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NATIONAL BIVOUAC – 2022

August 25 – 26, 2022



103rd NATIONAL CONVENTION

MILWAUKEE

WISCONSIN



AUG. 26 – SEPT. 1, 2022

CALL to 66th ANNUAL NATIONAL BIVOUCAC

AUGUST 25 – 26, 2022

Milwaukee, WI



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, 2022**, 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)

26 thru 75 members

76 thru 125 members

5 delegates and 5 alternates

1 additional delegate and alternate

2 additional delegates and alternates

DELEGATES

Only paid-up members for the year 2022 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 15, 2022**) 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. The credentials form (Delegate/Alternate Registration Form) must be returned to the National Aide by **August 7, 2022**. 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 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.

Delegate/Alternate Delegate badges will be issued at the Bivouac for all Jeepettes registered. In extenuating circumstances, registration corrections may be made through the National Aide and Echelon Officers must be presented. The Echelon must have been registered and fees paid **PRIOR** to arrival at Bivouac.

66th Annual Bivouac Banquet
Friday, August 26, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.
Potawatomi Hotel & Casino
1721 W. Canal Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233

The Bivouac Banquet is Friday evening, August 26, 2022, at the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino. **ALL BANQUET RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE. NO BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BIVOUAC.**

No Host Cocktail Social starts at 5:00 pm
Program & Dinner 6:00 pm in the Harmony Room
(Attire: After Five or Legion equivalent)

Mandarin Orange Salad or Garden Salad, Beef Short Ribs (Cabernet jus), or Seasonal Whitefish (Lemon chive butter), Rosemary garlic red potatoes, seasonal vegetables, rolls & butter, coffee (regular or decaf), carrot cake

\$62.00 per person

Please remit the section below the cutting line together with your dinner fee by check, payable to National 20+4. Sorry, no other payment option. Send to
Marilyn Rideaux
2143 W. 134th Place, Gardena, CA 90249
Email: thejeep20-4@att.net
DEADLINE: JULY 19, 2022

RSVP

_____ has reserved _____ seats
at the 66th Annual Bivouac Banquet on Friday, August 26, 2022

_____ Beef Short Ribs _____ Seasonal Whitefish _____ Vegetarian Plate
_____ Layered Carrot Cake _____ Signature Cheesecake

* Provide names if more than one person * Provide your email address if you desire confirmation of receipt.

Email: _____

From the Bivouac Chair,
Marilyn Rideaux

BIVOUAC BANQUET: HARMONY ROOM

Whew!



I lost several nights sleep stressing over this Bivouac. I've been trying to secure a hotel for this year's Bivouac since late March 2022. Many doors were shut in my face (in a sense of speaking) that I was about to lose hope. Thanks to Department of Arizona for working with the Sales Office at the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino, we now have plans for the 66th Annual Bivouac. This might be the 67th Bivouac for all I know. I lose track – LOL.

You will find the information needed for the Banquet in this issue. Please get dinner reservations into me ASAP. DO NOT SEND your dinner reservation to anyone else because I need to have a count of those who will be dinning should I need to reduce the number. Let's not make the National organization pay for more dinners than necessary. We are counting on 70 people. Send me the check also and I will forward to Judi Beischel, Disbursing Director. Please don't confuse me and mess up my system. I hope you understand.

There will be a NO HOST BAR in the Harmony Room for everyone's convenience. If every table purchases a bottle of wine, we should reach \$500 in bar sales to avoid additional fees. That's just a suggestion.

BIVOUAC: INSPIRE ROOM

The Bivouac will start on-site check in and issue badges to delegates/alternate delegates, Cadre members, and National Officers at 8:00 AM on Thursday, August 25 just outside the meeting room. Look for the Inspire Room. Coffee, water (not bottled), and one dozen of breakfast Danish and Croissant will be available for those who miss breakfast. Notice I said, 'one dozen.' Last year, we ordered more than was needed. Don't forget about the Memorial Tribute. Be sure to turn in names of deceased members of your Echelon.

Come with lots of money to support the fundraisers. If you have a red 20+4 shirt, be sure to wear it. We want to take a group photo on Friday so if you have a red dress coat or jacket, be sure to bring it with you.

HOTEL ROOMS:

As indicated earlier, this has been a touch and go hard to schedule Bivouac. I did not secure a block of rooms at the Potawatomi since things were so uncertain at the time. If you are planning to stay with your department, the good news is that the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino is only 3.5 miles from the Milwaukee convention center, and it is on the convention shuttle schedule. I know that doesn't held you for transportation to get to and from the Banquet, but why not try ride-share.

