

Twenty and Four

The Honor Society of Women Legionnaires



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Georgiann "Gigi" Callaway, National Director VIP

It is an honor to serve as your National Director; I thank you for your vote and confidence. For those who I have not had the pleasure to meet, let me introduce myself. I grew up with strong family values and strong beliefs in God and Country. After serving twenty years on active duty with the Navy, I retired and a year later became a member of the American Legion. It has been just under three decades since I have been Legionnaire. As a member of the 20 & 4, I have gone through every office except for one. The goal this year is to bring success to every Echelon as well as to add at least one new Echelon. It is my hope that you will join me in accomplishing those goals.

Additionally, I want to thank everyone who was able to make it to the 2023 Bivouac and would like to thank all the outgoing and incoming officers for their commitment to the 20 & 4.

After the election, the post-cadre meeting briefing was held. Initiatives were introduced and discussed and within days we began to implement some of the initiatives. The emphasis of those initiatives was with regards to communications and of the rollout of enhancing new ideas along with maintaining some of the traditional processes. We ask that you check your spam or junk folders for the new email addresses. We are also requesting that Echelon directors and aides send a printed copy of the JEEP to those who do not yet have emails. It has been veterans' motto that "we leave no one behind". There will be additional announcements in addition to the newsletter for zoom meetings. It is important that these are established to get maximum participation. It is up to all of us that we ensure that the information is disseminated.

In closing, one of our greatest strengths has always been the support for veterans, our community and our programs. These efforts have also allowed us greater opportunities for networking and collaboration which serves as an invaluable tool for goals and initiatives. It will be important, to every one of us, that we attend our meetings as well as support each other individually. It is our belief that being a member of a women's honor society organization is what sets us apart from others and enables us to successfully accomplish our goals. Let's show them how it is done and make it happen this year!

Warm Regards.

Semper Fortis

For God, Family, Country.



**Mildred Wright Pearson,
Senior Vice National Director**

Membership

Greetings Jeepettes,

As your Sr Vice Director, it is my responsibility to track membership within our organization. This is where I need your help. Our Director VIP, Georgiann "Gigi" Callaway, has provided her guidance for membership. She has divided us into regions and has assigned responsibilities for obtaining new members and/or Echelons.

There was a meeting of the post National bivouac that was attended by all designated Officers. It was determined by a vote of the Officers that the new membership goals for 2023-2024 would be 2 new members. This meaning whatever number you ended with for 2022-2023, you would need to get two more new members. Example: if you ended with 30 members, your goal would be 30 plus 2 = 32 for this year's goal.

I would like to hear from you regarding your concerns and/or problems with membership. If I can help in any way, I will. This is a great organization and we want to see it thrive.

Best health to all.

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**Jan Lepinski,
Junior Vice National Director**

Greetings fellow Jeepettes! I am excited and grateful for the trust and faith you have placed in me for this next year. I am looking forward to serving you to help grow our great organization.

I have several ideas to help raise funds, but would also be interested in hearing your ideas. I would like to do challenge coins again this year. I know that I have a collection that I enjoy looking at. I am also planning to make several wreaths for auction. We will again have our Silent Auction at National Bivouac, and I would like to see it be at least twice as large as this past year. If each of us attending Bivouac could bring 2 items to raffle, we could raise a lot of money.

If you have ideas that we could incorporate into this year, please feel free to contact me at jlepinski@aol.com or call me at 312.305.9789. Yours in service to our country



**Tweila-Rochelle Cauthen,
Sky Pilot**

A professed wise man named Solomon penned the following, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" Some may look at this one statement and attribute it to the "natural" order of weather patterns; winter, spring, summer and fall. However, it holds a deeper meaning. What season are you in during this month? Are you in the season for purging? You know...deleting old phone numbers in your Contact List, or deleting expired files in your computer drive? Maybe, it is the season in which you clean out your closet and set items aside to be given away, or rotate 'old' shoes...yep...the spiked stilettos that you haven't worn in six years.

Perhaps, it is the season to do away with toxic relations and eating habits that are contrary to our best health interests. Maybe it is the season to discard yourself from the weight of holding grudges by deciding to forgive and MOVE ON. When was the last time you cleaned your kitchen cupboards and ensured that all your Tupperware had lids that matched?

