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67th Annual Bivouac Banquet

Charlotte Convention Center/NASCAR Hall of Fame
501 South College Street | Charlotte, NC 28202
Rooms 214 Meeting Level: Meetings
Room 218 Meeting Level: Bivouac

A Bivouac Breakfast will be served on Thursday and Friday, August 24th and 25th, 2023, at the Charlotte Convention Center before the meeting at 7:30 am.

The Bivouac Banquet is also at the Convention Center on Friday evening, August 25, 2023. **ALL BANQUET RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE. NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.**

Chicken Marsala: Sauteed chicken breast, wild mushrooms, parmesan-creamed new potatoes, and seasonal vegetables

OR

Niman Ranch Pork: Bourbon-grilled pork chop, caramelized sweet potatoes, and cider-braised greens

Vegetarian:

Eggplant Parmesan: Pomodoro sauce, ricotta cannelloni on sauteed baby spinach

OR

Stuffed Sweet Pepper: Filled with brown rice, quinoa, black beans, and corn alongside roasted potatoes, grilled asparagus, spaghetti squash, and salsa verde

Dessert

Southern Pecan Cheesecake OR Chocolate Truffle Torte

**No Host Cocktail Social starting at 5:00 pm
Program and Dinner at 6:00 pm in Room 218 Meeting Level.**

Attire: After Five or Legion Equivalent

Cost: \$65.00/person

Payment Options:

Remit the section below the cutting line and your dinner fee by check, payable to the National 20/4.

Mail to:

Beth Nehring
3639 West Dailey Street
Phoenix, AZ 85615 **or**

Remit by Zelle to:

Roberta J. Kimelton
623 738 9755 and email RSVP to roberta1552@msn.com

**DEADLINE
AUGUST 15,
2023**

RSVP

Please reserve ____ seats for the 67th Annual Bivouac Banquet on Friday, August 25, 2023.

Chicken Marsala

Niman Ranch Pork

Eggplant Parmesan

Stuffed Sweet Pepper

Chocolate Truffle Torte

Southern Pecan Cheesecake

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Continental Breakfast

*Please provide names if you are purchasing more than one meal

Please provide your telephone and/or email address for confirmation of receipt.

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Nomination for National Director:

Echelon 8 proudly presents **Georgiann Callaway** for the office of National Director for the year 2023-2024. She will perform her duties in a mannerly, ethical, faithful way while showing respect, thoughtfulness, and a grateful heart to all she governs.

We are proud that we have a Jeepette in our Echelon who has all the wonderful qualities that a director should possess and display them in a manner becoming a lady.

In Friendship,
Edna Taylor, Echelon 8 Aide

Endorsement for Mildred Wright Pearson, National Senior Vice Director:

Members of Echelon 1-CA hereby endorse **Mildred Wright Pearson** for the office of National Senior Vice Director for the year of 2023 – 2024. Mildred has been a member of Echelon 1, 20+4, for 11 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 at the 2021 National Bivouac, and worked with the Bivouac Finance Committee to establish a Budget for the 2022 year as well. She also served as National CQ, and is currently serving as National Junior Vice Director, aggressively working to raise funds for our National organization. It is our considered opinion (s) that she will continue to serve this organization actively and represent it well.

We request that ALL Echelons consider this endorsement of Mildred Wright-Pearson, Echelon 1-CA, as a candidate for the Office of National Senior Vice Director and that the Nomination Committee advance it for consideration at the upcoming 2023 National Bivouac in Charlotte, NC.

Barbara Lombrano
Director VIP, Echelon 1 - CA

Marilyn Rideaux
Aide, Echelon 1 - CA

Nomination for National JR Vice Director:

Echelon 8 proudly presents **Jan Lepinski** for the office of National Jr Vice Director for the year of 2023-2024. She will perform her duties as directed with respect for all.

