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Cheryl Shannon, National Director 2022-2023

Ladies – first and foremost Thank You all for your support as your new National Director. It is a great honor to serve in this position. I am hoping that we have more communication with



each other this year. There may be more information that I request from each Echelon over the year. I am trying to put names together with their echelons. I am hoping that anyone who took pictures at

Bivouac have sent them to Marilyn. I know I have not seen many and the few I took I am sending to Marilyn. I am looking forward to a busy but productive year. I have been out looking at the website and I have seen a couple of minor changes that need to be updated. If you were interested in serving on a committee, please reach out to me. I have sent some of the information into the National Aide for publication, but I couldn't remember all the people with both a first and last name. I hope I support you all through the year. Please, always feel like you can reach out to talk to me. I may still be working but I will certainly get back in touch when I have the opportunity after my working hours. The best way to reach me is through my email ckwkitten@yahoo.com. You can also reach me through my office email which is <u>Cheryl.Shannon@va.gov</u>. The best phone number to reach me at is 307-761-1695. I am wishing everyone a wonderful year.



Gigi Callaway Senior Vice-Director

Dear Jeepettes, first and foremost, I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your 2021-2022 Sky Pilot. A personal congratulation to all the new officers for this year and look forward working



alongside each of you as well as seeing you at the next Bivouac in Charlotte, North Carolina -August 24 - 25, 2023. This year, it will be an honor to serve as your SVD and I thank you again for your vote and confidence.

This year, the goal is to bring everyone to the finish-line together. One may ask, "What goal? What finish-line?" So, glad you asked! We are a national organization whose members are women legionnaires that have accomplished experience in leadership roles at a myriad of different levels and/or committees. The goal that our National Director set is 10 percent membership above last year closing of books. We kick off this year by start now (if you haven't done so already). Let's begin the year strong by identifying the 3-Rs. The 3-Rs are Retention, Recruitment and Recoupment.

Echelons that have a planned strategy will find it much easier to obtain this year's goal. Here are just a few suggestions. Having your echelon's membership list up to date is extremely important. Choose at least two or three members to work on your membership committee (one of those should be your echelon's SVD). It is easiest to benchmark those goals with timelines and responsibilities. The national timelines are the first day of each of the following months: November, January, March, and May. Ensure you communicate with both the National Aide and me. If you have questions, just ask. My challenge to each echelon is to achieve this year's 10 percent goal. The second challenge is to win one of the membership awards given out at the Bivouac. Let's make it happen! Looking forward to seeing your progress.

MILDRED S. WRIGHT-PEARSON Jr. Vice Director, National

Greetings Ladies of the 20 & 4. I am grateful to



all of you who placed your faith in me and made me your Junior Vice Director, 2022-2023. It is an honor for me to represent this position. I will do my utmost to fulfill my commitment to the position and to the 20 & 4.

Let me take the time to provide a little information about me. I was born in Ohio; have lived in New Jersey, New York, and now California. I am retired from the Army after 30 years of combined active and reserve service. Besides being a member of the 20 & 4, I am a lifetime member of the American Legion, the 40 & 8, the Reserve Officer Association, the Past Commanders Club, and am currently the Exalted Ruler of the Madera Elks Lodge in California. I have held many leadership positions within almost all these organizations. My goal has always been to work for the betterment of women in any organization and of the organization itself. There would be no world without the influence of women.

As Junior Vice Director, my responsibilities lie in increasing funds within the organization – Ways and Means. Ways and Means is not an entity unto itself. Assistance is needed to reach the annual goal. I am, therefore, requesting your assistance in my efforts.

I plan to have two fundraising activities this year. Both will end at our National Bivouac in June 2023. Additional information will be provided within the next month. I will be contacting all Echelon Aides with the participation information. Of course, I will cc the National Officers.