If this is your season to purge, detox yourself thoroughly mentally, psychologically and spiritually. Take the time to meditate daily - even if it is just for two minutes (baby steps). Do a daily mental wellness check and gauge your mood BEFORE you open your mouth to speak to others. Ask your inner being if you died today, are you at peace within your soul?

Let us purposely take a moment each day and submit this petition: "For my sisters in the 20 and 4, I pray for their peace and protection."

This is my additional request: each Echelon Sky Pilot, please send me your contact information so we can develop a tight network of solidarity for our comrades. My email address is TCauthen@legion.org
Yours in Service.



Lisa Dayhoff, National Aide

Howdy from Texas to all of my sister Jeepettes across the country! First, I want to take a moment to thank everyone for the faith and trust they have placed in me by selecting me to be your National Aide for the ensuing year. I will not pretend to be perfect and am the first to admit that I have a long road ahead of me, following in the footsteps of my predecessors. I will do my absolute best to complete the job to the best of my ability.

You are certain to notice some differences as we work to make improvements where we can. I am always open for ideas, constructive criticism, ideas, questions, etc. I am very much looking forward to getting to know everyone better as we go through the year having carpal tunnel release surgery now two weeks behind me. My voicemail and email are always open. I may be slow responding with the healing process, but I will do so.

Run a Meeting Like a Pro

By Diane Schmidt, PND

Have you been to a City/County Council meeting where it just flowed? Yet sometimes at your Legion Post or Echelon meeting, parliamentary procedures are not as clear? Robert's Rules of Order has a very good "cheat sheet" that will be very helpful. Send your request by email to me. Diane Schmidt, National Judge Advocate

Echelon Development Eastern Area

By Millie J. Hampton
Echelon 24 Virginia

Good Day, Echelons! This is Millie Hampton, Echelon 24 Virginia. I have been navigating the Eastern Region for those states without an Echelon in their Departments.

I have identified the following states with no known Echelons: Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, *Ohio, *Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, West

Virginia, *Mississippi and * Louisiana. Four states I pulled in due to their proximity to our area. Having identified the states,

I am now composing a letter of introduction with information about The Honor Society of Women Veterans (20 & 4) that will go out to the Departments with a follow up phone call to the Department Adjutant to encourage forming an Echelon in their Department as well as potential contacts. By 2024 Bivouac I plan to have at least 4 new Echelons. I will bring updates as they happen.

I welcome any ideas, suggestions, etc. that will assist in making this endeavor a reality. My contact information: mhwindson52@gmail.com, 804-347-7323 cell phone.

Wishing all a Happy Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Have a wonderful day and thank you all for the opportunity to serve you.

Need your assistance

Please read the Echelon **Directors and Aides 2023-2024** listing herein. Review the Echelon information. Is the information correct for both the director and aide? If not please submit the corrections to submissions@nationaljeep.org prior to November 20, 2023. Additionally, there a few opening on some of the committees; if you would like a consideration please email the National Director.

A Roadmap of My Future

By Diane Schmidt, PND

Ode to modern medicine and proper treatment. Our bodies heal themselves; however, we have to do our part. Do we carry a list of our current meds to appointments? Do we take our meds daily or as directed? Do we research what medical issues our immediate family went through that gives us a "heads up" to what is coming. One publication that I found most helpful was "Diet According to Blood Type" - a workable chart for your grocery shopping of foods that are Beneficial, Neutral and foods to Avoid according to your BLOOD TYPE. It makes sense and it works. If you cannot find it, contact me. While I don't always follow it completely, I have found that I am balanced when I do.

Director Echelon 24
Virginia American Legion
By Rita Brock Chandler

VA Echelon 24 has been revitalized. This past year an effort to renew membership and recruit new members has been successful. We are currently at 100% of last years goal.

At the conference and convention meetings our discussions centered on how we can best serve women veterans and how to reach them.

Echelon 24 is working with Women's Outreach of Virginia American Legion on several projects. We held a Women Veterans Conference & Forum. Presentations were made explaining benefits available and guest speakers were from VAMC. The forum allowed women to express any concerns they had and to provide contacts.

At the Women's Memorial 2023 during the Jessica Lynch presentation we donated hygiene products, clothing, and quilts to Department of Veteran Services Project.

