



THE NATIONAL JEEP

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Honor Society of Women Legionnaires



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*Thank you,
Joyce Babcock, Echelon 9
Montana,
from ALL of the Jeepettes
for your many years of
service as National Aide to
The Honor Society of
Women Legionnaires, 20+4.*

*We will miss seeing you at
the National Bivouac this
year in Arizona and will
be thinking of you.*

CALL TO 65TH NATIONAL BIVOUAC

AUGUST 26 – 27, 2021

Phoenix, Arizona



Hyatt Regency • 122 North Second Street • Phoenix, AZ

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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

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PURPOSE

- *To elect National Officers
- *To amend the National Constitution and Bylaws if necessary
- *To transact such business as necessary
- *To meet and enjoy one another's company

REPRESENTATION

The Bivouac shall be composed of delegates from all Echelons. Each Echelon shall be entitled to five (5) delegates and five alternates, plus one additional delegate and alternate for each fifty (50) paid members. Paid membership shall be determined **forty (40) days prior** to the first day of Bivouac. All Echelons who are in good standing by **August 7, 2021**, will be entitled to representation at the Bivouac. Members of the National Cadre from each Echelon shall be delegates to the National Bivouac with the right of the vote. This vote shall be exercised with their respective Echelons.

Echelons (all)	5 delegates and 5 alternates
26 thru 75 members	1 additional delegate and alternate
76 thru 125 members	2 additional delegates and alternates

DELEGATES

Only paid-up members for the year 2021 are entitled to be a member of the Cadre, a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the Bivouac. A member is considered to be paid up when \$13.00 per capita for the current year has been received by the National Aide 40 days (**July 17, 2021**) prior to the National Bivouac. No per capita will be accepted for Bivouac count after that date nor will any Jeepette be listed on the Bivouac registry or receive a Bivouac badge.

CREDENTIALS

Blank forms will be furnished to all Echelon Aides with 3 copies each. Two (2) copies of the Credential Forms are to be signed by the Echelon Director VIP and returned to the National Aide by **August 7, 2021**. Accompanying the Credential form shall be a check in payment as per this schedule: \$10.00 for the Echelon and \$5.00 for each Jeepette listed on the Credentials form. If a Jeepette is deemed to be filling more than one position, do not list her twice. She is to be listed **ONLY IN THE HIGHEST POSITION**. That is: Past National Director, Current National Officer, National Cadre Member, Echelon Delegate and finally, Alternate Delegate. ALL positions require \$5.00 for each Jeepette listed.

Credential badges will be issued at the Bivouac for all Jeepettes registered. In extenuating circumstances, registration corrections may be made through the National Aide and Credentials Committee with subsequent approval by the Bivouac body. Certification by appropriate Echelon Officers must be presented. The Echelon must have been registered and fees paid **PRIOR** to arrival at Bivouac.



65th Annual Bivouac Banquet

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

Hyatt Regency Hotel

122 North Second Street, Phoenix, AZ

RESERVATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. Each Jeepette must make her own reservation with the hotel.

Please note that the deadline for making reservations is July 24, 2021. Sleeping Rooms rate for rooms is \$123 for king rooms and queen doubles, plus tax. (We received the same rate as National American Legion did for the convention). Additionally, if you are staying for both the Annual National Bivouac and the National American Legion Convention you may choose to stay the entire time.

The Banquet is Friday evening at the hotel. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE. NO BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BIVOUAC. Dinner is Chef choice plated chicken dinner and dessert. Guests must have same reservation form.

No Host Cocktail Hour: 5:00 pm @ the Hyatt Barrel & Bushel Lounge (located in the main Lobby)

*Program & Dinner: 6:00 pm at Hyatt Cowboy Room
(Attire: After Five or Legion equivalent)*

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

RSVP

----- *Has reserved* ----- *seats*
at the 65th Annual Bivouac Banquet on Friday, August 27, 2021

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

** Provide names if more than one person * Provide email and phone if you
desire confirmation of receipt * There will be five (5) seats per Table are due to
current State's Covid policy*

National Director's Corner

Cheri Stanton, Director VIP



Hi Everyone,

Hope all is well in your neighborhood. COVID has really taken a toll among our ranks. Lots of our ladies are just beginning to get out again. With Bivouac around the corner, it would be an excellent time for us to get together and renew friendships.

In this JEEP you will find information about our BIVOUAC and the details for each delegate to follow. I hope each Echelon can send at least one member so we can report about what has been going on. I got to go to Alabama and install their new Echelon right before the quarantine. What an honor.

