



JEWISH WAR VETERANS  
of the United States of America  
Scottsdale, AZ Post 210  
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**ALL OF OUR IN PERSON ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED FOR THE  
FORSEEABLE FUTURE BECAUSE OF THE  
THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

**WE WILL BE HAVING A REGULAR VIRTUAL MEETING  
USING ZOOM AT 10 AM SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH.**

On Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> we will have a practice to make sure everyone can use Zoom.  
More information to follow.

**COMMANDER'S  
REPORT**



Did this pandemic start in January or March? It does not matter. We are all wearing our masks and socially distancing now. I miss seeing you and being with you.

***BE ASSURED, THIS TOO WILL PASS.***

Hopefully by next Rosh Hashanah, we will be able to resume our monthly meetings and we can greet each other again,

שלום Michael Chambers, Commander  
JWV Scottsdale Post 210

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT COVID 19**

As all of you can see we are still in a lock down. The Veteran's Home, where we meet, is still closed to most visitors. COVID 19 still very prevalent in Arizona, Maricopa County and the rest of the country.

COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person. Some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. We are still learning about how the virus spreads and the severity of illness it causes. How easily a virus spreads from person-to-person can vary. Some viruses are highly contagious, like measles, while other viruses do not spread as easily. Another factor is whether the spread is sustained, which means it goes from person-to-person without stopping.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading very easily and sustainability between people. Information from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic suggests that this virus is spreading more efficiently than influenza, but not as efficiently as measles, which is highly contagious. In general, the more closely a person interacts with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread.

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about how it spreads.

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. You can take steps to slow the spread.

- **Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others.**
- Maintain good **social distance** (at least 6 feet). This is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

As you get older, your risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases. For example, people in their 50s are at higher risk for severe illness than people in their 40s. Similarly, people in their 60s or 70s are, in general, at higher risk for severe illness than people in their 50s. The greatest risk for severe illness from COVID-19 is

among those aged 85 or older.

There are also other factors that can increase your risk for severe illness, such as having underlying medical conditions. By understanding the factors that put you at an increased risk, you can make decisions about what kind of precautions to take in your daily life.

It is especially important for people at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, and those who live with them, to protect themselves from getting COVID-19.

The best way to protect yourself and to help reduce the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 is to:

- Limit your interactions with other people as much as possible.
- Take precautions to prevent getting COVID-19 when you do interact with others.
- If you start feeling sick and think you may have COVID-19, get in touch with your healthcare provider within 24 hours

If you decide to engage in public activities, continue to protect yourself by practicing everyday preventive actions.

- Keep these items on hand and use them **when venturing out: a mask** (washed frequently), tissues, and a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, if possible.
- If possible, avoid others who are not wearing masks or ask others around you to wear masks.

In general, the more people you interact with, the more closely you interact with them, and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. So, think about:

- How many people will you interact with?
- Can you keep 6 feet of space between you and others?
- Will you be outdoors or indoors?
- What's the length of time that you will be interacting with people?
- Masks should be worn over the nose and mouth.
- Masks are especially important when it is difficult to stay at least 6 feet apart from others or when people are indoors to help protect each other.
- Masks may slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others

**Wearing a mask helps protect others in case you're infected, while others wear one to protect you should they be infected.**

- Everyone should *wash their hands for at least 20 seconds* at the beginning and end of the visit and whenever you think your hands may have become contaminated.
- If soap and water are not readily available, such as with outdoor visits or activities, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Remind guests to wash or sanitize their hands before serving or eating food.
- Use single-use hand towels or paper towels for drying hands so visitors do not share towels. Have a no-touch trash can available for guests to use.

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## A SHORT REPORT ON THE 125TH JWV NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 125<sup>th</sup> Jewish War Veterans National Convention was held August 23 - 28, 2020 virtually because of the COVID 19 pandemic. It was originally scheduled to be held in Jacksonville, Florida, however it was now a virtual convention using Startmeeting.com (similar to Zoom) and any member could attend. Rochel Hayman and Steven Troy represented Post 210 and Lou Kelter from Post 194.

