

A group of Maryland military veterans attended the National Museum of American Jewish Military History in Washington, D.C on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Approximately 40 veterans and supporters were in attendance at the museum. The trip was an opportunity for military veterans to reflect on the significant contributions of Jewish Americans in military service throughout our nation's history.

Founded in 1958, the museum preserves and shares the stories of Jewish Americans who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The veterans explored exhibits detailing Jewish military history from the Revolutionary War to the present day. Through personal narratives, artifacts, and historical accounts, the museum highlights the bravery, sacrifices, and dedication of Jewish service members who have defended the nation.

For many attendees, the trip served as a powerful reminder of the dual heritage they carry as both proud Jews and proud veterans. "Visiting this museum is a deeply meaningful experience. It honors the Jewish men and women who have served our country and reminds us of the sacrifices they made," said Dan Berkovitz.

The museum features compelling exhibits, including displays on Jewish Medal of Honor recipients, military chaplains, and the experiences of Jewish soldiers during major conflicts. Attendees engaged in discussions about the role of Jewish service members in shaping U.S. military history and the importance of preserving these stories for future generations.

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA, founded in 1896, is the oldest active veterans' organization in the country. JWV remains committed to honoring Jewish military service, fostering camaraderie among veterans, and promoting awareness of Jewish contributions to the armed forces. Visit <https://jwv-mdi.org/> for more information.