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

MAXINE ELIZABETH BODMAN

September 2, 1925 - March 25, 2021

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*Happy
Mother's
Day*

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Monday, May 31, 2021



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Jeepettes,



I feel Spring is coming! Most of us have had a chance to have one of two shots and can start to see the light at the end of the tunnel. I see that Commander Oxford is working on a new challenge of the "Second 100" for Children and Youth. I had knee and ankle problems for the first 100, but I would like to start this Spring with a few miles. I can put on my headphones and an audible book and take off.

Our local radio lady called and asked if I would tell a little about what the Legion has been doing while the "COVID" has been going on. I was able to give a few highlights in my 15 minutes of fame. Our local Illinois Echelon didn't get a change to lay a wreath at the LINCOLN Memorial this year because it was cancelled.

Lots of things have been done virtually at National this year. I will listen to the Spring Children and Youth Meeting this Saturday. It is dealing with the rules for Temporary Financial Assistance. Did you know that the money we give out each year (\$700,000) is from the interest off some oil rights given to the American Legion many years ago? There are 7 pages of rules to read over. When they developed the TFA, they were very keen on the regulations.

I know lots of you ladies are ready for Bivouac. So am I. Gigi has been working with the hotel to get us the best deals and you will read more from her in this issue. I told her this year I will furnish coffee and pastries for Thursday and Friday. Our last Bivouac we had an issue about who does what and I have been saving up to allow for extra expenses.

Joyce Babcock has been kind enough to be our aide this year, but she had told me she would like to retire and we will be looking for someone who attends the Bivouac to take her place. She will be glad to go over details with the lucky lady. Please let her know if you are interested.

Stay safe and "phone a friend"

Cheri Stanton, Director VIP



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

APRIL 2021

ECHELON	2021 Goal	Current 2021 Members	New 2021 Members	PERCENT
50-AL	14	13	1	93%
29-AK	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	25		114%
27-NC	20	22		110%
31-TX	40	21		52%
24-VA	15			
03-WA	20	15		75%
11-WI	16	13		81%
TOTAL	317	244	5	77% of Goal

BIVOUAC 2021, NATIONAL AIDE

TO ALL JEEPETTES;

It is time to begin making arrangements to attend our National Bivouac. First you must let your Echelon Aide know you plan to attend. Your registration is sent in by your Echelon Aide. She sends the list of names plus \$5.00 for each name as well as their address. This fee is either paid by each Jeepette through your Aide or by the Echelon. The Committees will meet on Thursday, August 26, 2021, and any Jeepette who has no committee assignment may join whichever committee she wishes to work with. But she needs to request permission to sit in from the NMI, then join in. Please, these meetings are for conducting the business of the organization, not a time for telling your stories nor for idle chatter.

Deadline for registration with your Echelon is set by your Aide. The National Aide must have **ALL REGISTRATION FORMS PLUS CORRECT FEES BY AUGUST 7.** Please if you have questions regarding Bivouac meetings, registration, funds, etc., call me or send an email. If you need a call back—clearly state your name, phone number and Echelon state and number. I have new phone numbers. 406-856-4848 or 406-670-0303.

Now is the time to start planning for your trip to PHOENIX, ARIZONA for the 2021 ANNUAL NATIONAL BIVOUAC. Learn, share and take part in the fellowship and fun at your National Bivouac!

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as be exciting to be seeing some familiar faces, meeting our newest members at our next Arizona.



this year's Bivouac 2021. It will new attendees as well as National Bivouac in Phoenix,

This year's Bivouac will be held at the Hyatt August 26-27, 2021. You will be responsible arrangements. Please note that the deadline for 2021. Sleeping Rooms rate for rooms is \$123 for plus tax. (We received the same rate as National American Legion did for the convention). We feel strongly that this year will sell out quickly. Additionally, if you are staying for both the 2021 Annual National Bivouac and the National American Legion Convention you may choose to stay the entire time at this hotel.

