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66th ANNUAL NATIONAL BIVOUAC

AUGUST 26 – 27, 2021

Phoenix, Arizona



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Thursday, August 26, 2021

Pre-Cadre and Committee Meetings

Check-in and Onsite Registration starts at 7:00 AM

Meetings starts at 8:00 AM

Friday, August 27, 2021

Bivouac starts @ 8:00 AM

Social, Banquet & Awards – 6:00 PM

Twenty and Four

The Honor Society of Women Legionnaires



The National Twenty & Four Honor Society of Women Legionnaires

Cheri Stanton, National Director

Invites you to the

66th Annual Bivouac Banquet

Friday, August 27, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Hotel

122 North Second Street, Phoenix, AZ

No Host Cocktail Hour: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

at Hyatt Barrel & Bushel Lounge (Located in the main Lobby)

Program & Dinner: 6:00 pm at Hyatt Cowboy Room

(Attire: After Five or Legion equivalent)

RSVP

----- Has reserved ----- seats
at the 66th Annual Bivouac Banquet on Friday, August 27, 2021

***Cost of dinner per person (pp) will be \$70.00 postmarked by
August 1, 2021.***

*Please remit the section below dotted line together with your payment to: G.
Callaway, PO Box 525, La Grange, IL 60525. (E: 2oand4echeloneight@gmail.com)*

** Provide names if more than one person * Provide email and phone if you
desire confirmation of receipt * Five seats per Table are due to current State's
Covid policy*

RESERVATIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN. Each Jeepette must make her own hotel reservation. Additionally, hotels are advising us that after the deadline rates may not be guaranteed even if availability exists. **We feel strongly that this year will sell out quickly, as people are wanting to begin traveling again.** Do not delay. The Banquet is Friday evening at the hotel. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE. NO BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BIVOUAC.

National Director's Corner

Cheri Stanton, Director VIP



Ladies,

Our Bivouac is just around the corner. Please make sure you get your hotel reservations in through your department. We will be limited to seating at our dinner so you will need to get reservations in for that too.

Gigi has done her best to get the hotel to lock down a menu at the lowest price possible, which looks like \$70.00 per plate. Everything this year is OUT OF SIGHT as prices go. We will have to rearrange our seating at the meeting for 1 person per 6ft foot table. Our normal u shape might not happen. We will see how we can set things up when we get there.

I was hoping to get to Arlington this year but I had a radio interview that day. Wasn't sure till this week if it would be open with all the shutdowns. I had to tell you about what it was like to be in the Navy in my interview. I mentioned that I was in during the Vietnam War time and women just held down jobs so the sailors could go to sea. We got good training as long as a sailor wasn't waiting in line for the job.

It is nice to be able to get out and talk with people again if you've had your shots. I am looking forward to seeing you at Bivouac.

National Aide

Joyce Babcock, Nat'l Aide



Greetings to all members of 20 & 4.

Ladies after a long time away from our National meetings it is time to return and renew our energies for our very worthwhile work. REMEMBER—you must be registered with this National Office to be a legal attendee at our Bivouac. Give your name and hotel address to your Echelon Aide and she will send your registration information and \$5.00 to me and I will complete the forms and have you listed as a “paid up” delegate at the Bivouac registration desk. You will check in at that desk on both Thursday and Friday and receive your credentials and supply pouch from registration desk clerk. You will need to sign your name both days but the address only on the first page that you sign. No, I won't be there but the paper work will be assembled and forwarded to me at the end of Bivouac.

Sign up, show up and have a great Bivouac. Enjoy your Friday evening banquet and have a good time for me. Joyce Babcock, PND, National Aide. Pick a lady with enthusiasm and willingness to work and give her your cooperation. Best wishes for a great 2 days.

“IT’S BIVOUAC TIME”

Joyce Babcock, National Aide

TO ALL JEEPETTES: It is time to make your arrangements for attending our National Bivouac. Remember, you must let your Echelon Aide know you plan to attend. Your registration is done by YOUR Echelon Aide, you give her your name and either the Echelon or you pay the \$5.00 registration fee. The Aide then completes the “Echelon Registration Form” for the year 2021. She will list all names and addresses of the members attending, Certify and sign the form and mail that with \$5.00 per person plus \$10.00 for the Echelon fee to THIS NATIONAL AIDE. I will total the expected members attending, and submit that information with the required funds and send it on to our Disbursing Officer. (Ms Beischel). One of the delegates from your Echelon will be assigned as National Cadre member—she has the vote in Cadre meeting. Each Echelon is allowed a minimum of five (5) voting delegates. If you have questions—please call me and we will keep it straight. Joyce Babcock, 1-406-670-0303.

