



JEWISH WAR VETERANS
of the United States of America
Scottsdale, AZ Post 210
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Our **September** meeting will be **Sunday, the 16th** at 10 AM, at the State Veterans Home, 4141 N. S. Herrera Way, just North of Indian School Road, Phoenix. PH: 602-248-1550. Refreshments at 9:30 AM, free to all members and guests.

Our Speaker for September has yet to be determined.

**COMMANDERS
REPORT**

Welcome to summer!

I'm so happy we're heading into the summer break on a positive note. You'll read all about the stirring June meeting, highlighted with inspiring presentations by Quilts of Valor. It was beautiful to welcome some of our members whom we don't often have a chance to see. We look forward to seeing more of you in the fall!

Much effort by very special people was put into popping this Memorial Day weekend and Thank G-d we were successful in raising significant funds for the organizations we support. In the coming year we are looking forward to increased programs and events, community involvement, chartering a Cub Scout pack, and, you!

Please be in touch, and have a safe summer.
With blessings,
Rochel

Commander Hayman began the June 3rd meeting with having the Officer of the Day, David Woodland open the Alter and our Chaplain Jonathan Sorrell give the opening prayer. She then she welcomed our past commanders Michael Chambers, Bernie Kaplan, Mel Brody, Jonathan Sorrell, and David Woodland and then introduced our guests Rich Kaplan, Millie Rogowin, Bella Kazan, Jay Simons, Lou & Ruth Kelter and Ester Ita Margolin.

Rochel stated that since this was our last meeting before the summer break, we can take some hints from this weeks Torah portion. We are tasked Not to settle, Not to rest on our laurels, but to continue to strive to go higher and improve, no matter our time of life, or what we've achieved in the past. As we're



heading into the summer, we had a board meeting looking for ideas on how Post 210 can go higher next year, what we can affect, and what we can draw in.

I am honored to introduce you, once again, to Herman Bernal, Robert Bernal, Rebecca Bernal, Sue Elson and Cheryl Voirin and the State Representative of Quilts of Valor, Jennifer Wilson.

Jennifer Wilson began speaking about how awarding quilts to Veterans began. She said that she was a Veteran and served overseas, in combat, and knows what many of you have faced.

Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts' son Nat was deployed in Iraq. The dream was as vivid as real life. she saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, the next scene he was wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well being. The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was a quilt meant healing.



Her idea appeared simple, have a volunteer team who would donate their time and materials to make a quilt. It would be a Quilt of Valor, a QOV. Catherine knew a Quilt of Valor had to be a quality-made quilt, not a "charity Quilt." Quilts of Valor would be the civilian equivalent of a Purple Heart award. A Quilt of Valor had to be quilted, not tied, which meant no hand or machine Quilting. Quilts of Valor would be "awarded," not just passed out like magazines or videos. A Quilt of Valor (QOV) would say unequivocally, "Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor" in serving our nation in combat.

The first QOV was awarded in November 2003 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) to a young soldier from Minnesota who had lost his leg in Iraq.

From the beginning, Catherine Roberts had definite ideas about standards of excellence for Quilts of Valor: From Catherine Robert's home in Seaford, Delaware, the Quilts of Valor movement spread across the nation and beyond through the power of word-of-mouth and the Internet.

The next speaker was Cheryl Vorin. We want to honor you for leaving all that you held dear, to stand in harms way, during time of crises, protecting us here in the States from the effects of war. Our quilters know that Freedom is not Free and that the cost of freedom is paid for by the dedication and lives of the men and women like the Veteran's in this room. We do sincerely thank each one of you for your service. This quilt is meant to offer comfort to the recipient and to remind them that we as citizens care and are grateful for the service that you have given.

The top of the quilt, and its many shapes, colors and fabrics represents the communities and the individuals that we honor. The batting is the filler, it's the center of the quilt, it's warm. It represents our hope that this quilt will bring warmth, comfort, peace and healing to the individual that receives it. The backing is the strength that supports the other layers and represents the strength of the recipient the support of the family, community and nation. Each stitch that holds the layers together represents the love and gratitude of the makers. The red binding on the quilt represents the ideals, hopes, dreams, goals and unity of our nation setting us apart from other countries. The label on the back of the quilt designates that it is a Quilt of Valor. These quilts are made by our members that may or may not have been a Veteran. I learned that only 1% of the citizens of the United States make up our military. And that makes the recipients from Post 210 special.

Our Heart to Heart quilt group also along with the quilt awards our recipients a medal. The medal shows that we as Americans support our military, past and present never forgetting their sacrifice. We want to know that each of our Veterans has received their welcome home.



