

**Buffalo - Frontier Post 25
80th Anniversary
1929 - 2009**



**Jewish War Veterans of
The United States of America**



The great Bob Hope would end his program with a song! Thanks for the memory.: However this is only our 80th Anniversary and there are many more memories to be recorded. We are still a work in progress. As we celebrate let us review our history from the surviving records.

This biography (history) will be broken down in the following time spans:

- From inception of the Post until World War II, no records of Post activities exist.
- From World War II to about 1994, records exist that will enable us to construct a fairly accurate picture of Post activities.
- After 1994 we have the material to present a detailed record of Post activities.

At The Creation

In 1927, a Sol Feldman organized a Jewish War Veterans Post. He applied to National for a Post charter, which was not issued until 1929. Hence, we have the 80th Anniversary celebration in 2009.

The Post was first known as The Louis Marshall Post 25.

At one time there was another J.W.V. Post in Buffalo—Post 259. However their membership was small and could not compete with Post 25. They eventually merged into Post 25.

At this point I have to fast forward and relate how some very important records were discovered. When the Hertel Ave. building was sold in 1998, I was part of the cleanup crew. In the main hall, were two large wall plaques.

- One plaque contained the names of all Post Commanders and their years of service.
- The other plaque listed the names of 213 departed Post members.

Early History

When Post 25 received its charter in 1929, the honor roll of Commanders is as follows:

Harry Mackenberg	1929
Harry Gilson	1930
Henry Hoffman	1931
Morton Levy	1932
Louis Fink	1933
Max Helper	1934
Hyman Kahn	1935
DR Abraham Schultz	1936
William Scultz	1937
Sol Bleichfeld	1938
Fred I Kolber	1939
Theodore Schultz	1940
Perry Cohen	1941
William Mittleman	1942
Philip Shapiro	1943
Nate Raskin	1944
Jerome R Ellis	1943--1944
George Engel	1945
Jerome Dreufus	1945
Julius Himelfarb	1946
DR Reuben Cohen	1946
Philip Pohl	1947
Robert M. Koren	1947
Samuel Presser	1948, 49, 54, 55
Philip G. Kaye	1948
Lester Berzon	1949--1950
Allan L. Davis	1949
Joseph Mollen	1950
David Jadd	1950 1951
Meter J. Abgott	1951 1952
Larry Cohen	1952--1953 64, 65, 66
Harry Katz	1953--1954
Manfred Bloch	1955--1956
Fred Konokoff	1956--1957 - 1958
Walter Nussbaum	1959, 1967, 1968
Bernard Kushner	1959--1960
Ronald Cohen	1960--1961
Harry Hoffman	1961- --1962
Norman Dworkin	1962--12963
Leonard E. Korbrin	1963--1964, 66--67, 69, 70
Sidney O. Fishman	1968--1969, 70, 71, 72, 73
Charles Lombard	1973--1974, 1988--1989
Irwin Wharton	1975, 1978
Joel H. Ehrenreich	1975--1976
Lee Reich	1976--1977
Murray Shoot	1978--1979
Irving Robbins	1979--1980
Eli Rosenberg	1980--1981
Herman A. Weinstein	1981, 1982

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Sidney Josephson	1982—1983
Bertram C. Hoffman	1983—1984
Jack Goldfarb	1984—1985
Seymour Jaffey	1985—1986
Leonard E. Kobrin	1986—1987
Donald Klein	1987—1988
Sidney Hankin	1990—1991
Herb Falk	1991—1992
Max Stern	1992—1993—1994
Jack Raderman	1994—1995
Solomon Tananbaum	1995—1996
David Sadoff	1996—1999
Maurice Sands	2000—2006
Donald Barish	2007—2008
Peter Newberger	2009
Harold Meyers	2009—2010

Bertram Hoffman our current Quartermaster was Post Commander in 1983—1984. His father, Harry Hoffman was Commander in 1961—1962.

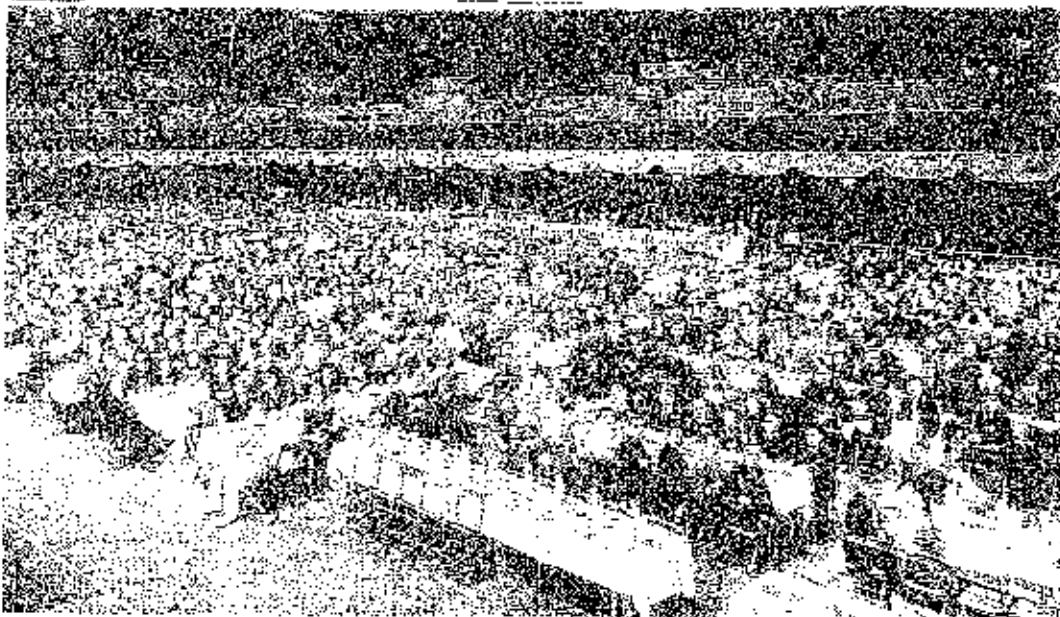
For most years of service as Post Commander we have,

Samuel Presser	1948, 1949, 1954—1955
Walter Nussbaum	1959, 1967, 1968
Leonard E. Kobrin	1963—1964, 1966—1967, 1969—1970
Sidney O. Fishman	1968, 1969, 1971—1973
Maurice Sands	2000—2006

I believe that prior to 1998 the term of service for Post Commander was one year. After that date the term of office was two years.