So many of our ladies have helped with activities like feeding the homeless, helping with COVID shots, and volunteering their time. We can all be proud of all our efforts

Joyce Babcock, who has been our aide for many years has retired. She has been experiencing health issues and is restricted to travel. I think she still needs a standing ovation for all her years of experience. So, whenever you read this, stand up and say "THIS ONES FOR YOU JOYCE!" and give her a round of applause. I wish her all the best and plan to send her a gift card for her years of service. She has been training Earnestine from Alabama to do her job. Big shoes to fill.

I am really sorry about the menu prices this year. The Hotel hasn't been to cooperative with us and the prices are out of sight. Gigi has been working with them since this Spring and this is the lowest we could get. Maybe next year we can find a restaurant within walking distance for the meal and have the other part of our meeting and installation earlier. Can't wait to see everyone.

National Aide

Joyce Babcock, Nat'l Aide



Intend to attend National Bivouac this August? I need your name, address, phone and will you be in attendance both Thursday and Friday or just Friday. Do you remember what committee you are part of on Thursday? If not, let me know and I will give you a heads up. Remember our national colors are: red jacket and white pants or skirt, white blouse and be comfortable. Check in time both days is 0800. When you check in at the meeting door you will: first day sign your name, cell phone, hotel room. The person at the registration desk will give you your bag with reports booklet in it, and any items sent to Bivouac from Echelons. On Thursday the Committees meet and if you aren't assigned, you may go to any committee (quietly ask the NMI permission to join) and sit down and learn. The registration

desk may have a need for an assistant, also your new National Aide may need someone to deliver paperwork, keep track of committee progress, most anything that is going on. This is also a good time to visit the Emblem Sales table. REMEMBER- keep your voice down to a quiet whisper.

Echelon Aides—this is a good time to pick up various forms that you need for your office. The National Aide will have copies of most forms. So, take care of business on Thursday and DON'T WHISPER TOGETHER on Friday. This is official business. Have an interesting and good Bivouac, don't forget we are a fun and fellowship organization.

Banking Summary

7/01/2020 through 06/30/2021

Submitted by Judi Beischel, PND Disbursing Director 07/01/2021

Category

INCOME

20 & 4 100 TH Anniversary Fund	\$ 100.00
20 & 4 Income	
Donation	50.00
Dues	3,520.00
Emblem Sales	128.00
Jeep Christmas Greetings	146.00
Proud to be an American	175.00
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Total 20 & 4 Income	\$
4,019.00	
20 & 4 Scholarship Fund	200.00
Dividend Income	3.85
Interest Income	34.56
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TOTAL INCOME	\$ 4,357.41

EXPENSES

Uncategorized	0.00
20 & 4 Expenses	
Awards	20.90
Emblem Sales	107.35
Insurance	425.00
Printing (National Aide)	506.22
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TOTAL 20 & 4 EXPENSES	\$ 1,059.47

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OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 3,297.94
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As of 7/01/2020

Checking \$10,599

Saving. \$46,869

As of 6/30/2021

Checking \$13,859

Saving. \$46,907

Resolution Echelon 50-AL

Whereas, The National Twenty and Four Honor Society of Women legionnaires will elect a National Aide at the Annual Bivouac this year;

Whereas, Comrade Doubek gained her eligibility after being honorably discharged from the United States Navy

Whereas, Comrade Doubek is serving on the American Legion National Legislative Commission

Whereas, Comrade Doubek is serving as Chairman of the Oratorical Commission Department of Alabama

Whereas, Comrade Doubek is serving on the Legislative Committee, Membership Committee, Americanism Committee and Internal Affairs Committee for the Department of Alabama

Whereas, Comrade Doubek is serving as Morgan County Commander

Whereas, Comrade Doubek is serving as Americanism Chairman for District 12

Whereas, Comrade Doubek is serving as Americanism and Children and Youth Chairman for Auxiliary Unit 52, Hartselle, AL

Whereas, Comrade Doubek founded The Twenty and Four Honor Society of Women Legionnaires Echelon 50-AL

Whereas, Comrade Doubek served as District 12 Service Officer

Whereas, Comrade Doubek served as Americanism and Bingo Chairman for Post 15 in Decatur, AL

Whereas, Comrade Doubek revived County Government Day for Post 15 in Decatur, AL

Whereas, Comrade Doubek served as Second Vice President and Member At Large for Auxiliary Unit 15

Whereas, Comrade Doubek is serving as First Vice Commander AMVETS Department of Alabama

Resolved by the Twenty and Four Echelon 50-AL via email on May 2, 2021 by the membership that Earnestine Doubek is hereby endorsed for the office of National Aide, National Twenty and Four Honor Society of Women Legionnaires.