Regency Phoenix, Arizona on for making your own hotel making reservations is July 24, king rooms and queen doubles,

Ensure you connect with your Echelon Aide. She will send in your registration and fees, then you schedule your trip and hotel reservation and join us. We encourage YOU to be there!

We are working on details for the banquet and will let you know as soon it is finalized. We do ask that you invite your Department Commander as well as all officers from your Department's Division, District and Posts to attend YOUR National 2021 Bivouac Banquet. There will be more information to come on this in the next edition.

Warmest Regards,
Gigi Callaway, Bivouac NMI



Maxine Elizabeth Bodman

West Palm Beach - (1925-2021)
Florida – Echelon 30

Maxine was born September 2, 1925, in West Palm Beach, Florida. She passed away on March 25 at 4:15 am. at the age of 95.



Maxine went to Palm Beach High School, and then enlisted in the US Navy in 1943 as a Yeoman First Class and served during WW11 until 1946. She was a Life Member of the Palm Beach Post 12 American Legion and was active with the Post for over 70 years. During that time, she held many positions including Commander and Historian.

Maxine was a member of the DAV Chapter 42, the American Legion Auxilliary for over 77 years as well as the Twenty and Four Echelon 30 for 66 years. Maxine was active with the West Palm Beach VA Hospital volunteering over 10,000 hours and participated in their Golden Age Games for 15 years winning 35 Gold and 15 Silver medals. She lived in Germany working for the Air Force during the '60s and traveled all throughout Europe. She loved traveling in her van throughout the 48 states with her dogs and cat

in tow visiting family and friends as well as participating in many Cancer benefits. Maxine loved playing sports like tennis, golf, bowling, shot put, discus, javelin, billiards, bocchia, shuffleboard, and softball. She was the daughter of Merville W Bodman and Vera Mae Spencer and lost 3 sisters Jean Bodman, Barbara Hellyer, Joan Bodman, and is survived by nieces and nephews, Susan and Gary Hellyer, Kim and Mark Klusza. A Graveside Memorial with military honors was held at Quattlebaum-Hillcrest, Friday, April 2nd.

(Published in The Palm Beach Post from Mar. 31 to Apr. 1, 2021.)



“Remember Them”

Chaya Semple, Montana, Echelon 9

I was recently blessed to purchase a copy of “Healing Wounds” by Montana American Legion member and Vietnam Veteran Diane Carlson Evans. (A riveting read available on Amazon.) The book tells of her upbringing, training, time in Vietnam, the trauma she experienced and how she was able to finally achieve healing of her mind and soul – through service to other Vietnam women veterans. How?

There are (thankfully!) only eight women’s names (all nurses) on The Wall – the black granite monument on The Mall in Washington, D.C., etched with the 58,000+ names of those who died in Vietnam. In 1984, a statue of three soldiers was erected nearby to honor the service of those men who served in Vietnam; however, there was not a woman in the grouping and 11,000+ women served in-country during those twenty years of conflict.

Diane made it her mission to add a statue to the site honoring women – to remember and honor not only the service of women who served in Vietnam, but also all women (265,000+) who served during that time. Some of us Jeepettes may remember those days (depending upon where you were stationed): couldn’t wear a uniform off base/post; had to check the status of the gate before you left base to ensure no protesters were there to throw things at your car; be careful where and to whom in the local civilian community you disclosed being in the military, etc. It wasn’t always pretty.

After a herculean effort by many who joined Diane in her quest, in 1993 a statue of three nurses with a wounded soldier in their midst was erected on the site near The Wall.

Memorial Day is coming soon. Do we remember those many military sisters of ours who gave their lives in service to our country? Since the Revolutionary War, women have served. Before this coming Memorial Day, please do a little research; the numbers (and even some names) of those women who died serving since 1776 are startling.

Please, plan now to take some time this Memorial Day to also remember the women veterans, our sisters, who paid the ultimate sacrifice. May you be well.



10 Things You Didn’t Know About Women in The Military (Submitted by Cheri Stanton, Nat. Dir.)

In honor of Women’s History Month, here are some things you may not know about women in the U. S. Military.