Echelon 24 also joined in with other organizations to support an Army Reserve Unit of MP's deployed overseas. While the whole unit is receiving care packets, the 33 women MP's are receiving feminine related packages provided by Echelon 24 and Women's Outreach members.

On July 29th 2023 we are combined with the Women's Outreach and presented the 2nd Annual Women Veterans conference in Virginia. We also invited Department of Veterans Services, DAV and VFW to participate. Representatives from VA Hospitals in Virginia attended. Topics include PTSD, MST, Homelessness, Burial Benefits, and how to file a claim. Several of our 20 & 4 members are Accredited Service Officers.

We are currently planning for our next conference on May 4th in Fairfax, VA.

BE THE ONE TO HELP END
WOMEN VETERAN HOMELESSNESS
By Bobbie J Kimelton, Echelon 35

It is an established fact that women veterans are at a greater risk of homelessness than men. Women who have served in the United States military are three to four more times likely to become homeless than non-veteran women. The challenges they face when returning to civilian life, including raising children as a single parent, dealing with psychological after-effects of events such as military or sexual trauma, or the continued existence of employment and housing barriers are tall contributing factors toward women veteran homelessness.

Despite the VA having built the largest integrated network of homeless assistance programs in the country serving more than 199,000 homeless women veterans in FY 2022, homelessness among female veterans has increased on average 2% per year, while homelessness among male veterans declined by 3% during the same period.

So how can you, and your Echelon help homeless female veterans in your community? There are several ways you can Be the One for those female veterans who need your help and support.

1. **SUPPORT VA PROGRAMS.** The VA has several programs aimed at ending homelessness among women veterans. You or your Echelon can support these programs by volunteering your time or donating your resources.
2. **RAISE AWARENESS.** Improve awareness of the issue and dispel myths related to it. This could involve organizing community events (even in partnership with your American Legion Post), sharing information on social media, or advocating for policy changes.
3. **PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.** If you are a business owner, consider hiring veterans. The Homeless Veterans Community Employment Services (HVCES) helps to improve employment outcomes for homeless veterans, including women veterans.

To Be A Friend



Friendship is not a big thing;
it's a zillion little things.

4. **OFFER HOUSING.** If you have rental properties, consider participating in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and VA Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH) which provides subsidized permanent housing with VA-supported case management.
5. **DONATE TO NON-PROFITS.** Identify the nonprofit organizations that provide services to the homeless veterans (particularly women veterans- because there aren't very many). Your donations of time and resources can also help these organizations provide essential services.
6. **ADVOCATE FOR POLICY CHANGE.** Advocate for broadening definitions of "veteran" and "homeless" thereby increasing eligibility for care and benefits. Currently, most available housing options for homeless women veterans fail to recognize the need to keep families intact, particularly those families with opposite-sex children.

Identify opportunities to Be the One for homeless women veterans by partnering with other Veteran Service Organizations, faith-based organizations, non-profits or other philanthropic organizations to collaborate and to provide resources to fill gaps that make women veterans vulnerable to homelessness.

Find ways to shift the focus of our approach in serving women veterans to direct efforts and resources on preventing the problem.

Currently the VA spends approximately \$136,000 in services for every homeless veteran, and yet all of it is spent after the veteran becomes homeless rather than to prevent transitioning female veterans from becoming homeless in the first place. There is a need for a paradigm shift to focus on physical and mental health issues that may have occurred during military service; ensuring transferable career skills and programs to assist women veterans to adjust their identities to a civilian culture.

Issues that you can support include lobbying for Congress to give the VA the authority to help meet

the health care and mental health needs of women veterans, but also their children through direct or coordinated care. Partner with community agencies to provide child support, especially for single mothers; as well as to monitor the long-term health and behavioral effects of parents' service-related trauma and/or homelessness.

Campaigns that your Echelon could consider include improving national awareness of the issues to include:

1. Develop state and local campaigns to dispel myths of homelessness.
2. Work with non-profits and the VA to find ways to better identify and treat female veterans who experience military sexual trauma. Often this manifest in the workplace with increased absenteeism or performance-related issues. Education of local employers.
3. Work with community leaders to conduct need assessments to identify better housing practices and help target prevention/early interventions. Work with military installations and family support services to support transitioning service members.
4. Start a local campaign to assist women veterans in becoming more comfortable identifying as veterans so they can access needed benefits.

