

# Veteran Resources



## JWV Service Officers Program

JWV Service Officers will process VA claims of any veteran completely free of charge to the Veteran.

Call 732-222-7256 to speak to a Service Officer.



## Corporate America Supports You

CASY provides resume workshops and job placement for any veteran for free.

Call 1-877-696-7226 to speak to a Job Counselor.



## Train a Dog, Save a Warrior

TADSAW provides training to a canine of the Veteran free of charge to be a recognized service dog.

Call 210-643-2901 to speak to a trainer.



## JWV National Judge Advocate

The JWV NJA will process any anti-Semitism claim within the military as well as the VA.

Call 202-265-6280 to speak to an advocate today.



## Veterans Crisis Line

The VA Crisis hotline responders are available 24/7 to speak to a veteran in crisis. They will also make sure the veteran receives follow-up care.

Call 1-800-273-8255 to speak a responder now.

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## CONNECTING YOUR FEDERATION



## To the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.



# To Veteran Resources



In 2017, JWV placed thousands of flags on the graves of Jewish Veterans during Veterans Day. Local Posts took their local schools, local youth groups and families to their neighborhood cemeteries to pay tribute to those who sacrificed for our freedom and to tell their story to the next generation. Local Posts will also go out upon request of a family member or a community to a local veterans grave.

Being Jewish in the military is not necessarily easy. Many are stationed in geographically isolated areas and are unable to attend synagogue or be with a Jewish community for some time. That's why JWV Posts create Jewish programming that allows veterans to be surrounded by a military community while still teaching them about Judaism. Our local Posts also partner with community organizations to reach Jewish veterans and make them feel a part of the Jewish community.



JWV believes that bigotry and hatred have no place in the military or the VA, which is why the JWV's National Judge Advocate takes cases related to anti-Semitism, sexual assault and racism with the military and the VA. In 2017, we resolved 3 cases of anti-Semitism within the military, 1 case of anti-Semitism within the VA and 1 sexual assault case. We got justice for the most vulnerable among us. If you know someone in need of help, please reach out to us.

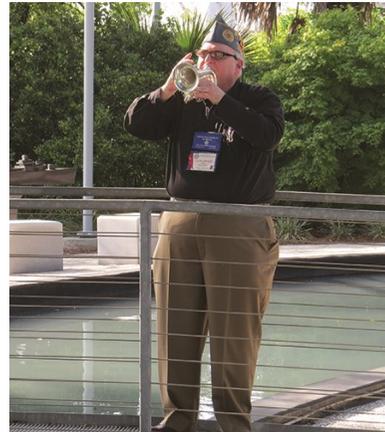
# Connecting Your Community

# From Our Leadership



**JWV believes in creating future Jewish military officers, which is why we work with the National Jewish Committee on Scouting to educate young scouts on Americanism. In 2017, we took hundreds of Boy and Girl Scouts to local Jewish cemeteries to learn about fallen Jewish heroes. We are currently working with the Committee to create a patch that Scouts would receive after completing a project about American Jewish Military History.**

**Local JWV Posts also maintain their own Color Guards and Honor Guards that are available to your Federation, synagogues, schools and community centers. They participate in Veterans Day and Memorial Day events. They are also available for Veterans' funerals. There is a tradition within the Jewish Military community that instead of the common 21 gun salute, JWV members perform the 18 gun salute to signify "Chai", the Jewish symbol for life.**



**JWV's National Executive Director, Herb Rosenbleeth heads the Military Coalition, an organization of over 21 Veterans groups that advocate for the service member and veteran. We are proud to be the Jewish voice for active duty service members and veterans. In 2017, we actively campaigned for the new GI benefits and we are still fighting strong for the Deborah Sampson Act, which addresses the gender disparities in VA care.**



Last year, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV) continued to provide quality services and programs for our Veterans. Like we do every year, we intend to improve our current programs, increase our outreach, and create new programs which will serve to educate this great nation's youth on the tribulations and successes of the American Jewish War Veteran community of yesterday and today.

