. Nathan Chal and Capt. Elliott Chal, two of Dick Cole’s grandsons who are Air Force officers, also participated in the ceremony.

Congress authorized Dick Cole’s promotion to colonel in December 2019.

“They worked hard to give us all the best that they could. Mom loved being a military wife, and she knew exactly what it meant. She knew and understood that her husband’s job was to defend the Constitution of the United States, from all enemies, foreign and domestic. Even if it meant giving his life for our nation,” Rich Cole said of his parents.



Retired Lt. Col. Richard E. Cole, co-pilot to Jimmy Doolittle during the Doolittle Raid, smiles as he honors the U.S. flag during the singing of the National Anthem at an airshow in Burnet, Texas. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Vernon Young Jr.)

Here Is a Bit of History

Hours after Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7, 1941, the Secret Service found themselves in a bind.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was to give his Day of Infamy speech to Congress on Monday, and although the trip from the White House to Capitol Hill was short, agents weren't sure how to transport him safely.

At the time, Federal Law prohibited buying any cars that cost more than \$750, so they would have to get clearance from Congress to do that, and nobody had time for that.

One of the Secret Service members, however, discovered that the US

Treasury had seized the bulletproof car that mobster Al Capone owned when he was sent to jail in 1931.

They cleaned it, made sure it was running perfectly and had it ready for the President the next day.

Al Capone's 1928 Cadillac V-8 "Al Capone" Town Sedan became the President's Limo

in December 1941.

Mechanics are said to have cleaned and checked each feature of the Caddy well into the night of

December 7th, to make sure that it would run properly the next day for the Commander in Chief.

And run properly it did. It had been painted black and green to look identical to Chicago's

police cars at the time.

To top it off, the gangster's 1928 Cadillac Town Sedan had 3,000 pounds of armor and inch-thick bulletproof windows.

It also had a specially installed siren and flashing lights hidden behind the grille, along with a police scanner radio.



Congress Moves Closer to Making Women Register for the Draft

3 Sep 2021 | Military.com | By Patricia Kime

The House Armed Services Committee voted Wednesday to expand registration for the Selective Service System, commonly known as the draft, to include women, a move that brings the requirement one step closer to becoming law.

As part of the debate on the fiscal 2022 defense policy bill, committee members voted 35-24 to require all Americans ages 18 to 24 to register for the draft, not just men.

Air Force veteran Rep. Chrissy Houlahan, D-Pa., proposed the measure, saying the current system is unconstitutional because it discriminates based on gender.

“This amendment clarifies women make up over 50% of the population, and not including them is not only a disservice to these women but to our nation as a whole,” Houlahan said. “It ensures that the Selective Service System is able to provide the DoD with personnel and the skills it needs, including cyber, STEM [science, technology, engineering and mathematics] and technical talent.”

While expanding the draft may face opposition from conservatives when the bill is considered by the entire House, it has a significant chance of becoming law, since the Senate Armed Services Committee’s version of the legislation also contains the measure.

Both bills now face floor votes, followed by a conference to reconcile differences between the two versions, and then a final vote.

Florida Republican Rep. Mike Waltz, a former Army Green Beret, co-sponsored the amendment and was joined by three Republicans -- Reps. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, Jack Bergman of Michigan and Patrick Fallon of Texas -- in voting for the amendment.

“If we have a national emergency that makes us have to go back to the draft -- we’re talking COVID on steroids, a cyber attack ... and we need everyone, man, woman, gay, straight, black, brown, and we need everybody on deck, it’s that bad -- what

this is seeking to do is at least have a framework established,” Waltz said.

The committee’s approval follows recommendations by the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service last year that Selective Service registration be extended to women.

Since restrictions on women serving in combat arms were lifted in 2015, lawmakers -- as well as plaintiffs in a lawsuit

over the constitutionality of male-only registration -- have argued that women should need to register.

Earlier this year, the Supreme Court decided against hearing a case on the issue, with the justices agreeing with the U.S. solicitor general’s argument that Congress, not the courts, should decide the matter.

Last year, lawmakers introduced the provision in the House, but it never made it past committee.

Some legislators have proposed that the Selective Service System be abolished because the nation eliminated the draft in the early 1970s. Sens. Rand Paul, R-Ky., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore., have sponsored legislation to kill the

system, calling its \$25 million annual cost a waste of taxpayer dollars.

House Republicans who opposed Houlahan’s amendment said it is simply unnecessary. Rep. Vicky Hartzler, R-Mo., has confidence that women would volunteer to serve in a national emergency.

“This current system doesn’t fence off anyone. Anyone ... can step up now to serve our nation, but this amendment is a solution in search of a problem,” Hartzler said.

The proposed \$740 billion defense bill, which includes a \$24 billion boost proposed by Republican committee members, was approved by a 57-2 vote. California Democrats Reps. Ro Khanna and Sara Jacobs voted against it.



