

# *Pittsburgh* *Post 49*

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



*1932*  
*1982*

## Our honored guest . . .



**STANLEY N. ZWAIK**  
*National Commander*

Stanley N. Zwaik of New York City has been unanimously elected National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. at the organization's 87th Annual Convention at the Concord Resort Hotel, Lake Kiamesha, New York.

In his acceptance of the leadership of JWV, Commander Zwaik declared, "JWV cannot rest on the laurels of its many past achievements, but must give new meaning and spirit to its name — as Americans, as Jews, and as veterans."

A practicing New York City attorney, specializing in immigration and nationality law, Stanley Zwaik has been an active member of JWV since 1946. His many leadership roles in JWV include: Queens County Commander (1956-57), New York State Commander (1968-69), National Judge Advocate (1976-79) and National Program Chairman (1981-82). As JWV Action Chairman for the Department of New York, Zwaik led the New York delegation in demonstrating against French Premier Pompidou and in boycotts of French goods when the French refused to fulfill their contracts to sell Mirage planes to Israel. He was voted JWV's outstanding Department Commander at the National Convention in 1969.

Stanley Zwaik's military service was marked by two years of duty in the South Pacific as part of the 801st Military Police Battalion. He became the Battalion's commander in July 1945 and was in Manila preparing for the invasion of Japan when the war ended. He then joined the active reserves, retiring in 1964 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

A graduate of New York University and New York University School of Law, Zwaik's professional associations include membership in the New York State Bar Association, New York County Lawyers Association, and the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He has also served on the Board of Trustees of the Holliswood Jewish Center.

He and his wife, Anne, have been married 34 years; they have two married daughters and four grandchildren.

**The "Patriotic Voice of American Jewry"  
The Oldest Active Veterans' Organization in the U.S.A.**

*This evening of elegance affirms our dedication to the members of Pittsburgh Post No. 49 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America for their 50 years of service to the veteran, community and nation.*

# Fifty Years of a Golden Post

by Harry Segall, Past Commander, Post 49

The year 1932 is one that we of the Jewish faith remember with sadness, for it was the very time when our people were being engulfed with the scourge that was to envelop the world: Nazi Germany. And perhaps it was appropriate, almost poetic, that in October of that year a petition was presented to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, proclaiming the formation of Pittsburgh Post 49 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, a post that was to become a defender of values our people hold dear.

The incorporators of our post whose names and signatures appear in the Charter that was granted we remember tonight, the Golden Anniversary of their dream: Harry Schaffer, William Unger, Joseph B. Cohen, Harry Seiner, Louis Goodman, Bennie R. Neaman, Samuel Tanur, Israel Rogal, and Fred Katz.

To these gentlemen, our mentors, we owe our existence; to these gentlemen, now all gone to their eternal rest, we pray our heartfelt gratitude and deepest respect.

They persevered, gave of their time and substance, sacrificed in building our post into one of the foremost in the United States. Initially, they engaged in a program of boycotting the evil of fascism. Later they became a driving force in the religious and secular communities of Pittsburgh. They gave the post financial and moral stability as they actively pursued hundreds of programs that brought recognition of the post in all echelons of government, community endeavors, and from the National organization. All this was wrapped up in dedication to humanitarian service, anywhere that service was needed.

Later the torch was passed to other dedicated JWV workers, who continued the work, expanded it, modified it, and also brought honor to the post. To this day the post remains devoted to the goals stated in its charter: "To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America . . . to combat whatever tends to impair the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions; to encourage the doctrine of universal liberty, equal rights, and full justice to all men; to combat the powers of bigotry . . . to uphold the fair name of the Jew and fight his battles wherever assailed to . . . keep alive the spirit of comradeship among men of the Jewish faith who fought in the various wars . . . and to assist these men and their families as may stand in need of help . . . to instill love of country and flag in its youth . . . to gather and preserve the records of patriotic service performed by the men of its faith; and to honor their memory and shield from neglect the graves of its heroic dead."

