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After 21 years of marriage, my wife wanted me to take another woman out to dinner and a movie. She said, "I love you, but I know this other woman loves you and would love to spend some time with you."

The other woman that my wife wanted me to visit was my mother, who had been a widow for 19 years, but the demands of my work and my 3 children had made it possible to visit her only occasionally.

That night I called to invite her to go out for dinner and a movie.

"What's wrong, are you well?" she asked. My mother is the type of woman who suspects that a latenight call or surprise invitation is a sign of bad news.

"I thought that it would be pleasant to spend some time with you," I responded. "Just the two of us." She thought about it for a moment, and then said, "I would like that very much."

That Friday after work, as I drove over to pick her up I was a bit nervous. When I arrived at her house, I noticed that she, too, seemed to be nervous about our date. She waited in the door with her coat on. She had curled her hair and was wearing the dress that she had worn to celebrate her last wedding anniversary. She smiled from a face that was as radiant as an Angel's. "I told my friends

that I was going to go out with my son, and they were impressed,” she said, as she got into the car. “They can’t wait to hear about our meeting.”

We went to a restaurant that, although not elegant, was very nice and cozy. My mother took my arm as if she were the First Lady. After we sat down, I had to read the menu. Her eyes could only read large print. Halfway through the entries, I lifted my eyes and saw Mom sitting there staring at me. A nostalgic smile was on her lips. “It was I who used to have to read the menu when you were small,” she said. “Then it’s time that you relax and let me return the favor,” I responded.

During the dinner, we had an agreeable conversation — nothing extraordinary but catching up on recent events of each other’s life. We talked so much that we missed the movie. As we arrived at her house later, she said, “I’ll go out with you again, but only if you let me invite you.” I agreed.

“How was your dinner date?” Asked my wife when I got home.

“Very nice. Much more so than I could have imagined,” I answered.

A few days later, my mother died of a massive heart attack. It happened so suddenly that I didn’t have a chance to do anything for her. Sometime later, I received an envelope with a copy of a restaurant receipt from the same place where mother and I had dined. An attached note said: “I paid this bill in advance. I wasn’t sure that I could be there; but nevertheless, I paid for two plates — one for you and the other for your wife. You will never know what that night meant for me.”

“I love you, son.”

At that moment, I understood the importance of saying in time: “I love you,” and to give our loved ones the time that they deserve. Nothing in life is more important than your family. Give them the time they deserve, because these things cannot be put off till “some other time.”

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**FROM YOUR COMMANDER, MARVIN BOTWINIK**

Congratulations for a job well done on collecting donations for our posts' poppy drive! Thanks to Jerry and Mort and all the volunteers who gave so freely of their time. We now will be able to continue to financially support charitable organizations that help our community's veterans in need.

I want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday and hope you get to spend time with your family and friends. Enjoy the turkey or whatever you have for the holiday.

Speaking of holidays, with Hannukah, Christmas, and New Year's fast approaching, many of the members of our veteran's community suffer from depression. Please be patient and if you can do anything to mitigate their anxiety, please reach out to them.

The agenda for the next few weeks is going to be great. We have our regular meeting on November 27. In December, although we do not have a meeting planned, we will have our annual Hannukah party at Jerry and Judy Bootzin's house. Ricki is organizing a great party with plenty of food and a gift exchange. This was a lot of fun last year and something to look forward to.

As we close in on the holidays, I want to wish everybody a Happy Hannukah and a joyous New Year. We will be planning some fun events for next year so stay tuned for more information when available.

Most importantly, stay healthy, be safe, drive carefully and don't drink and drive. We want to see you back safe and sound for the New Year.

Best wishes,

Marvin Botwinik

Commander, JWV Post 64.





**Thank you** to all of our veterans with the wounds of war and service to our country, whether physical or mental, or both.

You performed your duties and kept us safe here at home. Many of you suffer from things the rest of us cannot even imagine.

We visualize strong men and women who can handle any challenge. Your loved ones live with you and the effects of your war experiences, including moral injury. We know you have the courage and dedication to heal and continue to inspire yourselves, your families and the grateful community in which you live.

Please tell your stories which will inspire others and help you realize that you are respected, cared for, and valued.



## **If You Only Knew:**

**A little Jewish grandmother gets on the crowded bus in Jerusalem and discovers that she doesn't have the correct change for the fare. The driver tries to be firm with her, but she places her hand delicately over her chest and murmurs, "If you knew what I had, you'd be nicer to me." He caves in and lets her ride for free.**

**She tries to push her way down the crowded aisle, but people won't move over for her. She finally places her hand delicately over her chest and murmurs, "If you knew what I had, you'd be nicer to me." The crowd parts like the Red Sea and lets her down the aisle.**

**She gets to the back of the bus where there are no seats and looks significantly at several people, none of whom take the hint and get up to offer her their seat. Once again she places her hand delicately over her chest and murmurs, "If you knew what I had, you'd be nicer to me." Several people jump up and insist that she sit down and ride in comfort.**

**A woman who had been watching all this leaned over and said to her, "I know this is none of my business, but what is it that you've got, anyway?"**

**The little Jewish grandmother smiled and said, "Chutzpah."**

Here is a classic Myron Cohen joke ....

