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POST INFORMATION:

Of Special Note Post 567 member Larry Goldstein is turning 100 years old on February 10th and served as a B-17 radio operator during WWII. He is one of the 8th Air Force ten percenters who survived 25 bombing missions. Goldstein also served in the Korean War. He is president of the National Capital Area Wilbur Wright Chapter, Distinguished Flying Cross Society. (See page 3 for his JWV achievement certificate.) Goldstein was honored as a recipient of the following military awards per <https://www.americanairmuseum.com/person/142114>

- Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters • Distinguished Flying Cross • Korean Service Medal • World War II Victory Medal • European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one bronze star

The Post held a special virtual award presentation today for Larry Goldstein.

FROM BALTIMORE SUN:

Sykesville to get Maryland's second nursing facility for veterans

By Madison Bateman

Construction on a state-of-the-art skilled nursing home for Maryland veterans and their spouses is set to begin in Sykesville within the next year.

The nursing home, which will be on a 140-acre parcel on Slacks Road, is being constructed to provide better access to medical services to Maryland's veterans and their families. Organizers expect the project to take three years to complete.

Del. Susan Krebs, a Carroll County Republican, said she worked closely with Republican County Commissioner Ed Rothstein to lock in the site, due to its location next to Springfield State Hospital in Sykesville and near the American Legion Post 223.

"We're really excited. It's the perfect site," Krebs said. "It's not only good for Carroll County, but it's a great location geographically ... It suits Central Maryland, Western Maryland and the D.C. suburbs."

Rothstein said the project is a result of a partnership between the state veterans administration, the state delegation and Carroll County, as they worked together to identify the best location.

"There is no better place than Carroll County," he said. "We do a great job embracing the veteran community ... This is just another testament to the county's commitment to its veterans."

According to the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, the nursing home will encompass eight "households," including 16 beds per household, for a total of 128 beds.

On-site services will include 24-hour nursing care, dialysis, dental care, optometry, occupational therapy and rehabilitation, and a pharmacy. These services will be available to eligible veterans and their spouses.

The Sykesville State Veterans Home will be the first newly constructed state veterans home to implement in-house dialysis services for residents. Additional features planned are a community center, wellness center and a barber and beauty shop, said Dana Burl, program director of the Outreach and Advocacy Program for the state veterans department.

Currently, Maryland has one veterans home, located in St. Mary's County. The Sykesville site was selected in order to improve access to services for veterans and eligible spouses living in other parts of the state.

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs acquired the Sykesville property at no cost from the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Burl said.

“After years of searching for an ideal location, MDVA is thankful DPSCS was able to transfer this available and spacious land,” Burl said. “As the veteran population continues to age, the state as well as MDVA recognizes a growing number will be in need of long-term health care services.”

The total cost of the nursing home is estimated at more than \$177 million and Republican Gov. Larry Hogan included more than \$63 million in funding in his proposed fiscal 2023 capital budget. The state veterans department is applying for a federal grant to cover the remaining costs.

An initial facility plan has been submitted for approval to the state Department of Budget and Management and the Department of General Services, which is required in advance of all architectural home design.

At 90% resident occupancy, the state expects the home to create about 150 jobs in the community.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:

COVID-19 Testing at Home

What does a positive result mean for you?



In recent weeks, the number of COVID-19 cases broke records in the United States. This pandemic peak comes as the delta and omicron variants spread. You may need to know if you have the COVID-19 virus, but don't want to go in person or wait in long lines. This may be when you need to use a self-test.

Is self-testing for you?

You may have COVID-19 even if you don't have symptoms and haven't been exposed to someone with the virus. Consider using a self-test before and 1-3 days after traveling or gathering indoors with people (for more than 1 hour) whose vaccination status you don't know. This is important before gathering with unvaccinated children, older individuals, immunocompromised individuals, or those at risk of severe disease.

Getting an at-home test

Testing at home might be easier than waiting in line. COVID-19 tests are available online, in pharmacies, and even in retail stores. Before buying a test, make sure it has the FDA's stamp of approval. In late January, the federal government is preparing to make them available for ordering online for free. You can get free tests from <https://www.covidtests.gov/>.

