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This issue of The National Jeep is dedicated in memory of our beloved

# **ANNA THERESA BROWN**

October 14, 1923 - December 25, 2020

#### Echelon 1 - California

## Marine veteran Anna Brown was a California American Legion staple

Posted on <u>Jan. 16, 2021</u> Author <u>Robert Richter</u>

Anna Theresa Brown, a beloved Marine, Legionnaire, veterans' organization leader, friend, sister, aunt, and party hostess died of natural causes on December 25, 2020. Not one to go quietly, she had been battling an acute illness since early November, and survived a case of Covid-19 while in the hospital.

Born the oldest of 11 in Pittsburgh, PA on October 14, 1923, she spent much of her youth living all around the US from Nevada to Tennessee. In 1940 she hitchhiked her way across the US alone with

\$15 in her pocket. After the start of WWII, she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve in 1943 and spent the duration of the war stationed at EI Toro Airbase managing a Post Exchange.

After the close of WWII, Anna Theresa settled in Santa Monica, CA where she spent her working career as a technician and receptionist for a local orthodontist. Her personal life was much more colorful and she enjoyed the lifestyle Southern California had to offer. Living in the same apartment in Santa Monica for 57 years, many friends, coworkers, and comrades can recount tale after tale of social gatherings.

Never marrying and without children, Anna Theresa spent much of her time advocating for veterans causes through multiple veterans' organizations. She was a member of the American Legion, American Legion Women's Post, the Women's Marine Association, among others. Her

longest tenure was with the American Legion. Between 1950 and 2019 she only missed 2 national conventions, and was known throughout the Legion for her social and outgoing nature.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents William and Anna Brown, siblings William J Brown, Marie A Mangini, Dorothy Chaves, George Brown, Barbara Keenan, Rose Mary Cagle Sister, James Brown, and Paul Brown. She is survived by her brothers Thomas Brown and John Brown, multiple nieces and nephews, as well as a myriad of friends across the country.

Due to the current situation regarding the COVID pandemic, Santa Monica Bay Cities Post 123 of the American Legion will be delaying a formal memorial service until such time as an inperson service is possible. If you would like to hold a personal memorial until then, a Manhattan Cocktail, some classical music, and the Marines hymn would be appropriate.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a children's cancer charity such as St Jude or Shriners Hospitals for Children.



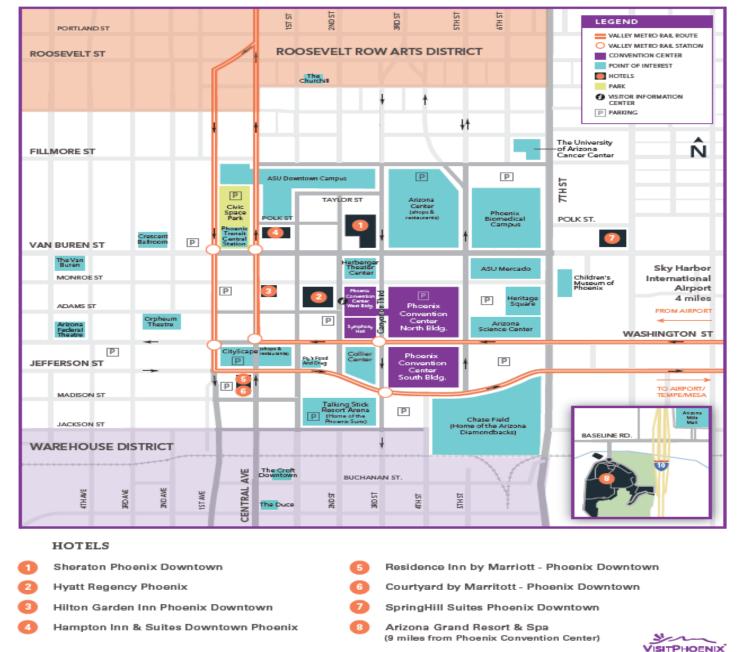
Rest in peace, dear Anna.

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#### The American Legion

2021 National Convention



# See your Department assignment at <a href="https://www.legion.org/convention/resources">https://www.legion.org/convention/resources</a>

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#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**



### FEBRUARY 2021

ECHELON	2021 Goal	Current 2021 Members	New 2021 Members	PERCENT
50-AL	14	13	1	93
29-АК	12	3		25
35-AZ	32	24		75
01-CA	24	24		100
40-CA	32	20		62
05-FL	22	19	1	86
30-FL	22	10		50
08-IL	26	16		62
02-MA	22	19	3	86
09-MT	22	22		100
27-NC	20			
31-TX	40	20		50
24-VA	15			
03-WA	20	15		75
11-WI	16	13		81
TOTAL	317	218		69% of Goal

#### From the Jeep Editor Marilyn Rideaux, Echelon 1



Dear Jeepettes,

You need to know that I was very tempted not to produce an issue of The National Jeep this month because of poor to little to hardly any participation.

I received an updated membership report from the National Aide, Joyce Babcock, and a request from the National Emblem Sales Coordinator, Janet Wilson, to publish the shirt samples and order form.

I could have very easily filled this issue with excellent stories and articles from Echelon 1 members and female veterans that I know about Black History. This is a National publication of 20+4 and should be supported as such. I realize that the pandemic has us all in a "funk" but I cannot do this on my own. The next issue is in April 2021. If I do not receive enough 'meat & potatoes', I will not be publishing an issue. Please, please, save the poems and jokes for the greeting cards, particularly your "Buddy Checks."

2020-2021

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## **Black History Month:**

During Black History Month, we commemorate the contributions and achievements of African American figures in U.S. History. We remember those men and women of color who served and made sacrifices in support of the United States military – despite the challenges and adversity – and we are grateful for their service every day. The list is long and we cannot fit them all here, but the following are just a few of the notable heroes from our military history.



Lillian E. Fishburn Rear Admiral Michelle Howard Admiral



Grace Hopper Rear Admiral 1902 - 1992

March is Women's History Month and well over 200,000 women serve on active duty in the U.S. military. The contributions of women to military history (and well beyond) cannot be ignored. While Women's History Month isn't a time to focus exclusively on the contributions of women in military service, the contributions of female veterans are certainly an important part of American history.

Read more: https://militarybenefits.info/womens-history-month/#ixzz6kCpv3XJm



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