These recommendations are just examples of how each of you can Be the One for another female veteran and can make your individual effort toward ending women veteran homelessness.



The TOP HATS

By Diane Schmidt, PND

Behind and alongside every successful woman is a dedicated spouse and/or significant other. In the Twenty and Four, we have our own auxiliary, the Top Hats. They are always around to assist when needed: set up Memorial Wreaths at meetings, escort us to our table at the banquet. They have their own Top Hat membership card and pin.

Earnestine Doubek, National Aide

Minutes from the 67th Bivouac

The 67th Annual Bivouac was held at the Charlotte, North Carolina Convention Center. Registration began at 0800 in Room 217 on Thursday August 24, 2023. A Logbook was on display and the Ways and Means Committee displayed items for the silent auction. National Aide presented a personal gavel to Director VIP. Committee meetings began around 08:10 and were recessed at 1200 for lunch. Meetings resumed at 1300 and were adjourned at 14:00.

At 14:17 Internal Affairs was called to order by the Judge Advocate (JA). The first item of interest was the need for bonding of the national disbursing director; secondly, FL-5 has not paid dues in at least three years. A letter was sent by the national aide and there was a telephone conversation last year to address this concern. A follow-up letter should be sent via priority mail notifying FL-5 that their charter will be revoked if they remain non-compliant. Lipinski, IL-8, stated that there should be an audit of their financial records; thirdly, everyone is encouraged to learn what the requirements are for the logbook display and participate in the program. There is a \$25.00 prize given to the winner of the logbook display; fourthly, the website needs updating. An ad hoc committee should be formed for this purpose. Callaway, IL-8, suggested that Beverly Fitch of IL-8 be appointed as the new emblem sales NMI. She also stated that Fitch has vendors already set up; Davis, MA-2, suggested that the policy and procedure manual be digitized. The members of this ad hoc committee will be Davis, Kimelton, Dayhoff, Cauthen, and Lepinski; Dayhoff, TX-31, suggested that information be electronic which would take pressure off the aide. She stated that she has two IT degrees and is skilled in website setup as well as social media. Additionally, she stated that the information would be secure. Rideaux, CA-1, stated that she would not give phone numbers or addresses of CA-1 members to national aide. Lepinski, IL-8, stated that we must go digital to bring in younger members; JA called for credential report. Registration NMI reported: National officers, six, PND, four, Cadre, seven, Delegates, ten, making total

number of attendees 27. The number of echelons registered was nine. Authorized votes are AL, three, AZ, nine, CA, seven, FL, six, IL, five, MA, six, NC, zero, TX, three, and VA, five (authorized votes are based on paid votes and the presence of the cadre member for that echelon); JA asked for any further business to come before the floor. Hearing none JA proceeded to ask for the list of officer nominees. Then Rideaux, CA-1, wanted clarification as to why a donation letter with the EIN number that Jr. Vice Director requested from National aide did not have the EIN number. Nominating Committee NMI presented the list of officer nominees: Director VIP, Georgian Callaway, Senior Vice Director, Mildred Wright-Pearson, Junior Vice Director, Jan Lepinski, CQ Colleen Heck, Assistant CQ Sandra Davis, Sky Pilot, Millie Hampton and Tweila Cauthen, National Aide, Earnestine Doubek and Lisa Dayhoff, and Dispersing Director Judi Beischel. Judi Beischel AZ-35 announced that a cocktail reception by Director VIP Shannon will take place at the Home2 suites on the pool level at 5pm. Cauthen, AZ-35, announced that she signed up 101-year-old Rowena Baggs of Ohio to American Legion Post 2, birthday August 27, 1919. Post 2 members organized a march to her house which included newspaper coverage, the mayor and Girl Scouts.

Internal affairs adjourned at 16:04

Friday August 25, 2023, the 67th annual Bivouac resumed at 0800, Charlotte, NC Convention Center in room 221A. Registration continued as well as the Ways and Means silent auction and the Logbook display. Memorial Service was conducted at 08:15 by the Sky Pilot. The meeting was opened by Director VIP Shannon at 08:40, colors being in place hands salute, the pledge of allegiance and the preamble to the 20 and 4 Constitution were recited. Roll call of officers and cadre members by national aide. All officers were present and accounted for. Tx-31 replaced their Cadre member with Dayhoff. Minutes of the Pre-Bivouac were called for. National Aide stated she needed a few minutes to get them together as they were not typed. Director VIP decided to proceed with the committee reports. Audit report was given by NMI Nehring, PND, attached. It was moved by Lepinski, seconded and

passed. The Bivouac report given by NMI Kimelton was not turned in. Moved by Schmidt, seconded and passed. Constitution and Bylaws report given by NMI Davis; no C & B changes recommended for this Bivouac. C&B should be posted on a website for transparency. Moved by Lepinski, seconded and passed.