Remember, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Please make an appointment for a mammogram at your earliest convenience. November is the Military Family Month. Plan to join in on Military activities and bring the family to join in on the festivities. You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them. Maya Angelou, Poet

God Bless you, Society Sisters,

Jan Lepinski, Sky Pilot

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE. You just must decide what kind of difference you want to make." (Jane Goodall)

As we go into the next season, we each need to make decisions about what we want to accomplish in our lives. But we also need to decide how we want to be perceived. Are we tough and brittle, or are we resilient and kind? Resiliency and kindness should not be confused with being weak and timid. We have all proven that we are warriors, that we are survivors. Resiliency is the trait that has allowed us to survive. Think of the palm tree that survives a hurricane. It can bend with the winds. Yes, it may lose some leaves, but it lives, and regrows its' beautiful fronds, and eventually bears its fruit again.

Our lives are a lot like that palm tree. If we learn to bend with the adversity's life throws at us, we eventually regrow our strength and power. From this strength comes the ability to show kindness. Showing kindness is sharing your strength with others who may not have it at that moment. Showing kindness is making a difference in someone's life.

It is not about being bigger or better than anyone. It is about lifting the other person up and carrying them when they are in need. One of the easiest ways to know if someone is in need is to observe how they react to others. Are they tough and brittle, or are they gentle and kind? That is the person who needs your kindness the most.

So, my sisters, go out and be resilient and kind today and tomorrow. It will come back to you in immeasurable ways.







Highlights 66th ANNUAL NATIONAL BIVOUAC































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66th National Bivouac Minutes August 26, 2022

Bivouac called to order at 08:11 hours and doors closed and secured for the memorial service. Sky Pilot Georgiann Callaway, Echelon #8, with the assistance of PND Diane Schmidt, Echelon # 30, held the memorial service for eight (8) diseased members. Judith Hatch, Echelon #35: Lois Galvin, Echelon #1; Gene Woods (100yrs old), Echelon #40; PND Carolyn (Kim) Virgil, Echelon #30; Maxine Boden, Echelon #30; Reginia (Ricky) Shatta, Echelon #8; Connie Jo Popham, Echelon #31; and Amy Blumenthal, Echelon #24. Candles were lit and a red rose presented by a jeepette from that Echelon as each name was called. Prayer of remembrance given by Sky Pilot Calloway. At the close of the Memorial Service doors were reopened for entry and exit. A ten (10) minute recess was called by Director VIP Barker.

National Director VIP Barker called the Bivouac to order at 8:52. Colors being in place Hands salute. Roll call of officers by National Aide Doubek. A quorum was declared. Committee reports were then called: Audit Committee, PND Nehring, checking 14, 529.37, investments 46,937.71, interest earned \$26.36, two discrepancies explained and corrected; Constitution and Bylaws Committee, NMI Sandra Davis, scanned National C&bL's and provided to each member. Echelons review C&BL's and send updated copy to Judge Advocate; Budget and Finance Committee, PND Beischel and PND Nehring, keep budget the same at \$11,225, year ended in the black, donated \$500 to member who was burned out of her home. Received \$100.00 donation, interest rates down but we did well; Motion made, seconded, and passed; Emblem Sales, NMI Monique Clemons, sales of \$1218.50, need more merchandise to boost sales especially 20&4 shirts, need committee to redo books. Send official thank you letter to Patty Bromley for her service to the organization. She donated jackets and pins when her husband passed away. Twenty and Four logo can be used by members, it is not trademark protected; Moved, seconded, and passed; Ways and Means Committee, NMI Patricia Harris, \$727.00 collected thus far, can still bid on items. Thank National Director Barker for supporting fund with items/baskets; Moved, seconded, and passed; National Jeep Report, Editor Marilyn Rideaux, if members do not receive Jeep check the 20&4 website. Holiday greetings are posted in December Jeep and Proud to be an American posted in July. Postings are \$1.00 each. PNC Judi Bieschel suggested that Echelons vote on both and send one check to cover December and July; Bivouac NMI, Marilyn Rideaux, reported that the Bivouac was affordable. Budget for refreshments \$650 spent \$550, seven tables (ten) in the Harmony Ballroom, head table (eight) chairs, envelops with cards that tell what food is being served to each person. NMI worked hard to acquired six additional seats for banquet. Echelon 35 donated \$100.00 for next year's refreshments; Motion made by Jan Lepinski to accept report as given, seconded and passed; Credential Report, Hortense Toliaferro, 35 members present, of which are five PND's, six National officers and nine cadre members; Moved by Lepinski to accept report as given, seconded and passed; Resolution Committee, NMI Patricia Harris, one resolution submitted requesting the merger of CA-1 with CA-40, read to body and passed after discussion on Aug.25, 2022. Suggested that resolutions go before Internal Affairs for review before passage; Moved by PND Schmidt to accept report with correction, seconded and passed; Scholarship Committee NMI Roxanne Jones, no applications received. Applications need updating; Moved by Lepinski to accept report as given, seconded, and passed; Service Report, NMI Jackson-Kelley stated the Service Report is in the book. Patricia Harris added that for the past three years' Service Reports have not been submitted, suggested filling out form throughout year so it will be ready to submit for annual report. Four Echelons submitted reports, CA, MA, NC, and MT. Edna Taylor stated