And Post 49 has remained dedicated to the accomplishment of these stated objectives. Hundreds of gravesites have been decorated, have been shielded from neglect; hospital patients have been visited, given encouragement, even when deserted by their families; the sick and infirm have been tended to; the indigent have been given refuge; programs for our youth have been initiated; presentation of American flags to schools in the Pittsburgh School District and to Jewish private schools; hundreds of honorariums have been presented to graduating seniors of these schools; school auditorium assemblies have been addressed; a drum and bugle corps was organized by our early members in which their sons and daughters participated; numerous celebrities brought entertainment to thousands in an annual "Parade of Stars," the post using that vehicle to raise funds to increase and maintain their service. And we are doubly concerned about our co-religionists in the State of Israel. Our pledge to support Israel is sacred.

Among the post's greatest achievement was its program designed to promote good will among all segments of our population. Long before brotherhood became a popular catchword, Post 49 instituted its Goodwill Dinner, which took place thirty-three consecutive years. It was to bring the post recognition as the finest attempt to bring all men together, to understand themselves as united members of the human race despite differences in race, religion, or place of origin. Distinguished members of the community were honored at these affairs through the years. Thousands attended; thousands got the message because a post of Jewish veterans thought it was important that men live together in peace.

The above, and much more, tells the story of a post that is celebrating its Golden Year. It is clear that we have done our best to follow the purposes for which the post was founded. We still continue to do so. We will never forget. And perhaps our noblest purpose should be: Let us strive with all our strength that one day — greater than any celebration or recognition — will be the day when veteran organizations will be an anachronism, a relic of the past. That will be the day when we will indeed not "know war anymore," when young men will never again be eligible to be called war veterans.

## County of Allegheny



Board of County Commissioners

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### Resolution

WHEREAS, the People and Government of Allegheny County always have sought to recognize the sacrifice and contribution of veterans who have served our Nation with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we salute the men and women who have answered their Country's call in time of emergency and who have fought on foreign lands to halt tyranny and attempts to suppress human rights; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America for more than eight decades has been an organization comprised of members of the American Armed Forces who have fought valiantly that all peoples may enjoy the air of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Post Number 49 Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A. for half a century has served widows and orphans, wounded and ailing veterans at local VA Medical Centers, honored community leaders, and has participated in countless community functions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of County Commissioners does hereby commend the Post upon its 50th Anniversary and for serving the needs of veterans, their families and the community through its varied services, and we proclaim the week of October 18 through 23, 1982, "Pittsburgh Post Number 49 Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A. Week," and may the members continue their patriotic and humanitarian endeavors.