To perform the test at home

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Open the box and carefully follow the instructions included with the self-test to collect your own nasal specimen and to run the test itself. If you don't collect the specimens and run the test as directed, your test results may be incorrect. [This video](#) walks you through the entire process.

What do positive results mean?

A positive test means you likely have COVID-19, and you should [isolate](#). You should visit the CDC's [isolation calculator](#) to see how long. Wear a well-fitted mask for ten whole days any time you're around others inside your home or in public. Don't go to places where you're unable to wear a mask. Send a [Secure Message](#) to your doctor before ending your isolation. If you have trouble breathing, high fever, or severe medical conditions that reduce your immune system, please contact your doctor and get additional instructions. You can also do a [symptom review](#) on the CDC website for a [symptom self-checker](#) and follow instructions on when to seek emergency medical attention.

A negative test shows you may not be infected. But a negative result doesn't rule it out. Repeating the test over two days or [serial tests](#) will increase the confidence that your result is accurate. For more help, you can watch this video on [How to Interpret Self-Tests](#). If your result shows 'Invalid' or 'Error', and you have further questions, please contact your provider and schedule a laboratory test with your VA medical center.

Update your health record

When you get your Self-Test result, upload it to My HealtheVet. In a few simple steps, you'll be able to keep all your health information in one place. Sign in and visit [Self-Entered Tests](#) and add the requested information. This is for your own records, and it cannot be shared with anyone unless you give it to them. Please also note the result of home testing (Self Entered Information) is not part of the official record and will not appear in your laboratory testing result section in your medical record.

FROM THE NATIONAL JEWISH WAR VETERAN NEWSLETTER

Groups Work to Eliminate, Diminish Barriers to Women's Military Service

Women are an integral part of the American military, and DoD officials are working to ensure their concerns are addressed.

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Antisemitic flyers found littering residential neighborhoods in Miami-Dade County

Miami Beach Police are actively investigating the origins of anti-Semitic flyers which appeared in several neighborhood on Sunday morning.

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Service-disabled? This program can help your transition to civilian life.

The VR&E individual support options cover a much broader spectrum of needs than just education.

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More](#)

JWV Needs You!!

We are looking for someone to take over the position of National VAVS (Veteran Affairs Voluntary Services) Chair.

This volunteer position would only require a very minimal time commitment.

If you have any questions or are interested in this Chairmanship, please contact JWV National Service Officer Raiana Berman at rberman@jwv.org or 202-265-6280.

GOAL:

Most new members signed up from January 1 to May 31, 2022

RULES

*Contestant must be a member in good standing during the entire period of contest

*All entries will be reviewed by the Director of Membership and the National Membership Committee

*When submitting membership forms make sure the contestant and their post are listed as sponsors on the form

*Only **new paid** members will be counted (Transfers, Renewals and Patrons will not be counted).

*Write across the top of the new membership form that this submission should be counted for the 2022 membership contest

FIRST PRIZE

2022 National Convention in Savannah, GA. package includes:

- 2022 Convention registration fees
- Hotel room at the host facility for the dates of the convention (up to five nights)
- Two tickets for the National Commanders Banquet

(All travel expenses and other expenses are the responsibility of the contestant)

SECOND PRIZE

2022 National Convention in Savannah, GA. package includes:

- 2022 Convention registration fees
- Two tickets for the National Commanders Banquet

JWV Events Around the Country

Are you having an online event that you want to invite the rest of JWV to attend? Do you want to attend JWV events from other posts or departments? You can now find the calendar at the bottom of our home page at www.jwv.org. To submit an event, please send an email to membership@jwv.org.

Submissions for next The Jewish Veteran

Have you or your post done something you want to share with JWV? Do you want to write an article about veteran issues? If you are interested in submitting photos or articles for the third issue of The Jewish Veteran in 2021, the **deadline is March 2nd at Noon Eastern**. Send items to editor@jwv.org. If you have questions, call Cara Rinkoff at (202) 265-6280 ext. 413.

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