All Jeepettes in attendance MUST sign in at Bivouac registration desk. Name, phone, mailing address and on second day can sign with name only if you desire. So, ladies, contact your Aide and get your name down on the proper file. Joyce Babcock, National Aide

**The American Legion
Twenty and Four Honor Society of Women Legionnaires
Echelon # 27
Department of North Carolina**

Resolution of Endorsement

February 20, 2021

WHEREAS: Echelon 27, has in its membership a dedicated Legionnaire by the name of Carol Barker, PDC, who has all the qualifications and desires to serve the Legionnaires of the National 20 & 4 Honor Society of Women Legionnaires; and

WHEREAS: PDC Carol Barker has been a member of Echelon #27, 20 & 4 Honor Society of Women Legionnaires for 10 years. With her service in the US Army and US Air Force, in 1974-1978 and 1994- 2012 (dates); She has served and Chaired Commissions and Committees throughout her membership and in between her multiple deployments in The American Legion, Department of North Carolina. Carol Barker has served as Department Commander, and

WHEREAS: PDC Carol Barker has served NC Echelon #27, 20 & 4 Honor Society of Women Legionnaires as Disbursing Director, and has assisted as Log Director, Charge of Quarters, and has held the high office of Senior Vice Director,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That we the members of Echelon # 27 ,20 & 4 Honor Society of Women Legionnaires at our Mid-Winter Bivouac, February 20, 2021, go on record to unanimously endorse Carol Barker for high office of National Director VIP of the National Twenty and Four Honor Society of Women Legionnaires for the year 2021-2022: and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That copies of this Resolution be sent to all Echelons asking for their support for our candidate.

Patricia Alston Harris

Director VIP

Francine Long s/s

Log Director

“Teach us to number our days...” Psalm 90:12

By now most Departments have held their God and Country Memorial Service at their Department Convention. It's an opportunity for us to remember our Legionnaires who have passed from this life since the last Convention – those who have left us an example of service for us to follow.

The Psalmist teaches us to pay attention to each day we're given – to use the time wisely. With all that's going on around us these days, we can easily forget we're souls inhabiting bodies on this Earth. By God's design our lifespan is limited. And, for the vast majority of us, we don't know when our time is going to be up. Accidents can change our lives in an instant. As we age, falls can happen. What starts out as a short trip or vacation can end tragically through an accident that's no fault of our own. As a chaplain, I have yet to hear someone tell me a terminal illness is on their 'bucket list' of something they wish to experience just so that they can prepare for death once they have an idea of when their time is going to be up.

In the meantime, as the clock of life ticks, how are you using the days of life you've been given? We're given each new day to do something meaningful, to make the world a better place. The fact you are a member of 20 & 4, tells us, you were busy making a difference! Are you still?

We begin each Legion meeting reciting the preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion. “For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes...” From the Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies: “The American Legion recognizes the influence of Almighty God in all worthwhile endeavors and declares the allegiance of Legionnaires to both God and nation.”

What are you doing to nourish and strengthen your eternal soul? How are you recognizing “the influence of Almighty God” in your life and in all your worthwhile endeavors?

After several more inspirational declarations, the preamble concludes with: “...To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.” Again, from the Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies: “This is the most important ideal expressed in our preamble. We can salute The American Legion today as an unparalleled force in these United States for social betterment. American Legion concepts and its ideal of devotion to mutual helpfulness warmed the entire social climate of America...”

Hands-on mutual helpfulness can take a variety of forms and shapes: American Legion Baseball, Civil Air Patrol, Scouts, or other community youth programs; helping veterans, whether at a VA facility or a veteran you know; public service, actively serving as an officer or on a committee in your post, volunteering in your community. Or, just reaching out to help a neighbor or stranger in need.

As we number our days, let us not forget we have a mission to be lights of helpfulness in our communities. Even the smallest act of kindness can make a dramatic life-changing difference from another person's perspective.

May you be inspired to help someone today and every day. May you be well.

Chaya Semple
Echelon 9

Nomination for National Sky Pilot

Echelon 8 proudly presents Georgianna (Gigi) Callaway for the office of National Sky Pilot the year of 2021-2022. She will perform her duties as directed with respect to our Flag and others.

We are proud we have a Jeepette in our Echelon who is passionate about serving as National Sky Pilot.

In friendship,
Edna Taylor Director Echelon 8
Echelon 8 acting Aide

The American Legion National Commander Bill Oxford of North Carolina used his column in the June issue of our Legion magazine to address US.

I am optimistic that not only did our sisters in arms read what he wrote but also responded to him directly and will take what HE Shred to heart and in our programs.