Corporate report given by PND Schmidt; will get in touch with corporation in NC to find out our status. Moved by PND Barker, seconded and passed. Internal Affairs report given by PND Schmidt was not turned in. Moved by Heck, seconded and passed. Log Director report given by NMI Heck was not turned in. Moved by Callaway, seconded and passed. The Nomination committee report given by PND Jackson Kelley was not turned in. Moved by Lepinski, seconded and passed. Log Director report given by NMI Taylor; one logbook presented. I encourage all echelons to participate. Moved by PND Barker, seconded and passed. Question by Rideaux, CA-1: who sets membership goals? National Aide answered that the Director VIP sets membership goals for the year. Discussion on the topic rendered a motion by Lepinski that the Director VIP and Senior Vice Director set goals for the year by the closing of bivouac. Further discussion caused Lepinski to withdraw her motion. The National Jeep report given by NMI Rideaux was not turned in. Resolutions Report was given by PND Jackson Kelly, attached. Scholarship report given by PND Stanton; no report, scholarship application should be published in Oct. Jeep. Moved by PND Barker, seconded and passed. Service Report given by NMI Heck was not turned in. Moved by Senior Vice-Director Callaway, seconded and passed. Judge Advocate report given by PND Schmidt; did not receive any C&Bs for review. Moved by Davis, seconded and passed. The Disbursing Director report given by PND Beischel was not turned in, however, a lesser report was turned in and is attached. Moved by PND Barker, seconded and passed. The Ways and Means report given by Junior Vice Director Wright-Pearson was not turned in. Moved by PND Schmidt, seconded and passed. Echelon development report given by PND Barker; Lepinski will be starting an echelon in Michigan.

Moved by Davis, seconded and passed. The immediate PND report given by PND Barker was not turned in. Moved by PND Schmidt, seconded and passed. The National Director report given by Director VIP was not turned in. Moved by PND Barker, seconded and passed. Break for lunch, return at 13:15

Unfinished business: National aide to read minutes of the pre-bivouac. National aide began to read minutes, PND Barker moved that it was no point in reading the minutes now because the information had been given by others. Seconded and passed. Please send your concerns to ad hock committee. Final credential report by registration NMI: national officers, six, PNDs, four, cadre, ten, delegates, 16, alternate delegates three plus one guest. The number of attendees was 39. The number of registered echelons was ten. Total authorized votes are AK, one, AL, three, AZ, nine, CA, seven, FL, six, IL, five, MA, six, plus two alternates, NC, seven (paid at Bivouac), TX, four, VA, five plus one alternate. The total number of authorized votes is 53. Election of officers, two positions had opposition and all opposing candidates gave a two-to-three-minute speech. The elected candidate for sky pilot was Tweila Cauthen and the elected candidate for national aide was Lisa Dayhoff. National aide cast one unanimous vote for the unopposed candidates. National Director VIP Shannon presented a personal gavel to PND Barker and incoming National Director VIP Callaway.

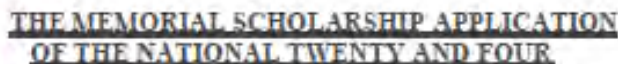
Good of the order: Hortense Toliaferro said she had some top hat pins of Connie Jo Popham and will give them to members. Callaway suggested that they be brought to the next Bivouac and any money's received from them could go towards a scholarship in Connie Jo's name. Banquet NMI stated that the meal ordered, and a name plate will be on the table at the banquet. Elexzanderia Carr thanked everyone who sent flowers and cards for the loss of her mother. Dorannetta Porter thanked everyone and said hang in there, no one is perfect, looking forward to working with the group. Tweila called Rowena Baggs and all present sang happy birthday to her.

