



**JEWISH WAR VETERANS
of the United States of America
Scottsdale, AZ Post 210
June 2018 Newsletter**



The June meeting will be **Sunday, the 3rd** 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 Speakers for June will be representatives of Quilts of Valor to make presentations to several of our members. Please come and show your support.

**COMMANDERS
MESSAGE**



Thank YOU! Thank you for being a part of Jewish War Veterans Scottsdale Post 210. We see the importance of every single one of our members at every event we have, every single time we go out to poppy, every organization we support with those funds, every single person who is helped through our post's philanthropy. We never want to forget each individual's contributions, both through effort as well as finances, in the past and in our future. As we now head into Memorial Day, this concept of the individual's importance and contribution to the whole, is highlighted not only in relation to the sacrifices of those who have gone before us in defense of our Country, but coincidentally, happens just as we head into the Book of Numbers as well, where G-d counts those individuals who were the correct ages to go to war through their families. We always want to remember and cherish our families and support network who support/ed us as we went to do what was necessary. And what do we do when we cherish something? We do as G-d did, we count them. So I want to say thank you again, and count you among who are important to Post 210.

Please join us for our final meeting before the summer break on Sunday, June 3rd, as we honor 6 members of our Post with Quilts of Valor. It should be a very special meeting and please bring your family members as well. With blessings, Rochel

Rochel began the May 3rd. meeting with having the officer of the day David Woodland prepare the altar and the Chaplain Jonathan Sorrell give opening prayer. She then Introduced the past commanders: Michael Chambers, Mel Brody, Jonathan Sorrell, David Woodland, Bernie Kaplan. Welcomed our guest Jay Rivlin.

Rochel stated that “We are A Jewish Voice for Veterans, A Veterans voice for Jews. Here, there and everywhere. And today we have a perfect example of how as a people we came together to do just that”. I would now like to introduce our guest speaker: Craig Weiss.

Craig is a born and bred Arizonian. A devoted husband and father, he’s also an entrepreneur, inventor (with 7 patents), a patent attorney, historian, with degrees in both law and philosophy. Craig is the Founder & CEO of Aladdin Dreamer, Inc. a technology company that is designing a wearable device which allows people to control their dreams. Sometimes Craig doesn’t feel he’s doing enough, so in addition to being a frequent speaker at ASU’s, W.P. Carey School of Business and Harvard Business School, he also has given back to his communities by volunteering as a business mentor with the Israeli-American Council, and Vice President of the Board of Directors at Pardes Day School in Scottsdale. But somewhere in all of his ventures and accomplishments he has another feather in his cap, that of published author. Craig is the co-author of the book, “I Am My Brother's Keeper: American Volunteers in Israel's War for Independence”, which features a foreword from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The book is the subject of the documentary film “Above and Beyond,” which several of our members screened this past month. It was so fascinating we wanted to bring it to the Post as a whole, so please welcome Craig Weiss.

I want to share a little with you on how this all got started. I was living in Israel, in 1995 with my wife, who was in the first year of Rabbinical school. I was taking a year off between college and law school when my brother Jack called. Jack was reading a book by Israel's former chief test pilot Danny Shapiro and the book mentioned the War For Independence, in 1948, the Israeli Air Force was so dominated by Americans that the official language was English. My brother said that he didn't remember that there were so many Americans involved. Since I was living in Israel I started interviewing about a 100 of these Veterans that were involved, they were all in there 70's or so. I was in my mid 20's and they were talking about what happened almost 50 years earlier. Almost, to a person, they said that it was the most important thing they have ever done in their life, where they helped establish The State of Israel. These people were mostly WWII Veterans, both men & women. One of the women had been in Palestine under British rule and the Haganah would use women to smuggle weapons. The British were too proper to search them.

It took about 3 years for us to do the research and write this book: I Am My Brother's Keeper: American Volunteers in Israel's War for Independence 1947-1949. We wanted to get the book published by April/May 1998 because that was the 50th Anniversary of the founding of The State of Israel.

These volunteers, and many others, served in all branches of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) - the army, the air force and the navy. They were critical to Israel's victory. Most of Israel's fighter and heavy bomber pilots were North Americans, and Israel would not have had an effective air force without them. In other areas, the American and the Canadians provided invaluable technical expertise and combat experience. They stood shoulder to shoulder with Israel's citizens in their most desperate hour. Thirty-eight of the volunteers lost their lives in the struggle for a Jewish state. Others were wounded, and some ended up as prisoners of war of the Jordanian and Egyptian armies.

This is a story about men like Rudy Augarten who interrupted his studies at Harvard to fly for Israel. This, despite the fact that he had been shot down over occupied France during World War II, and survived sixty-three days behind enemy lines. It's about Chris Magee, a World War II and veteran of Pappy Boyington's Black Sheep Squadron who felt that the Jews deserved a homeland. And about American Indian Jesse Slade, who believed that fighting for Israel was "the Christian thing to do." And Buzz Beurling, the legendary "Falcon of Malta" who sought to recapture the glory days of World War II.

