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#### **Cheryl Shannon, National Director 2022-2023**

Ladies, first and foremost, I want to thank Marilyn for the great job she does as the editor of the jeep. This has been a trying year. As I try



to navigate my way through there is little if any information available for me to access. I have had some phone calls, and no one bothers to leave a message. If I don't recognize a phone number and there is on voice mail left, I will not return a

phone call due to all the scams that are going on.

I am disappointed that there is not really any available information for the National Director. No info from Am Legion and no info from within our own organization. We need to do a much better job of communicating if our organization hopes to continue.

I plan to talk with my Echelon and work on planning for National Convention. My cell is 307-761-1695, but the best way to reach me is through my email [ckwkitten@yahoo.com](mailto:ckwkitten@yahoo.com).

Cheryl K. Shannon  
National Director

#### **Gigi Callaway Senior Vice-Director**

First, I wish everyone a happy New Year. I hope this newsletter finds every doing well. December was filled with family, friends, and many veteran events. It now time to build and revisit those goals one may have set aside.



This month's message is simple; "build the legacy". Building starts with staying connected. Have your membership committee, along with you, make the phone calls. Start simply by asking about the member's welfare. (Begin the call as a wellness

check and move on from there.) The goal is to go over 100 percent. For echelons that are already at 100 percent, congratulations on building a legacy. If you need my assistance, contact me. (It's best to email or text.)

If your echelon has not updated your contact Directory of Officers and/or membership with the National Aide, please ensure you put that on your list to do within the next few weeks. Thank you.

Together, we can achieve!  
Gigi Callaway, SVD  
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**MILDRED S. WRIGHT-PEARSON**  
*Jr. Vice Director, National*

Greetings Jeepettes,

We all made it through the last few months of holidays. I hope that everyone is healthy and safe. Everyone please enjoy Valentine's Day with love and appreciation of those around you. Reach out to someone in need and spend some time with them.



As your National Junior Vice Director, I am working on several projects to be used as a Ways and Means fundraiser for the 20 & 4. I am requesting your support with these projects. As you already know fundraising is crucial to an organization like ours. We need to be able to give to those women in need of assistance. Without fundraising, we would not have the ability to do so.

Across the country, there have been many natural disasters such as hurricanes, wildfires, and winter storms. There are also many health issues that cause financial difficulties. We, as an organization are here to help our fellow women Legionnaires and ex-service women in arms. We never know when the need may strike at home.

In September of 2021, I was hospitalized because of COVID in a state that was not my home. If it had not been for the help of some members of our organization, I could not have made it. There was coordination between the Legion, the Sons of the American Legion, the Auxiliary, the 40 & 8, and our own organization 20 & 4. Because of this combined willingness to help, I return my thankfulness by helping in any way I can to ensure there are funds to assist others.

I will provide more information on my projects in my next article. Until then, stay safe

and healthy. Hope to see you in August at our National Bivouac.

*Mildred S. Wright-Pearson*  
National Jr. Vice Director  
20 & 4

Greetings Jeepettes,

I don't know about you, but I am proud to serve the 20&4 and the American Legion. Helping veterans to live a better life through our efforts



warm my heart. One person can only do so much, together we can move mountains. There is strength in numbers and the more members we have the better we can help our veterans. Take every opportunity to recruit new

members and ladies send in those membership dues.

Echelon 50 member Casey Nash has been busy as 1st District Commander in GA. Most exciting is the Women Retreat Day, see attachment. Nancee Jones Echelon 50 was instrumental in getting a facility for homeless women veterans and their children in Phenix City, AL. The ribbon cutting was December 16, 2022, and the home is expected to open sometime soon in 2023.



**Veteran Women's Day Retreat**  
February 25, 2023  
10 am until 5 pm  
American Legion Post 154 10 Veterans Dr Tybee Island, GA  
Come and learn tips to fuel the mind, body, and soul hosted by  
The American Legion First District  
Commander Casey Nash  
Scan the QR Code to register today  
Registration Fee: \$10 per woman to cover lunch  
POC: Casey Nash 912-532-6999 or Email: cnash0316@gmail.com

# MEMBERSHIP

ECHELON	2022 Year End Members	2023 Members	New Members	2023 Goal	Percent
50-AL	15	18	4	17	100.6
29-AK	11	0	0	12	0.0
35-AZ	36	31	7	40	76
01-CA	40	49	8	44	111.4%
05-FL	0	0	0	0	0
30-FL	14	0	0	15	0
08-IL	24	26	8	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	12	0
03-WA	12	9	0	13	69
11-WI	8	6	1	9	67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>52</b>



Unfortunately, this is all that I received for this issue and the smallest issue that I have ever published as your Editor.

Thanks to those of you who submitted articles. Looking at the current membership report, seems as though several Echelons are not active this year. That's getting scary. I'll keep trying through the end of this year but it's up to you.

The deadline for this issue was January 25. By that date, I had received one article. The next deadline is March 24. Please do not send articles that I cannot edit or need to retype. This is very time-consuming for me.

Send your article via email to: [thejeep20-4@att.net](mailto:thejeep20-4@att.net) and please indicate in the subject line of your email that it is for The Jeep.

Thank you,  
Marilyn Rideaux, Editor

Future National Conventions:



**NEW ORLEANS, AUG. 23– 29, 2024**

**TAMPA BAY, FLA., AUG. 22 – 28, 2025**

**LOUISVILLE, KY., AUG. 28 – SEPT. 3, 2026**

**KANSAS CITY, MO., AUG. 27 – SEPT. 2, 2027**



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