If you want to secure a room at the Potawatomi through the Department of Arizona, here is the link to access the registration process: <https://azlegion.org/2022-national-convention-registration/> Be sure to let your department know that you will not be staying at their headquarters hotel, especially if you are a Convention delegate. Your department might find a need to surrender some hotel room nights to avoid unnecessary costs.

Candidates Endorsement

National Bivouac Nominating Committee
Dr. Bobbie J. Kimelton, Echelon 35 Aide
Nomination for National Director

Arizona Echelon 35 endorses Cheryl Shannon for the nomination of National Director VIP.
Cheryl is currently serving as National Sr. Vice Director.

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 a 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 20 and 4 to the utmost of respect and regard.

Please consider supporting Cheryl for the nomination of National Director at the National Bivouac in August in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Resolution of Endorsement

WHEREAS: Texas Echelon 31 has in its membership a dedicated Legionnaire by the name of Hortense Toliaferro, who has all the qualifications and desires to serve the Legionnaires of the National 20/4 Honor Society of Women Legionnaires; and

WHEREAS: Hortense has been a member of 20/4 Honor Society for 35 years. With her service in the United States Marine Corps, in 1973 TO 1977; and

WHEREAS: Hortense has served National 20/4 Honor Society of Women Legionnaires as Log Director, and Charge of Quarters, and has been the Sky Pilot for this past year.

THERE-FORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we the members of Texas Echelon 31, 20/4 Honor Society of Women Legionnaires go on record to unanimously endorse Hortense Toliaferro for the high office of Junior Vice Director of the National 20/4 Honor Society of Women Legionnaires for the years 2018 — 2019; and,

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

Sheryll Ann Jones, Director VIP
Echelon 31

Sheila Schulte, Aide
Echelon 31

Nomination for Jr Director, Echelon 8

Echelon 8 proudly presents Georgianna (Gigi) Callaway for the office of National Jr Director for the year of 2022-2023. She will perform her duties as directed with respect to all.

We are proud to have a Jeepette in our Echelon who is passionate about serving as Jr Director.

National Bivouac Nominating Committee
Dr. Bobbie J. Kimelton, Echelon 35 Aide

Nomination for National Disbursing Director

Arizona Echelon 35 endorses Judi Beischel for the nomination of National Disbursing Director. Judi is currently serving as our National Disbursing Director.

Judi has been a member of the American Legion for 20 years and a member of The Honor Society of Women Legionnaires Echelon 35 for 18 years. Judi has served the Twenty and Four as National Disbursing Director 2016-present; Past National Director 2011-2012 and Echelon 35 Past Director for 2 years.

Judi has served the American Legion Department of Arizona as the NEC 2018-present; Department Commander 2013-2014; Area B Commander 2011-2012; District 12 Commander 2009-2010 and an American Legion Auxiliary member for 43 years.

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

Please consider supporting Judi for the nomination of Disbursing Director at the National Bivouac in August in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

NATIONAL AIDE

At the Department of Alabama Bivouac on June 17, 2022, Echelon 50 unanimously endorsed Earnestine Doubek for National Aide for the year 2022-2023. She was elected National Aide the previous year and would like to continue her quest to master the position.

Gloria J. Prince
Director, Echelon 50-AL

Endorsement for Mildred Wright Pearson, National Junior Vice Director:

Be it known that Marilyn Rideaux, Aide, Echelon 1-CA and National Jeep Editor endorses Mildred Wright Pearson for the office of National Junior Vice Director for the year of 2022 – 2023. Mildred has been a member of Echelon 1 20+4 for ten years now and is a very active Legionnaire in the Department of California as well as other veteran organizations and community involvement efforts. She is a past Director VIP of Echelon 1, served as a National Cadre Member representing Echelon 1, and worked with the Finance Committee as well. It is my considered opinion that she will serve this organization well and be very effective in raising needed funds.

Copies of this endorsement will be forwarded to members of Echelon 1-CA and ALL Echelons requesting support of this candidate for the National Office of Junior Vice Director for 2022-2023.

I ask that you please consider supporting Mildred Wright Pearson as a candidate for the Office of National Junior Vice Director at the upcoming 2022 National Bivouac in Milwaukee, WI.

BIVOUAC 2022

Earnestine Doubek, National Aide



Dear Jeepettes,

I hope all have enjoyed our patriotic holidays. Don't forget about the Twenty and Four, we served and are still serving our fellow veterans especially women veterans. We have so much to be proud of and yet we sometimes forget to treat each other with curtesy and kindness. I know each of us have other things to deal with, however, try your best to keep the twenty and Four on the front burner. I am asking for all Echelons Aides and National officers to send in their Annual Bivouac Report by July 15, 2022. Last year, National Aide Babcock received just two reports. The form is posted on the National website. Give me a call or text if you need me to email it to you. Also, I need the list of new officers for your Echelon.