It's about David Starec, who left his rabbinical studies in New York to serve aboard the Exodus, the most famous of the refugee ships that tried to break through a British blockade of Palestine. And George Tzizik, who refused to let a wooden leg keep him out of the fray. And Ray Kurtz, a Brooklyn fireman who led a daring bombing raid on Cairo.

I Am My Brother's Keeper captures the powerful story of these Jews and Christians who stood up to be counted at a

critical time in Jewish history. Only three years after the Holocaust, these volunteers helped to establish the State of Israel.

Rochel then presented Craig with a certificate of appreciation.



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Michael Chambers gave the **Quartermaster Report**

stating that he was allocating funds in the budget for publicity.

Adjutant Report: The adjutant is 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, and a couple of occurrences in Jewish News.

Any changes in contact information, please be in contact with Steven Troy.

Old Business: Volunteering: Michael Chambers and Bernie Kaplan continue to make their weekly visits to the Veterans at the Veterans Home. Jeanine Korner continues to collect toiletries and she also knits items for the homeless Veterans,.

BOY SCOUTS chartering is in progress. It will be a Shomer Shabbat & Kosher Cub Scout family pack, which means it's open to girls as well, with girls being in their own separate den. Michael Chambers and Steven Troy will be the Post's representatives on the Scouting Council as well as the AZ Jewish Committee on Scouting.

AFTER ACTION: We had good participation Holocaust Remembrance Observance / Honor Guard and at the screening of the documentary of Above & Beyond.

Post meeting changes: June also 1st Sunday. Board is discussing meeting options/ideas for next year, from locations to times, etc. Open to ideas from the membership.

New business: MAY/Memorial Day Weekend: Poppying: supplies, see Michael. We have some of our regular Fry's stores but we've lost some stores and some times. Please volunteer to go out, even if it's only for a couple of hours. Wreath participation at National Cemetery will be different this year.

There is policy change at Arizona National Cemetery, after the service immediate family can go graveside to sprinkle dirt on the coffin. This must be arranged in advance.

Volunteer are needed to make phone calls to present members?

NEXT MEETING: June 3rd.

Next executive board meeting June 6th *planning for next year/bring ideas

NEXT DEPARTMENT MEETING: June 10th /9:30 at the Veterans Home.

Chaplain then gave the closing prayer

Officer of the day closed the alter.

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

Some Words of Wisdom

By
David Woodland

FREEDOM

When speaking of freedom, often we are referring to something unwelcome, glad to be gone. It may be the creation of a locality free of evil, squalor, tyranny, confinement, even some people, graduation from school, discharge from the military, and so on. Is it the opposite of achievement? To stretch a point, one could say it is, for freedom and creativity change societies.

One should, if possible, have the freedom to plan, plot, and pursue life's opportunities. To conform totally slams the door to the basic freedoms our Constitution says are necessary for society's success.

Freedom, in any form, for one's self alone, is not freedom worthy of the freedoms held dear in our democracy, and as the result of the gallant efforts of all generations since our founding, in all efforts for preservation. To do our best to express the value we place upon freedom, realize that it is not generic, that efforts to preserve are ongoing, protected, and passed forward, generation to generation.

A LITTLE HUMOR

Irish Cop

A London lawyer runs a stop sign and

gets pulled over by an Irish cop. He thinks that he is smarter than the cop because he is a lawyer from LONDON and is certain that he has a better education than any Irish cop. He decides to prove this to himself and have some fun at the Irish cop's expense!

Irish cop says, "License and registration, please."

London Lawyer says, "What for?"

Irish cop says, "Ye didn't come to a complete stop at the stop sign."

London Lawyer says, "I slowed down, and no one was coming."

Irish cop says, "Ye still didn't come to a complete stop License and registration, please"

London Lawyer says, "What's the difference?"

Irish cop says, "The difference is, ye huvte come to complete stop, . that's the law." "License and registration, please!"

London Lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration and you give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket."

Irish cop says, "Sounds fair. Exit your vehicle, sir."

The London Lawyer exits his vehicle.

The Irish cop takes out his baton and starts beating the living s*** out of the lawyer and says, "Daeye want me to stop or just slow down?"

A Rare Engineer Joke

An Engineer dies.. And goes to Hell. Dissatisfied with the level of comfort, he starts designing and building improvements. After a while, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. The engineer is a pretty popular guy. One day God calls and asks Satan, "So, how's it going down there?" Satan says, "Hey things are going great. We've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

God is horrified. "What? You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have gone down there! You know all engineers go to Heaven. Send him up here! "

Satan says, "No way. I like having an engineer on the staff. I'm keeping him."

God says, "Send him back up here or I'll sue."

" Yeah, right," Satan laughs, "and where are you going to get a lawyer?"

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