



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



Our November meeting will be **Sunday, the 18th** 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 November will be a surprise. Please attend and enjoy this delightful presentation.**

**COMMANDERS  
REPORT**



Our collective Jewish hearts were shattered by the heinous attack on our brothers and sisters in Pittsburgh. The killer's bullets were aimed at us all. "All Jews must die," he yelled while opening fire. We send them our heartfelt condolences and are praying for the recovery of those physically injured, including the brave First Responders, as well as the emotional healing of the survivors and the entire Pittsburgh community.

So now, afterwards, what should our response be? We fight by adding light, by being united, to refuse to be terrorized and live in fear. We must continue to walk proud, and even as we grieve and mourn, we must increase exponentially in our acts of goodness and kindness. We do this individually, within our families, within our communities and congregations, and within Jewish War Veterans.

We are excited to be adding to our community exposure by participating in the Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade on Monday, November 12th. We have a large truck and space for you to join us! We can open spaces up to other posts in the Department, as well as some of our new Cub Scouts, but our first preference is members of our Post. Please, please be in touch with Steven Troy to let him know your interest. And we're all looking forward to seeing you more!

With blessings,  
Rochel

Commander Hayman began the meeting with having the Officer of the Day David Woodland open the Alter and all of us saluted the Colors and recited the Pledge Allegiance to the FLAG and Juli Altman gave the opening prayer. Rochel went on to recognize our Past Commanders in attendance, Mel Brody, David Woodland, Juli Altman and Michael Chambers.

We then welcomed guests and new members, Lee and Annette Andrews & Tyler Trier, Lorraine Ball Schwarzwald, Rubin Sabin, & Martin & Mindy Franklin.

She introduced Gavi Tabor, Scoutmaster for our recently Chartered Family Shomer Shabbat (Kosher) Cub Scout Pack 210.

Gavi began by saying tonight will be the first meeting of Pack 210. There is a Jewish concept that whenever two Jewish people meet that there must be a reason why, the Jewish War Veterans and Cub Scouts. What is this connection. This is what I interpreted, I came up with the wonderful phrase when we meet Veterans we say "thank you for your service" what does that really mean. It means that Veterans, like the members of Post 210 are ready to go to places to stand up for what is necessary and go to places where chaos and troubles are, with discipline and organization and stand up for what is right. The JWV is charging the Jewish Cub Scouts to be respectful to each other, to the society the environment and because we are a Jewish organization we are expected to be a mensch. On behalf of Pack 210 I want to say thank you Post 210 for your support.



Rochel introduced our guest speaker Barbara Hatch saying that Arizonas Veterans are lucky to have a spark like this in our midst, born in a small town in Illinois, just outside of St Louis Missouri, She became a teacher extraordinaire in the Peace Corps, teaching English in Senegal to Iran & St Croix and eventually making Phoenix her home. She has been honored by the National Society of the Daughter of the American Revolution with a medal of education. In 2012 the Arizona State Board of Education honored her as the Arizona History Teacher of the year. This past year along with her executive director, Michelle DiMuro, her organization recieved the Community Service Hero Award



from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. What she is and does is head the Veterans Heritage Project which was sparked in her Advanced Placement (AP) History class at Cactus Shadows High School in Cave Creek Arizona, where she taught for 14 years and the project includes two of our members Mel Brody and David Woodland.

Thank you for having myself and Remy Bottorlff one of my students . My goal is to connect students with Veterans, we want to preserve America's heritage, we want to honor America's Veterans and we want to develop this program to remember what these Veteran's did. They are old news that needs to be perserved and the students are the future that needs to know what these Veterans did. And we want them to grow up with a respect of what these Veterans did

In 1998, students in my history class had seen the movie *Saving Private Ryan* and wanted to separate fact from fiction. I wrote a letter to the Phoenix Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) to locate a possible Normandy Veteran who could speak directly to the students. Publication of the letter led to nightly phone calls from Veterans eager to share their military experiences, which led to many classroom visits and Veteran connections. Salt River Project, an Arizona utility, liked our idea to "document local history." Our program concept was born. They gave us a grant of \$3000 to put together a book. We had 60 some odd stories from Veterans that had them come to our class and answer questions posed by the students. When I saw the interaction between the Veterans and my students I decided to continue. In 2004, The Veterans Heritage Project (VHP) was founded. From 2004 to 2009, the club evolved with student participation in civic events and Veterans Day celebrations, along with the publication of student essays in annual hardbound books entitled "Since You Asked." In 2009, parents aware of the impact the program had on their students gathered to ask why this program was not in more schools. Within a few months, a plan was laid out to capture the program and replicate it through pilot programs at other schools. . In 2010, VHP set up pilots in 3 other schools, and then doubled that number the following year. By 2013, VHP numbered 11 chapters. I retired from teaching to volunteer full-time as VHP's Program Director. In 2016, the Veterans Heritage Project grew to 25 schools, and published 6 Editions of *Since You Asked*.

