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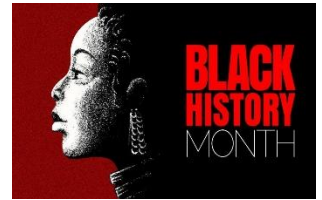
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MERGING



Echelons 1 & 40 - CA

By Marilyn Rideaux, Aide, Echelon 1 - CA

On February 15, 2022, California Echelons 1 & 40 merged. We are **California Echelon 1**. This was not a decision made in haste. This matter had been addressed for the past couple of years. A few members of both Echelons were undecided or reluctant, so discussion of a merger was taken off the table. Now having two-thirds of both 1 & 40 in favor, we decided to proceed with the merger.

Bylaws of the two Echelons are currently being redrafted for review and approval at our annual Bivouac which will be held on June 23, 2022, in Visalia, CA, during the Department of California's convention days. During the 2022 Bivouac, we will hold election of officers for the coming year and select delegates to represent our Echelon at the National Bivouac in Milwaukee, WI.

This is an exciting venture for us, and we have a lot of work to do. Echelon 1 is planning to host a social reception following Bivouac on June 23 with our "top hats" being our special guests. In addition, on Friday, June 24, and Saturday, June 25, we will operate a vendor table with items to sell, gift-baskets and 50/50 drawings each day. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to assist members of Echelon 1 who need assistance or may be shut in.

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Ladies,

I hope this finds all of you doing good. It is definitely another crazy year. Things have been a little crazy here in Cheyenne with a couple of potential exposures to Covid 19. I am still working part time and will be trying to make a trip to Minnesota for a funeral. I am certainly looking forward to warmer weather.

If anyone needs to reach out, please do not hesitate. My cell is 307-761-1695 and that or email ckwkitten@yahoo.com are the best ways to reach me.

Cheryl K. Shannon
Sr National Director



NATIONAL BIVOUAC – 2022

August 25 – 26, 2022

Looks as though this year's National Bivouac will be held at the North Carolina headquarters hotel in Milwaukee. If my assumption is correct, the Bivouac will be at the **Hyatt-Regency Milwaukee**. Considering our experience at the Hyatt in Phoenix, AZ, we may be dinning on another hunk of expensive chicken at a cost of \$70 or maybe more considering the rate of inflation. In addition, nearby posts willing to host events is not an option either. The distance from the Convention Center in Milwaukee ranges from 10–15 miles away to these posts.

I don't know who, if anyone, has been designated to plan this year's Bivouac or if anyone is looking into the matter. It may be an oversight that a Bivouac chair was not identified this year, but there is only six months left.

We can all attest to the fact that once again, 2021-2022, has been difficult for many of us as the pandemic continues to complicate normal activity; however, many of us have come to appreciate information and news about 20+4 that's published in The Jeep. The Jeep is our best source of disseminating information to the Echelons and 20+4 Jeepettes throughout the country.

Maybe I'm wrong but considering that we are well into the month of February, I anticipated publishing information this month on the Memorial Scholarship Program and application, the annual service report coming due in a few months, any available information from Emblem Sales, as well as available information about the upcoming Bivouac in this issue. You may notice that I did not receive much for this issue. Next publication of The Jeep will be in April 2022 when I receive enough entries to do a draft.

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Jeepettes Trish Carlise-Thompson, Jeri Strande, PND Judi Beishel, PND Beth Nehring and Gerry Berger attended services on January 26, 2022



It is my sad duty to report that the Arizona Echelon 35, 18-year member, Arizona Post 72 Adjutant and a longtime Legionnaire, Judy Hatch, passed away December 25, 2021, at the VA Medical Center Phoenix Community Living Unit during her hospice care.

Legionnaire Hatch was a 29-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having retired as a Master Sergeant, serving in an active-duty Federal billet with the Arizona Air National Guard. She entered the Air Force in 1961 and over the next many years served active or reserve duty with the Air Force before moving to Arizona and joining the Arizona Air Guard as an active-duty member until her retirement in 2000. Prior to her coming to Arizona, she was a deputy sheriff with the Cook County, Illinois, Sheriff's Office. Judy is survived by her two adult sons and grandchildren.

She is most noted for her leading the annual Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremonies in Phoenix over the past several years, along with her several years of service as the representative for The American Legion Department of Arizona to the Veterans Administration Medical Center Advisory Council Phoenix.

Services were held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 10 AM at Christ Church of the Valley (CCV), 15025 N. 19th AVE, Phoenix, AZ 85023

Judy's internment will be at the Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery at a later announced date.

Resolution No. 2: Condolences Related to the Passing of

Judith Ann Hatch

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

Date: January 26, 2022

WHEREAS, with feelings of deepest regret, Echelon 35, Department of Arizona, Twenty and Four, must record the passing of a friend and associate, Judith Ann Hatch on December 25, 2021, at the VA Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona, and

WHEREAS, Judith served as a 29-year veteran of the United States Air Force retiring as a Master Sergeant, and

WHEREAS, Judith served in and retired from an active-duty federal billet with the Arizona Air National Guard, and

WHEREAS, Judith served as a 18-year member of Echelon 35, Department of Arizona, Twenty and Four, and was responsible for aiding women veterans who have served their country to provide aide to disabled and needy female veterans; and

WHEREAS, because we fully realize 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, By Echelon 35, Department of Arizona, Twenty and Four in special vote, on January 24, 2022, that we enter into the records of this Echelon a tribute to the memory of one who was held in the highest esteem and respected by all 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 a solace in the years to come

*Roberta J. Kimelton
Aide*

*Elizabeth Nehring
Director VIP*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - FEBRUARY 2022

ECHELON	2022 Goal	Current 2022 Members	New 2022 Members	PERCENT
50-AL	15	14	5	93%
29-AK	10	11		110%
35-AZ	35	12	2	25%
01-CA 40-CA MERGED	50	40		80%
05-FL	22			
30-FL	20	14		70%
08-IL	24	24		100%
02-MA	20	11		55%
09-MT	22	22		100%
27-NC	20	27	9	135%
31-TX	35			
24-VA	12	1		
03-WA	13	8		61%
11-WI	13	5		38%
TOTAL	311	189		61% of Goal

Future Jeep Deadline Dates:

March 22, 2022 for April 2022 issue

May 24, 2022 for June 2022 issue

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July 15, 2022 for Pre-Bivouac 2022 issue



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