Cheryl Voirin started the ceremony by saying that of the people the will be helping us today, Bob Bernal will be Cheryl Voirin started the ceremony by saying that of the people the will be helping us today, Bob Bernal will be presenting the awards assisted by Sue Elson, Rebecca Bernal, Cheryl Voirin will be wrapping the quilts, Herman Bernal was in charge of coordinated and getting everyone to the Post meeting and Jonathan Sorrell (from Post 210) will be joining Quilts of Valor and he helped get everyone's name and getting everything set up with the Post. She then turned the microphone over to Jonathan who brought Bernie Kaplan up to receive his Quilt of Valor.

Jonathan gave a brief bio of Bernie stating that he served in Korea in 1953 -1954, was married to his late wife Barbara for 63 years, worked in the grocery business since he was 16 and after retirement has continued to volunteer to help Veterans. In 2007 he was inducted into the Arizona State Veterans Hall of Fame for his service to the community and to Veterans in the State of Arizona.

Bob Bernal stated that the Foundation wishes to recognize him for his service to our Nation we consider at a privilege to honor you. Although we will never know the extent of your sacrifice and service to prepare to defend the United States of America. Bernie was then presented with his Quilt of Valor and a Medal.



Cheryl Voirin, Bernie Kaplan & Bob Bernal



Son Richard & Bernie Kaplan

Next recipient was Mel Brody and Mel was awarded his medal and his Quilt of Valor by Bob Bernal, Sue Elson, Sue Bernal and Cheryl Vorin. Mel is currently Vice Chairman United Arizona Veterans. Mel served in the Navy from 1951 until 1955 and he was awarded 11 Service Medals



Bob Bernal & Mel Brody after receiving Medal



Mel Brody wrapped in his Quilt of Valor

Jonathan next called David Woodland to be presented with his Medal and Quilt of Valor. David enlisted at 17 years of age and served in the Navy, in the Pacific Theater for 3 years, 1943 to 1946. David received 8 battle Stars and was involved in 5 different invasions including Iwo Jima. David also served 15 years in the IDF in Israel. David's 93rd birthday is coming up, everyone sang happy birthday to him.



Bob Bernal presenting David with his Medal



Rebecca Bernal wrapping David Woodland in his Quilt of Valor with help from Cynthia Vorin and Jonathan Sorrell looking on

The next recipient that Jonathan introduced was Michael Chambers who served in the US Navy from 1967 to 1970. In 1976 Michael moved to Israel where he met his beautiful, soon to be wife Ahuva, and they married after 4 months. Michael was drafted into the Israeli Army serving as a transport specialist in a Special Forces unit. He was in Beirut in 1982 when the US Marine Barracks was blown up. He returned to the US in 1986 to work for the US Postal Service. Missing the camaraderie of fellow soldiers Michael joined the Delaware Air National Guard. His wife made him separate from the military after Desert Storm. In 2010 he moved to Arizona.

Michael was then presented with his medal and awarded his Quilt of Valor.



Bob Bernal presenting Michael Chambers with his Medal



Michael Chambers with his Quilt of Valor



Bernie Kaplan, Jonathan Sorrell, David Woodland, Mel Brody and Michael Chambers all recipients of a Quilt of Valor

Rochel then thanked the entire Quilts of Valor Team for their wonderful presentation.

Rochel began the regular meeting having Michael Chambers give the **QUARTERMASTERS REPORT** stating that this years Memorial Day Poppy Drive exceeded our expectations.

Rochel gave Yasher Koach to **ADJUTANT** Steven Troy for getting the word out to our membership as well as publicizing our events to the community and beyond. We have an article in the latest JWV National newspaper, in the latest Jewish News. Any changes in contact information, please contact Steven at steventroyjwv@gmail.com

OLD BUSINESS

- Memorial Day Remembrance at the AZ National Cemetery, Mel Brody on the Dais. Both Post 210 and Department of the Southwest wreaths presented. Mazel Tov, Yasher Koach and a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Memorial Day poppy drive a success: Michael & Ahuva Chambers, Jonathan Sorrell, Steven Troy, Fred & Terry Lipovitch, Mel Brody, Millie Rogowin, Mindy & Marty Franklyn.
- Volunteering: Michael Chambers & Bernie Kaplan make weekly visits to the Veterans Home and Jeanine Korner, puts together gift bags for the residents at the Veterans Home.
- Boy Scout chartering is in progress. Michael Chambers and Steven Troy are the Post's representatives on the Council as well as the Arizona Jewish Committee on Scouting committee. They have begun the certification process.

- The board is discussing meeting/ideas for next year from locations to times. Open to ideas from the membership.