In 2018 we completed Volume XIV of *Since You Asked: A Salute to World War II*, which contains the stories of 331 veterans interviewed this school year. In the past 14 years, 1,779 students have documented the stories of 1,824 veterans, making Veterans Heritage Project among the largest contributors to the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. We are proud of that! Though we cannot archive all of our interviews, the Veterans' stories will live on in their families, local libraries and our books.

As we savor the memories of the stories we captured and the reconnections we made, students are eager to begin Volume XV of *Since You Asked: A Salute to the Korean War*. Interviews will begin soon. They want to archive the stories of these singular Veterans in the Library of Congress Veterans

History Project collection while there is still time. Perhaps they will even be able to hand deliver them in Washington, D.C., as they did last summer.

Rochel thanked Barbara Hatch for her very informative talk and for the excellent work that the Veterans Heritage Project does.

Rochel then presented Barbara with a plaque of appreciation.



Mel Brody, Rochel Hayman, Barbara Hatch, Remy Bottorlff & David Woodland

Michael then gave the **QUARTERMASTERS REPORT** stating that we have money in the bank. After the Veterans Day poppy drive we are going to give two \$1000.00 grants to the Naval ROTC at ASU. We do have the Veterans Day poppy drive which I will be contacting some of you to see if you can go out and collect and this year we are participating in the Veterans Day Parade riding in the back of a 5 ton truck. If you would like to ride on the truck with us we are meeting at the Baptist Church at 5757 Central Ave at 9 am. We are looking forward to having a minimum of 10 people on the truck. If you would like to ride with us contact either myself or Steven and let us know.

Rochel said that at our October board meeting we talked about the organizations that we support. If you have any other ones that you would like us to support please let us know.

Steven gave the **ADJUTANTS REPORT** said that he is still working on putting together a data base and then mentioned that the new Cub Scout Pack 210 that we chartered needs more funds to help run . Hoping for donations from the post members. Rochel then said that Steven is the Executive Officer (XO) and the Chartered Organization Representative (COR) of the Pack and our liaison to the Pack. Steven then explained, as Gavi said, that the first meeting of the pack was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. So far we have 10 adults and at least 15 children signed up. I think that we have enough for 3 boys dens and 2 girls dens. The pack is Shomer Shabbat / Kosher but is open to both boys and girls and you do not have to be Jewish to be a member of the pack. We are meeting on Sundays at 6 PM at Beth EL Congregation, in Central Phoenix, where they were nice enough to give us the meeting space at no charge.

**OLD BUSINESS** Contact Michael about the poppy drive and for the parade. The parade starts at 11 AM but they block off the streets by 10, that's why we need to be there no later than 9:30. Thank you to Ben Abrams of the Arizona Military Vehicle Collector's Club for loaning us a 10 ton truck in which to ride. We also have a Jeep that can carry 3 people if you don't want to ride in the truck. Juli Altman has volunteered to speak on Friday night a Congregation Or Tzion in Scottsdale. The Shabbat Project, which was started in South Africa and the Challah bake which was on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The post does sponsor 1<sup>st</sup> year membership for new members. We would also like to welcome Lee and Annette Andrews. They are Life Members transferring in from Post 26 in Massachusetts.

**NEW BUSINESS** On December 7, at 10:55 in the morning is the Pearl Harbor Remembrance observance at Wesley Bolen Memorial Plaza. We will be laying wreaths there from our Post and from the Department of the Southwest. Arizona is the only State that has such an Observance. Just as a reminder the JWV has committees to represent Veterans from the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan. These committees are trying to plot the JWV evolution, the longest running service organization, to keep it going. In December we are going to have a Chanukah Party. I reached out to the Phoenix Film Festival to see if there was some way to get the movie GI Jews on the list. We are also talking about the bringing the propeller from the submarine Phoenix to Steele Indian School Park and if the post would like to make a donation to help make that happen. It will be brought up at the board meeting. Thank you for the information from Moshe Apelas about what is going on at ASU for Veterans Day Weekend. Steven brought information about a program called "Violins of Hope" program.