Director VIP


Aide



ALWAYS PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

AZ Echelon 35

Marge Aherns	Lisa DeLeclerc	Barbara Hobbs	Anna Nemecek
Martha Albano	Lisette Eckman	Dee Hoisington	Cheryl Shannon
Judi Beischel – PND	Eldora Engebreston	Georgie Jones	Joan Sisco
Gerry Berger	Rebecca Faris	Jennie Jordan	Carol Stensby
Eszter Blair	Patricia Fite	Lenore Katz	Paula Stephenson
Nancy Browne	Kathryn Foor	Bobbie Kimelton	Jeri Strande
GiGi Burns	Mary Freeman	Joyce Lee	Janet Stripe
Patricia Carlisle-Thompson	Julia Gusse	Jeri Logenbugh	Ellen Truesdell
Margaret Chaput	Judith Hatch	Malina Lopez	Felice Wimbish-Tribue
Sandi Deatherage	Colleen Heck	Cheryl Mothershed	
Rosa Del Rosario	Kris Hinson	Beth Nehring – PND	<i>In Memoriam-Charter Member Margaret Stephenson</i>

Nomination for National Senior Vice Director:

Echelon 35, Arizona

Arizona Echelon 35 endorses **Cheryl Shannon** for the Office of Senior Vice Director. She is currently serving as National Sky Pilot.



Cheryl has been a member of the American Legion for 19 years and a member of The Honor Society of Women Legionnaires for 10 years with Echelon 35. She served in the United States Air Force for 20 years and served one tour in Iraq. Her top position held in the American Legion was District Commander. She has served in other service organizations where she was elected to the highest position of Department Commander. We believe she can represent the Twenty and Four to the utmost of respect and regard.

We ask that you consider supporting **Cheryl Shannon** for the Office of Senior Vice Director at the National Bivouac in August in Phoenix, Arizona.

Nomination for National Disbursing Director:

Echelon 35 – Arizona

Arizona Echelon 35 endorses **Judi Beischel** for the Office of National Disbursing Director. She is currently serving as the National Disbursing Director.

Judi has been a member of the American Legion for 19 years and a member of The Honor Society of Women Legionnaires, Echelon 35, for 17 years. She has served the Twenty and Four as National Disbursing Director since 2016, served as National Director 2011-2012, and Echelon 35 Director for two years.

Judi has served the American Legion, Department of Arizona, as NEC from 2018 – present; Department Commander in 2013-2014; Area B Commander, 2011-2012; District 12 Commander, 2009-2010, and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 42 years.

Echelon 35-Arizona, believes that Judi will continue to make sure that the transactions are true, accurate, and the most cost effective for our organization.

We ask that you consider supporting **Judi Beischel** for the Office of National Disbursing Director at the National Bivouac in August in Phoenix, Arizona.



MARGARET FOSTER STEPHENSON

Margaret was a 48-year Charter Member of Echelon 35.

Margaret passed away on June 15, 2021. Margaret was born and raised in Bradford, PA., the eldest child of Charles and Mabel Canon Foster. After high school, Margaret served in the U.S. Navy (Waves) at Bu Pers in Washington D.C. for four years.

After military service she graduated from King's Business College in Charlotte, N.C. and returned to Washington D.C. working for the National Rural Electric Cooperative and the Lumber Dealers Association. Traveling and setting up board and membership meetings all over the country. In 1965, Margaret married Walter L. Stephenson who preceded her in death

July 2003. They resided in Riverside, CA. until 1968 when they moved to Phoenix, AZ.

Margaret was President of Western Greeters and V.P. of Welcome Wagon and worked for the Sheet Metal Union. In 1976 she and Walter moved to Tucson and purchased Harry's Electric where she was controller, they retired in 1996. Margaret was Past President of Welcome Wagon 1987-88, Past President (two terms) Echelon 35 Honor Society of Women Legionnaires 20/4, Member of Post #7 American Legion and Past President and Regional Director of Desert Waves Unit #13 of Waves National. She served as Chaplain for Waves National for four years. Past President of Rolling Hills Garden Club and chairman for several bridge clubs.

Margaret is survived by her brother, Gene A. Foster of Greenville, N.C.; Walter's daughter, Pam Ubrun of Riverside, CA and her children, Travis, Brandi and Dustin plus eight great-grandchildren. Several nieces and nephews also survive. Margaret loved cats and had several in her lifetime. She attended Pantano Christian Church and served on several committees. Graveside Services for Margaret were held in the Veterans section of East Lawn Cemetery, 5801 East Grant Road. She was laid to rest beside her beloved Walter.

