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Alan Paley / Nelson Mellitz **National Commander / National Vice Commander** **Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America**

Dear Comrade:

This Committee, The Department of Florida, and The Department of New Jersey take pride in endorsing NVC Alan Paley for National Commander and NQM Nelson Mellitz for National Vice Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America for the year 2021-2022.



These endorsements are based on their service to JWV, the US Armed Forces, and their communities. Brief Biographies follow:

Alan Paley enlisted in the US Air Force in 1966 and served as a Weapons Specialist on Phantom F-4D fighter aircraft at bases in West Germany, Italy, and Libya. He joined New Jersey JWV Post 651 in 1968 as an in-service member.

Following his honorable discharge in 1970 he became active in JWV and rose through the ranks of his post becoming one of the youngest Post Commanders in JWV. In 1979 he was elected Bergen County (NJ) Council Commander. He relocated to Florida in the early 1980s and later transferred to Florida Post 606 serving as Post Commander from 1996 to 2016. While serving as Post Commander, he was elected Commander of Broward, Palm Beach County Council in 1999. In 2015 he was elected the Commander of the Department of Florida and served in that capacity until 2019. Since 2016 he has been the National Budget Chairman and in 2019 was also appointed as the National Adjutant. In 2020, Alan was elected to the newly created position of National Vice Commander. He is a life member of both JWV and NMAJMH and has over 51 years of continuous service to JWV.

In civilian life, Alan is the Chief Financial Officer of Overseas Cargo, Inc., a 3rd party logistics and warehouse service provider specializing in the handling, storage, and exportation of perishable goods. He has three children and one grandchild. Alan serves on the Executive Board of Temple Beth Torah Sha'aray Tzedek and served as Vice President of Finance/Treasurer for eight years. He was honored as the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Man of the Year in 2015. In 2016, Alan was named Chief Financial Officer of the Year by the South Florida Business Journal.



Colonel Nelson L. Mellitz, USAF, Retired, continues an over 80-year family legacy of serving in the Jewish War Veteran (JWV) of the United States of America. Nelson and Debbie's family have been active members of the JWV since the late 1930's or early 1940's in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. They both have grandfathers, fathers, aunts, uncles, and cousins that have proudly served in the U.S. military during war and peace and later in the Jewish War Veterans.

Nelson served 32 years in the United States Air Force. He has been based at more than 13 different locations domestic and overseas, during five major wars and many other combat operations. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1970 as an E-1 and was assigned to a Civil Engineering Unit as a Site Development Specialist. Over the next nine and half years he was promoted to Master Sergeant (E-7). He was awarded a direct commission to 2nd Lieutenant in 1980 and assigned to the Acquisition Career field with a specialty in U.S. Government Contracting. Nelson was promoted to full Colonel in 1998. He has received over 20 military awards and decorations including the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Meritorious Citation.

Nelson has held many leadership positions in JWV: National Quartermaster and National Chief of Staff; Commander of Post 126, Council Commander, Department of NJ Commander, among others.

Nelson has received numerous JWV National, Department, and local awards: National Murray L. Rosen Award; Edward D. Blatt Award; National Department Commander of the Year; National Judge Lawrence Gubow Memorial Award – Americanism; NJ Post Commander of the Year; NJ Person of the Year; NJ Council Commander of the Year; JWV Post 1 - LT COL Epstein, Vietnam Veteran Award (pending).

Colonel Mellitz is Vice President of World Wide Business Operations for Land Sea Air Security, LLC. LSA Security markets proven military defensive equipment (i.e., drone catcher, electronic sea and land based invisible fencing). He has been married to Debbie Markowitz Mellitz from Pittsburgh for 41 years and they are the proud parents of two successful daughters.

This Committee requests your personal support and if within your means, monetary contribution, to bring this election campaign to victory at the National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana in August.

Yours in Comradeship,

Ike Heller

Ike Heller, NEC-FL
Campaign Chairman

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