

Colonel Nelson L. Mellitz USAF, Ret.

JWV National Commander 2022-2023



Colonel Mellitz continues an over 80-year family legacy of serving in the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America. Nelson served 32 years in the United States Air Force. He has been based at more than 13 different locations within the U.S. and overseas, serving in country or in support of the Area of Combat Operations during Vietnam through Iraqi Wars, His last assignment was in Iraq during 2005 and 2006. 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). Nelson 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. Colonel Mellitz was assigned to the Defense Contract Management Agency when the United States was attacked on September 11, 2001, and helped manage the deployment of billions of dollars' worth of military equipment for our troops throughout the world.

Colonel Mellitz has held many leadership positions in the Jewish War Veterans including National Vice Commander, National Quartermaster, National Chief of Staff, Commander of Post 126, New Jersey Council Commander, and Department of NJ Commander, among others.

Nelson is Vice President of World-Wide Business Operations for Land Sea Air Security, LLC. LSA Security develops, and markets proven military equipment to U.S. allies throughout the world: including drones, EOD vehicles, and electronic security fences.

He has been married to Debbie Markowitz Mellitz for 44 years and they have two successful adult daughters.

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