This Texas Legionnaire met the current Commander years ago on the mid-year trips to DC to meet with our leaders and was not surprised at all by the time he took to address his female members and their place in our Legion. In the decades my husband and I have shared the Legion family, we have seen changes and hopefully so have many of you. Am optimistic that those changes have been positive although I know my own have had a few rocky spots!

Although a native New Yorker (yes...New York City!!), we joined the Legion in Virginia and your truly jumped into it 100%. Fast forward 10 years and we traveled to Texas to set up a graduation party for a Hince boy. Hit the local Legion Post and during the tour of the facility, yours truly was totally ignored! Our guide spoke to my husband and then started asking him questions about our Virginia Post.... John had been there about 3 times in 10 years! When he

told the Post member that and the fact that I was Post Commander, the mans' head swung around quickly and he said...guess it was a small Post. I said I guess it depended how you defined small because we had over 3000! He stopped talking! Those who know me know I did not let that go and asked how big his post was...take about 2600!!

Guess what I am saying is, the females in our great organization are making a difference and we need to share that, brag about it, push it!

Let's work on a PR / marketing plan and make it happen!

Gerry Hince
Post 159
Bryan, Texas
Post President Twenty and Four

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN



*In memory of our beloved comrade, sister, and friend, gone but
never to be forgotten.*

ANNA THERESA BROWN

October 14, 1923 - December 25, 2020



*Mildred Wright-Pearson, Director VIP
& Members of Echelon 1 - CA*



Massachusetts - Echelon #2

Patricia Farris
Jean Flanagan
Priscilla Fonseca
Judith Garland
Sandra Kee
Cindy LaCoste
Lisa McPhee
Sandra Means
Sally Nay
Carla Nelson
June Newman
Leah O'Brien
Jodie Pajak
Karen Scott
Cerita Siano
JoAnn Sprague
Mary Standish
Ella Staples
Neysa Wright



Washington - Echelon 3

Alfie Alvarado-Ramos
Donna Botelho
Gail Branum
Teresa Bryan
Edna Douglas
Mary Fike
Cathy Hennie
Barbara Hoerr
Marie Honeywell
Gail Porter
Carol Reed
Patricia Reese
Margaret Reining
Nancy Robbins
Carrol Stripling
Maria Tye



Montana - Echelon #9

Margaret Barrett
Sue Davidson
Robie Fee
Sylvia Machler
Christiania Rangitisch
Chaya Semple
Janis Ulrich



Alabama – Echelon 50

Earnestine Doubek
Gloria J. Prince
Chrystal Jones
Sherrie Rogers
Ginger Branson
Cindy Pierre
Gladys Leonard
Elizabeth Tumbleson
Donna Stacey
Jenny Reed
Stacey Harring
Tangie Lauderdale

News from Echelon 1 – CA



*Photos by Fred Shacklett Dept. of California Historian
California Leginnaire – April 2021*

Department of California oratorical contest first place winner Regina Molitoris poses for a photo with Area 3 Oratorical Commissioner Mildred S. Wright-Pearson (left) and Department Adjutant Barbara Lombrano on Saturday, March 6, 2021. Molitoris won \$1,200 from Department, plus an additional \$5,000 from National.



Congratulations to the new Department of California Adjutant, Barbara Lombrano. Barbara is a member of Echelon 1-CA. We are all very proud of her and confident that she will do a great job.

Echelon 8

It's what we do. In the past year; what have our Jeepettes been doing? Here is just one example; an excerpt of Jeepettes in action: Chris Hildebrand wrote, "There was a fire just up the street from my house. Two families lost everything they had. I called Jan Lepinski as she is PC 7th District and told her what there were several children who lost everything in the fire. She took it from there. On December 15, Jan and I delivered Christmas presents. Jan did a fantastic job purchasing the presents for the 5 children. Here is just one example; an excerpt of Jeepettes in action: Last year, 2020 Veterans Ball. JV Director of Echelon 8, also, Fifth District Commander) Detraill Dearborn, to add one item that would be donated directly to the Echelon 8; and asked her to run the silent auction at the event. Time was closing in and responses continued to be slow. The committee thought it might be due to the holidays season. A request to urge the Director and Commander of First Division to cancel the event came as she was going against all odds at this point. Her and her team pressed on. Just after the new year, responses started to flow in. The 50 attendees were met! It didn't stop... 60, 70, 80 (the goal), 90 (banquet hall moved them to a larger room), 100, 110 and a more beyond that too! Final results were that Echelon 8 receive more than \$400 and the division had a hugely successful event.

Now comes the Bivouac. Plan ahead. Ask your members to contact you. 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!

Director Ech 8, G. Callaway, Aide Ech 8, Edna Taylor, National Director Cher Stanton
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