NEW BUSINESS

- Policy Change at the Arizona National Cemetery. Now immediate family can go graveside to sprinkle dirt on the coffin. This must be arranged in advance.
- Volunteer: Inreach-phone calls to members ?
- Volunteer: help with contact list members?
- Reminder JWV 123rd Annual National Convention in Tampa Florida August 9 - 13th. Sign up online or be in touch with a board member.
- Mel Brody proposed sending Mogen Dovid Adom \$1000.00 to replenish supplies with all the recent happenings going on in Israel. Susan Conwiser seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Next meeting Sunday, September 16th.

Next Board meeting June 6th.

Next Department meeting June 10th at the Veterans Home.

The chaplain gave the closing prayer.

And the officer of the day closed the alter.

Another big thing happened at the end of May. We had our very successful Poppy Drive on Memorial Day weekend. We had 11 people go out to collect most for just a few hours and we collected well over our estimate. Yasher Koach and congratulations to everyone. Mindy & Marty Franklyn, Millie Rogowin, Rochel Hayman, Jay Simons, Steven Troy, Jonathan Sorrell, Fred & Terry Lipovitch and Ahuva & Michael Chambers.



Ahuva Chambers



Steven Troy



Michael Chambers



Fred & Terry Lipovitch



Son Moshe Dovid Margolin, Rochel Hayman and Daughter Ester Ita Margolin



Jonathan Sorrell, Gold Star Mother Irene, and Rochel Hayman

The following article is reprinted and shortened from the Monday May 28, 2018 Memorial Day edition of the Arizona Republic. Laurie Roberts is a Columnist with the Arizona Republic and the USA TODAY NETWORK

On this Memorial Day, please remember – The car ad on the front page of the newspaper over the weekend invites you to a Memorial Day "sales event celebration."

If that doesn't grab you, a painting company is offering 10 percent off for "Memorial Day savings" on page 3 and on page 7, a furniture store announces " Our best Memorial Day offer ever!"

It's enough, after talking with **David Woodland**, to make you feel ... slightly ashamed.

Woodland was 17 when he joined the Navy. As a torpedoman, he hunted submarines and battled enemy ships in the Pacific during World War II.

He was one of the lucky ones. He came home.

He's about to turn 93 now, but he can still remember when Memorial Day was about honoring sacrifice, not snagging a smoking deal on a Ford F-150.

"As generations pass, it is only a three-day break to drink beer and barbecue;" Woodland told me. "But to be truly offensive, it has become a valid reason to buy a mattress, buy a car, or have a house painted as advertised as the great Memorial Day sale."

Woodland asked me to relay a request.

Before you begin today's holiday festivities, take a minute to remember a hunk of rock known as Iwo Jima or a bloody beach named Omaha.

Before you head to the lake, remember a frozen Belgian forest where brave men once stood their ground and helped save the world.

Before you break out the burgers and beer, remember Khe Sanh and Hamburger Hill, Heartbreak Ridge and Inchon .

Remember Fallujah and Kandahar and Kabul. \

It's easy to forget the fallen on a day such as this, when the sun is shining and the desert is blooming and we are gloriously free from the shackles of the usual Monday routine.

Don't. Take a moment to remember the men and women who paid the price for that barbecue you'll be enjoying today.

People like Army Spc. Spencer Karol, 20, of Woodruff, Ariz., and Airman 1st Class Raymond Losano, 24, of Tucson, and Marine Sgt. Fernando Padilla-Ramirez, 26, of San Luis, who became a Marine in his teens and an American citizen in 2001. Two years later, he was killed in an attack on his convoy near Nasiriyah, Iraq.

People like Army Pfc. Barbara Veyra, 22, of Mesa, and Army Pfc. Harry Shondee Jr., 19, of Ganado, and Marine Cpl. Jeffrey David Lawrence, 22, of Tucson, who died along with three other Marines in 2004 when their vehicle struck a mine on the outskirts of Fallujah. Four days after his death, his daughter was born. Her name is Cadence Freedom.

Remember Army Spc. Issac Campoy, 21, of Douglas, who enlisted a month after graduating high school in 2001.

And Army Maj. Steven Hutcheon, 60, of Scottsdale, a Vietnam Veteran who was inspired to serve once more after 9/11. He served in Afghanistan and in Iraq, where a roadside bomb detonated near his vehicle in Basra in 2009.

Remember Army staff Sgt. Carl Eric Hammer, 24 of Lake Havasu City, and Marine Lance Cpl. Michael J. Halal, 22, of Glendale, and Navy Hospitalman Nathan Martens of Queen Creek. He was 20 and killed while on a night patrol with a Marine unit in Al Qaim, Iraq, in 2005. He left behind a wife and daughter, Riley Jo, just 10 months old. Nathan wanted to be a pediatrician.