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that we have a \$500.00 grant to help female veterans. She has the form that was created for the grant, will send to National Aide; Moved by PND Nehring, seconded, and passed; Echelon Development; NMI Barker no report; CQ Report, Mildred Wright Pearson, remember to salute the flag when entering and leaving the room. Apologized for not bringing items needed for Bivouac; Moved by PND Beischel, seconded, and passed; Judge Advocate Report, Jackson-Kelley, only information received was for merging of CA-1 with CA-40; Moved by PND Schmidt, seconded, and passed; Sky Pilot Report by G. Callaway, cards sent to family members when notified of death, also sent out happy cards, i.e. birthday and joyous occasions when notified, eight members honored at memorial service; Moved by PND Schmidt, seconded and passed; National Aide Report, E. Doubek, report in book, need to learn constitution and bylaws; Moved by Lepinski, seconded and passed; Membership Committee, NMI C. Shannon, thanks for the effort, keep it up; Moved by Lepinski, seconded and passed; Immediate Past National Director, Cheri Stanton, main responsibility is membership, explained 20&4 at Department Convention and garnered seven new members. PND Nehring used the same method thereby recruiting 13 new members. Lipinski quoted "just ask". California and Florida suggested asking the Department adjutant to put 20&4 on the agenda; National Director, Carol Barker, honored to be Director, went to WIMSA on Memorial Day, recommends visiting as many changes have been made. NC recruited at least 13 new members, encouraged younger veterans to sign up. Sorry I did not have more time to recruit, received "Outstanding Female Veteran in North Carolina Award". Moved by Lepinski, seconded, and passed. National Director VIP Barker called a ten-minute recess.

Reconvened at 10:44 hours, Pledge of allegiance lead by Director VIP Barker. Fund raising- red jacket and membership card \$1.00 each

Unfinished Business

PND Beischel presented Director Barker with a \$ 100.00 honorarium check for her excellent service and Aide Doubek presented to her a personal gavel.

Final Credential Report: AK-1, AL-7, AZ-8, CA-8, FL-6, IL-8, MA-6, MT-6, TX-3, NC-8, VA-1; Total =61 votes.