1. As of March 2019, Mary Dever of Disabled American Veteran’s says that according to the Department of Defense, women make up 20 percent of the Air Force, 19 percent of the Navy, 15 percent of the Army, and almost 9 percent of the Marine Corps. (via military.com)
2. Women made up 16 percent of the Coast Guard in 2016. (via datausa.com)
3. TV star Bea Arthur was a truck driver in the Marine Corps during WWII. (via military.com)
4. Abolitionist Harriet Tubman led a Union spy ring during the Civil War. (via military.com)
5. Queen Elizabeth II is the only sitting head of state to have served in World War II, as a mechanic/driver in the Women’s Auxiliary Territorial Service when she was still a princess. (via military.com)
6. A woman who is eligible for American Legion membership is eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary regardless of whether she is a member of the Legion. (via alaforveterans.org)

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CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICE 2021-2022

Beth Nehring PND, Nomination NMI



Are you considering running for a National Office?

The National Elected Officers of the 20/4, to be elected at the National Bivouac in Phoenix, Arizona, shall be: National Director VIP, the National Senior and Junior Vice Directors, National Sky Pilot, National CQ, Disbursing Director and National Aide.

Remember that in accordance with our Twenty and Four Procedures Manual, ALL CANDIDATES must submit your endorsement from your Echelon, a bio, and a letter of intent for the Office desired to the Nominating Committee. All members of the committee are to receive these nominations prior to June 15th so that ALL CANDIDATES are included in the June issue of the JEEP.

Nominations should be sent to the following:

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Hince57@msn.com

If you have any questions, or need further information please feel free to contact me.

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7. The ONLY woman to be awarded a Medal of Honor is Mary Edwards Walker, a medical doctor during the Civil War who had to start as a nurse but ultimately became the Army's first female surgeon. She was also a spy, and a POW. But as a non-combatant, her medal was revoked between 1917 and 1977. (via history.com)
 8. A search of "women" in the American Legion's memorials database yields several memorials dedicated to female military service. (via legion.org/memorials)
 9. The first known woman to join each service branch were Genevieve and Lucille Baker, and Myrtle Hazard- Coast Guard; Deborah Sampson-Army; Opha May Johnson-Marine Corps; Ester McGowin Blake-Air Force; and Loretta Walsh-Navy. (via military.com)
 10. Navy Capt. Rosemary Mariner was one of the first eight women selected to fly military aircraft in 1973, and a year later became the Navy's first female jet pilot. At her graveside service in February 2019, nine female pilots from Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia performed the "missing Women" formation for their predecessor – the first female crew to do so. (via We Are The Mighty)
- Look up www.legiontown.org. under the new Women Veterans category.



NATIONAL TWENTY & FOUR ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT

Forward to: Edna Taylor
100 W Jefferson, #711, Macomb, IL 61455



Echelon No. _____

Echelon Service Director

Address

Phone

Email

1. No. of women veterans visited: _____
2. No. of women veterans provided transportation: _____
3. No. of miles traveled for above or any service: _____
4. No. of women veterans helped or provided some type of service not included in the above: _____
5. Dollar value of gifts, refreshments, service, etc. : _____
6. No. of telephone calls and cards sent: _____
7. Dollar value of telephone calls and cards sent: _____
8. Community service of any kind: _____

9. No. of Jeepettes participating in all of the above: _____
10. Participation in funeral services for women veterans: _____
No. of services: _____ How many Jeepettes: _____
11. Number of Jeepettes attending funeral services for women veterans: _____
12. Approximate no. of hours for all of the above: _____
13. How many VAVS representatives are there in total: _____
14. How many Deputies: _____ Volunteers: _____

*No 10, "**participation**" refers to music/song/poem/eulogy, etc

*No 11, "**attended**" refers to attending without participation in the service

SHIRT ORDER FORM

2020-2021

20 & 4 NATIONAL - EMBLEM SALES

SHIRT STYLES & COLOR OPTIONS ON BACK OF THIS PAGE...

