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From the Desk of Carol Barker, National Director VIP



As our Country moves forward from being almost completely crippled from Covid 19 we must continue to take care of ourselves which includes plenty of water, eating right, exercising, and helping our family and communities move forward. We were never promised that life would be without challenges and hardships, but we have faced hardships, sacrificed placing service before our families and personal desires. We served our country staying determined and strong, believing in a higher purpose other than our selves. I am so proud and honored to be able to say I am a member of a group of the most amazing women. We are Women Veterans; we have fought our way here and earned our title 'Veteran'.

Life continues to be tough for Veterans, especially women veterans. They have much to deal with and much to heal from: combat, physical, and psychological wounds, sexual harassment and assault, trauma, stress, chains of command and the VA.

Now more than ever these veterans are facing their problems head on. There is such a rich history of women serving in the military and while at one point in time most women served in the role of nursing, medical support and administration. Today women are part of every job and have opportunities to follow their desires and serve in any job they are qualified for, and this is because of the women who came before us. For this we owe them our gratitude and must continue to move forward and help our sisters in distress. Please do your buddy checks with members that are sick, going through a family tragedy and especially those who you have not heard from and seems to have isolated themselves. We do so much but can do more to make sure that we are show others they are thought of you are there to listen and assist them as you can.

I look forward to seeing all of you at this year's Bivouac in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 25 – 26 2022. Information has been slow coming, but I know it will come together and you will receive the location and costs of the bivouac and banquet soon.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

APRIL 2022

ECHELON	2022 Goal	Current 2022 Members	New 2022 Members	PERCENT
50-AL	15	15	6	100%
29-AK	10	11		110%
35-AZ	35	12	2	34%
01-CA	50	40	1	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	19	1	54%
24-VA	12	1		8%
03-WA	13	8		61%
11-WI	13	7		53%
TOTAL	311	211		69% of Goal



103rd NATIONAL CONVENTION



NATIONAL BIVOUAC – 2022 August 25 – 26, 2022

As our National Director stated on the previous page, information is slow coming. However, we are working aggressively to finalize plans for this year's Bivouac. I hope that by the middle of next month or possibly sooner I will be able to get the necessary details to you so that you can start making plans to attend. We are planning to make this Bivouac worth your time as well as have some well-deserved fun together.

Special thanks to Judi Beischel (PND), Carol Barker ND, and Deborah Thomas for working with me in an effort to make it happen. Thanks, also, to PNDs who provided input.

Marilyn Rideaux
Bivouac Chair - 2022
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Hello Spring!

My dear sisters in arms the month of March, we gave honor to all women. For us, we honor our women in uniform and our sister veterans in events in our hometowns. Maybe some of you were being honored for your many achievements. I would be remised not to think about those women of great strength of the many generations of women in military service. I salute you for all that you have done to continue to light a pathway way to the road less traveled. **SALUTE**

We are moving on to April. It is incredible how fast time flies, getting closer to when we will enjoy our



fellow Jeepettes again! There are several awareness points we know about in April. This month I think about the importance of the Military Child, Children, and Youth. Children are our nation's treasure and future. What we display is what they see and learn. Many of them are learning a strength like we have never seen and crave normalcy that no longer exists. Giving love remains as constant insurance that, even amid uncertainty caring for one another prevails.

April is also Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Awareness and prevention are critical. I challenge each of you on **April 27, 2022**, to wear a pair of jeans or denim and take a picture and post it on the American Legion Women's Facebook page or your own page **#20and4, #NoMore**

Why? History of Denim Day

Denim Day grew out of a 1998 Italian Supreme Court decision that overturned a rape conviction because the victim wore tight jeans. An 18-year-old girl is picked up by her married 45-year-old driving instructor for her first lesson. He takes her to an isolated road, pulls her out of the car, wrestles her out of one leg of her jeans, and forcefully rapes her. Threatened with death, if she tells anyone, he makes her drive the car home. Later that night, she tells her parents, and they help and support her to press charges. The perpetrator gets arrested and is prosecuted. He was convicted of rape and sentenced to jail.

He appeals the sentence. The case makes it to the Italian Supreme Court. Within days, the case against the driving instructor is overturned, dismissed, and the perpetrator released. In a statement by the Chief Judge, he argued, "because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans, it was no longer rape but consensual sex."

Enraged by the verdict, within a matter of hours, the women in the Italian Parliament launched into immediate action and protested by wearing jeans to work. This call to action motivated and emboldened the California Senate and Assembly to do the same. People worldwide were outraged, and wearing jeans became an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes and myths surrounding sexual assault.

For my Fundraiser- there will be a very special North Carolina Basket for you to bid on! Please bring some items to raffle off and share for our National Bivouac to make this an extraordinary occasion of shared sisterhood!

Thank you all for your service and keep on keeping on!

Patricia A. Harris
Junior Vice -Director

Ladies,

First and foremost, I want to thank Marilyn for the great job she does as the editor of the jeep. I know my posts are usually very short but to the point. Each of us that hold a position should be helping by sending an article for each edition. I am looking forward to National Convention but I agree that we need to know the details so we can all make our plans and reservations for the Convention. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for anything. My cell is 307-761-1695, but the best way to reach me is through my email ckwkitten@yahoo.com.