New Business

Patricia Jackson-Kelley turned in \$40.00 for coffee fund. Mildred Wright Pearson stated that there were two Zoom meetings that were not authorized in the bylaws. Monique Clemons would like to get Square to process credit cards for Emblem sales. PND Beischel voiced concerns about the fees associated with using Square. One member mentioned Zelle for transacting business. Lepinski moved to table square purchase while concept is being researched. Lepinski withdrew motion to table. PND Beischel moved to increase Sky Pilot reimbursement for the memorial service to \$50.00, seconded, and passed. Moved by Patricia Jackson Kelly to purchase tape recorder for National Aide to take minutes, seconded and passed. PND Nehring, nomination committee NMI, read the list of candidates that the nomination committee recommended for the upcoming year. Director VIP, Cheryl Shannon AZ-35, Sr. Vice Director, Gigi Calloway IL-8, Jr. Vice Director, Mildred Wright Pearson-CA-1, Sky Pilot, Jan Lepinski IL-8, Disbursing Director, Judi Beischel AZ-35, National Aide, Earnestine Doubek AL-50, CQ, Linda Cousineau MT-9 and Colleen Heck AZ-35. A ballot will be distributed to select the CQ and the runner up will be considered as assistant CQ. Linda Cousineau received the most votes and Colleen Heck accepted the position of Assistant CQ. It was moved by Lepinski to destroy the votes, seconded, and passed.

Good of the Order

PND Beischel, AZ has set up a Zelle account to take donation to help Jeepettes get to and from Bivouac. Mildred Wright Pearson stated that AZ helped her in time of need when she crashed her car returning from Bivouac last year not knowing at the she had COVID. Director VIP Barker shared her experience

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with COVID as her husband had it. Alexandria Carr thanked Patricia Jackson Kelley for help in reviving AK-29. Patricia Harris announced that she was the American Legion leading candidate for Vice Commander of the Southeast Region, and she will promote the 20&4 at every opportunity. Lepinski announced that she will be moving to MI and hope to start an echelon there. Marilyn Rideaux announced that the cash bar has no minimum. Forty-four dollars in fines were collected.

Installation of new officers by outgoing Director Barker. Ten-minute break called at 12:05. Bivouac reconvened at 12:15. Newley Elected Director VIP Shannon called the cadre to order and announced some of her appointments for the upcoming year: Dianne Schmidt FL-30, Internal Affairs, PND Nehring AZ-35, Audit Committee, Sandra Davis MA-2, Constitution and Bylaws committee, Bivouac NMI, Roberta Kimelton AZ-35, Nomination Committee, Patricia Jackson Kelley CA-1, and Awards NMI, Earnestine Doubek AL-50. PND Beischel moved acceptance as presented, seconded, and passed. Fifty-fifty drawing (\$107.00) was won by PND Barker who donated it back to National. There being no further business to come before the cadre the Bivouac was recessed to meet at the Harmony Ballroom for the National banquet.

The banquet was preceded by a "cash bar reception" and opened with prayer by Sky Pilot Jan Lepinski IL-8. Speaker for the evening was Denise Rohan, past national command 2017-2018 and the meal was greatly appreciated. Wrapping up the festivities were the presentation of awards by National Aide and Awards NMI Earnestine Doubek. Echelons receiving membership awards: AL #50 100%, AK #29 110%, IL #8 100%, MT #9 122%, NC #27 135%. Special awards with selection by attaining goal by specific dates: Lillian Cleveland Award: most new members by June 30th North Carolina #27; Abbie Bachelder Trophy: the first Echelon to achieve 100% on or after October 1st IL #8. PND Nehring received the honor of best Logbook presented by PND Dianne Schmidt. This concluded the 2022 Bivouac.

Submitted by Earnestine Doubek, National Aide 401 Bluff Drive NE Hartselle, AL 35640

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	2023	2022 Yr End	2023	2023 New	
ECHELON	Goal	Members	Members	Members	%
50-AL	17	15	5	3	33.3
29-AK	12	11			0.0
35-AZ	40	34			0.0
01-CA	44	40	32	2	73
05-FL					
30-FL	15	14			0.0
08-IL	26	24	21		87.5
02-MA	23	11	8		72.7
09-MT	30	27			0.0
27-NC	30	27			0.0
31-TX	21	19			0.0
24-VA	12	11			0.0
03-WA	13	12			0.0
11-WI	9	8			0.0
TOTAL	282	253	66		23