WORLD WAR II AND AFTER

A small number of news articles from the early 1900's to the 1970's survive. From this limited material we can visualize



substantial activity and achievement.

46th National Encampment
(Convention) held in Buffalo
on August 31, 1941

Jewish War Veterans in Buffalo hosted this encampment. Note that turnout.

The Search For Post 25 History

On September 28, 2003 I sat down with Walter Nussbaum and Herman Weinstein to record their post experiences. Mr Nussbaum joined the post in 1946 and Mr Weinstein in 1945. the entire interview session was published in the Buffalo Jewish Review on December 26, 2003. Their recollections were priceless. I will refer to these interviews again and again.

Where Did The Post Meet!

With the assistance of Mr. Nussbaum and other sources the Post occupied buildings at the following locations. No dates available. All are post World War II period.

1. Herkimer & Grant—This was a large building that the Post could not afford to maintain. The Post had to move to a smaller facility.
2. 576 Taunton Place— This smaller facility was destroyed by fire in the late 1950's.
3. Then for a time the meetings were held at Temple Sinai and other places.
4. During this period the (50's) I have a news item that the Post was meeting at 277 Linwood Ave. Now this was a commercial building where veterans posts rented meeting rooms. There were also facilities for special events such as luncheons, dinners dances, etc. The building was then acquired by the YMCA.

Then The Post moved to....

5. 1460 Hertel Ave This building was purchased on April 11, 1961. It was sold on September 4, 1998. More about the sale of this building later in this history.
6. After selling the Hertel Ave building, Post 25 began to meet at the V.F.W.—416 building at 18E. Spring Street.
7. In 2007 Post 25 moved to Temple Beth Am for their meeting facilities. Since the meeting place has become easily approachable, the number of members attending our general meetings has increased to an average of 25.

What About Fund Raising Programs After World War II

Walter Nussbaum (interview 09/28/2003)

“Slot machines, which were illegal at the time, were installed in the building at Herkimer & Grant. We also had a liquor bar. At the time, the gambling laws were not taken seriously. Then a new mayor (Frank A. Sedita) came into office in the 1950's and promised to enforce the gambling laws.

One Sunday morning I overheard a telephone call placed by a woman (undercover cop) calling her headquarters. She said, “ they are open, come and get em.” that was the end of the slot machines.

As a result of the gambling crackdown, we had to sell the building as we could not afford it.”

Then Walter Nussbaum and a Sidney Fishman raised the funds to start Bingo. The games were held at the Bai-Gen Bingo Hall at Bailey & Genesee. Not enough members were available to run the games. An arrangement was made with a local Synagogue to supply workers. In return, the Temple received a percentage of the winnings. I could not determine how long Bingo was in operation. Herman Weinstein recalled that Poppies were also sold to raise funds.

Memorial Day

For veterans Memorial Day is the most important day of the year. It is when we remember those who made the supreme sacrifice in defense of our country.

From the available records, we can infer that Post 25 always had an active, annual Memorial Day Observance program.

Here Is A News Item From May 25, 1969



May 23, 2008

Soldiers Plot Beth El Cemetery
Pine Hill



1997

L-R DAVID SADOFF, SID JOSEPHSON
TED SHAPIRO, HERMAN WEINSTEIN
Charles Lombard

“ Nearly 500 graves in five cemeteries will be decorated by the members of Frontier Post 25 Jewish War Veterans.

American Flags will be placed on graves at Pine Hill, Beth Jacob, Forest Lawn, Elmwood and White Chapel Cemeteries.

A memorial Service will be held at 10:30 AM in the “ Jewish Soldiers Plot, in the Pine Hill Cemetery.”

As the members aged, the Memorial Day Observance was primarily restricted to Soldier’s Plot at The Temple Beth El Cemetery. This time honored tradition is being continued today. In 2008 and 2009 The Jewish Boy Scout Troop # 95, led by Scout Master Dr Mark Finklestein has honored Post 25 and all our veterans with the laying of flags on the graves of the fallen.

The Veterans Plot was a section set aside for the burial of indigent veterans. The plaque, affixed to the flag-pole in this section reads as follows:

“Dedicated to the memory of the Jewish War Veterans of Erie County who Nobly Served their country. This plot is established by the County Of Erie in grateful acknowledgement of their honorable service.”

Dedicated May 30, 1935

Jewish Veterans graves from the Spanish-American War, World War II can be found here. This Veterans Plot is now the site for the annual Memorial Day Service held by Post 25.

A Special Memorial Day Event

4th Annual Installation Dinner

Friday, October 12, 1969

7:00 P.M.

1000 S. 10th St. (at 10th St.)
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4th Annual Installation Dinner

Friday, October 12, 1969

7:00 P.M.

1000 S. 10th St. (at 10th St.)
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4th Annual Installation Dinner

Friday, October 12, 1969

7:00 P.M.

1000 S. 10th St. (at 10th St.)
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Gabe Ferber a patron member of Post 25 is also a member of Kehillat Ohr Tzion in Amherst. Five years ago he instituted an Annual Veterans Shabbat held at this Synagogue. It takes place around Memorial Day.