1. ORDER INFO:

Date: ____/____/____

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Phone: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

2. SHIRT INFO:

Style #: _____ Size: _____

Color: _____ Listed Price: _____

3. CREST EMBLEM: (circle) ☐ =DEFAULT

(1 crest included in price - Add \$5 for each additional crest)



4. BACK EMBLEM: (circle) (OPTIONAL)

** Additional \$8 for Back Emblems - Circle One



PERSONALIZATION INFO: (Optional / Additional)

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+ text+\$5.00
for
3 lines of text

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+\$7.00 for 1 line of text +
+\$11.00 for 2 lines of text
+\$15.00 for 3 lines of

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Line 2 _____

Line #3 _____



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Shirt price includes printed front (your) left crest emblem



6. TOTALS:

☐ **MULTIPLE ITEMS** (only 1 s&h per location)

Shirt Price (#2 total)\$ _____
Crest Emblem (#3 total)\$ _____
Back Emblem (#4 total)\$ _____
Personalization (#5 total)\$ _____
Shipping (+\$9 per location) ...\$ _____

NOTE ****

**NEW FORMS ON JULY 1,2020
PRICING WILL UPDATE AT
THAT TIME.**

ORDER TOTAL..... \$ _____

7. SUBMIT ORDER:

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QUESTIONS:

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& CHECK TO:**

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PROSPER TX 75078

MEN'S FIT / UNISEX FIT		Small Medium Large XL	PRICING					
STYLE CODE	DESCRIPTION		2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL	
TMSS	T-Shirt Mens Blend Short Sleeve	17	18	19	20	21		
TMSS-P	T-Shirt Mens Blend Short Sleeve w/Pocket	19	20	21	22	23		
TMVSS	T-Shirt Mens Blend V-neck Short Sleeve	17	18	19				
TMLS	T-Shirt Mens Blend Long Sleeve	19	20	21	22	23		
PMB	Polo Mens Blend	24	26	28	30	32	34	
PMB-P	Polo Mens Blend with Pocket	24	26	28	30	32	34	
PMW	Polo Mens Wicking 100%Poly	24	26	28	30	32	34	
PMW-P	Polo Mens Wicking 100%Poly w/Pocket	24	26	28	30	32	34	
PMW-P-TALL	Polo Mens Wicking 100%Poly w/Pocket TALL L	XL-26	28	30	32	34		
PMW-P-PRO	Polo Mens Wicking 100%Poly w/Pocket Pro Cote	24	26	28				
PMW-BLOCK	Polo Mens Wicking 100%Poly Blocked	24	26	28	30	32	34	
PNMSS-P	Poplin Mens Button-up Short Sleeve w/Pocket	26	28	30	32	34	36	
PNMLS-P	Poplin Mens Button-up Long Sleeve w/Pocket	28	30	32	34	36	38	

LADIES' FIT		Small Medium Large XL	PRICING					
STYLE CODE	DESCRIPTION		2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL	
TLSS	T-Shirt Ladies Blend Short Sleeve	17	18	19	20			
TLVSS	T-Shirt Ladies Blend V-neck Short Sleeve	17	18	19				
TLLS	T-Shirt Ladies Blend Long Sleeve	19	20	21				
PLBY	Polo Ladies Blend Y-neck Short Sleeve	24	26	28	30			
PLW-BTN	Polo Ladies Wicking 100%Poly Button Placket S	24	26	28	30			
PLW-VJC	Polo Ladies Wicking 100%Poly V-neck J-Collar	24	26	28	30			
PLW-BLOCK	Polo Ladies Wicking 100%Poly Blocked	24	26	28	30			
PNLSS	Poplin Ladies Button-up Short Sleeve	26	28	30	32			
PNL-3/4S	Poplin Ladies Button-up 3/4 Sleeve	28	30	32	34			
PNL-3/4S-SW	Poplin Ladies Button-up 3/4 Sleeve Swing Hem	28	30	32	34			
PNLLS	Poplin Ladies Button-up Long Sleeve	28	30	32	34			
CARD-BLAIR	Cardigan Ladies Blend	35	37	39				

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