Cheryl K. Shannon
Sr. Vice-Director

BIVOUAC 2022

Earnestine Doubek, National Aide

Greetings Jeepettes,

It is time to start planning on attending our National Bivouac. Let your Echelon Aide know you plan to attend. All registrations are processed through your Echelon Aide. Your Echelon Aide sends the list of names with addresses along with a \$5.00 fee for each name to the National Aide.

Traditionally, Committees meet on Thursday, this year that would be August 25, 2022, a Jeepette who has no committee assignment may join any committee she chooses provided that she gets permission from the NMI (Chairman) of the chosen committee to join in.

Deadline for registration with your Echelon is set by your Echelon Aide. The National Aide must have **ALL REGISTRATIONS FORMS AND CORRECT FEES BY AUGUST 6, 2022**. Contact me with any questions or concerns, (708) 691-2447, ewdoubek@yahoo.com.

The American legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

Submitted by Earnestine Doubek, from the Decatur (AL) Daily



For students seeking an academic challenge and an opportunity to earn college scholarship money, The American Legion High School Oratorical Program is a natural fit. Alisa Washburn of Decatur Heritage Christian Academy took the challenge. She was the first-place winner of the Legion's Morgan County contest advancing to compete at the district level. Alisa's outstanding speech on the US Constitution with emphasis on the rights and responsibilities of its citizens earned her a monetary award of five hundred dollars, a gold oratory medal, and a first-place plaque.

The contest was held February 5, 2022. The American Legion Post 15 in Decatur presented the awards. Grace Pfoutz of Hartselle High came in second and was awarded three hundred dollars, a bronze oratory medal, and a certificate. Those present included Alisa Washburn left; Joseph Woodbury, Post 15 Commander; and Earnestine Doubek, Morgan County Commander.

Beth Nehring PND (Echelon 35) Retires



#AZForestry's, Beth Nehring, was recently awarded a legislative proclamation from the AZ House of Reps for her dedicated service to the state & country. Beth – a Navy veteran retired from the agency last week after 27 years of service! Congrats & enjoy your retirement! #AZFire



Echelon 9 News:

Jeepette **Carol Prah** and Top Hats, **Bob** and **Foxy Prah**, continue to visit veterans every Thursday at the VA Clinic in Miles City. Carol and Bob are members of Custer Post No. 5 in Miles City.

Jeepette **Sue Davidson**, Chaplain, Laurel Post 123, participated in the Post's annual Four Chaplains Service held Thursday evening, 3 February 2022 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Laurel. The day before, on 2 February, she participated in a quarterly burial ceremony at Yellowstone National Cemetery for five veterans who passed away without family or friends. Sue is also Immediate Past Department President of Montana American Legion Auxiliary! A very busy woman!



Four Chaplains Services were also organized by new Twenty and Four member, **Michelle Allen**, Malmstrom Post 341 Vice Commander in Great Falls, and by Jeepette, **Chaya**

Semple, Lewis and Clark Post No. 2 Chaplain in Helena and Department of Montana Chaplain.

Operating under the radar are Jeepette, **Deborah Hancock**, and Top Hat, **Roger Hancock**, (both are members of Chief Joseph Post No.135 in Lolo) who are very busy with organizing the upcoming Department of Montana Convention - Deborah is the Finance Chair and Roger is Convention Committee Chair.



at the Capitol in Helena. (Today!) Prior to the ceremony, Veterans participated in a walk around the Capitol grounds in freezing temperatures.

https://helenair.com/news/local/army-nurse-feller-highlights-welcome-home-vietnam-veterans-event-in-helena/article_a889072b-ed5b-5582-84ee-d9670eccc31f.html#tracking-source=home-top-story

Chaya "Hiya" Semple

Aide/Director

Echelon 9 – Montana



CONGRATULATIONS

Chaya & "DH" Semple

March 22, 1980 -

March 22, 2022

42nd Year Anniversary



Topic: 20 & 4 National Meeting

Time: May 12, 2022, 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

4:30 PM (Pacific Time)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82183280386?pwd=UHNsUGEydlN5ZW9BMFdhWFdlZGxSQTO9>

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Submit Form to your Echelon Representative by June 1, 2022



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Echelon No. _____

Date: _____

Report given by: _____
(Jeepette)

1. Number of women veterans visited: _____
(Shut-ins, nursing homes, hospitals, etc)
2. Number of women veterans provided transportation: _____
(Doctor's office visits, socials, meetings, etc)
3. Number of miles traveled for above or any service: _____
4. Number of women veterans helped or provided some type of service not included in the above:

5. Dollar value of gifts, refreshments, services, etc. _____
6. Number of telephone calls and cards sent: _____
7. Dollar value of phone calls and cards sent: _____
8. Community services of any kind: _____
9. Number of Jeepettes participating in all the above: _____
10. Participation in funeral services for women veterans? How many? _____
(music, poem, eulogy, etc.)
11. Attended funeral services for women veterans (no service participation) _____
12. Approximate number of hours for all of the above _____

For Service Director or Director VIP:

1. How many VAVS Representatives are in your Echelon? How many? _____
2. Do you have Deputy VAVS Representatives? How many? _____
3. How many volunteers? _____

Please list on a separate sheet any articles of gifts that were most often given. Note any special or unusual service projects and give suggestions for services, gifts, projects, etc.



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