

**MURRAY L. ROSEN POST #64
JEWISH WAR VETERANS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**



WE NEED YOUR HELP THIS YEAR FOR THE POST 64 POPPY DRIVE!!!!

THE DATES ARE:

Friday May 28th

Saturday May 29th

Sunday May 30th

Monday May 31st

Time slots are from 9am-Noon; Noon-3pm; 3pm-6pm each day.

Please call Commander Bootzin at 303-589-6314 or email him at jbootzin72@gmail.com to volunteer this year.

Provide which day or days you are willing to work and the time slot you would like.

Thank you for volunteering to make this year's Poppy Drive a success.

**Jerry Bootzin,
Commander**

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

COMMANDER
SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER
JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER

JERRY BOOTZIN
MARVIN BOTWINIK
JACK WEINGARTEN

COMMANDER'S NOTES

We are now going into a very busy time of the year. We are preparing for our first meeting in person which will be held on Sunday, 10 AM May 23rd at Sheila Epstein's large backyard. Refreshments will be served. Even though we will be meeting outside, please plan to wear a max so everyone attending can feel comfortable when not eating.

Poppy Drive will be following at the end of the month and we need help to man the tables. Volunteers will not have to handle money. At this time the Albertsons at Town Center is the one that our post will have the prime responsibility to staff. Some of our members are already committed for the East side Smith's Stores. I expect that after our June and July Summer break that we may be back to Humana for our meeting in late August.

We are also looking for more members and if you know anyone who may want to join, get them signed up. Our next year will be getting back to "normal" and should be more exciting than what we have all experienced this last year.

s/Jerry Bootzin

MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Marvin Botwinik	May 2	Birthday
Ricki Greenspon	May 2	Birthday
Marsha & Steve Seiden	May 6	Anniversary
Paul Warman	May 10	Birthday
Tatyana Turner	May 19	Birthday
Eileen Mevorah	May 22	Birthday
Jack Weingarten	May 29	Birthday
Gary Bordman	May 29	Birthday
Helen Groner	June 3	Birthday
Eileen & Les Sherman	June 12	Anniversary
Janet Snyder	June 13	Birthday
Ronelle & Marvin Botwinik	June 14	Anniversary
Tatyana Turner & Jack Weingarten	June 24	Anniversary

TRIBUTE CARDS CAN BE SENT FOR ALL OCCASIONS: BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MAZEL TOV'S, WEDDINGS, GET WELL, THINKING OF YOU AND CONDOLENCES. THIS IS AN EASY WAY TO MAKE OUR POST EXTRA MONEY IT SO NEEDS. REMEMBER FAMILY AND FRIENDS BY E-MAILING PAUL WARMAN AT CPWARMAN@GMAIL.COM OR CALLING PAUL AT 702-838-5806. PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE IF THERE IS NO ANSWER. (THE COST TO SEND A TRIBUTE IS \$3.50) ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>OCCASION</u>
Mrs. Pamela Boles	Bea Siefman	Condolence
Mickey Durkin	Bea Siefman	Birthday
Barbara Greenberg	Helen Groner	Get Well

FROM JANET SNYDER

This is why we can't get a serious piece of writing or video news publicized in the national media today.

On Facebook I saw a video, which is evidently what the public wants to see, depicting military surviving spouses and children as continually grieving for their military service member husband or father. It is a nice video that was out of date, because this is the 21st century, and there are many women service members who are leaving behind husbands and children as survivors.

A few years ago I was asked to do a TV interview for Memorial Day. Another military widow joined me at my condo, and we were asked questions about our military service member spouses who were Vietnam Veterans. We talked about an upcoming Memorial Day service we would be attending, and showed pictures of our husbands who had passed. Primarily we talked about the SBP/DIC offset and how it affected us. When the news clip aired on TV, all mention of the SBP/DIC offset was cut, and only the portion about Memorial Day and pictures of our husbands were shown, for approximately one minute.

The two of us also did an interview for the local PBS radio station, and the entire interview was included about the SBP/DIC offset and our efforts to get the legislation passed in Congress.

Since then we have written Letters to the Editor, participated in legislative conference calls; posted on public and private Facebook pages; written articles for our chapter newsletters; networked in local areas with other veteran and survivor organizations; written e-mails, made phone calls, and visited with our U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators in their local offices and in Washington, D.C.