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

In Friend ship
Edna Taylor Echelon 8 Aide

RESOLUTION OF CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT

WHEREAS, Arizona Echelon 35 has a rich history of demonstrated leadership and outstanding representation of women veterans and women Legionnaires; and

WHEREAS, one of those outstanding Legionnaires is Judi Beischel, who has a demonstrated track record of serving veterans and the community; and

WHEREAS, Judi has been a member of the American Legion for 22 years and a member of the Honor Society of Women Legionnaires, Echelon 35 for 20 years, and

WHEREAS, Judi has served that 20 & 4 as the National Disbursing Director from 2016 to the present; Department of Arizona Commander 2013-2014, Department of Arizona Vice Commander for Area 2011-2012, Department of Arizona District 12 Commander 2009-2010 and an American Legion Auxiliary member for 44 years, and

WHEREAS, the members of Echelon 35 have affirmatively voted to support Judi's candidacy for Disbursing Director of the National 20 & 4 in belief that she will continue to make sure that all financial transactions are true, accurate and cost effective and in the best interest of our organization; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be distributed to all Echelons by way of the JEEP requesting their support and vote for this outstanding candidate, Judi Beischel, for the position of National Disbursing Director.

RESOLUTION OF CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT

WHEREAS, Arizona Echelon 35 has a rich history of demonstrated leadership and outstanding representation of women veterans and women Legionnaires; and

WHEREAS, one of those outstanding Legionnaires is Colleen Heck, who has a demonstrated track record of serving veterans and the community; and

WHEREAS, Colleen has been a member of the American Legion for 8 years and a member of the Honor Society of Women Legionnaires, Echelon 35 for 8 years, and

WHEREAS, Colleen has served the National 20 & 4 as the Assistant CQ for the 2022-2023 year as well as the Echelon 35 2nd Vice from 2020-2022 and 1st Vice from 2022 to present; a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 7 years; the 40 & 8 for 7 years; the 8 and 40 for 7 years; and serves as the Department of Arizona Children and Youth Chair for 2020 to present. Colleen a 7 year Paid Up for Life member of The American Legion and serves on the Department of Arizona Women Veteran's Committee, Children and Youth Committee, VAVR Committee. She is additionally a 9-year member of the VFW, and

WHEREAS, the members of Echelon 35 have affirmatively voted to support Colleen's candidacy for CQ of the National 20 & 4 in belief that she will continue to provide guidance to veterans and members of the community in need of assistance; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be distributed to all Echelons by way of the JEEP requesting their support and vote for this outstanding candidate, Colleen Heck for the position of National CQ/

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Nehring, Director VIP
Echelon 35, 20&4

Bobbie J. Kimelton, Aide
Echelon 35, 20&4



The funniest thing happened to me in June while trying to get that issue of The National Jeep out to you. LOL! I forgot to publish "Proud To Be An American." Well better late than never!



CALIFORNIA – Echelon 1 “Proud To Be An American”



Charlotte Baber

Jamie Brassard 

Karen Caddel

Lara Danielle Chan 

Monique Clemmons

Irene Cruz

Diane Drake

Latonía Dixon

Lois Flint 

Lisa Foster 

Cynthia Gaffey

Lula Gooden

Marj Goosey

Magdalena Gradkowska

Kristy Grayson 

Donna Griggs

Annette Grimsley

Ruth Harris

Kathleen Heeren

Hattie Hicks

Robin Hoyle 

Martha Huff

Patricia Jackson Kelley – PND

Susan Johnson

Roxanne Jones

Barbara Jung-Lowe

Marian Landis

Barbara Lombardo, Director VIP

Tirell McKnight 

Teresa Moore


Lillian Moss

Maggie Mudd

Anna Marie Pina-Brown

Janice Price

Marilyn Rideaux

Debra Rzezcka-Denton 

Sandy Schneeberger

Delores Shick

Janice Somers

Desirae Storey-Smith

Lisa Thompson-Wiebe

Josephine Thomas

Nita Ullman

Deborah Van Blarcom 

Cynthia Verrill

Celeste Williams

Beatrice Williamson-Johnson

Ada Joanne Wilson

Janet Wilson

Mildred Wright Pearson

WA – Echelon 3

“Proud To Be An American”

*Donna Botelho
Mary Fike
Cathleen Hennie
Barbara Hoerr
Marie Honeywell
Margaret Reining
Nancy Robbins
Carrol Stripling
Maria Tye*



IL – Echelon 8

“Proud To Be An American”