I am looking so forward to seeing you all at the Milwaukee Bivouac. Don't forget that all registration forms with correct fees are due by August 6, 2022, to the National Aide. Contact me with any questions or concerns, (708) 691-2447, ewdoubek@yahoo.com. See you in Milwaukee.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JULY/AUGUST 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	34	4	97%
01-CA	50	40	1	80%
05-FL	22			
30-FL	20	14		70%
08-IL	24	24	3	100%
02-MA	20	11		45%
09-MT	22	27		122%
27-NC	20	27	9	135%
31-TX	35	19	1	54%
24-VA	12	11		92%
03-WA	13	12		92%
11-WI	13	8		61%
TOTAL	311	253		82% of Goal



RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

JEANNE WOOD

September 28, 1921 – June 8, 2022



WHEREAS, with feelings of deep sorrow, Echelon 1, Department of California, Twenty and Four, must record the passing of our sister Jeepette, Jeanne Wood; and

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

RESOLVED, 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 of us in Echelon 1, previously, a member of Echelon 40, 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 presented to the family of our deceased Jeepette, Jeanne Wood, together with the assurance of our sincerest sympathy.

May our 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.

Barbara Lombrano

Barbara Lombrano, Director VIP
California Echelon 1

Military women say DoD reproductive health care far from 'seamless' in post-Roe era

By Nancy Montgomery/Stars and Stripes
JUL 07, 2022



By federal law, the military provides for abortions only in cases of rape, incest, and danger to the mother's life. The Defense Department has paid for only 91 abortions since 2016, according to a Defense Health Agency spokesman. Now, with abortion bans going into effect in many states following the Supreme Court's reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, the Pentagon has scrambled to respond.

"The department is examining this decision closely and evaluating our policies to ensure we continue to provide seamless access to reproductive health care as permitted by federal law," Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said June 22.

In 1976, three years after *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion up to fetal viability, the Hyde Amendment banned the use of federal funds for most abortions in the United States.

For years, the only abortions the military would facilitate were those for pregnancies that posed a threat to the mother's life. Rape and incest exceptions were added in 2013. Severe and fatal abnormalities of the fetus were never covered. For Wald and her Marine husband, that led to a nightmarish experience in Japan.

After amniocentesis tests came back positive for severe fetal abnormalities, Wald was handed a pamphlet for a Japanese hospital. When they got there, they were told the procedure would take place overnight and cost \$5,000 cash up front. The doctor examined her roughly, she said, using a glove from his pocket that reeked of cigarettes. As the procedure began, the pain was unbearable, and she started bleeding profusely. She called her best friend, an ICU nurse in Arizona, to describe what was happening. The friend conferred with an obstetrician then told her, "You need to leave that place. It's not safe." At home early the following morning, Wald awoke weak with a 105-degree temperature. The Navy hospital emergency room diagnosed her with a lacerated cervix and blood poisoning and started her on intravenous antibiotics, she said. Later that day, doctors decided to induce labor. Her newborn son weighed less than 13 ounces, she said. "I ended up having a compassionate birth after being in a situation nobody wants to be in," she said, lauding the empathy the Navy doctors and nurses showed her.

Seven years passed before Wald could talk about the ordeal with anyone other than the thousands of women, she found in a private Facebook group who had undergone similar tragedies. Now the mother of two, Wald said her trauma had broadened her support for abortion rights. "It definitely made me more empathetic to the whole spectrum of why women get abortions," she said. "Now I'm loud and proud. It's not about me. It's about my daughter."

Federal judges ruled in separate cases in 2002 that the military was required to pay for the abortion of anencephalic fetuses, according to a 2013 Congressional Research Service report. Both rulings were reversed on appeal. According to the ruling of one of those appellate courts, the Supreme Court had decided in a 5-4 ruling that the right to abortion does not include "a constitutional entitlement to the financial resources" necessary to exercise that right. Continuing such high-risk pregnancies can endanger a woman's health even more than an uncomplicated pregnancy in the U.S., which has a far higher maternal mortality rate than other high-income nations, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Carrying a dying fetus to term is potentially lethal and can also severely harm a woman's mental health, doctors say.

Five states with abortion bans — South Carolina, Louisiana, Utah, Mississippi, and Georgia — allow some exceptions for severe fetal defects, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights.

Only two abortion-banning states, Utah, and South Carolina, make exceptions for rape or incest, cases in which the military has vowed to provide access.



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