In this Feb. 2, 1972, file photo, Draft Director Curtis W. Tarr spins one of the two Plexiglas drums in Washington as the fourth annual Selective Service lottery begins. (AP Photo/Charles W. Harrity)

Veteran Suicide Rate Shows Biggest Drop Since 2001, But Remains High

8 Sep 2021 | Military.com | By Stephen Losey

The number of veterans who died by suicide dropped noticeably in 2019, but new data shows vets are still killing themselves at rates alarmingly higher than non-veterans.

The Veterans Affairs Department said Wednesday that 6,261 veterans died by suicide in 2019, a decline of 399 from 2018. That amounted to a 7.2% overall decrease in the veteran suicide mortality rate, when adjusted by age and gender, the VA said.

The drop in deaths by suicide represents the steepest since the Global War on Terror began in late 2001, something the VA called “unprecedented” and a reason for hope. Officials did not suggest what may have caused the decline, saying “more remains to be known and understood” on what works to intervene and prevent suicide deaths.

The chairman and ranking member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, Sens. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) said VA’s latest report shows its efforts to prevent suicide deaths and improve mental health “have made a tangible, life-saving impact on our nation’s veterans.”

“While this is a welcomed step forward, the fact is that one life lost to suicide is one too many, and veterans and their families are relying on VA to provide critical tools and resources now more than ever,” Tester and Moran said in a press release.

They pledged to keep pushing the VA to increase its outreach efforts and put programs in place that “will connect more veterans with the care and resources they need to keep from falling through the cracks.”

Veteran suicides dramatically increased in 2007 and 2008 and, though there have been some fluctuations and slight year-over-year drops, typically have continued to rise. Between 2005 and 2018, according to the VA’s report, veteran suicides increased an average of 48 per year.

The 2019 total is the lowest annual number since 2007, when 6,174 veterans died by suicide.

But despite some progress in 2019, the suicide rate among veterans remains staggering and has grown sharply since 2001. “Much work remains to be done,” the VA said in its report. “As long as veteran suicide numbers are annually in the thousands, there is no sense of mission accomplishment or satisfaction within VA, despite being heartened by unprecedented decreases

in veteran suicide the year prior to full COVID-19 onset.”

Veterans died by suicide at a rate of 31.6 per 100,000 last year, far higher than the rate of 16.8 recorded for non-veteran adults in the U.S. On average, about 17 veterans killed themselves per day in 2019.

A report from Brown University published in June found that since 9/11, 30,177 active-duty personnel and veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars had taken their own lives -- more than four times as many as were killed in the wars themselves.

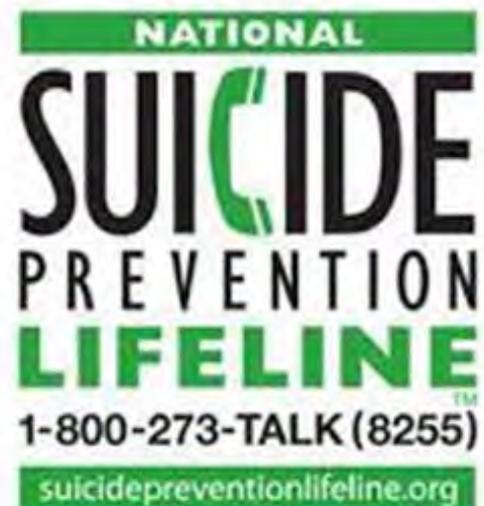
The VA said it will continue its 2018 National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide, which calls for a public health approach for reducing suicide deaths that is both community-based and clinically based. VA efforts include providing veterans more access to therapy, building partnerships with rural veterans and their communities on suicide prevention programs, and counseling to help veterans who have access to firearms or poison store them safely.

Although the period the VA studied came before the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, it said in its report that it has not observed a rise in documentation of suicide-related

indicators, such as on-campus suicide attempts or deaths, or Veterans Health Administration emergency department visits for suicide attempts.



Chief petty officer selectees assigned to Naval Station Mayport participate in a 5K run and 3K walk for suicide prevention awareness, September 10, 2013. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Marcus L. Stanley)



You Are Not Alone: Suicide Prevention Tools for Warriors

Military.com | By Real Warriors Campaign

If you are experiencing thoughts of suicide, know that you are not alone. Suicide is a medical emergency and care should be sought immediately by calling 911. Free, confidential resources are instantly available through the Military Crisis Line to aid you if you are in crisis. Call 800-273-8255 and press 1, or chat online now for 24/7 access to trained counselors who understand what service members and military families are coping with.