*Nadia Baran
Angela R. Baskin
Teresa "Terri" Browne
Georgiann "Gigi" Callaway
Sonja Creekmore
Detraff "Dee" Dearborn
Diana Fecarotta
Beverly Fitch
Barbara Wilkinson Fletcher
Sandra Harker
Christine Hildebrandt
Helen Hull
Iris I.M. Kirschner
Mary E. Kulavic
Jan Lepinski
Patricia Maher
Carolyn Mahoney
Cindy Joan Young Rasmussen
Lisabetha Risley
Cynthia Robbins
Jacqueline Meemken-Sutherland
Edna Taylor
Annette Tincer
Beverly Walker
Cheryl Walker*



IL – Echelon 8 (continued)

*Nickola Rogers
Cheri Stanton
Ronnie Turner-Winston
Chevonne Woodard
Robin Vandiver*

MT – Echelon 9

“Proud To Be An American”

*Michelle Allen
Joyce Babcock
Margaret Barrett
Clancee Collins
Denise Cook
Elizabeth Cook
Linda Cousineau
Jennifer Dalrymple
Sue Davidson
Irene Dickerson
Janice Dobb
Melanie Gold
Dotty Goodwin
Eileen Greb
Carol Gruwell
Kate Hahn
Deborah Hancock
Cory Hartman
Sylvia Machler
Kim Kay McCarty Martin
Christine Miller
Lisa Milner
Edna Nasca
Carol Prahf
Chris Rangitisch
Dale Reid
Clara Santopietro
Chaya Semple
Ruth E. Smith
Phyllis Viccione
Rachel Weidner
Julie Witt*



ARIZONA – Echelon 35

“Proud To Be An American”

Greetings from the Jeepettes of Echelon 35, who are definitely “Proud to be American!” We take pride in knowing we are among an elite group of women veterans who have had the honor of serving our Country and we reach out to thank each of you for your service!

*Marge Aherns
Judi Beischel
Gerry Berger
Eszter Blair
Nancy Brown
Gilian (Gigi) Burns
Patricia (Trish) Carlisle-Thompson
Twila-Rochelle Cauthen
Saniá Deatherage
Rosa Del Rosario
Lis DeLeclerc
Lisette Eckman
Eldor Engebreston
Rebecca Faris
Patricia Fite
Mary Freeman
Jessica García
Julia Gusse
Donna Harwood
Colleen Heck
Barbara Hobbs
Dee Hoisington*

*Dale Hutchcraft
Brenda Johnson
Georgie Jones
Jennie Jordan
Roberta “Bobbie” Kimelton
Jennifer Kritzer
Jaclyn Kulfan
Malina Lopez
Cheryl Mothershed
Anna Nemecek
Elizabeth “Beth” Nehring
Doranetta Parker
Charee Reckner
Nancy Ruiz
Cheryl Shannon
Joan Sisco
Carol Stensby
Jerilyn Strande
Janet Stripe
Ellen Tresdell
Cheryl Wente
Felice Wimbish-Tribue
Karen Young*



ALABAMA – Echelon 50

“Proud To Be An American”



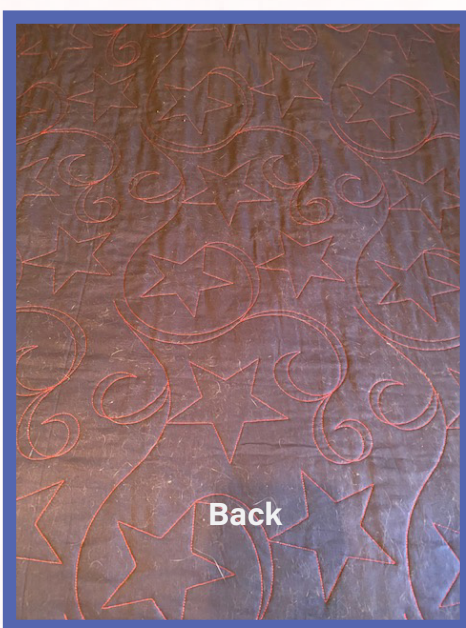
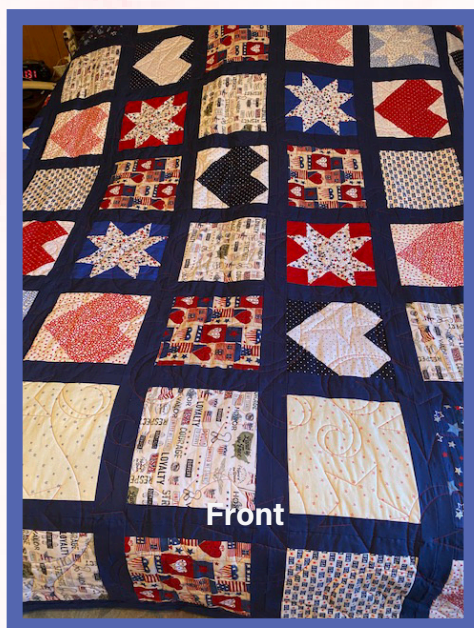
*Crystal Jones
Earnestine Doubek
Gloria J. Prince
Cynthia D. Pierre
Sherrie L. Rodgers
Donna K. Stacey
Virginia Branson*