Mr. Ferber has a special feeling for the Jewish War Veterans. During WW II his late mother was rescued by G. L.'s in Czechoslovakia. Our thanks to Gabe Ferber and the congregation for caring and remembering.

Searching For Historical Data

During the tenure as Commander, I repeatedly asked for historical data such as bulletins, newspaper articles, programs, etc. One member, Ben Friedman, answered my call. He turned over to me programs for several events from 1969 to 1984. We will now compare two programs.

- The 1969 program is the 40th Annual Installation Dinner
- The 1984 program is the Commander's Dinner

The contrast is striking. The 1969 Program - Note the extensive list of accomplishments there is Bingo for fund raising. Sponsored Boy Scout Troup No. 47. It is a great record of involvement in community affairs. Look at the Ladies Auxiliary - full slate of officers.

The 1984 Programs


I was sure the Post was active but only one name is listed for the Ladies Auxiliary.

According to Mrs. Sarah Weinstein

The Ladies Auxiliary phased out about 1983. The areas where the buildings were located changed. Over the years the volunteers were no longer there. At one time they were very active. When the V.A. Hospital held a Summer Carnival the Ladies Auxiliary supplied all the baked goods. They visited the West Seneca Rehab House to arrange social gatherings for patients.

Jewish War Veterans
 of the
 United States

Post No. 25
 COMMANDER'S DINNER



Sunday, October 12, 1984
 7:00 P.M.

4th Annual Installation Dinner

Friday, October 12, 1969

7:00 P.M.

1000 S. 10th St. (at 10th St.)
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POST OFFICERS 1968-70

Commander Sidney O. Fishman
 Sr. Vice Commander Max Pincus
 Jr. Vice Commander Sally Dimpas
 Adjutant Norman Dworkin
 Judge Advocate Bernard Kushner
 Surgeon Dr. Harold Kushner
 Quartermaster Fred I. Kolber
 Officer of the Day David Rothman
 Chaplain George Engel
 Trustees Ben Cohen, Walter Neukamp
 Lee Kohn, Harry Hoffman

AUXILIARY OFFICERS 1968-70

President Bessie Brothman
 Sr. Vice President Ann Pollard
 Jr. Vice President Sarah Beckman
 Treasurer Ledi Kolzin
 Rec. Secretary Carolyn Singer
 Chaplain Ada Lubick
 Conductress Fannie Ozon
 Patriotic Instructor Elizabeth Kohn
 Trustees Fannie Glan, Elizabeth Falkowitz
 Elizabeth Kalut

COMMITTEES

Chairman Sylvia Lauer
 Toastmaster Max Diamond
 Publicity Fred I. Kolber
 Auxiliary Bessie Brothman
 Tickets Norman Dworkin, Eugene Chertack
 Music Ben Cohen, Charlie Lumbard

THESE ARE LEGIBLE REPRINTS OF THE PROGRAMS ON PAGE 9.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR

- Annually plant wreath on Lincoln Memorial
- Volunteer Work at Veterans Hospitals:
 - 4th of July Party
 - Ender at Passover
 - Cakes and gifts for patients' birthdays
 - Participate at Christmas parties
 - Other volunteer work as occasion arises
- Participate at Servicemen's Hospitality Center at Airport
- Annually flag graves and hold memorial services at all local cemeteries
- Participate at all civic parades
- Hold services on Memorial Day at local temples
- Participate at all excursions of Jewish War Veterans programs
- Operate Bingo games for charitable purposes
- Monthly deliveries of books and magazines to hospital and old folks homes
- Sponsor of Boy Scout Troop No. 47
- Participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade

BUFFALO FRONTIER POST #26

JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF U.S.A.

41st

Annual Installation
 Dinner

Peace Bridge Motel

April 26, 1969



PROGRAM

- ✓ FLEDG TO THE FLAG At bookbinder
- ✓ INVOCATION George Engel
 Post Chaplain
- ✓ INTRODUCTION BY HEAD TABLE Max Diamond
 Toastmaster
- ✓ PRESENTATION TO
 AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT: PRESIDENT Bessie Brothman
 Auxiliary President

DINNER

- ✓ AUXILIARY INSTALLATION Violet Zimmerman
 Post Dept. Auxiliary President
 LEN 1523614
- ✓ POST INSTALLATION F. COE - Manfred-Blach
- ✓ POST PRESENTATION LEONARD R. KOHN
 National Deputy Chief of Staff
- ✓ RESPONSE Commander: Sidney O. Fishman
- ✓ HONORED GUEST SPEAKER Dr. Joseph Minnick
 Superintendent of Buffalo Schools
- HONORED GUEST SPEAKER Violet Zimmerman
 Post Dept. Auxiliary President
- REMARKS Sylvia Lauer
 General Dinner Chairman
- BENEDICTION Ada Lubick
 Auxiliary Chaplain

Mr. Nussbaum showed me a Post letterhead when he was Commander (59', 67', 68). It listed fifteen officers. I asked " were they all active." He smiled.

Walter Nussbaum—when he joined the Post in 1946, to the best of his memory had 200 members.

I can only surmise that during this period (1969—1984)

- Fund raising activities declined or ceased.
- Post members; were getting older more concerned with family so the number of volunteers declined.
- 10 Live! programs were turned over to me by Ben Friedman. Seven of these events were held at the Hertel Ave building.

The Hertel Ave building had a large kitchen with a commercial size oven, sinks, etc. The building may have been a small restaurant at one time. Our resident chef was Max Stern. He had his moment of fame in the sun.

This goes back some years. President Truman visited the base where Max was stationed Max had the honor of serving President Truman.

Please note.

UNDERSTAND THAT I MADE CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT POST ACTIVITIES. WITHOUT ADDITIONAL MATERIAL, IT IS THE BEST I CAN DO.