"Two old Jewish ladies are sitting talking to each other. One says to the other, "So, vat do you think about Red China?"

The other responds, "vell, I think it looks nice on a vite tablecloth."

A day without laughter is a day wasted.

~Charlie Chaplin



## Quartermaster's Report

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. And that the rest of the holiday season will be just as wonderful. Just a quick note to please, please pay your dues for 2023!! If you have any questions, please contact me at **702.321.5101** or **702.396.2900**. Both are my business lines -- just leave a message if I don't answer. Thank you all so much.  
Ricki Greenspon  
Quartermaster, JWV Post 64



- **Introduce yourself to JWV Post 64:**
  - **Tell about when you arrived in Las Vegas and joined JWV Post 64**
  - **Send your story to Janet in an email or give it to her at one of our meetings**



Send your news to share to: [groundhog71@gmail.com](mailto:groundhog71@gmail.com)

- **Herb Cohen sends his “GREETINGS TO EVERYONE.”**
- **Jack & Tanya Weingarten will be traveling to Israel for a grandson’s Bar Mitzvah “MAZAL TOV”**
- **Free lifetime pass to all National Parks:**

### **Who is eligible to get a free Military Lifetime Pass as a**

**veteran?** For purposes of this program, a veteran is identified as an individual who has served in the US Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and is able to present one of the following forms of identification to get the Inter agency Military Lifetime Pass when entering a national park:

- Unexpired Department of Defense Identification Card (DD Form 2, DD Form 2765, or Next Generation USID replacement)
- Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)
- Veteran ID Card
- Veterans’ designation on a state-issued US driver’s license or identification card

Pass it on to all the veterans you know



**At the JWV Post 64 Board Meeting on November 14 at the home of Greg and Barbara Abbott, Barbara displayed her beautiful handmade wall hangings and accepted donations for JWV Post 64 from board members. Barbara is a talented lady and most generous.  
From left to right: Bea Siefman, Barbara Abbott, and Mickey Durkin**

**"Be faithful to this moment — if it is painful, it will pass. If it is joyful, it will also pass."  
- Paulo Coelho**

**Take every chance you get in life, because some things only happen once.**



**QUESTION:** Who is the only Jewish country music singer to perform at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee?

**ANSWER:** Richard “Kinky” Friedman

**NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 12, AT 12 NOON**

**AT JERRY & JUDY BOOTZIN’S HOME  
8210 ADANTE COURT**

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**Mort Friedlander and Janet Snyder at the JWV Post 64 Poppy Drive  
at Smith's on East Flamingo and Sandhill; November 8, 2022**

***"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can  
never be repaid.  
They have earned our undying gratitude.  
America will never forget their sacrifices."  
~ President Harry S. Truman***



**Janet Snyder, Mort Friedlander and Midge Sparlin at the JWV Post 64 Poppy Drive at Smith's on East Flamingo and Sandhill; November 10 & 11, 2022**

**Thank you to those who served and continue to serve our country. We cannot thank you and your families enough for your sacrifice.**



**Barbara and Greg Abbott at the JWV Post 64 Poppy Drive  
at the Albertsons Store in Town Center in Summerlin**

## **Veterans Week Poppy Drive results for Albertsons:**

**The following volunteers made this Poppy Drive a success:**

- **Greg and Barbara Abbott 3 shifts;**
- **Jerry and Judy Bootzin 5 shifts;**
- **Bobbi Ohlsson and Family 1 shift;**
- **Ricki 1 shift;**
- **Bea Siefman and Marilyn Bulmash 2 shifts;**
- **Jack Weingarten 2 shifts;**
- **Barry and Harriet Jacobson 1 shift; and**
- **Marvin Botwinik 1 shift.**
  
- **The most money for one shift was brought in by Greg and Barbara of \$802.**

- 2nd place is Barry and Harriet Jacobson at \$607; and in
- 3rd place at \$507 by Jack and Jerry; and
- fourth place was Bea and Marilyn at \$504.
- We raised a total of \$6,285 in 5 days.
- As part of our total was a donation from Marilyn Bulmash and her friend Andrea Goldberg.

We did receive our new JWV shirts in time for the drive but unfortunately it was very cold, and we had to wear sweaters and Jackets covering the shirts in most cases. I will wear one of the shirts to the meeting tomorrow.

Barbara Abbott's knitting group had worked 6 months making items that could be sold with the proceeds going to a specific charity. They had raised \$625 to donate to a charity. The charity chosen did not cooperate with accepting the donation, so the group decided to donate the money to our post. Thank you, Barbara and your group.

