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**Happy Holidays to ALL.
May you have a healthy &
safe Season.**



HANUKKAH
Dec 18 – 26, 2022



CHRISTMAS
Dec 25, 2022



KWANZAA
Dec 26, 2022 – Jan 1, 2023



**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2023!**





Happy Holidays



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Holidays Greetings



ECHELON 3 - WASHINGTON

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Cathy Hennie
Barbara Hoerr
Marie Honeywell

Margaret Reining
Nancy Robbins
Carrol Stripling
Marie Tye



Greetings Jeepettes,

It is a pleasure to serve as your Aide. I will do as much as it takes to carry out my responsibilities. However, I can't do it without you. Working together we can achieve the impossible. December 31 is right around the corner, and it would be so nice to have the renewals in by then. The new Twenty and Four year starts on January 1, 2023. If you have any questions pertaining to membership, forms, protocol, or any concerns I can assist you with don't hesitate to let me know at ewdoubek@yahoo.com, 708 691-2447 or snail mail, 401 Bluff Drive NE Hartselle, AL 35640.



Hoping all had an amazing Thanksgiving and wishing you an extraordinary Christmas and New Year!

Sincerely,

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Season's Greetings



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 Diana Fecarotta
 Beverly Fitch
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 Edna Taylor
 Annette Tincher
 Beverly Walker
 Cheryl Walker
 Ronnie Turner-Winston
 Chevonne Woodard
 Robin Vandiver

MEMBERSHIP

ECHELON	2022 Year End Members	2023 Members	New Members	2023 Goal	Percent
50-AL	15	18	4	17	106
29-AK	11	0	0		0.0
35-AZ	36	31	7	40	76
01-CA	40	44	3	44	100
05-FL	0	0	0	0	0
30-FL	14	0	0	15	0
08-IL	24	26		26	100
02-MA	11	8		13	62
09-MT	27	0	0	30	0
27-NC	27	0	0	30	0
31-TX	19	0	0	21	0
24-VA	11	0	0	0	0
03-WA	12	6	0	13	46
11-WI	8	6	1	9	67
TOTAL	255	139	66	282	43



Echelon 9 – Montana

Montana members send holiday greetings to all National Cadre and Echelons! May 2023 bring good health, peace, and prosperity to us all!

Echelon 9 welcomes **NEW Jeepettes: Dottie Goodwin, Irene Dickerson, Melanie Gold, Rachel Weidner and Julie Witt** as well as welcoming back **Top Hat Larry Dobb** and **NEW Top Hats: Steve Dickerson, Scott Miller and Wyatt Miller**. Thank you for joining us in our efforts to help women veterans! Twenty and Four renewals are still in progress...

PND Joyce Babcock sends her greetings to everyone. She misses going to meetings and Bivouac. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to recover from the sickness that pulled her back actively from us last year. Every day she grows stronger.

Jeepette Elizabeth Cook spearheaded and staffed a Lewis and Clark Post No. 2 Tailgate Membership Drive prior to a Military Appreciation football game at Carroll College in Helena (Carroll won!) – she was able to speak with Viet Nam Era Veterans and surviving spouses about The American Legion who didn't realize their status as veterans or spouses of veterans eligible for membership in The American Legion in addition to chatting with ROTC cadets and she even supplied water to the very thirsty mascot, Halo!

Our Fall Bivouac was a productive meeting with Jeepettes approving the addition of a Spring Bivouac to our schedule! Time and place are still in the works.

Scholarship fundraising continues with sales of our Montana Woman Veteran pin.

Director VIP Linda Cousineau and **Senior Vice Director Janice Dobb** traveled with **Jeepette Jen Dalrymple, Top Hat Larry Dobb** and other Montana Legionnaires to participate in Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Canada. Five communities came together to honor veterans.

Many Jeepettes served Veterans Day Breakfasts, participated in Veterans Day Ceremonies and continue to reach out to our isolated women veterans in Montana, while in Tulsa, OK, **Lisa Milner** worked as a Tulsa 104th Veterans Day Parade Division Commander for the first time – there were 142 entries! To see the parade: <https://www.tulsaveteransdayparade.com/> and then following the parade, she helped with the Veterans Day Lunch her post served to about 2,000 people!

Sue Davidson and Sylvia Machler had the privilege to participate in a Veterans Day Ceremony honoring the crew of the USS Billings at the new Lockwood High School outside of Billings. Sue was also honored to give the invocation and blessing that evening for a special awards dinner honoring members of the ship's crew. To see a press release on the ship website: <https://www.navy.mil/Press-Office/News-Stories/Article/3222772/uss-billings-lcs-15-sailors-visit-their-namesake-city/>

Finally, **Jeepette Deborah Hancock and Top Hat Roger Hancock** spent many hours helping their local food bank with Thanksgiving Dinner distribution of food baskets.

May you be well!



Echelon 9 – Montana
Photos by Chaya Semple



Jeepette **Elizabeth Cook** greets veterans and spouses at a Carroll College tailgate prior the annual Military Appreciation football game.



Lisa Milner with a new American Legion Member she recruited on Veterans Day.



Department of Montana Legionnaires participated in Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Canada on November 11th. Three Echelon 9 Jeepettes, (left to right) **Jen Dalrymple, Director VIP Linda Cousineau and Senior Vice Director Janice Dobb** with **Top Hat Larry Dobb** (red cap in center) took a photo with other Montana Legionnaires present. A combined five-community Ceremony was held on the 11th month, 11th day, 11th hour at Coleman High School with smaller ceremonies at the Royal Canadian Coleman Branch in Coleman and at the Bellevue Branch in Bellevue. The Canadians were very gracious hosts.



At a Banquet in their honor, **Jeepette Sue Davidson**, a member of Friends of USS Billings, was able to get her photo with some of the women sailors assigned to the USS Billings.



Greetings to my sisters! Jan Lepinski, National Sky Pilot



As the holidays approach, we all become busier, and more stressed than normal. We tend to want everything to be “perfect”. But perfection should not be the goal. Joy should be the goal.

Some of us are suffering loss, of family or work or health. So, you ask, how can we find joy? For some, it is through their faith. For others it is being surrounded by family. For others, it may be by volunteering. Some may find meditation to be joyful. However, you find joy, make sure you include those activities over the Holidays.

Make time for yourself. You cannot give if you are empty or exhausted. Go to bed on a regular schedule and get up on a regular schedule. Eat right and try to get some exercise.

Have some fun. For me, I love to drive around and look at Christmas lights. We pack a thermos of hot chocolate and go out. It brings me Joy! A cozy fire at home is restful when I am stressed. A good book and curling up with my fur babies, even if it is only for an hour is restorative for me and brings me great Joy.

I try to think about my blessings. But that also brings my thoughts to those who are not as fortunate. My sisters, I ask for you to take a moment to pray for the health of Washington Echelon #3 Director, Cathy Hennie as she recovers from a stroke. May the holidays bring you healing, Cathy!

So, I wish all of you Peace, Love, and JOY!

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