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Thank you for the honor to assume command of the NJ-JWV
The Key words for my administration will be the 3 R's
RENEWAL REDEDICATE REACH OUT

The focus of my mission is RENEWAL. Until you renew your commitment to JWV, nothing else will work. The mission is getting each of you to rededicate yourself for the survival of JWV. Our organization will not continue to exist on wishful thinking. How do we keep a 113-year tradition from fading away? Your thoughts will help bring a new perspective to JWV. The time to think is now.

Renew your interest in JWV. Renew your participation. Rededicate yourself. Reach out to potential new members, New Veterans and Patron members who have an interest in and a dedication to work for JWV.

Your Department has a unique group of creative energetic, aggressive and committed leaders. Our immediate past commander Carl Singer, the tireless Bobby Cirkus, Alan Faulk, Larry Altersitz, Jack Mandel, Nelson Melitz, Harry Ettlenger, Henry Epstein, Richie Dvorin, Ed Salvage, Hal Kaplan, Charles Goldfarb, Richard Shipman, Harold Waitsman and the one and only Ben Roth. I will call upon them for their guidance, counsel and support.

My Chief of Staff, Arthur Seltzer will help me make our goals and aspirations reality. I look forward to working closely and diligently with my partner, Marcia Jacobs, Auxiliary president in establishing a collaborative that will develop a closer working relationship between our two groups. The ladies can play an integral part in our Renewal and Rededication of the survival of JWV.

Our Challenge is Membership. Revitalizing current members while reaching out for new members. How can we get new members? The challenge is to make meetings more meaningful by developing interesting programs and projects that will make our comrades want to come to meetings.

The department will organize and lead various activities that would be difficult for individual Posts to execute.

Our first project is the **Chai Testimonial Dinner-Dance** honoring Mr. JWV, PNC Robert Zwieman and Eric Spevak a Lifetime Patron member, the son of a veteran. As a fund raiser he contributed mightily for both the JWV and Active Military and has helped spotlight JWV'S public image

The dinner will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 18, 2009, at the Grand Marquis in Old Bridge NJ. It is incumbent upon every one of us to attend showing our appreciation for the unselfish, dedicated efforts of these 2 men. The strictly kosher event includes Cocktails, Dinner, and Dancing. Tickets are \$72 each and \$ 126 per couple.

The next event to put on your radar will be, for all to participate, a trip to Washington DC to visit the Memorials, tour the White House and visit our National Museum Of American Jewish Military History.

We will also consider changing our summer convention from weekend to mid week. . What are your thoughts on a location in NJ or a 3-4 day mid week cruise leaving from Bayonne. We would appreciate your comments.

Communications are a vital part of our organization. I have established a new office of Department Information Officer and have appointed PDC Robert Richter to project the image of JWV and bring each of you closer to the activities of your department.

In addition, with the help of PDC Carl Singer, we will establish a monthly Tele Conference between the Department and the Post Commander and Quartermaster. From the comfort of your home, we will be able to exchange ideas, problems and bring everyone closer to the events and happening within the State.

My Commander's project this year is the furnishing of a DAY ROOM at the new Wounded Warriors Center at Ft, Dix. Dix will once again become the largest training facility in the country, training personnel from all branches of the service. The Day Room will provide a high visibility of JWV in the eyes of active military and hopefully be a source for attracting new members to the fold. I am looking forward to every Post donating to the furnishings of this Day Room which will be dedicated as the **NJ- Jewish War Veterans Day Room**

Leading the great Department of NJ is an awesome responsibly and challenge. Together we can make our goals and aspirations a reality to keep NJ as the Greatest JWV State. Let's do it and Let's Do It NOW!

We Remember..... Then, Now, Always