Being that this was the first JWV Convention that I attended, said Steven Troy, I found it very interesting and informative. But during most of the breakout sessions different items were discussed and the voting to pass them was tabled until a face to face meeting could be held.

This being the first time a virtual convention was held, it seemed to flow very well. The daily schedule was posted early in the morning (7 AM) so plans could be made as to what to sit in and listen to. I did learn some about the politics of the JWV and how important some people really were in the scheme of things. The biggest thing that I missed was the camaraderie of in person meeting and getting to know the other JWV members.

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV) is pleased to announce it has elected **Jeff Sacks** (from Chicago) National Commander and **Alan Paley** as the First National Vice Commander during its 125th National Convention in August.



Jeff Sacks  
National Commander



Alan Paley  
1st JWV Vice Commander

### **WELFARE**

*Please don't forget **Ahuva Chambers 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.*

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

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)

## VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Chris May - 602-248-1571 - is a Veteran Benefits Counselor from the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services. If any veteran has problems, financial, physical, social, or psychological, Chris can help or assist you in getting the response to help. If he can not directly help you, he will get you the name and telephone number of someone who will help you.

### Some Words of Wisdom

By  
David Woodland

#### DREAMS AND DARES

"Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground..." Theodore Roosevelt, but watch where you are going! Running may be a key to some successes. Always run toward something with a positive result. Even running from something recognized as negative is running toward the positive. In any situation, choose the goal, and run toward it. The time it takes is called the difficulty.

Running, as the descriptive term used here, does not intend to indicate a rate of speed, but as a scale of of positive action, as in identification of the desired best way of action. Briefly, know where you are headed, always alert for a reason to turn away, maybe finding new facts which may alter the directions of consideration. Firm knowledge of your quest must cast out rash decisions.

Dreams are great, but watch the road.

#### RIGHT OR WRONG

If what I do is the right thing, does that make what you do wrong? Is there an absolute resolve that is applicable in every situation? Of course not. Right and wrong are not equals and opposites; Newton's Third Law does not apply. How can this be?

First of all, for every right, there is not a wrong. These factions share gradients. To try to assign any kind of judgement involves which side predominates, and who is the decider. A court of law is a formal setting given

more serious grievances, with a formal deciding judge or jury. In the informal situation, the final verdict could be anything from a black eye, or a handshake.

In the long run, who is right and who is wrong is seldom a fact, but in truth only pride, imagination, or some manner or retaliation. Somebody is to blame, usually the other one.

## A LITTLE HUMOR

### BAD JOKES

from Reader's Digest

#### Military

A drill sergeant chewed out one of his cadets. Then he smiled coyly and said, "I guess when I die you'll dance on my grave."

The cadet shakes his head. "Not me, Sarge. I promised myself that when I got out of the Army, I'd never stand in another line."

#### Musicians

A woman is on trial for beating up her unfaithful rock star husband with his guitar collection.

The judge asks her "First offender?" "No," she says. "First a Gibson, then a Fender."

#### Teacher

One of my wife's third grade students was wearing a Fitbit watch, which prompted my wife to ask, "Are you tracking your steps?"

"No," said the little girl. "I wear this for Mommy so she can show Daddy how far she walks."

### Could a...

- ...librarian be called a bookkeeper?
- ...referee be a game warden?
- ...dairyman be a cowboy?
- ...cabinetmaker be the president?

**Two guys** stole a calendar. They each got six months.

## BIRTHDAY'S

### September

- 10 - Earl Geller
- 14 - Paul Agranoff

### October

- 3 - Bella Kazan
- 25 - Robert Sutz

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*The Jewish War Veterans invites any qualified Veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States of America to become a Member in the oldest Veterans organization in the Nation!!!  
If you are not a qualified veteran, you can join as a Patron Donor and support the organization.*