



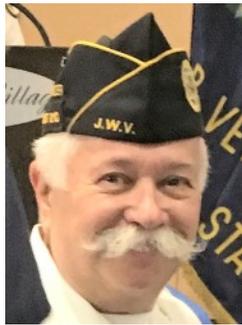
**JEWISH WAR VETERANS**  
of the United States of America  
Scottsdale, AZ Post 210  
October 2019 Newsletter



The November meeting will be **Sunday, the 17th**, 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 **Dr. Rodney Glassman** a practicing attorney, retired chairman & CEO of PetSmart, a Major in the United States Air Force JAG Corps Reserve and much more. **Hope you can attend.**

**COMMANDERS  
MESSAGE**



At our meeting in September, we had reminders of our past and future. We had representatives from Quilts of Valor present our Senior Vice Commander, Fred Lipovitch a quilt for his service in the Navy during the Viet Nam War era. Like Me, he served in Cuba and on board a ship instead of "in country" in Viet Nam.

We had our future represented by the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts we sponsor.

We had a good group of members attend this meeting. We would like more of our members to attend these functions in the future. I am sure our past commander, Rochel Hayman will arrange very interesting speakers for our future meetings.

Steven Troy mentioned our meeting with the ASU/NROTC group. This was as rewarding for us as it was for the 2 midshipmen who received the grants from Post 210.

A very special thank you to SVC Fred Lipovitch for his excellent leadership in conducting our October meeting. As most of you know, my youngest son just got married in Delaware. It was a great fun time for both our families.

שלום Michael Chambers, Commander Post 210

Our meeting began with SVC Fred Lipovitch have the Officer of the Day, David Woodland open the alter. We then Saluted the Colors, said the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag and our Chaplain, Jonathan Sorrell gave the

opening prayer.

Fred then had David Woodland introduce our guest speaker Bill Keim who was a member of the Merchant Marine during WWII. David began by saying that we are very fortunate to have a WWII Veteran with us. I call him junior because he is 2 months younger than I am at 94. Bill is a Veteran of the US Merchant Marine of which there is very little known. The people in the Merchant Marine were more heroic than almost anyone else in the service. Bill remembered that he spoke to us in October of 2016 and is very proud of the certificate we gave him making and honorary member of Post 210.

Bill went on to describe his time in the Merchant Marine. The Merchant Marine was formed because so much equipment and supplies were being manufactured in the US and was sitting in parking lots. The entire Merchant Marine was voluntary. Bill was from St. Louis and had never seen the ocean before, it was quite a shock. He spent 3 months training and learned to work on the engines. He was considered a civilian employee of the government and was paid only for the time he served on board a ship. He had to serve 36 months or he could be drafted. He was not entitled to the same benefits of regular soldiers. In between trips he had to pay his own way for room and board and if he spent more than 30 days off a ship he could wind up being drafted. The Liberty Ships Bill served on were all identical. They were built by 18 shipyards on the East Coast of the United States using similar techniques as an automobile assembly line. In the beginning it took 6 months to build a ship but towards the end of the war it was taking about 10 days. The ships were all 450 feet in length and could carry



about 10,000 tons of equipment, supplies and fuel and had a crew of 50. The engine was a 3 cylinder 76 RPM engine designed in 1874 and the ship had a range of 17,000 miles when full of fuel. It could make a round trip with no problem.

All of these items were needed for the war being fought in Europe. It took about 3 weeks to travel from the United States to England. In the beginning the ships traveled alone. Germany had about 1100 submarines and had about 400 in the North Atlantic, ships kept on being destroyed. A convoy system was developed with destroyer escorts, which our David Woodland served on, and more ships made it to its destination safely. The losses in ships and men lost were very high. Approximately 1600 ships were sunk and close to 85,000 lives lost. The position of the ships in the convoy determined your safety. When our ship got to its destination and was unloaded it was sent back for another load and would travel alone. The U-boats would generally ignore empty boats because there was no valuable cargo to destroy.

The battle for the North Atlantic lasted almost 5 years.

After the War in Europe was over Bill continued to serve on on similar ships in the Pacific.

Fred then thanked him for his great talk.

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Fred then began the regular part of the meeting with the **ADJUTANT'S REPORT**

Steven began by saying that Veteran's Day weekend is coming up. We will be collecting on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> thru Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>. Fred has supplies for those who need them. PLEASE make sure that you send me photos with captions.

Also on Veteran's Day we will be participating in the Veteran's Day Parade riding in a vehicle driven by a member of the Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club (AMVCC) with members of the other Department of the Southwest Posts and our Cub Scout Pack. Please contact Michael @ 623-256-0658

**Per Rochel** for more Veterans Day information see: "Spirit, Courage and Conviction: A Video Tour of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History"

Our November speaker will be Dr. Rodney Glassman a practicing attorney, retired chairman & CEO of PetSmart, a Major in the United States Air Force JAG Corps Reserve assigned to Eielson, Air Force Base up in Fairbanks, Alaska and lives with his wife and two young daughters in Phoenix.

December we will have our Chanukah party.

January 2020 our speaker will be Judge Rick Romley and for February It will be our old friend musician and composer Carlos Rausch.

Please check Facebook for our Post 210 web page.

No Quartermasters Report

No Old Business

It was brought up that Congress is trying to reinstate the compulsorily draft.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The JWV 33<sup>rd</sup> Mission to Israel last summer was a great success. It was not only for Jews but it was for the JWV to invite non-Jews to be our guests and learn about the Jewish War Veterans and about Israel.