Some service members may face emotional or psychological concerns such as feelings of anger, isolation, anxiety or guilt following a deployment or as a result of coping with the stress of military life. These reactions, among others, can be common responses to extraordinary events. For some service members, these feelings may be signs of more serious concerns, including depression or posttraumatic stress disorder. Warriors coping with these concerns may feel like there is no escape from their symptoms, which may lead to thoughts of suicide. However, warriors should be assured that tools that encourage resilience and recovery are available and they work.



U.S. Air Force photo illustration by Tech. Sgt. Nadine Y. Barclay

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM SHOWING WARNING SIGNS?

Contact a friend, family member, commanding officer, health professional or the Military Crisis Line immediately if you are:

- Thinking about hurting or killing yourself
- Seeking access to pills, weapons or other means of harming yourself
- Talking or writing about death, dying or suicide

It is also important to seek out professional help if you are experiencing any of these signs of concern:

- Being unable to sleep or oversleeping
- Withdrawing from friends, family or society
- Increasing alcohol or drug use
- Acting recklessly or engaging in risky behavior
- Experiencing excessive rage, anger or desire for revenge
- Having feelings of anxiety, agitation or hopelessness
- Reliving past experiences
- Experiencing dramatic changes in mood
- Feeling hopeless

WHAT TOOLS CAN HELP ME COPE WHILE I SEEK TREATMENT?

The most important step in combating thoughts of suicide is reaching out for professional support through resources like the Military Crisis Line. Professional support is critical to recovering to peak performance. In addition, the following tips can help you on your journey of recovery and resilience:

- Consider writing in a journal to express pain, anger, fear or other emotions
- Be social. Get together with peers, commanding officers, family, friends or other members of the community regularly
- Stay physically fit by eating a healthy diet and getting sufficient sleep
- Use relaxation techniques to aid in stress management

WHO CAN I REACH OUT TO FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT?

In addition to trained professionals at the Military Crisis Line, you can access suicide prevention resources and links through the Defense Suicide Prevention Office suicide

outreach page and the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE)'s suicide prevention page. You can also access suicide prevention resources within the services:

- Air Force
- Army
- Coast Guard
- Navy & Marine Corps
- National Guard



Reports

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA COMMANDER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2021

1. During Memorial Day weekend I was invited to speak at 2 VFW Posts and had an opportunity to speak about JWV. Not surprising, most people did not know we existed.
2. We held a very successful Annual Department Meeting in June with the then National Commander, Jeff Sacks, in attendance. We were fortunate to have a lull in the pandemic which allowed us to hold the convention.
3. In mid-June I participated in a multi-day seminar of the American Jewish Press Association.
4. In August, against the advice of many of us, National held the Annual National Convention in New Orleans, LA. This was due to concerns about covid. I attended the meeting, and it was very successful in spite of only having a little over 50 people in attendance. The concerns were valid as after we returned, we were notified that approximately 12 people contracted the virus while at the convention. All JWV members in Florida we tested and fortunately all of us were negative. To the best of my knowledge all those who were ill have recovered.
5. At the National Convention, due to a health emergency on the part of the Resolutions Committee Chair, I took over the position and conducted the meetings. Results are available in both The Jewish Veteran and on the National website.
6. I have conducted monthly meetings with my post virtually.
7. I have represented the Department of Florida at the bi-monthly meetings of the Florida Veterans Council. We are slated to go to Tallahassee to meet with state legislators on November 16th and 17th to discuss Florida veteran related legislation issues. The Capitol is now open to the public.
8. I participated in Marketing Committee virtual meetings every 2 weeks.
9. I participated in Gulf War Committee virtual meetings every month.
10. I participated in meetings of the Board of Directors of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History and am on the exhibits committee. The Vietnam exhibit will be opening soon.
11. I have worked with several posts to set up virtual meetings.
12. I have been working on a continuous basis to update our membership roster. I want to get a current list of email addresses for our members. We only have about 50% of our members with a listed email address. I have requested that all posts send me updated lists, but to date, I have only had responses from a few posts. This means that only half of our members are receiving mailings directly. Post Commanders are responsible for getting copies of the Quarterly Newsletter and other pertinent information to those members without listed email addresses. I understand that some of our older members may not use email,

but I do not believe that is half of our membership. I need the help of all our Staff and Commanders in getting this information.

13. The above also pertains to phone numbers. According to national, nearly half our members do not have a phone number listed. I find it hard to believe than any of our members do not have phones. Please help by sending me this information. Look at your Post rosters and see what is missing.

14. During the past year we created a Department Commander's Committee under the leadership of former NVC Paley and it has been very successful. It will continue under the leadership of the new National Vice Commander, Nelson Mellitz. The purpose of this committee is to share concerns, issues, and solutions.

15. I am concerned about how many members have not renewed their annual membership. I am urging all Post Commanders to reach out to their members to do a checkup and at the same time update their roster and encourage members to renew. If anyone has financial difficulty paying dues due to the pandemic (or any other valid reason), we will assist them. Commanders need to reach out and let me know of anyone needing assistance.