Bivouac Adjourned at 14:15

Banking Summary 22-23

8/1/2022 through 7/31/2023

Category	8/1/2022- 7/31/2023
INCOME	
20 & 4 Income	
Donation	240.00
Dues	4,093.00
Insurance Refund	8.00
Jeep Christmas Greetings	100.00
Proud to be an American	164.00
Ways and Means	1,100.24
TOTAL 20 & 4 Income	5,705.24
Bivouac	
Banquet Income	4,472.00
emblem sales	1,432.50
Fines	47.00
Registration	475.00
Ways and Means	1,268.00
TOTAL Bivouac	7,694.50
Interest Inc	577.58
TOTAL INCOME	13,977.32
EXPENSES	
20 & 4 Exp.	
Awards	25.00
Insurance	433.00
Membership	63.47
Office Supplies	284.96
TOTAL 20 & 4 Exp.	806.43
Bivouac Expense	
Banquet	2,806.82
director	100.00
Hotel	2,200.00
TOTAL Bivouac Expense	5,106.82
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,913.25
TRANSFERS	
FROM Checking-20+4	10,000.00
TO Savings - 20+4	-10,000.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	8,064.07



- date

Committee Member	Date
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THE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP OF THE NATIONAL TWENTY

(A memorial to all women who served in the Armed Forces in all wars) FACT SHEET

A. Applicant Eligibility:

1. A child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a member in good standing of the Twenty and four or of a deceased member of the Twenty and Four who was a member in good standing at the time of her death is eligible to apply for the scholarship.
2. An applicant (under I. Above) must be not less than sixteen (16) nor more than twenty-five (25) years of age by September 1st of the calendar year in which application is made.
3. A Twenty and Four member in good standing (any age) who is returning to the work force or changing work fields and requires additional education is eligible to apply for the scholarship.
4. Application filed on or before May 1st with the Scholarship NMI, using a Twenty and Four Memorial Scholarship application form and including all required attachments.

B. Scholarship Selection Criteria:

1. Eligibility (A. above)
2. Need for assistance
3. Scholastic standing
4. School activities
5. Community Activities (Volunteer or otherwise)

C. Grant Requirements:

1. Recipient to provide evidence of acceptance for admission in school of choice.
2. Recipient to provide evidence of enrollment in school of choice.
3. Failure to provide evidence of acceptance (C. 1 above) by **August 1st** will cause automatic forfeiture of the scholarship, and it will be offered to the runner-up.
4. Failure to provide evidence of enrollment (C. 2. Above) prior to each scheduled payment will cause payment to be withheld.

Note: "school of choice" must be a school, college, university, or vocational institution beyond the high school level!

D. Grant Payments:

1. Each grant shall be for the next succeeding school year only, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.
2. Payment of the grant shall be made to the appropriate education institution in the name of the Memorial Scholarship recipient, for tuition purposes only, and in equal amounts at the beginning of each term or qualifying enrollment (i.e. : \$500 at the beginning of each semester).

E. Where to Write:

1. Submittal of application, with attachments: Scholarship NMI
2. Evidence of acceptance for admission, evidence of enrollment, or additional information:
NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
3. Unless specified otherwise on applicable correspondence, use the following address for both E.1, and E.2:

Twenty & Four Memorial Scholarship

Cheri Stanton, PND, NMI
1441 E. Third Ave, Monmouth, IL 61462
309-734-7843
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Request For Rehabilitation Assistance

Name	
Address	
Telephone	
E-Mail	
Date of Birth	
Service Record	
Branch of Service	
Entry Date	
Discharge Date	

Are you a member of a veteran service organization? Yes No

If yes, name of organization: _____
(Not necessary to be a member of a veteran service organization)

Need:

☐ ☐

Have you applied for assistance elsewhere? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, where: _____

Application for assistance authorized: Yes ☐ No ☐

Committee Members: _____

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Travel Dates: Nov 3-5 National Director will be in Tucson with AZ #35. Tentative travel to FL in Jan. Plans for Echelons in person and virtual at National’s Pilgram Challenge in Feb. Plans are being made for Arlington and WIMSA in May!" Hopefully Ech #24 can join me. Tentative plans to visit Ech #2 in June. (Director will reach out for tentative scheduling.)

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2022-2023 Cheryl Shannon, National Director, VIP Speaking passionately at the Bivouac dinner.

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