RESOLVED and ENACTED this

14th day of October, 1982

COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY

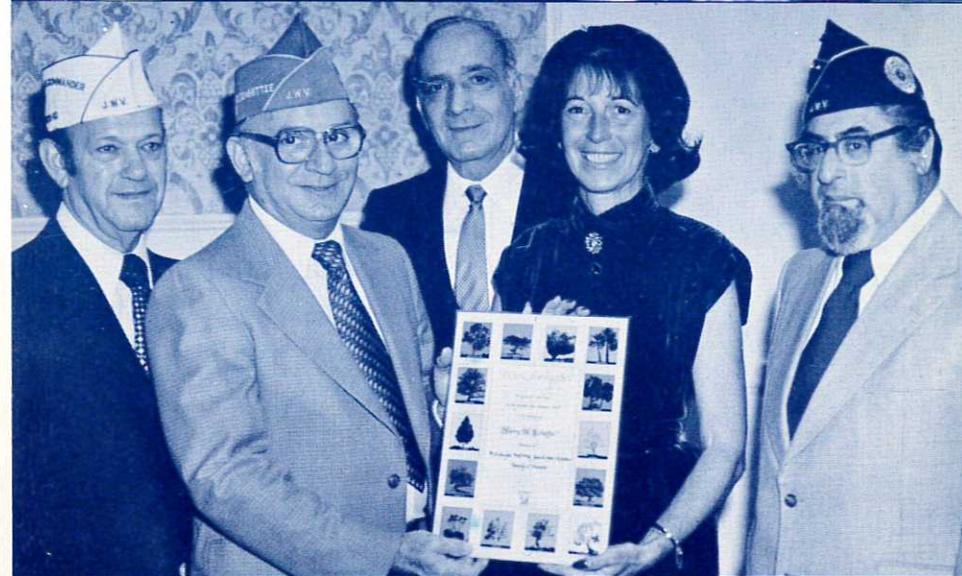
By Tom Foerster

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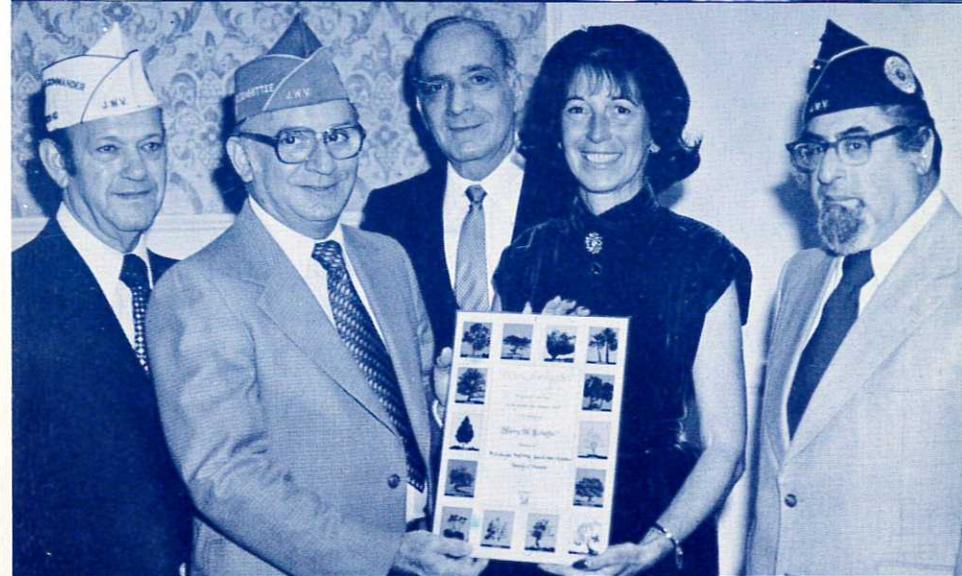
Chief Clerk





# POST 49 PICNIC HIGHLIGHTS

A GOOD TIME FOR ALL



# Past Post Commanders of Pittsburgh Post No. 49, J.W.V.



*LOUIS HELFANT .....	1932-33	✕ MORRIS LIEBERMAN .....	1957-58
*HARRY H. SCHAFFER .....	1933-34	✕ SAM ZEITMAN .....	1958-59
*WILLIAM GOODSTEIN .....	1934-35	*DR. KARL H. KAUFMAN .....	1959-60
*WILLIAM UNGER .....	1935-36	HARRY SEGALL .....	1960-61
*BEN R. NEAMAN .....	1936-37	HARRY SEGALL .....	1961-62
*JOSEPH B. COHEN .....	1937-38	MERLE MARKOWITZ .....	1962-63
*MORRIS FREED .....	1938-39	SAUL KATZ .....	1963-64
*SAUL E. TOBIAS .....	1939-40	✕ EARL PERLOFF .....	1964-65
*DAVID I. HELFER .....	1940-41	✕ LOUIS TASK .....	1965-66
*MARTIN CUMMINS .....	1941-42	BERNARD EDELSTEIN .....	1966-67
*LOUIS GOODMAN .....	1942-43	CODE GOMBERG .....	1967-68
*CHARLES GARFINKEL .....	1943-44	SAM ERLICHMAN .....	1968-69
*DAVID REICHMAN .....	1944-45	ISRAEL RUDOY .....	1969-70
*MICHAEL L. WEINER .....	1945-46	ISRAEL RUDOY .....	1970-71
*I. M. BERLIN .....	1946-47	MORRIS SHRATTER .....	1971-72
*ABE ROSENTHAL .....	1947-48	CODE GOMBERG .....	1972-73
*LOUIS H. MEYERS .....	1948-49	✕ SAM ZEITMAN .....	1973-74
✕ JAMES KELLER .....	1949-50	SAUL KATZ .....	1974-75
MILTON RESNIK .....	1950-51	CODE GOMBERG .....	1975-76
IRVING LEVENSON .....	1951-52	MORRIS SHRATTER .....	1976-77
MILTON RESNIK .....	1952-53	✕ SAM ZEITMAN .....	1977-78
✕ DAVID A. SIGAL .....	1953-54	MORRIS LIEBERMAN .....	1978-79
✕ SAUL SEGALL .....	1954-55	CODE GOMBERG .....	1979-80
*MORRIS WEITZ .....	1955-56	CODE GOMBERG .....	1980-81
BERT R. WEISS .....	1956-57	SAUL KATZ .....	1981-82
SAM SCHWARTZ .....	1982-83		

\*Deceased