16. Post 373 presented the colors at the Tampa Bay Rays baseball game on September 21st.

16. As a reminder, about a year ago I moved. Some people are still sending me mail at my old address. If anyone needs to send me anything via snail mail, my new address is: 4469 Keyes Ave., Spring Hill, FL 34606-1664. My cell remains the same – 813-404-5616.

REPORT FROM 1ST JR VICE COMMANDER

For the period: July-Sept, 2021

1. Prepared and assisted in the filing of 990 tax filings for the Dept of FL.
2. Preparation of year end financial reports with the Quarter Master for 2020-2021.
3. Distributed to all posts Reports of Good Standing.
4. Distributed numerous e-mails to all posts, urging them to hold monthly meetings, file necessary reports with national and reminding them of their post responsibilities to their members and to National JWV.
5. Assist the Quarter Master in the preparation of 1st Qtr. financial reports for Department Convention.
6. Prepared with Harvey Charter forms and letters submitted to National for the Convention Recommending our Department Commander for the "Pratt Award."
7. Worked with Quartermaster to close down Dade County Council and move monies to Dept of FL.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Jockers

1st Jr Vice Commander

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

Cash Basis

JEWISH WAR VETERIANS OF THE USA, DEPT OF FLORIDA

Cash Flow-Operating

July 2020 through June 2021

	<u>Jul - Sep 20</u>	<u>Oct - Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 21</u>	<u>Apr - Jun 21</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
3120-Per Capita	342.25	919.50	250.50	585.00	2,097.25
Total Income	<u>342.25</u>	<u>919.50</u>	<u>250.50</u>	<u>585.00</u>	<u>2,097.25</u>
Expense					
7140-Donations	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
7550-Postage	0.00	0.00	22.00	0.00	22.00
7586-Rent-Storage Locker	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,416.00	1,416.00
7587-Website	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
7600-Taxes-Annual Report	0.00	0.00	61.25	0.00	61.25
Total Expense	<u>240.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>583.25</u>	<u>1,416.00</u>	<u>2,239.25</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>102.25</u>	<u>919.50</u>	<u>-332.75</u>	<u>-831.00</u>	<u>-142.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>102.25</u></u>	<u><u>919.50</u></u>	<u><u>-332.75</u></u>	<u><u>-831.00</u></u>	<u><u>-142.00</u></u>

Opening Bank Balance July 1, 2020 \$ 21,126.24

Closing Bank Balance June 30, 2021 \$ 20,984.24

Cash Basis

JEWISH WAR VETERIANS OF THE USA, DEPT OF FLORIDA

Cash Flow Convention

July 2020 through June 2021

	<u>Jul - Sep 20</u>	<u>Oct - Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 21</u>	<u>Apr - Jun 21</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
3040-Convention Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,413.00	1,413.00
3059-Donations	50.00	0.00	0.00	467.09	517.09
Total Income	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,880.09</u>	<u>1,930.09</u>
Expense					
7050-Bank Charges	42.00	14.00	0.00	0.00	56.00
7125-Convention Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,332.60	1,332.60
Total Expense	<u>42.00</u>	<u>14.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,332.60</u>	<u>1,388.60</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>8.00</u>	<u>-14.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>547.49</u>	<u>541.49</u>
Net Income	<u><u>8.00</u></u>	<u><u>-14.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>547.49</u></u>	<u><u>541.49</u></u>

Opening Bank Balance July 1, 2020 \$ 7,265.78

Closing Bank Balance June 30, 2021 \$ 7,807.27

Cash Basis

JEWISH WAR VETERIANS OF THE USA, DEPT OF FLORIDA

Cash Flow-Operating

July 1 through September 20, 2021

	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
3120-Per Capita	97.00
3613 Dade County Council	<u>203.03</u>
Total Income	300.03
Expense	
7125-Convention Expense	0.00
7140-Donations	500.00
7450-Office & Miscellaneous	34.06
7555-Stamp Program	<u>722.80</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,256.86</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-956.83</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-956.83</u></u>
Opening Bank Balance June 1, 2021	\$ 21,126.24
Closing Bank Balance Sept 20, 2021	\$ 19,727.41

Cash Basis

JEWISH WAR VETERIANS OF THE USA, DEPT OF FLORIDA

Cash Flow Convention

July 1 through September 20, 2021

	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Expense	
7125-Convention Expense	949.76
Total Expense	<u>949.76</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-949.76</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-949.76</u></u>
Opening Bank Balance June 30, 2021	\$ 7,807.27
Closing Bank Balance Sept 20, 2021	\$ 6,857.51

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.

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.



Sgt. Edward Goldwasser
U.S. Army - Korea 1951-1957 Post 122 Miami, FL

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

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 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

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