Just like celebrities are misquoted on the internet and spam e-mails - saying things to promote the agenda of the sender - this video and others like it promote the notion that military survivors are living on memories. It does not show the vitality and activism of our military survivor community, who have gone back to work, pursued their education, becoming a vital presence in their local and national communities.

CONTRIBUTED BY JANET SNYDER

Specialist Douglas J Green

SPC Douglas J. Green was all that parents could want in a son. His mother, Suni Erlanger, remembers the joy of raising him with his sisters. Doug was born in Alexandria, Virginia. He was a happy child who grew up to be a strong man who loved his country, his family, his friends, comrades, and his sweetheart. He played football and lacrosse at Potomac Falls H.S. in Virginia, where he was also prominent in musical theater productions. "He was a pretty selfless kid," said his principal at Potomac Falls, David Spage. His ethic of service was such that "when he decided he wanted to go serve his country, it wasn't a surprise."

SPC Green enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2007; just after graduating high school. He graduated from basic and advanced training at Fort Benning, Georgia. After completing his training, Doug was sent to Alaska in March of 2008. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division based at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. During his time in the Army, he served two tours. His first tour was in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, his second and last tour was in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. SPC Douglas J. Green lost his life on August 28, 2011 at the age of 23; while serving his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. He was killed in action when insurgents attacked his unit with a RPG (Rocket Propelled Grenade). He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for valor, posthumously, the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Many remember Green for his sense of humor. He was a unique person who tried to ease stress with jokes and light banter. Even though his unit endured difficult times in Afghanistan, his mother said, "He made them all laugh." In times of peril, she said, Green would assure his fellow soldiers "that everything's going to be okay." In the hours after news of his death began to spread, hundreds of people posted remembrances on a Facebook page created in his memory. A friend said, "You always knew how to make me feel better." Another commenter wrote, "You impacted so many lives with your goodness, humor, and positive attitude." Dakota Taylor, Green's team leader in Iraq, said he was an amazing soldier. "He didn't care about himself. He always wanted to help somebody out." "Everybody loved Doug," said his mother. "Everybody loved him." He is survived by his mother Suni Chabrow-Erlanger, his father Douglas Green, and his sisters Kristin and Paige. SPC Douglas J. Green will always be remembered and honored for the sacrifice he gave for our country, our freedom and freedom abroad.

To all the journalists out there - or any of you who know someone who would be interested in doing a realistic portrayal of military surviving spouses and families - please know that we are real people doing real things. By Presidential Proclamation every year since 2006, in recognition of the indelible contributions American Jews have made, and continue to make, to our nation's history, culture, and society. May is Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM)

CONTRIBUTED BY SHEILA EPSTEIN

A.A.A.D.D.- KNOW THE SYMPTOMS!

Thank goodness there's a name for this disorder. Age-Activated Attention-Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests: I decide to water my garden.

- As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.
- As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier.
- I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.
- I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full.
- So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first... but then I think,
- Since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.
- I take my check book off the table, and see that there is only one check left. my extra checks are in my desk in the study,
- So I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Pepsi I'd been drinking. I'm going to look for my checks,
- But first I need to push the Pepsi aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.
- The Pepsi is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.
- As I head toward the kitchen with the Pepsi, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need water.
- I put the Pepsi on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.
- I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.
- I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote.
- Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote,
- But I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table,
- So I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.
- I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor.
- So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.
- Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

- The car isn't washed,
- The bills aren't paid,
- There is a warm can of Pepsi sitting on the counter,

- The flowers don't have enough water,
- There is still only 1 check in my check book,
- I can't find the remote,
- I can't find my glasses,
- And I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day, and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail...

Do me a favor Forward this message to everyone you know, because I don't remember who I've sent it to.

Don't laugh -- if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!

P.S. I don't remember who sent it to me, so if it was you, I'm sorry.



FOR SALE

14K Gold Jewish War Veterans Past Commander screw back lapel pin in pristine condition. The owner's Father was in WWII in the 1940's so she believes the pin is from that time.

Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Birthday...it's the perfect gift for the Veteran or for families of Veterans!

100% OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST #64 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. Call Sandy Axelrod, 603-553-1355