A Treasure Of Post History

I mentioned earlier that I found 1209 membership/personnel record cards. These cards were analyzed. The full record and original cards are in the B.E.C.H.S. Library and Archives.

Here are two highlights,

Wars Participated in as Jewish war Veterans Western New York

MEXICAN WAR	1846—1848	1
CIVIL WAR	1861—1865	4
SPANISH AMERICAN WAR	1898—1902	2
WORLD WAR I	1917—1918	379
WORLD WAR II	1941—1945	767
KOREA	1950—1953	29
VIETNAM	1962—1973	18
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Note:

This is not a complete record. Not all veterans joined veterans organizations.

Some cards are reproduced for you.

NAME KORNIEFF, ALBA **COUNTRY** Poland **03**

NAME AND ORGANIZATION 1st Lt. Harry H. 1234th Field Art. Bn. **Branch**

ENLISTED July, 1917 **Buffalo, N.Y.** **DISCHARGED** KIA May, 1918

POST OR CAMP 104th Platoon **282**

POST OR CAMP **DOWN** 4/30/18

POST OR CAMP **DIED** Buffalo, N.Y. **1918**

POST OR CAMP **BURIED** 3/10/39

RELATIVES Father: Solomon I. Kornieff 173 North St. Buffalo, N.Y.

NAME AND ORGANIZATION Captain G. 1st Lt. Harry H. **Branch**

KILLED 4-30-18 **DISCHARGED** KIA 5-10-18 **Location**

POST OR CAMP **DOWN** 4-30-18

POST OR CAMP **DIED** Buffalo, N.Y. **1918**

POST OR CAMP **BURIED** 3/10/39

NAME **COUNTRY** Bath **MI**

NAME AND ORGANIZATION **Branch**

ENLISTED **DISCHARGED** **Location**

BORN 2/20/1919

DIED 12/25/1918

BURIED 7/11/1940

RELATIVES Father: **Branch**

NAME AND PLACE OF BIRTH **Branch**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN **Branch**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **Branch**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SERVICE **Branch**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **Branch**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SERVICE **Branch**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **Branch**

LAST NAME **FIRST** **MIDDLE** **ADDRESS** **CITY** **STATE**

NAME AND PLACE OF BIRTH **Branch**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN **Branch**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **Branch**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SERVICE **Branch**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **Branch**

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POST OR CAMP **DIED** **Branch**

POST OR CAMP **BURIED** **Branch**

RELATIVES **Branch**

Killed In Action or Died in Service*

WORLD WAR I	13
WORLD WAR II	23
KOREA	1
VIETNAM	1

39

Note: Again this is not a complete record. Not all veterans joined veterans organizations.

Here I would like to mention a special veteran,


MARCUS FLINTROWITZ - enlisted in Buffalo serving in the first U.S. Artillery Regiment in the Mexican War (1846 - 1848). He lost a leg at the Battle of Contreras (1847). He was one of the fifty known Jewish Veterans of the War. On his marker in the old Temple Beth Zion Cemetery at Pine Hill we read, " A veteran soldier of the Mexican War."

After 1995

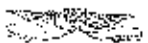
There is now much more material available on Post activities after this date. We have Post Bulletins, program brochures and many newspapers and magazine articles. Some Events, I will cover in some detail - other will be noted for the historical record.

100th Anniversary of The J.W.V. 1896 - 1996

From 50
March 12, 1896



Continued Luncheon
Sunday, March 24, 1996
11:30 a.m.






Luncheon

Patron - Solomon Tanenbaum
 Commander Post 25
 Invited by - Robert Berlin-Hodberg
 Benefactor - Theresa, Post 25
 Inauguration - Honorable Eric
 Vice-Commander
 Post 25

Speakers

Dennis T. Gorski - Erie County
 Executive
 Anthony M. Masiello - Mayor of Buffalo
 Maurice T. B. B. - American Legion
 Post National Commander
 Jerry Berlin - Colonel (Retired)
 Maurice B. B. - Vice-Commander Post 25



Left to right: Cutting the 100th Anniversary cake - Dennis T. Gorski, Erie County executive; Anthony M. Masiello, Mayor of Buffalo; Solomon Tanenbaum, Post 25 Commander; Maurice B. B., Junior Vice-Comdr., program Chairman.

This luncheon was held in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the J.W.V. It took place at 1460 Hertel Ave. It was one of the most successful events I can remember.

- Over 125 people attended
- Proclamations were issued by Erie County, City of Buffalo, Erie County Legislature and Veterans Administration.

The publicity was outstanding.

- J.W.V. Beacon, May 1996, 1 1/2 pages
- Buffalo Jewish Review April 5, 1996, full page
- Buffalo News March 5, 1996 1/4 page - Bob Curran
- Amherst Bee March 6, 1996 1/4 page

The program is reprinted for you. Note that both Erie County Executive, Dennis T. Gorski and Buffalo Mayor Anthony M. Masiello attended.

The Nineties

The nineties seemed to have been a trying time for the Post. The problem was finances. With no fund - raising, the Hertel Avenue building became a drain on Post finances. Volunteers were too few to maintain the building. Something had to be done.

A financial analysis for the year 1995 showed that the Post operating expenses exceeded income by \$6,300. At that rate, the Post would have ceased to exist in a few years.

A letter dated August 9, 1996 sent to members announced the proposed sale of the building. The members were asked to vote on the proposal. The results were,

Total Replies	92	100%
Yes - to sell Building	86	93.5%
No	4	4.3%
Abstain	2	2.2%

On September 4, 1998, the building was sold.

The Post than began to meet at the VFW - Post 416 building at East Spring St., Williamsville. At the end of 2006, the Post began meeting at Temple Beth Am.