*Gladys Leonard
Jean Downs
Nancy M. Jones
Elizabeth Tumbleson
Josephine Jordan
Mary E. McCoy
Nancy J. Waller*

*Pinki A. White
Patricia Douglas
Jessie Kinnaird
Casey Nash*

Twenty and Four Fundraiser Handmade Queen Size Quilt

This beautifully handmade queen-size quilt is a one of a kind. The quilter has used squares that salutes the Armed Forces, the United States, and the values of this country. It encompasses the colors symbolic of our nation as well as flags, stars, fireworks, and confetti on stars that are associated with this great nation. This is a raffle item.



Raffle tickets are

\$10.00 each

Only 250 will be sold

Drawing will be held at
the National Bivouac

August 24-25, 2023

Charlotte, NC

Winner need not be
present

Raffle Ticket Form (Please Print)

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____
Zip _____
Email Address _____

Number of tickets _____ \$10.00 each Total Cost _____

Make payment to: **National 20 + 4**

Mail raffle ticket request form along with check or money order to:

Mildred S. Wright-Pearson, Jr Vice Director VIP
PO Box 233
Tranquillity, CA 93668

Text or Message me at: (559) 250-8247

Cash will only be accepted in person.

Raffle Ticket(s) will not be mailed until receipt of payment

Greetings Jeepettes:



I hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July. I had the opportunity to cuddle with my two cats and my new baby (a toy poodle) to calm them as fireworks were going off all around in the streets near my home. I have empathy/sympathy for those veterans who are suffering from PTSD on this celebratory holiday of our country's independence.

My fundraising projects, as the National Jr. Vice Director, are coming to an end. Next month we will be at our National Bivouac, in North Carolina. I will be happy to see the East coast again. The last time I was on the East coast, I was at Myrtle Beach, SC., in a hotel right off the beach.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all who had the chance to participate in my fundraiser projects. Currently, there are **no more coins** to purchase. Quilt raffle tickets are still available. You may not think about the cold weather now, but it is coming, and a quilt will be useful.

Twenty and Four Challenge Coins Fundraiser

SOLD



OUT



I will be bringing additional items for raffle and to sell to meet my goal. I ask that those of you who can, please bring a raffle gift to help with our funds that will be used for the assistance of our fellow female veterans in need over the years to come. If you can assist in this endeavor, please do.

See you next month in North Carolina. Until then, have a great rest of your summer, hopefully doing the things you love.

Mildred S. Wright-Pearson

National Jr. Vice Director

20 & 4



ARIZONA ECHELON 35

Resolution No. 2: Condolences Related to the Passing of Lenore “Lee” Katz Origin: Echelon 35, Department of Arizona, Twenty and Four Submitted by Echelon 35, Department of Arizona, Twenty and Four

Date: June 15, 2023

WHEREAS, With feelings of deepest regret, Echelon 35, Department of Arizona, Twenty and Four, must record the passing of a friend and associate, Lenore “Lee” Katz , formerly from Phoenix Arizona and recently from Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Lee served for 20 years as a Flight Nurse in the Air National Guard, retiring as a Major; and

WHEREAS, Lee served as a proud member of American Legion Post 1 and Jewish War Veterans Post 194; and