Banking Summary 2021-2022

8/1/2021-7/31/2022

Income

categorized	\$70.00	
20 & 4 Income		
Dues	\$3,159.00	
Emblem Sales	\$553.50	
Jeep Christmas Greetings	\$55.00	
Proud to be an American Ways and Means	\$133.00 \$400.00	
TOTAL 20 & 4 INCOME	\$4,300.50 \$100.00	
20 & 4 Scholarship Fund Bivouac	\$100.00	
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Banquet	\$4,187.65	
Banquet Income	\$4,060.00	
Registration Ways and Means	\$195.00 \$1,620.00	
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TOTAL BIVOUAC	\$1,687.35	
Interest Inc	\$28.35	
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,186.20	
EXPENSES		
Uncategorized	\$79.00	
20 & 4 Expenses		
Awards	\$30.00	
Director Incidental	\$100.00	
Emblem Sales	\$111.00	
Insurance	\$432.00	
Office Supplies	\$55.00	
Postage	\$11.75	
Service Fund	\$500.00	
TOTAL 20 & 4 EXPENSES:	\$1,239.75	
Bivouac Expenses:	,,	
Banquet	\$2,000.00	
Disbursing Director	\$300.00	
Emblem Sales	\$281.44	
Hotel	\$908.00	
Jr. Vice	\$300.00	
Sr. Vice	\$300.00	
TOTAL BIVOUAC EXPENSES:	\$4,089.44	
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$5,408.19	
OVERALL TOTAL:	\$778.01	

Budget 2022/2023 Revised 8/25/2022

Income:

Ways and Means Membership Jeep Greetings and Christmas Donations Emblem Sales Other (fines-etc) Bivouac Registration Banquet Tickets Total Income:	\$2,275 \$4,000 \$400 \$100 \$1,000 \$50 \$400 \$3,000 \$11,225	
Expenses:		
Jeep Insurance National Aide Printing Arlington- WIMSA DC Visit National Director National Director Incidentals Awards Log Director Ways and Means Membership Sr. Vice Echelon Development Scholarship Subtotal Expenses	\$1,200 \$450 \$200 \$300 \$250 \$100 \$25 \$50 \$25 \$50 \$25 \$25 \$200 \$1,000Own \$3,100	Acct/Not Ind in Expenses
Bivouac Expenses		
Nat'l Director VIP Sr. Vice Director Jr. Vice Director Disbursing Director Emblem Sales National Aide Rm, Ship Bivouac NMI \$359/\$75 Honorium (National Director) National CQ ship flags National Sky Pilot flowers Bivouac Expenses Banquet National Guest Subtotal Bivouac Expenses	\$400 \$300 \$300 \$400 \$500 \$425 \$100 \$75 \$25 \$5,000 \$300 \$8,125	up to 6 tickets
Total Expenses	\$11,225	

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<u>Texas #31</u> ???

Arizona #35 ???

<u>Alabama #50</u> ???

FUTURE JEEP DEADLINE DATES

November 26, 2022 December 2022 ISSUE "Holiday Greetings" January 25, 2023 – February 2023 ISSUE March 22, 2023 – April 2023 ISSUE March 24, 2023 – April 2023 ISSUE May 24, 2023 – June 2023 ISSUE "Proud to be an American" July 15, 2023 – Pre-Bivouac 2023 ISSUE

NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE Diane Schmidt, PND

"Time to Refresh Bylaws"

The healthy state of your Echelon depends on your Constitution and Bylaws that help confront challenges. As leaders, we must always be informed stewards by being on top of changing circumstances. Bylaws eliminate confusion. Bylaws reduce ambiguity and possible friction. Members have rights-specifically how things are managed when there is a disagreement and/or clarification is needed. So, are your Bylaws up to date and relevant? Has it been over 3 years since a review or revision? If your Bylaws need tweaking and you wish outside review, send me a copy of your current Bylaws with your thoughts and concerns—a different perspective about current best practices could be valuable in updating yours.

All Echelon Constitution and Bylaws are maintained on file with the National Judge Advocate in case they are needed in the future. We want to be in compliance. How devastating would it be if your Echelon was being considered for an award and the tie breaker would be if Bylaws were Current? Send to PO Box 1, Cassadaga FL 32706. Updated Bylaws should include date of membership meeting with printed name and signature of Echelon Director and Echelon Aide. A confirmation of being received will be sent to you. We can do this by working together.