More than 1.1 million American military have been killed in U.S. Wars, including more than 6,500 in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Take just a moment today to remember those young men and women from every generation who went to war and never returned. Remember, too, the families for whom every day is Memorial Day.

"Just remember," Nathan Martens father, Rob, once told me. "Remember all of those guys who died. Once in a while, give it a thought"

"You see a flag, remember the cost."

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SOME WORDS OF WISDOM

By David Woodland

BUSINESS

To usual thinking, defining the word business, points to industry, commerce and trade, and the usual practice utilizing mind and money. Those employed earn livings conducting "business". In reality, living each day consists of many transactions, mostly not monetary, as we interact with the situation at hand. It is the totality of the blends of society's needs for actions and answers. It's what you do about things to keep the world turning; reactions to everything from reality to dreams, pity to envy, charity to avarice, success to failure. This is the business of existence, to each of us from wisdom, conscience, ability, and circumstance.

An unintended consequence of today's instant communication, is a widely expanded view of the joys and sorrows, wins and losses, needs and wants, as provided by the unstopped horizon. The expressions in the social media, the groups and societies newly formed to cope, emphasize the truth of the non ending transactions of the business of life.

GREAT

by David Woodland

This is a word used and misused in a great many and different ways...just used it as an adjective. It can become descriptive, illustrating size, as we think of what is large, quantity, value, even describing moral stature. This is an open ended asset with which we can grade worth. It has been said that a great mind will discuss ideas, an average mind will will discuss events, a a small one will discuss people. In an opposite direction, consider giving teachers a grade. The least of them tell their learners what is placed before them, a better teacher explains it, an excellent one demonstrates, and the great ones inspire. In these ways, being as great as you can be proves that personal greatness is not size or quantity of personal success, but the measure of a person.

A discussion of the obtuse reality of greatness must include the visual; the grandeur and size. These are what one beholds, as compared to what has been seen elsewhere; The seven great wonders of the world, the great pyramids, and such. Consider great books, art, man made and natural works.

So it is notable that great is a lot of things to all people; noun, adjective, verb, comparative, descriptive, fanciful, real, and mostly, admirable.

A LITTLE HUMOR

A SITUATION

Here is the situation:

You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed.

On your right side is a sharp drop-off.

On your left side is an elephant traveling at the same speed as you.

Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it.

Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the kangaroo. What must you do to get out of this highly dangerous situation?

See answer below

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Get off the merry-go-round and go home; you've had enough excitement for one day!

True to this day: Fishing Story

The King wanted to go fishing, and he asked the royal weather forecaster the forecast for the next few hours. The palace meteorologist assured him that there was no chance of rain.

So the King and the Queen went fishing. On the way he met a man with a fishing pole riding on a donkey, and he asked the man if the fish were biting.

The fisherman said, "Your Majesty, you should return to the palace! In just a short time I expect a huge rain storm."

The King replied: "I hold the palace meteorologist in high regard. He is an educated and experienced professional. Besides, I pay him very high wages. He gave me a very different forecast. I trust him."

So the King continued on his way. However, in a short time a torrential rain fell from the sky. The King and Queen were totally soaked.

Furious, the King returned to the palace and gave the order to fire the meteorologist. Then he summoned the fisherman and offered him the prestigious position of royal forecaster.

The fisherman said, "Your Majesty, I do not know anything about forecasting. I obtain my information from my donkey. If I see my donkey's

ears drooping, it means with certainty that it will rain."

So the King hired the donkey.

And thus began the practice of hiring dumb asses to work in influential positions of government. The practice is unbroken to this date.

WELFARE

Please don't forget Millie Lichter, 480-661-1130 our Sunshine Lady. If someone knows anyone who is ill or in the hospital PLEASE notify her so that the Post can respond.

Our member Jeanine Korner, puts together gift bags for the residents at the Veterans Home. These are composed of small items that are free from hotel stays or anything you want to donate. They cannot contain mouthwash or razors. Contact her at 480-948-2171 or cell 602-376-2359

Don't forget to take advantage of big savings. Register at VETTIX. It is a great inexpensive way to see sporting events, concerts and other venues that come to town. All you have to do is send in proof of military service ie: DD 214 and follow their registration process, Go to www.vettix.org

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Melvin Brody
- 23 - Fred Lipovitch
- 30 - Anita Berman

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Sandy Robbins
- 3 - Rochelle Hayman
- 10 - Richard Lesser
- 12 - Bernie Kaplan
- 22 - Jim Pomush
- 23 - Jonathan Sorrell
- 25 - Mayer Robbins
- 27 - Lorainne Ball-Schwarzwald
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- 14 - Jerry Guttman
- 27 - Stanley Rosen
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