~~As part of the activities, National Cmdr Fred S. Harris placed a wreath on the Ararat cornerstone in the B.E.C.H.S.~~

Life Membership

In mid - 2000, Post 25 approved the funding of Life Membership for all Veteran members in good standing at that time. Ninety (90) Post veteran members received certificates of Life Membership from National Headquarters of the J.W.V. This program added a measure of stability and confidence in The Post and its' members.

A New Era - After Hertel Ave

As the Post settled in their new meeting site (VFW - 416) programs and activities increased,

- Post Bulletins were issued every three months. They were fully detailed. A complete set of these bulletins is in the Historical Society archives.
- All of our activities during this period were covered by articles in The Beacon (Dept. N. Y. newspaper), The Veteran (National J.W.V. Magazine.) and especially The Buffalo Jewish Review.

This printed record would not exist without the encouragement and cooperation of Mrs. Rita Weiss, editor of The Buffalo Jewish Review. You see, her father, Harry J. Schaeffer served in France during W.W.I. He was a National Vice Commander of the J.W.V. and the State Department Cmdr. in Michigan. As a result, Mrs. Rita Weiss has a special feeling for the Jewish War Veteran Organization. Thank you, Mrs. Weiss and the Buffalo Jewish Review.

I will now highlight the various activities of Post 25 during this period.

The Veterans Hospital, Bailey Avenue

Veterans groups give top priority to veteran's Hospitals with their support and volunteer programs. For Post 25 it is the Veterans Hospital on Bailey Avenue.

- Members attend special events such as The Four Chaplains, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Veterans Day, etc.

- Post 25, for many years presented a 'Person of The Year' award plaque to a person selected by the hospital staff. This program was discontinued several years ago.
- Post 25 contributed funds for the refreshment costs of special events noted above.
- In 2007-2008 Post 25 donated \$1500 to the Veteran Hospital Physical Therapy Department for new equipment.

Fund Raising Efforts For The VA Hospital

Around the years 2002 - 2005 we had fund-raising campaigns aimed at local banks. Contributions were received from Key Bank - Fleet Bank - HSBC - First Niagara. Wal-Mart also made a contribution. Special donations were also received from the following:

- Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies of \$500 in honor of Morris Markel, a great friend, proud Veteran - 2005.
- The Safren's sent in a donation of \$118 in memory of Benny Sultanik (04)
- Janet Kafka & Associates, a donation of \$100 in memory of Marvin Laufer.
- Judge Angelo P. Tona (Hamburg) made two donations in 2003 and 2005 of \$500 for each year. More about Judge Tona later.

These fund raising efforts made possible the following equipment for the V.A. Hospital

- Wheel Chairs
- Clinical Model Exercisers
- Special Cabinet for Occupational Therapy Department
- Remote Control TVs

Facing Page Photos:

Photo I. Natc Pritikin (L) and Herman Weinstein (R) with Exercise machine.

Photo II. Herman Weinstein with equipment for the Physical Therapy Department.

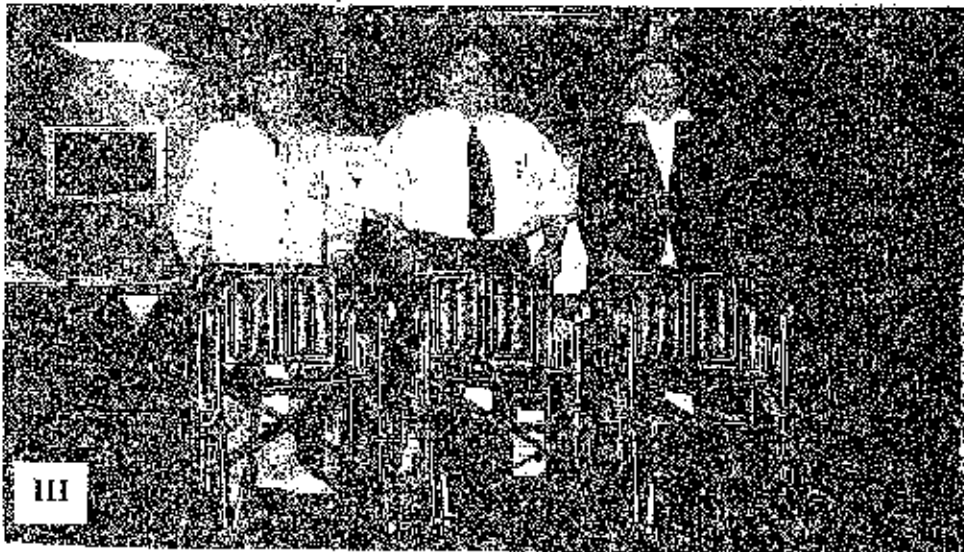
Photo III Wheel chairs for the V.A. Hospital. Herman Weinstein (L). William F. Freckley (M), Hospital Director, Maurice Sands (R). Years - (2001 - 2002)

The VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service) is the largest volunteer program in the Federal Government. More than 350 national and community organizations support VAVS.

Buffalo - Frontier Post 25 also has a group of dedicated volunteers (past and present). I could only go back to 1999 for this data.

Saul Tananbaum	17,382 hours
Herman Weinstein	7,903 hours
Sidney Burger	2,979 hours
Nathan Pritikin	2,742 hours
Gordon Mittleman	1,743 hours
Abe Weinstein	1,108 hours
Max Stern	550 hours
Charles Lombard	194 hours
Donald Barish	33 hours

*Note: These hours may be on the low side. Volunteers may on occasion neglect to register their hours of service.



Funded by
 Post 25
 FOR V.A
 HOSPITAL



A Special Honor - Yom Hashoah

On Sunday, May 8, 2005 at the Holocaust Remembrance Service at the Jewish Center, The Jewish Veteran received a special honor. Cmdr. Sands was selected to be one of The Memorial Candle Lighters.