*"I'm writing on behalf on Julee Landau with whom you spoke yesterday about our Violins of Hope program.*

*Israeli Violin maker Amnon Weinstein has restored 60 violins that were played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust. Each violin has its own unique and inspiring story that educates both young and old about the Holocaust in a deeply personal and emotional way. Today these instruments serve not only as powerful reminders of an unimaginable experience but also reinforce key lessons of tolerance, inclusion, and diversity that are essential for today and for future generations.*

*The Violins of Hope program consists of music/concerts, exhibitions, lectures and student education programs. It is taking place in Maricopa County, February 26-March 24, 2019. As part of this program, we are doing a special lecture and recital to honor war veterans on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing." The next*

board meeting will be Wednesday November 7th at 11 am.

Next Post meeting will be November 18th, same time same place.

Juli gave the closing prayer and David closed the altar. We all saluted the Colors. Meeting end.

### Some Words of Wisdom

By  
David Woodland

#### CHANCE

Plans are safe, chance is surprising. Chances are the result of unsure results, lack of ideas for solving situations, procrastination, sudden problems, and just plain daring. There is some optimism in the daring aspect, habits which result in procrastination, and a lack of helpful information when the sudden problems arise.

Surviving some results which occur by chance, and making mistakes by chance, can help to strengthen growth, making you think ahead with clarity and purpose.

It has been reasoned that chance is not odds or prediction, not even the roll of dice. Chance, which really can't be defined, is factored by some as forces coming from above, collections of surrounding circumstances, perhaps geographical, historical, numerical, and of necessity, imagination.

Life is a gamble, and we face things that are difficult, dangerous, and frightening, but we are doing what we do knowing that we may fail. But the chance of success is worth more than the chance of failure. Risk and change appear the same, but in reality are opposing forces.

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#### FAMOUS

by David

Fame is a subjective process. One quickly associates who and what are the famous, but the famous are those whom we judged on the degrees of accomplishment. Entertainment figures, political leaders, and the like, have gained their fame bathed in the light of adoration, talent, ability, exposure, and good fortune.

Neglected on any definition of what constitutes the label of famous is to what degree that fame rises. In the family circle are parents, the father that works to provide sustenance, the mother providing the sustenance of nurturing. It might also be the seventh grade teacher whose inspiration still continues. Fame is mostly demonstrated by admiration, but should be recognized by respect, guidance, and inspiration; a force of greatness.

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## STRENGTH

by David

There is strength in unity. Unite and collaborate to achieve wonderful things. Character evolves through trials and troubles. The quiet and easy life defers strength and ambition.

Heroes arise from ordinary individuals embedded with the strength to persevere and overcome overwhelming difficulties. The everyday people facing trouble can gather strength from their distress, and bravery by reflection. Strengths comes from continuous efforts and struggles. When you count the small things, it is in the total wherein are your strengths. It has been said "That what doesn't kill you makes you stronger". You have to overcome to strengthen. Common thought evokes building physical strength. Very true, but strength of mind for most comes from an unfailing will to enhance character and morality.

Look at your weakness, and change it to your strength, and name it...success.

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### **A LITTLE HUMOR**

#### 4 Husbands

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought.

He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now - in her 80's - a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

(Wait for it)

and four to go.

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#### 25 Puns from David

Here are some very clever puns I didn't think of first:

