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Monday, March 18, 2019
7:15 pm
at
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
Post 521 Social Hall
214 Tollgate Road
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117
In case of inclement weather, call Charles Sandler at 410-746-0809 to determine if the meeting is being cancelled.

Morey Kogul kept his promise to his father, Van Wolf Kogul, to tell his Holocaust experiences by writing "Running Breathless: An Untold Story of World War II and the Holocaust."

The Holocaust remembered
Our Speaker for the Monday, March 18, 2019 JWV meeting, 7:15 pm at the VFW Hall is Morey Kogul. I was fortunate enough to see him at the Howard County Public Library in January.

Morey is a first generation American; his mother is from the former Soviet Union (Ukraine) and father was from Poland. They met in Israel in the early 1970s and moved to Colorado. Morey was born and raised in Denver, earned a BA in English Literature from The Ohio State University, a graduate degree in Urban Planning from the University of California, and dedicated his professional career to developing and implementing public-private partnerships. Running Breathless, published in June 2018, is Morey’s first book, which upon publication was immediately accepted into the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum’s library and remains part of their collection. Morey has spoken at a number of venues about his father’s story and Holocaust lessons, and has been interviewed by multiple media outlets. Morey volunteers on Temple Isiah’s Emerging Leader program and Care Committee, and serves on the Howard County Holocaust Committee.

Morey and his wife Rachel

"One man's incredible story of struggle and survival, told with painstaking and often poetic detail. Running Breathless tells a story that is compelling and important. Morey Kogul has given life to his father's experience in a way that is engaging and accessible. This book is the personification of the mitzvah: 'Zakhor, Lo Tishkach - Remember, Do Not Forget!'" — Rabbi Crag Axler, Temple Isaiah, Fulton, MD
have been married for 15 years. They have a 12 year old daughter Hannah, 2 year old boy Jonah, and toy poodle Duke. They have lived in Howard County, MD for the last 14 years.

The JWV and the JWVA will be having a joint meeting in April. Our Speaker for the April 15, 2019, 7:15 pm Meeting will be Judge Halee Weinstein, Associate Judge, Baltimore City District Court. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

To read The Jewish Veteran and the web page www.JWV.org savvy with smartphone…

STILL LOOKING — The Jewish War Veteran Post 167 is looking for a few good Men and Women to step up to Volunteer to be a part of the Executive Committee. We have some Officer positions opening up. If interested please contact one of the members above.
From the JWVUSA:

JWV USA 124th Annual National Convention and JWVA USA 91st Annual National Convention In Richmond, VA During August 18-23, 2019.

A Jewish Voice for Veterans, a Veteran's Voice for Jews.

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV) Newsletter keeps the Jewish American military and veteran community apprised of the latest news and updates from here in the capital in order to keep our leaders and future leaders informed of the latest comings and goings. Here’s what you need to know, see below ink:


“Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don’t be afraid.” — Frederick Buechner

JWV Represented at the Joint House and Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committees:

The Jewish War Veterans National Commander Dr. Barry Schneider will be presenting JWV’s Legislative Priorities before the Joint and Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committees on Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00 AM. If you are unable to attend, please view the presentation by going to the following website: https://www.veterans.senate.gov/hearings/legislative-presentations-of-nasdva-fra-gsw-bva_jwv-moph-moaa
Next Month in Israel...JWV’s Allied Mission to Israel (March 31-April 10, 2019):

To date, forty-nine JWV Members and their Guests will be attending this year’s mission to Israel. If you are unable to attend the 32nd JWV Allied Mission, please remember: “Next year in Jerusalem.” Its more than just a tour its a meaningful experience.

From the Department of Veterans Affairs:

Open House and Enrollment Fair
Eastern Baltimore County VA Outpatient Clinic
Franklin Square Professional Center
Rosedale, MD 21237
Saturday, March 23, 2019
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
During the event, guests will be able to take a guided tour of the facility, meet clinicians and staff, and learn more about VA health care programs and services available at the clinic and throughout the health care system. Staff from VA primary care, women’s health, mental health, suicide prevention, and social work services will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. Veterans who are not yet enrolled for VA health care will also be able to receive one-on-one assistance with applying on the spot.

The VA Maryland Health Care System encourages all Veterans to apply for VA health care. It costs nothing to apply and can be one of the most important steps Veterans take toward better health and wellness. Many Veterans are surprised to learn they can use VA health care and keep their private insurance. Veterans interested in applying for VA health care at the March 23 event are advised to bring copies of their military discharge papers, if available, and most recent tax returns and to have their social security number and account numbers for any current health insurance (ie. Medicare, private insurance, or insurance from an employer).

The new Eastern Baltimore County clinic is a replacement location for the former Fort Howard VA Outpatient Clinic which closed in March 2016 because of water damage. Learn more about the new clinic here.

Salute Women Veterans for Their Years of Service:
March is Women’s History Month. Women have helped defend our nation from the Revolutionary War to the present. In the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) article “Women Veterans Make History” the following statistical data is provided: The Civil War both Union and Confederate armies more than 400 women served. World War I - 35,000 women officially served. World War II - 140,000 women served in the U.S Army and Women’s Army Corps. (Note: article did not include data for the Korean War.) During Vietnam War 7,000 women served in Southeast Asia. During the 1991 Persian Gulf War 41,000 women were deployed to the combat zone. Today, over 700,000 women have served post 9/11 including Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“The times that try men’s souls; the summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and women. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.” — Thomas Paine

The VA Welcome Kit can help guide you to the benefits and services you’ve earned. Learn more or download it now.

www.va.gov/welcome

The Doctor Can See You Now... on Your Computer Screen:

The next time you need to see the doctor, instead of going into the clinic, why not just fire up your smartphone or computer? Using the camera on your phone, computer, or tablet, the VA Video Connect app gives you direct, real-time access to your
health care team. If you are a Veteran who receives VA health care, has an internet connection, and an email account, you may be able to use this app for your next appointment. For more information and the VA Video Connect App, please go the following link: https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/web/myhealthevet/ss04092018-the-doctor-can-see-you-now

JWV Membership Renewal Notices:

Membership renewal notices are being sent to all members who have not paid their 2019 Membership Dues. If you need to renew your membership and have not received this renewal notice by February 1, 2019, please contact JWV USA Membership Coordinator Harrison Heller at hheller@jwv.org or at 202-265-6280 and he will be able to take your payment over the phone. For more info F
YOU ARE INVITED!

Purim Party & Megillah Reading

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 - 5:30 PM
AT THE JUSA CENTER
2316 SUGARCONE ROAD

A Project of
Jewish Uniformed Services Association
and Shomrim Society of Maryland

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