2020 is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans and National is having a LOGO contest. See JWV.ORG for more details.

The JWV Museum left out, during the remodel, "Women in the Military". They are now looking for Women Veterans to send them their stories.

Don't forget the Challa Bake on November 14.

The Veteran's Day Poppy Drive is November 8<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Michael for supplies and DON'T forget to send Steven your pictures.

Our next meeting will be November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Officer of the Day then closed the Alter and the Chaplain gave the closing prayer;

We then Saluted the Colors.

Meeting over.

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### **WELFARE**

*Please don't forget Ahuva Chamber 623-256-1573 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 Jeanine 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)

Some Words of Wisdom

By  
David Woodland

ANALOGY

An analogy is mostly used and understood as a comparative. Freud considered an analogy never decides anything, but it gives us comfort from what we already know. The natural world which surrounds us is the constant target of analogy. Nature's laws, which have no repeal, revision, or veto, are the rules we must live by, ergo, accede only to analogy, the carrier of comparison. The mathematician can find analogies between theories and theorems. The nightly weatherman's analogies can only occur with nature's analogic of it's history. So, we can add history to the catalogue of analogy's comparative sources.

The human being's mind is of wide comparisons of analogies based on memory from habit, study, and conclusions. Memories are the bases of analogies, which can erode over time, leaving the possibilities of later errors from analogy, assumptions of mistaken facts.

Assuming that we have heard the flip definition of "assume", analogy must not rely on assumptions, and depend more on comparative qualities. Is this discourse any better than others.

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BEAUTY

Consider what are common thoughts, and even beliefs, of what we call beautiful. The evolving considerations are not universal. Right near the top is what we call art, often displayed, often dismayed, in formal settings to be viewed and rated by the viewers. If these mental opinions become verbal, discussion can accelerate from zero to a hundred in seconds. Some are of the opinion that perhaps art in any form, is created for just that purpose. If judged maturely, there could be truth to that opinion. "Art for art's sake" has long been quoted as the diversion to the divisive opinions.

Beauty comes in many forms other than being creations of painters, sculptors, authors, and such, but beauty can be found in a child's smile, the joy of family, a moral victory, and beholding truth over evil. Appreciate the beauty of nature as a gift for us to appreciate. In a clear and simple quote, Confucius tells us, "Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it".

Beauty is how you feel in what you behold, and not only a physical reaction. It may be one of wonder, disbelief, awakening, and certainly, appreciation. Whatever has been said to define beauty, can never be all that can be said. Beauty and memories are what

serves to help define the interminable content of well being.

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REMEMBER

Memories, sometimes good, sometimes not so. We tend to remember the times when not all went so well, but life changing events, maybe fewer in number, will of course outshine some unfortunate ones. Most of us continually strive to improve our lives by any means we can, so that we can make the here and know, where we are, gain the gift of the good memory. To characterize a good memory, it is the content, not how well we remember.

A memory is 100% nebulous, but many times feel so real. We too often get advice not to live in the past, although history is the great educator. Dreaming of the future will be based on memories of the past, reliving history if you will.

Memories are mirrors of today, reflecting events we may encounter again. Realize that once forgotten, they no longer exist. Remembering keeps the past alive, be it of good fortunate, or perhaps not. Those no longer with us appear in memories.

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A LITTLE HUMOR

My local movie theater was robbed of nearly \$10,000. The thieves got away with four large boxes of popcorn, three large sodas, two nachos and a box of candy.

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When I was a kid my parents would always say "excuse my French" after a swear word. I'll never forget that first day at school when the teacher asked if we knew any French.

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I once knew a one-armed fisherman. He had a terrible time telling you the size of the one that got away.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes!"

## FOOTBALL

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience. "Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents." Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?" "Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it, and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was, 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!' I'm like, hello? It's only 25 cents!"

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Just in case you were wondering....

Interesting miscellaneous stuff

50. The state of Massachusetts could fit inside Maricopa County (9,922 sq. Miles).

51. The westernmost battle of the Civil War was fought at Picacho Pass on April 15, 1862 near Picacho Peak in Pinal County.

52. There are 11.2 million acres of National Forest in Arizona, and one-fourth of the state forested.

53. Wyatt Earp was neither the town marshal nor the sheriff in Tombstone at the time of the shoot-out at the O.K. Corral. His brother Virgil was the town marshal.

54 On June 6, 1936, the first barrel of tequila produced in the United States rolled off the production line in Nogales, Arizona.

55. The Sonoran Desert is the most biologically diverse desert in North America.

56. Bisbee is the Nation's Southernmost mile-high city. 57. The two largest man-made lakes in

the U.S. are Lake Mead and Lake Powell, both located in Arizona.

58. The longest remaining intact section of Route 66 can be found in Arizona and runs from Seligman to Topock, a total of 157 unbroken miles.

60. The negotiations for Geronimo's final surrender took place in Skeleton Canyon, near present day Douglas, Arizona, in 1886.

61. Prescott, Arizona is home to the world's oldest rodeo, and Payson, Arizona is home to the world's oldest continuous rodeo, both of which date back to the 1880's.

62. Kartchner Caverns, near Benson, Arizona, is a massive limestone wet cave with 13,000 feet of passages, two rooms as long as football fields, and one of the world's longest soda straw stalactites: measuring 21 feet 3 inches.

63. You can carry a loaded firearm on your person; no permit required.

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### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 - Earl Geller

14 - Paul Agranoff

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9 - Millie Lichter

10 - Inez White

17 - David Hall

23 - Rick Kaplan

25 - Ruth LeGrand

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