9/11 Amherst Memorial Grove

In memory of 9/11 Amherst dedicated a Memorial Grove consisting of a Sculpture and Plaque surrounded by a grove of trees. Post 25 funded a tree with a plaque which reads.

Remember 9/11
 Buffalo Frontier Post 25
 Jewish War Veterans, U.S.A.

School Essay Contest Programs

A number of essay contests were held at schools in the Buffalo area. Topics were academic excellence and Olympiad Memorial Remembrance. These programs took place from 1996 through 2002.

The schools...

- City Honors High School
- High School of Jewish Studies
- Williamsville South High School
- Sweet Home High School

Awards for winners - U.S. Savings Bond.

Western District Council

Buffalo - Frontier Post 25 has always been a member of the Western District Council which consists of three posts. In addition to Post 25, the other members are

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| Post 131 | Syracuse |
| Post 41 | Rochester |

The Council holds annual meetings in Rochester.

West Point Chapel

Post 25 sponsored and funded an Oneg Shabbat at the Jewish Cadet Chapel at West Point. The date... Friday March 28, 2003.

Post 25 Memorial Plaques

Two large memorial plaques were funded, one hangs in the Lobby of the Veterans Hospital, Bailey Avenue. The other is in the Naval Serviceman's Park.

A small 100th Anniversary plaque was presented to the Jewish Community Center, North Forest Road (1996) There may be others.

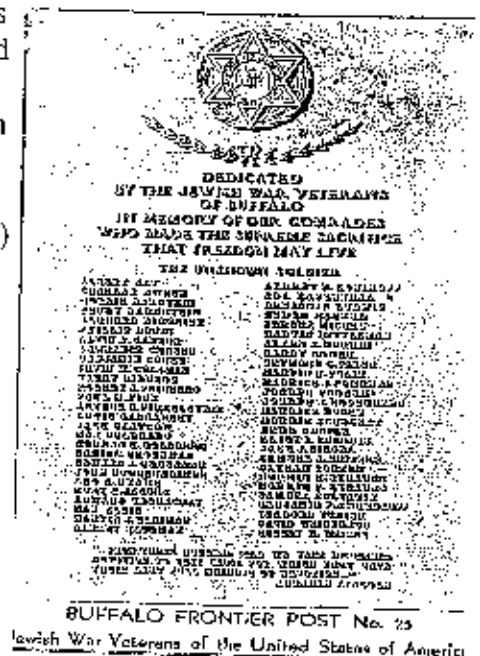
There is also a picture of a plaque, listing Fifty-four names of Jewish War Veterans who made the supreme sacrifice. No date is shown and do not know where it is.

Post Monetary Contributions

Over the years monetary contributions were made to many worthy causes and institutions.

National Museum of American Jewish Military History

- United Jewish Appeal
- Department of New York (J.W.V.)
- Jewish Chaplains Fund
- Welcome kits for new patients at V.A. Hospital
- S.O.S. (support our troops)
- Kits to be sent to troops overseas.
- This is a J.W.V. National program
- And many others



100th J.W.V. Anniversary Special Post 25 Program

Around 1996, National Headquarters published a special handsome two-volume set on The history of the organization.

Copies were donated to

- Amherst Public Library, Main Branch
- Main Buffalo library
- Temple Beth Am
- Temple Beth El
- Temple Beth Zion
- Temple Shaarey Zedek
- Temple Sinai
- Milton Plesner Memorial Library
- Navel Serviceman's Park

Special Breakfast Meetings, Luncheon & Dinner Events - A Sampling

Luncheons

July 31, 2005 - Randall Kramer, Musical Fair Theater

November 13, 2005 - Steve Banko, Decorated Vietnam Veteran

May 18, 2006 - Mr. Oscar Adler, Canadian Jewish War Veterans.
Presented large stele of 26 Jewish Americans who died fighting for the Canadian Armed forces in WW II.
The stele is now at the Historical Society.

July 30, 2006 - Dr. Stuart Fishman commentator on Israel Affairs

December 14, 2007 - BPO Luncheon and Holiday Concert

2001 - 2009 **Bi-Annual Installation Luncheon or Dinner Held**

Breakfast Meeting

October 28, 2007 Big Band & Breakfast - Millennium Hotel , Just for fun, and camaraderie.

December 16, 2007 NYS Commander Sam Lutvak Speaker at Post 25 General Meeting. Sam spoke about similarities and differences in Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo Posts and what special events he has been a party to.

July 20, 2008 National Commander Larry Schulman shared his amazing travels and experiences as National Commander and swore in our newest members at Post 25 General Meeting

September 21, 2008 Speaker Past Commander Maurice Sands - "How a Romanian was drafted into U.S. Military and obtained an official detailed history of his unit, 1262. Engineer Combat Battalion."

July 19, 2009 Comrade Bernie Redlich shared his slide presentation of reality in Israel's' West Bank, (Gaza and surrounding area), at Post 25 General Meeting.

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Special Dinner - Theatre Events

All were with Musical Fare Theater.

- 2001 - My Way - Songs of Frank Sinatra
- 2003 - Life and Times of Al Joison
- 2004 - Change Partners - Fred Astaire

Dinner Events

- April, 2007 Holiday Inn - Special presentation by Frank Gubala, recognized Military Coin Expert.
- April 5, 2008 Salvatore's Italian Gardens, BPO, Peter Nero Special Speaker, National Commander Larry Schulman
- August 10, 2008 Westwood Country Club Special speaker - Ralph Sirianni, National Artist Designer of veterans monuments and Courtroom Artist, his renderings led to the capture of "Bike Path Rapist."
- April 19, 2009 Fairdale Banquet Center. In honor of new slate of officers.

Award - Winning Membership Drive

In 2003 Post 25 began an intensive membership drive. The kickoff was a full page spread in the Buffalo Jewish Review.