WHEREAS, Lee was a lifelong lover of the arts: art theater, ballet, and opera and donated her time building sets in community theaters around Phoenix; and

WHEREAS, Lee was an avid and essential volunteer at the annual Veteran’s Standdowns held at the Arizona State Fairgrounds, where she entertained children and veteran parents with her magic tricks and jokes; and

WHEREAS, Lee served as a 6 year member of Echelon 35, Department of Arizona, Twenty and Four, and was responsible for aiding women veterans who have served their country to provide aid to disabled and needy female veterans; and

WHEREAS, Because we realize to the fullest extent the benefits which our Echelon derived from the work of this Jeepette, and because of the warm personal feeling inspired in our hearts by her kindly unselfish life; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By Echelon 35, Department of Arizona, Twenty and Four in a special vote, on June 15, 2023, 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 her associates, 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 transmitted to the family of our deceased Jeepette, together with the assurance of our sincerest sympathy.

May the Heavenly Father console them in their present sorrow and may these words of appreciation and high regard be solace in the years to come.

Bobbie J. Kimelton

Bobbie J. Kimelton
Aide, Echelon 35

Beth Nehring

Beth Nehring
Director VIP, Echelon 35

Beth Nehring Echelon 35 – AZ

It has been a rough couple of weeks for me. I have some bad news for you. Mike passed away on Father's Day, June 18, 2023, at 2239. It has been very rough the past few weeks. I'm still in shock. My partner of 29 years left me and with mom and dad gone also, I'm alone now.

Mike fell on June 2nd, and I took him to the VA. X-rays indicated a broken pelvis and he was moved to St Joe's Hospital. They put pins in his femur and his leg in traction. He went to surgery on June 5th, and he aspirated in pre-op. They had to cancel pelvic surgery. He developed aspiration pneumonia in both lungs and started going downhill from there.



He was moved to Thunderbird Care Hospice Home. He kept telling me to smile, enjoy and live life to the fullest. I'd been trying to prepare for this but it's not easy since it came so unexpectedly. Ironically, he joined the Army on June 18, 1948, and left us 55 years later from the results of Agent Orange.

Mike enjoyed all the Jeepettes of 20/4 that he met. I'm glad he had an opportunity to meet so many of you. He was looking forward to coming to Charlotte and really wanted to go to New Orleans next year. I can't explain how hard it has been. At State convention everyone was looking for him. It was hard but I made it through. Have my ups and downs here at home but keep being told I'm strong and can do this.

Hope to see you soon, Beth.

Honor Flight

Our Past Director VIP, Judi Beischel, had the honor of escorting Marge Ahrens as a Guardian on her Honor Flight to Washington, DC, at the end of May! Eldora Engebretson had the honor of being on the same flight. It was an awesome experience and a once in a lifetime trip! Look for more photos in the Arizona logbook at our bivouac in August!



July, ahh warmer weather! The masks are off, people are out; and so, it is that most of us will be back to normalcy. Echelons are opening their door and planning events as evident in our last Jeep.

If you have not gotten the remaining members in for this year; remember to do so today. Contact me or our National Aide if you have any questions.

Here a quick list for July:

- Get the remaining members in for this year.
- Plan to attend the Bivouac!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Bivouac.

Semper Fortis
For God, Family, Country. Warm Regards
Georgi Callaway



Caption: Echelon 9 Montana celebrated the presence of PND Joyce Babcock at Echelon Bivouac in June. May her health continue to be well! We dearly hope to see her again at Fall Bivouac in October.

Echelon 1 - CA



Welcome to Echelon 1, (l) Rocio Palmero, Program Coordinator-US Vet-Los Angeles, (r) Rev. Kathy Cash, PhD, Department Chaplain.

Rocio Palmero is the 2nd Vice Commander of Community Post 46 in Culver City and a Navy veteran.

Kathy Cash is 1st Vice Commander and Post Chaplain of Jackie Robinson Post 252 in Los Angeles. She is an Army Veteran.

We are proud to have these two Legionnaires represent Echelon 1 in California.



Best wishes to our Past Director-VIP, Barbara Lombrano, as she moves forward in her Legion career. Barbara will be working for the National American Legion in the State of Washington. Hands off Echelon 3. Barbara is still a member of Echelon 1-CA.



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