To My Fellow Jeepettes:

At the time of this writing, 9/26/22, fall has definitely arrived in Wisconsin. I am still here and hope to drive back to Arizona this week. Due to mileage restraints by his doctors, it will take me a week to get home.

I want to take this time to thank each and every one of you for your prayers and support you gave me during Bivouac with Mike's illness and recovery. After spending 17 days in the hospital, Mike was released to a rehab facility for 20 days. He was released on 9/22. It has been a slow and long recovery, but he is up and using a walker getting stronger and eating again. Acclamation to a house setup has been a challenge but he is doing well. We look forward to being back home after being away since July 29. We have a lot of follow up appointments with VA to make when we get home.

One thing I learned on this trip was to make sure when you travel that you carry certain medical documents with you. I was asked for a copy of his DNR, his power of attorney paperwork designating me, and a copy of his Covid shot records. Needless to say, I did not have any of that with me and had to track it all down. So, when you travel, in case something happens, please make sure you have these items. It will save hours when treatment needs to be done

Again, thank you each for your prayers for Mike's recovery and support for me during a very stressful time. I could not have made it without that support.

Everyone be safe and stay healthy,

Beth Nehring PND Director VIP Echelon 35 **Echelon 3** Washington member report Maria D Tye 82446 Fish Hatchery In Enterprise Oregon 97828

Activity report

I'm the Department of Oregon Oratorical High School Scholarship Chairwoman. The Committee members have been successful in following our set procedures. This entails publicizing our program to newspapers, school districts, home school organizations and other groups such as FFA and sport teams.

Our post contests are scheduled for December, district contests in January and the Department scholarship contest on February 28th at the Santiam Post 51 in Lebanon, Oregon. The National Oratorical High School Scholarship Contest is in April 21-23." at the Indianapolis West Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana.

My Post Kruse 72 is granting a \$500.00 scholarship amount. My District 6 is also granting \$500.00 The Department is granting: 1st Place. \$5000.00 2nd Place. \$4000.00 3rd Place. \$3000.00 4th Place. \$2500.00 5th Place. \$1500.00

We are very excited due to our great Committee members. They are working very hard to recruit contestants.

Respectfully yours.



As always, **Echelon 9** is busy! We welcome new Jeepettes **Edna Nasca**, a US Army Veteran, and **Dale Reid**, a US Navy Veteran.

Denise Cook, US Air Force Veteran, is now the President of the Lewis and Clark Veteran Council Honor Guard - congratulations! The Honor Guard provides funeral honors (three rifle volleys and Taps) for about 150 veterans each year. **PND Joyce Babcock** sends her greetings to all and regrets she is no longer able to attend National Bivouac. Joyce is well; however, is no longer able to drive. Please keep her in your prayers for good health and good spirits as it is not easy not being able to go out and about by oneself anymore. Our Disbursement Director, **Clancee Collins**, and Echelon 9 Director, **Linda Cousineau**, were able to attend National Bivouac in August with Linda becoming the 2022-2023 National Twenty and Four CQ! Congratulations, Linda!

Our new **National Commander, Jim Troiola**, visited Montana and participated in the annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony held in cool temperatures with rain at the Lewis and Clark Veterans Memorial at Memorial Park in Helena. Speaking for The American Legion, he said, "We want to make sure to keep this on top of their priority list so the rest of America will know what these people gave up and what their families gave up when they didn't come home." The American Legion is committed to advocate for information and the return of all Prisoners of War and Missing in Action from all the wars and conflicts.

To see a news report and more words from our National Commander, visit https://www.ktvh.com/news/montana-servicemembers-honored-at-pow-mia-ceremony-in-helena

Our latest Echelon 9 project is working to update our Constitution and Bylaws by separating them into two separate documents. Hopefully, we will be able to vote on the final drafts at our Fall Conference Bivouac in late October.