The theme was Bill Mauldin's Willie & Joe characters from World war II. The Department of New York awarded Post 25 a Certificate of Merit It read, (Left)



Certificate of Merit - First Place (Category 100 - 300 members) dated, June 19, 2004

In 2008 Commander Don Barish began asking people why they never joined the JWV. He was told they were never asked, most said what do I have to do to become a member, and were given the application. This simple action was rewarded by another certificate (Below).

Certificate of Merit - First Place (Category 100 - 150 members) dated, June 21, 2008 (Right)

**Not to worry,
Willie and Joe!**

*The figures are
the drawing
of Bill Mauldin*

Become a member of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. Founded in 1896, this is the oldest active veterans organization. This organization is devoted to recording, preserving and retelling the contributions of the Jewish Willies and Joes.

Keep the memory alive!
If WEEDER'S Commanders, join WILLIE

For information on the Buffalo - Premier Post 25, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., contact: Marilee Sattels, Commandeer, A. 632-7419 or write to her at 8 N. Spring Street, #41, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221.



Veterans Day

In addition to Veterans Day Luncheons, we also had special programs.

For three successive years 2002 - 2003 - 2004, the Buffalo Jewish Review ran full pages with photos - bios of Post members. The three pages contained the bios of thirty - three (33) veterans. Thank You - B.J.R.!

If someone wanted to know what American Jews did during World War II these three pages tell the story. They served - fought and many died. Here are a few...

Captain Sidney Cohen
8th Air Force
Flew on first raid over Berlin

Melvin H. Jacobs
Air Force
Only survivor of military transport
plane crash in Tibet carrying 35 servicemen

Lt. Marvin Laufer
8th Air Force
Bailed out three times

Lt. Morris L. Markel
English - European Theater
Radar - Night Fighting - Blind Bombing.
Ground operation of special secret equipment

Lt. Col. Charles R. Sandler
11 Armored Division
Went from enlisted man to Lt. Col.
Served in administration of death camps.

For several years the Post participated in Veterans Day programs presented by Kadimah School. They took place at the Jewish Federation Housing. One program took place in 1999. At that time a large number of Russian World War II Veterans were residents in the complex. They were invited to attend and were honored for their contributions to the defeat of the Nazis. I believe Post 25 presented five special Oneg Shabbat programs to remember Veterans Day and Kristallnacht. Both events occur during the same week.

- Temple Beth Am November 10, 1995 - Rabbi Steven S. Mason
Remembering World War II - 50 years later.
- Temple Beth Am November 7, 1997 - Rabbi Michael L. Fishbach
Remembrance of Veterans Day and Kristallnacht.
- Temple Beth Am November 12, 1999 - Rabbi Michael L. Fishbach
Remembering Veterans day and Kristallnacht.
- Temple Beth Am December 1, 2000 - Rabbi Michael L. Fishbach
Remembering Veterans Day and Kristallnacht. The program was a song recital by Cantor Barbara Ostfeld and Michael Leff, Cantorial assistant.
- Temple Beth Am - November 9, 2001 - Rabbi Ron R. Herstik
Remembering Veterans Day and Kristallnacht.
- Temple Beth Am - November 20, 2009 - Rabbi Irwin A. Tanenbaum D.D. and Cantor Sharon Eve Colbert
Remembering Veterans Day and Kristallnacht.

Two Special Human Interest Stories

Judge Angelo P. Tona (Hamburg)

In early 2003, we received a phone call from a Judge Angelo P. Tona. He wanted to know if the Jewish War veterans Post was still active. He wanted to see me and give me a newspaper article from 1951. We met and he gave me the article.

At that time there were three non-Jewish patients in the Naval Hospital in St. Albans, Queens, New York. Meyer J. Agott was the post Commander at that time. The three patients were from Buffalo one of whom was Judge Tona. They were brought home for the Easter Holidays by the Jewish War Veterans - all expenses paid. This was part of the Department of New York Brotherhood program which originated in Buffalo.

Judge Tona never forgot and said 'Thank you' in person at our November 11, 2003 Luncheon. In addition, he gave us a sizable donation (\$500) which was used to purchase equipment for the V.A. Hospital. In 2005 he gave us another donation of \$500 with a note, "I got a big kick out of seeing our wheelchairs at the V.A. Hospital"

Note: All equipment bought with Post and donor funds has a plate affixed with names of donors.

A Special Event Western New York Teaching Parents, April 14, 2004

Post 25 was still meeting at the VFW - Post 416 building. A newly formed Shalom Baptist Church also met there. When our meetings were held during the Thanksgiving period, Church members brought us apples and oranges. They wanted to say Thank you for our service. There was a group 'The Western New York Teaching Parents. I believe they were affiliated with the Shalom Baptist Church. They were a 'home schooling' group. They asked us to present a program on the history of the J.W.V. and experiences of its members. The event was held at the VFW 416 building. Here are some highlights of the presentation,

* Harry Taub

Retired after many years with the Buffalo Philharmonic served with the 2nd Infantry Division (1942 - 1945). Fought across Europe and when ready to go home was only one of two G.I.'s surviving of the original roster. at Le Harve, waiting to go home, he engraved on his mess cup every battle site experienced by his company. That cup was more telling than a thousand words.

Morris Brownstein

Related his experiences with the Big Red One Infantry Division.

Bill Schwartz

Spoke movingly of his experiences in the Battle of The Bulge. After being wounded, he was evacuated. A half-hour later his unit was overrun by the attacking German Army.

A great program. I wish we could have done many more of them.

For me this biography (memoir) ends in 2006. I leave it to other veterans to...

* To write the many more chapters to come.

* If possible, with a great deal of research, fill in the blank spaces.