In the future, we intend to showcase our museum to a greater extent, create new educational programs for students, and use widely available technology to reach students across

the country. To aid in these efforts, we are reaching out to more schools than ever before. Efforts to produce a video tour of our museum are also underway, and these tours will be distributed for free after the summer of 2018 to schools and groups who are unable to visit our museum in person.

In addition, we are continuing to speak out on behalf of Jewish War Veterans from every contemporary war in which they have served in, so the sacrifices of those who fought, suffered, and died in places like Korea, Vietnam, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere are acknowledged and remembered as they deserve to be.

To highlight our focus on speaking out for the Jewish members of the armed forces, we are working to ensure that the first permanent American military base in Israel is named after Army SPC Daniel Agami who, after September 11th had joined the Army, deployed to Iraq, and won awards for his heroism before he was killed by an IED in 2007. We believe that the Jewish men and women who serve, fight and die in our armed forces deserve to be recognized, no matter what war they fight in.

It is a great privilege to work with such amazing people during this exciting time, and I look forward to seeing the continued success of our organization in the future.



**Norman Rosenshein**

Chairman

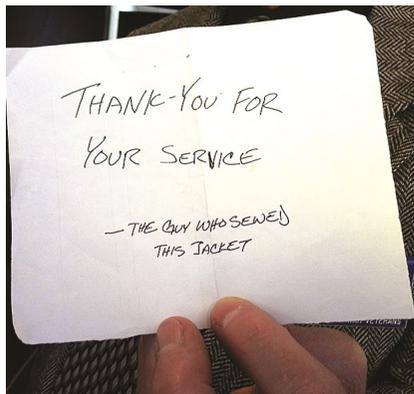
# Connecting Our Young Veterans

# To The Jewish Community



JWV members are ready to welcome our veterans home. When we hear of a unit coming home in their area, JWV members will gather and welcome young men and women home. We are also there for their entire transition because we know what it's like to adjust to life at home. Local JWV Posts can help with transition assistance by guiding newly-returned service members through organizations that best fit their needs.

Veterans returning to college face unusual challenges. With the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan winding down, we expect to see a huge enrollment of veterans in the coming years. JWV is there with mentoring for young service members entering college for this first time as well as scholarships through our Jewish War Veterans Foundation. Our local Posts are able to match new students with a mentor in their chosen field.



Although we were glad to hear that the number of veteran suicides a day dropped last year from 22 to 20, we know it is still too many, and a lack of access to the VA is a big reason why. JWV's Service Officer Program connects any veteran, Jewish or not, to the earned VA benefits. Any Jewish Family Service or Federation can reach out to our officers to access care for someone in their community. However, if you or a loved one is in an emotional crisis, please call the VA Suicide Hotline immediately.



Project Maggid is the JWV's Storyteller Program. Our members go out into their communities and tell the story of the American Jewish Warrior. In 2017, our members told hundreds of stories to their local synagogues, schools, community centers and local veteran's organizations. JWV's National Headquarters can also provide materials to local veterans about Jewish Military History.

Jewish Warrior Weekend started in 2000 when Jewish officers realized there was a need to create a Jewish connections for young officers. JWVF stepped in to make sure that this event connects cadets around the US. In 2017, speakers included JWV members Gen. Norton Schwartz, COL Jonathan De Sola Mendes, Gen. Howard Bromberg and COL Rich Goldenberg. Young Jewish officers leave empowered to be leaders of the Jewish community throughout their military career.



The JWV's SOS Program is the newest incarnation of the "Send a Salami to Your Boy in the Army" program that was started all the way back in World War II. Being overseas or stationed in a geographically isolated base in the U.S., these packages can mean a lot to our troops. Federations, schools and synagogues are encouraged to contact JWV if they are interested in sending packages to active duty troops or to veterans.