1. The meaning of opaque is unclear.
2. I wasn't going to get a brain transplant but then I changed my mind.

3. Have you ever tried to eat a clock? It's very time consuming.

4. A man tried to assault me with milk, cream and butter. How dairy!

5. I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down

6. If there was someone selling marijuana in our neighborhood, weed know about it.

7. It's a lengthy article about ancient Japanese sword fighters but I can Sumurais it for you.

8. It's not that the man couldn't juggle, he just didn't have the balls to do it.

9. So what if I don't know the meaning of the word 'apocalypse'? It's not the end of the world.

10. Police were called to the daycare center. A 3-year old was resisting a rest.

11. The other day I held the door open for a clown. I thought it was a nice jester.

12. Need an ark to save two of every animal? I Noah guy.

13. Alternative facts are aversion of the truth.

14. I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.

15. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

16. Did you know they won't be making yardsticks any longer?

17. I used to be allergic to soap but I'm clean now.

18. The patron saint of poverty is St. Nickless.

19. What did the man say when the bridge fell on him? The suspension is killing me.

20. Do you have weight loss mantras? Fat chants!

21. My tailor is happy to make a new pair of pants for me. Or sew it seams.

22. What is a thesaurus's favorite dessert? Synonym buns...

23. A relief map shows where the restrooms are.

24. There was a big paddle sale at the boat store. It was quite an oar deal.

25. How do they figure out the price of hammers? Per pound.

### **SCOUTING** by Steven Troy

Jewish War Veterans Post 210 in conjunction with the Jewish Committee on Scouting of the Grand Canyon Council Boy Scouts of America has chartered Family Cub Scout Pack 210. According to the National Jewish Committee on Scouting, this pack has the distinction of being the FIRST Shomer Shabbat/Kosher Family Cub Scout Pack Chartered in the new Boy Scouts of America Scouting program in the United States. (Which means that both boys and girls can join the Pack). All children no matter their religious affiliation. are welcome to join the Pack.

The Pack enjoyed its first official meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> in Beth El Congregation located at Glendale and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and will meet there weekly.

Scouting has been around since the first book on the Scout Movement, *Scouting for Boys* by **Robert** Baden-Powell's was published in Great Britain, 1908 Boys and girls spontaneously formed Scout troops. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) was inspired by and modeled on the Boy Scout Association, established by Baden-Powell. In the early 1900's, several youth organizations were active, and many became part of the BSA. The "Family" designation is part of the new BSA option officially welcoming girls into the Pack structure, in their own dens; the next age level up, the Scout Troops, will begin chartering all-girl Troops begin February 1, 2019. In general, girls have been included in the older Venturing, Sea Scouts and Exploring for years.

JWV Post 210 noticed social media postings over the past couple of years of parents asking if such a Pack existed in Phoenix, and, understanding the plethora of benefits the Scouting movement could bring to the children of the Jewish Community at large, felt it was important to step up to the plate and charter this new unique-to-Phoenix Pack. The life experiences that Scouting brings will live and prosper within the children, both boys and girls, who are fortunate enough to be part of the adventure. Cub Scouting teaches the Scout to "do their best" and to be helpful to others. It will help to build self-esteem and teaches "middos" and values consistent with good citizenship, character development, and physical fitness. Cub Scouts learn to have good wholesome fun with hands-on activities from

making a car for the annual Pinewood Derby to flying model rockets or kites out on field trips. This is all done with the leaders of the Pack and the Scouts parents. Cub Scouting exists to support family and help enrich family time.

One of the cool thing in Scouting is that all of the projects and activities give the Scout an opportunity to advance in rank from Bobcat to Tiger, Wolf, Bear and then to Webelos all the while earning awards to put on their uniforms.

The mission of the National Jewish Committee through its local committee "is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of Judaism as expressed in the Scout Oath and the Scout Law." JWV Post 210 is happy to be involved in providing such an opportunity to the Jewish Community of Greater Phoenix and plans are in the works to expand soon with a Scout Troop as well.

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### 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.*

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Member Jeanine Korner, puts together gift bags for the residents at the Veterans Home. These are composed of small item 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

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Don't forgot 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](http://www.vettix.org)

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**THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE U.S.A. RESPONDS TO THE ATTACK AT THE TREE OF  
LIFE SYNAGOGUE IN PITTSBURGH, PA**

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. mourns the lives that were lost at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh over this last Shabbat Weekend. We also want to mention Mr. Sylvan Simon and Mr. Melvin Wax, both of whom served in the military during the Korean War period. We cannot express our thanks to the courageous law enforcement officers who were wounded while protecting others. We wish all who were injured a complete Refuah Shleimah and a rapid return to health of mind and body.

To the members of Posts 181, 499, 718 and 785, know that the National Organization stands in solidarity with you. We hope and pray for the safety of your members and the entire Jewish Community of Pittsburgh and that senseless acts of violence of this kind cease to occur. May our G-d in Heaven grant peace to the United States of America, Israel and all mankind.

In the coming days we are working on reinforcing our commitment to the safety and security of our Jewish community in Pittsburgh, as well as our locations in the U.S. and worldwide. We were incredibly grateful to hear messages of support from our elected officials at all levels during this period of immense grief.

This deplorable assault on the Jewish community, be it in any city in the United States or the world requires an immediate response, and the Jewish War Veterans stands ready to support fellow Jewish communities whenever and wherever we can.

**About Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America**

Founded in 1896, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America is the oldest active, Congressionally chartered veterans' organization in America. JWV is dedicated to upholding America's democratic traditions and fighting bigotry, prejudice, injustice, and discrimination of all kinds. As a national organization, JWV represents the voice of America's Jewish veterans on issues related to veterans' benefits, foreign policy, and national security. JWV also commits itself to the assistance of oppressed Jews worldwide.

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