ECHELON 35 – ARIZONA

Resolution No. 1: Condolences Related to the Passing of Margaret Foster Stephenson

Origin: Echelon 35, Department of Arizona, Twenty and Four

Submitted by: Echelon 35, Department of Arizona, Twenty and Four

WHEREAS, with feelings of deepest regret, Echelon 35, Department of Arizona, Twenty and Four, must record the passing of a friend and associate, Margaret FosterStephe nson on June 15, 2021, in Tucson, Arizona, and

WHEREAS, Margaret served in the United States Navy at Bupers in Washington, DC and

WHEREAS, Margaret served as a Charter Member of Echelon 35, Department of Arizona, Twenty and Four, and was responsible for aiding in the establishment of this honor society of female Legionnaires who have served their country to provide aid to disabled and needy female veterans; and

WHEREAS, Margaret served as a two-term Past Director VIP and a loyal 48-year member of Echelon 35; and

WHEREAS, because we realize to the fullest extent the benefits which our Echelon derived from the work of this Jeepette, and because of the warm personal feeling inspired in our hearts by her kindly unselfish life; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Echelon 35, Department of Arizona, Twenty and Four in a regular meeting assembled in Mesa, Arizona, on June 26, 2021, does enter into the records of Echelon a tribute to the memory of one who was held in the highest esteem and respect by all of her associates, and who, because of her kindness, courtesy, and integrity, exemplified to the highest degree the teaching of our Society, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the family of our deceased Jeepette, together with the assurance of our sincerest sympathy.

May the Heavenly Father console them in their present sorrow and may these words of appreciation and high regard be solace in the years to come.


Dr. Bobbie J. Kimelton
Aide


Beth Nehring
Director VIP



VALEDDA (VAL) ANN KIEHN WILSON

United State Air Force-Captain
Enlisted 4 June 1951 - Separated 13 April 1959



Val was born on a farm 25 miles south of Chamberlain, South Dakota to Fred C and Therese (Polenz) Kiehn. Growing up in a remote part of South Dakota, Val attended high school in Chamberlain and lived in a dormitory at school, returning home for holidays and the summers.

She attended college in Sioux City, Iowa at the Lutheran School of Nursing, earning a degree as a registered nurse. Upon graduation she did a year's postgraduate work in nursing at Baylor University. Shortly afterwards she joined the United States Air Force and was sent to Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX and upon completion of officer orientation training, she was sent to McChord AFB, WA, outside of Tacoma. She was assigned as a staff nurse in the "Gold Brick" ward.

She was next on her way to Japan and assigned to work as a Triage nurse in a 52-bed hospital, caring for wounded soldiers arriving from Korea. While in Japan she traveled and volunteered as a nurse at a ski lodge set up as a Rest and Relaxation Camp.

In 1952 Val was requested by name, by a previous supervisor to be transferred to Kunsan AB, Korea where she served as an operating room supervisor. She served with United Nations nurses from Sweden and Australia. The overall mission of the medical staff was to provide quality care and to return the soldiers back to their units as quickly as possible.

Kunsan AB was considered a forward area and Val wore a .45 hand gun, a real "Pistol Packing Mama". (The unit was the Air Force version of MASH). Her medical group was bombed by small (Cub two-seater) Chinese aircraft, the bombs normally consisted of broken glass and rusty nails. She had the opportunity to meet some very important dignitaries while in Korea; General Dwight D Eisenhower, prior to assuming the office of President. She also met General Douglas Mac Arthur while touring forward areas.

Upon her return from Korea, Val was sent back to Lackland, AFB, TX and attended the Air Force's Anesthesiology Nursing course, and became a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, upon graduation she was sent to George AFB, CA.

Val met and married her Air Force pilot husband in January 1959. Her plans included remaining in the service, but when she became pregnant she was forced to separate from the military. At this time in history military women were allowed to marry, but were separated from service due to pregnancy.

After her divorce she raised three children as a single mother while working for 18 years at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, Wisconsin as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

She joined The American Legion in 1981 and became a very active member of the American Legion. In her 40th years of service, she filled every position in the Madelyn La Canne (an All-Women's) Post 539 in Green Bay. Val served as the Post Commander a few times; 1991-1993, 2000-2001, and 2006-2009.

She also served as the Brown County Council of the American Legion, Finance Officer for many years. Val is a long-time member of the Honor Society of Women Legionnaires, aka the 20&4 and served as its National Treasurer and National Director VIP (Commander) in 1996, she placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown.

In a Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) interview of Korean War Veterans in 2000, she shared the fact that she was the only remaining nurse from Wisconsin having served in country (Korea) that is still alive today.

Val was the cement that held our Post together during some lean times. She has been our senior spokesperson, confidant, friend, teacher, and someone who was a strong woman who helped to pave the way for those women who followed in her footsteps.

It's hard to say Good bye...I know the seasons must change and time must move on, but there will always be an empty space in my heart and could that can only be filled with happy memories...



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