Echelon 9 Disbursing Director Clancee Collins and Echelon 9 Director Linda Cousineau at National Bivouac.

Jeepettes Chaya Semple, Denise Cook and Christine Miller with American Legion National Commander Jim Troiola at the POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony held at the Veterans Memorial in Helena, Montana on 16 September.

Jeepette Denise Cook reads the name of Patrick J. McGee, USA, just one of 53 Montana POW/MIAs still unaccounted for during the annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony.





Echelon 1 – Bivouac Banquet:

L-R: Barbara Lombrano, Mildred Wright Pearson, Marilyn Rideaux, Patricia Jackson
Kelley, Roxanne Jones; Back row L-R: Jere Romano, CA Department Commander, Monique McGovern, Autrey James, PDC CA & future candidate for National Commander.

National Twenty and Four Honor Society of Women Legionnaires



Thursday August 25, 2022

Committee Meetings

The meeting was opened by National Director VIP Carol Barker at 0 9:13am in the Empire room at the Potawatomi Hotel in Milwaukee WI. Flag salute, prayer given by Georgann Callaway, pledge of allegiance lead by Director VIP Barker. Director VIP Barker asked for the minutes. National Aide Doubek stated that they were printed in the October 2021 Jeep.

Corporate meeting: Jr Vice Director Patricia Harris will take care of having named changed on Corporation document as Jeepette Betty Roland had passed.

Director VIP Barker opened the floor to the committee meetings at 10:00. Mildred Wright Pearson, Diane Schmidt and Jan Lepinski were assigned to the Log-Book Judging Committee. The meetings were recessed for lunch at 11:30am. Return at 13:15.

Internal Affairs Meeting

The Internal Affairs meeting of the Twenty and Four Honor Society of Women Legionnaires was called to order by Patricia Jackson Kelley, PNC at 13:20 hours on August 25, 2022. The chair called for the National Aide to call the roll of officers: Present were First Vice Director Cheryl Shannon, Jr. Vice Director Patricia Harris, Disbursing Director Judy Beischel, National Aide Earnestine Doubek, and five of the cadre. A quorum was met, and the meeting opened. The first order of business was a resolution merging Echelon CA-1 with Echelon CA-40. It was read by Jr. Vice Director Patricia Harris. Dianne Schmidt, PND, moved that the resolution be adopted. It was seconded and passed. PND Patricia Jackson Kelley discussed updating the constitution and bylaws as well as the procedure manual. Sandra Davis MA-2 and Lisa Dayhoff TX-31 volunteered to be members of the committee. PND Dianne Schmidt moved that all PNDs act as advisors to the internal affairs committee, seconded and passed. Jeep Editor, Marilyn Rideaux, moved that Echelons no longer need to bring token gifts for the Bivouac. It was amended by Rideaux to say Echelons had the option to bring gifts to the Bivouac, amended motion was seconded and passed. The Internal Affairs meeting was adjourned. National Director Carol Barker assumed the chair and called for a break of 15 minutes at 14:06. The Pre-Bivouac meeting was opened by National Director Barker at 14:29, she then called for the credentials report. National Aide Earnestine Doubek requested a five-minute break to get the credentials report in order. During this time PND Schmidt requested an investigation into Fl-5 payment of dues in the last two years. Additionally, she suggested that internal affairs or National aide handle the investigation. The credentials report for today August 25, 2022, was now ready and read by Director VIP Barker. A total of 28 members were present. PND Schmidt directed her question to the National aide "has Echelon Fl-5 paid any dues in the past two years? National aide stated that she had spoken to Director VIP Butts of Florida-5 twice in the last month. Director VIP Butts stated that the dues were sitting on her table, and she would mail them in. Director VIP Barker directed National Aide Doubek to send a letter to FL-5 requesting dues or an explanation for non-payment. Director VIP Barker announced her reception in room 419 in one hour (phone # 336 209-7934). The meeting was adjourned at 3:09pm



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