**Jerry Bootzin**

Chairman of the JWV Post 64 Poppy Drive on the west side in Summerlin

### **Poppy Drive at Smith's on Flamingo & Sandhill:**

At Smith's we worked four days and raised \$3,000. The store was womaned by Janet Snyder and her friend Midge Sparlin, as well as by Mary Zone and Mort Friedlander from 8 to 4.

**Mort Friedlander**

Chairman of the JWV Post 64 Poppy Drive on the east side at east Flamingo

### **Thank you from JWV Post 64 Commander:**

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Veterans Day Poppy Drive. It was a great success especially considering we only were at two sites. Thank you, Marilyn and Barbara (and your knitting group) for your generosity. All your efforts will help our post continue to support organizations that provide help for veterans in need.

**Marvin Botwinik**

Commander, JWV Post 64



**Jerry Bootzin, Junior Vice-Commander and Jack Weingarten, Senior Vice-Commander who participated in the Veterans Week Poppy Drive in Summerlin**

**Thank you to those who served and continue to serve our country.  
We cannot thank you and your families enough for your sacrifice.**



**Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Las Vegas**



**Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Las Vegas**



**JWV Float in the Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Las Vegas**



Hello All:

You are cordially invited to our Annual JWV Murray L. Rosen, Post 64 .....

WHAT: CHANUKAH PARTY

WHEN: DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

TIME: 1:30pm

WHERE: Home of Judy and Jerry Bootzin  
8210 Adante Court  
Las Vegas, NV. 89113

We are having a potluck. Please let me know what you are bringing according to the alphabet. My phone number and email are at the bottom of this missive.

**THIS IS AN ALL-DIARY EVENT –FISH IS OKAY, MEAT IS NOT OKAY**

(Latkes are already spoken for)

A-I Appetizers / Salads /Side Dishes

J-Q Main Dish

R-Z Desserts

There will be a gift exchange for those that want to participate. Bring one wrapped, unisex gift, valued at \$15, with no cards saying who it is from. **This is completely anonymous!!!** If you get something worth \$25 on sale for \$15, great, but please don't spend \$5.00 when everyone is sticking to the plan.

So, looking forward to seeing everyone on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ricki Greenspon, Chair

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# Kline Veterans Fund Salute to Veterans 2022 Golf Tournament

Highlights from the 4th annual Salute to Veterans golf tournament:

For more information about Kline Veterans Fund, please visit [www.klineveteransfund.org](http://www.klineveteransfund.org)

Sometimes a great day of golf means a great deal more than that.

Last Monday over 100 participants came out to [Angel Park Golf Club](#) to honor and support local heroes at our annual Salute to Veterans golf tournament.

Together we raised an amazing \$52,000 to support programs and services for vulnerable veterans here in the Valley.

Each and every player, sponsor, partner, staff and volunteer's support is invaluable and contributed to the success of this event.

We can't wait to see you next year, but for now please enjoy the highlight reel:

<https://youtu.be/gTeRnAVeXrU>

Do you recognize anyone you know in this video?



## From the Federal Trade Commission:



 **Imposter scams**  **FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

Unexpected call from your bank to verify information?  
**Hang up — that's a scam**  
Report it at  
[ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud)  
**#VeteransDay**



# Imposter scams targeting veterans and servicemembers

By Gema de las Heras, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

November 16, 2022

As we continue to honor and celebrate veterans, scammers increase efforts around holidays — like Veteran’s Day — to try to take advantage. Right now, a banking scam is tricking veterans (and current servicemembers) into sharing sensitive personal or financial information. Find out how. [Imposters](#) are contacting veterans, servicemembers, and their families. They pretend to be representatives of USAA Bank, Navy Federal Credit Union, and other banks. They’re asking for information — like your Social Security, bank account, or credit or debit card number, or your password. They’re saying that your debit card has been blocked, they’ve detected fraudulent activity, or some other urgent excuse. (These, by the way, are all lies.)

You may get one of these unexpected calls or voicemails from your bank, or even a surprise text or email with a link that includes an official-looking logo (also all fake). These are from scammers who want your information to get into your accounts or [steal your identity](#). And if you click on the fake link, they could install [malware](#) on your phone or computer, which could give them complete access to your device and information.

Here’s how to protect yourself:

- **Don’t trust caller ID.** Scammers fake the number they call from. Never call back phone numbers from your caller ID or those left in voicemails.
- **Never give personal information to anyone who contacts you out of the blue.** Financial institutions won’t ask you for personal information or passcodes. If you think it could be legit, contact the company using a website or phone number you know is real.
- **Don’t click links in unexpected texts or emails.** Those are often [phishing scams](#). If you’ve clicked a link by mistake, [update your phone’s and computer’s security software](#).

Suspect a scam? Report it at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](#) and visit [MilitaryConsumer.gov](#) for more resources. Also, read more about the [FTC’s rulemaking proposal](#) to combat impersonation scams.