To all the Jewish War Veterans in Western New York,

“Ask Not What Post 25 Can Do For You But What You Can Do For Post 25”

I conclude with a poem by Archibald MacLeish (1892 - 1982)

ARCHIBALD MACLEISH
(1892 - 1982)

The Young Dead Soldiers

The young dead soldiers do not speak.

Nevertheless, they are heard in the still houses: who has not heard them?

They have a silence that speaks for them at night and when the clock counts.

They say: We were young. We have died. Remember us.

They say: We have done what we could but until it is finished it is not done.

They say: We have given our lives but until it is finished no one can know what our lives gave.

They say: Our deaths are not ours; they are yours; they will mean what you make them.

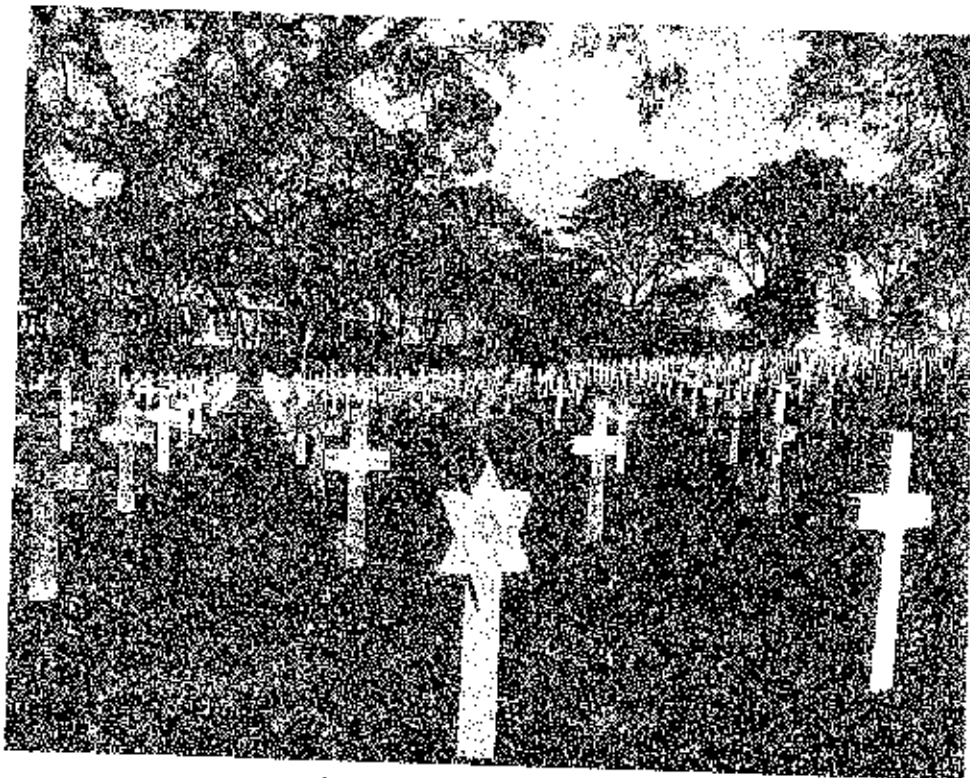
They say: Whether our lives and our deaths were for peace and a new hope or for nothing we cannot say; it is you who must say this.

They say: We leave you our deaths. Give them their meaning.

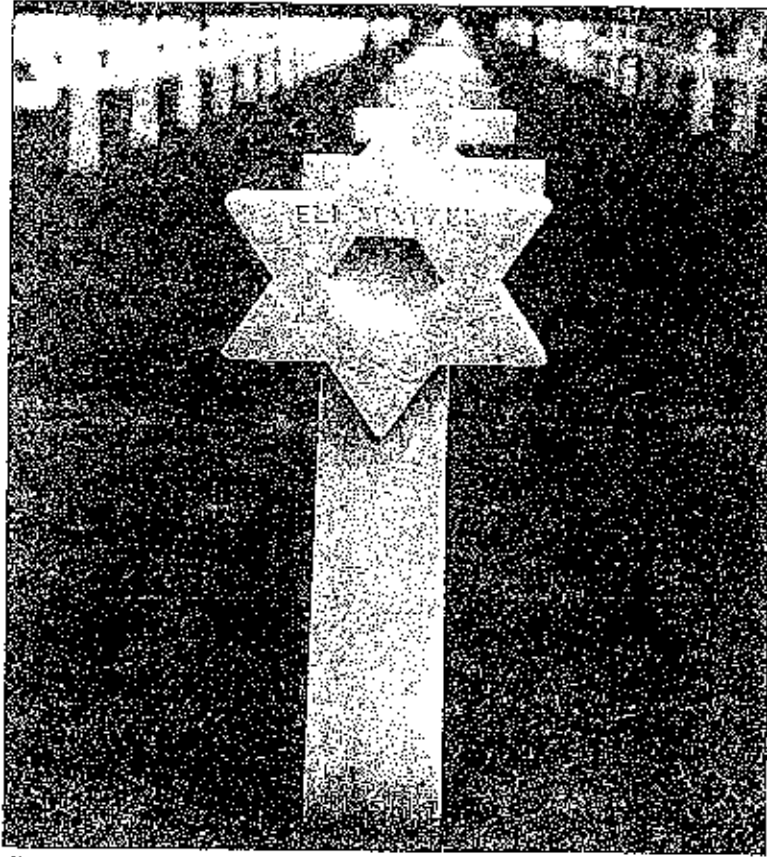
We were young, they say. We have died. Remember us.



Somme WWI
Cemetery & Memorial
Aise, France



Manilla American Cemetery
Manilla, Republic of the Philippines



To preserve our nation and all the freedoms we hold dear, Americans of all races and religions made the ultimate sacrifice. Over 11,000 Jewish soldiers gave their lives in World War II. Many are buried in national cemeteries throughout Europe and the United States.

