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From the Desk of the Director

Greetings Jeepettes. We are at that time of year where sharing and giving abounds. Some of us will experience cold and snow over the next few months. Others will be in the warmth and rays of the sun. Wherever you are there will be celebrations of health, remembrance, and religion. I wish each of you and your family the best during this time of year. Although we are miles apart, we are all family who share our passions as Jeepettes and women veterans.

When I refer to sharing, I am not only talking about our immediate families and friends. I am including reaching out to those women veterans who are in need. Working closely with a VA Hospital or clinic can help provide those needed items to low income and/or homeless veterans. The VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement sends out a notification of what seasonable items are needed to be used as gifts and duffle bag stuffers for veterans in their area.

I know there are Echelons that assist in this endeavor each year. Your thoughtfulness is a blessing to those less fortunate. We all can contribute to the cause by adding one extra item to our shopping list that can be given as a donation to assist the effort. Cash donations are always accepted. Donations can be used as a tax exemption but check with your tax consultant, if you have one.

I want to thank all who could be present at the Zoom meeting on October 17, 2024. All of those who could not attend missed a productive meeting. It is unfortunate that the meeting was too late for some and too early for others. It is difficult to schedule a meeting that will accommodate everyone. I am adjusting the time for the next meeting on January 16, 2025, 6PM Central, (7PM Eastern, 5PM Mountain, 4PM Pacific). I hope this will better fit each Echelon's and Jeepette's timeframe to be in attendance.

I am still working to ensure the 20 & 4 is represented at the Tomb of the Unknowns for wreath laying on Memorial Day 2025 at Arlington Cemetery. The process has changed. We need to apply through an email to VA CDCE. I have already been in contact for a WMSA wreath laying ceremony in the afternoon of Memorial Day. I will keep you updated on the progress.

... Continued from front page, **Mildred Wright Pearson,**
National Director VIP

A few words about our National Bivouac Dinner with the theme: *The Great Gatsby*. Those of you who did not attend missed a great event. Not only was the food great, the decorations and Great Gatsby dressed attendees were magnificent. You would have thought you had traveled back in time to the Roaring Twenties. Congratulations to the Bivouac 2023-2024 team consisting of Roberta (Bobbie) Kimelton (NMI); Beth Nehring, PND; and Cheri Stanton, PND. A job well done. It will be a hard act to follow.

In keeping with the discussion of the National Bivouac Dinner, The Association of the United States Army (AUSA), Chicago Chapter is to be commended for its contribution to the dinner. The Association helped with many items that helped to make the dinner a success. In addition, it provided the transportation of the keynote speaker to New Orleans, at no cost to the Society, where she delivered a tremendous thought-provoking speech to the dinner attendees. The keynote speaker was Command Sergeant Major Tabitha Gavia, US Army retired. She spoke on the role and outlook of women in the military. Her background of 33 years provided her with an ample source of information to share on the topic. All in all, the event was first class.

Don't forget to send in articles about what your Echelon is accomplishing. Pictures should be sent directly to GiGi (callgeorgi@yahoo.com) to maintain photo integrity. Articles should be sent to Diane Schmidt (amagiangel@yahoo.com) for editing. Thank you for all you do as Jeepettes.

As you are aware, my theme for our 2025 Bivouac in Tampa Bay, Florida is: *Floridian Tropical Paradise*. With the storms that have raised havoc in Florida we are in a wait and see situation about hotel status in that area. If Tampa is able to provide the hotels, we need by August, we will continue to work with that theme. If not, my theme will need to change. Only time will tell.

Once again, please have safe and joyous holidays over the next few months. Stay healthy and I hope to see each of you in the new year.

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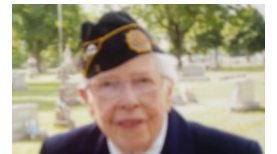


Tweila-Rochelle Cauthen,
Sky Pilot

"To everything turn, turn,
turn...There is a season turn, turn,
turn...And a time to every purpose
under Heaven. A time to be born, a time to die...A time to plant, a time to reap...A time to kill, a time to heal...A time to laugh, a time to weep," Turn! Turn! Turn! Song by The Byrds written by Peter Seeger.

For certain, words of truth taken from the Bible in the Book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, however, apropos to all living persons. As your National Sky Pilot, I have been traveling and serving. On 4 September 2024, I represented the 20 and 4 at Arlington National Cemetery to honor U. S. Army Chaplain Lt George Fox. His resting place finally received its marker. He was one of the four chaplains we honor every February. The American Legion National Commander Jim LaCoursiere, American Legion Auxiliary National President Trish Ward, and the ALA Eastern Division President Lauren Lloyd were also attendees. The story of the heroism of the four chaplains and Coast Guardsman Walter David, Jr. exemplified courage that many would wince at such a given time.

At the age of 106 years old, Roena Bayes left Time and entered Eternity. She was a member of Echelon Arizona (AZ-35), and the oldest living member of our Order. Roena was the third female in The American Legion history to be elected as a Department Commander. Her accomplishments are too numerous to list, however, Echelon AZ-35's Resolution touts her sacrifices and service, and was the only one read at her services. I had the privilege to serve as the burial watch guard as she was Lying in State, and served at her funeral as well. Doranetta Porter (AZ-35), also participated in the graveside guard and burial detail along with The American Legion Posts 137 Farmville, OH, 223 Hicksville, OH and VFW Post 5655 Sherwood, OH.



While celebrating Roena's life, others were spending time dealing with tragedies from Hurricane Helene. Upon return, we received the call that six of my relatives and three battle buddies were missing in Asheville, NC. With no time to waste, we rented and loaded up a 19 foot UHaul to the brim with water, blankets, non-perishables, sanitary products, baby diapers and other items and drove to the safe zone sites. Fortunately, all family members were finally located, as well as our battle buddies, however, about 230 have died in North Carolina, and bodies are still being recovered. October...a time to heal.



Colleen Heck,
Senior Vice National Director

To all Jeepettes,
May this Holiday season remind us of how important we all are to each other. Merry Christmas, Happy Hannaka and a blessed New Year. Appreciate everyone in your life.

We are in this together.

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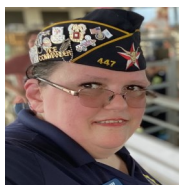
... Continued from page 2, **Tweila-Rochelle Cauthen, Sky Pilot**

Speaking engagements in Roanoke, Va, Knoxville, TN, Little Rock, AR and an OKC singing engagement have utilized my time the entire month of November. Driving nearly across the country serves a good purpose: supporting veterans with an enhanced and specific focus on our women veterans. It is indeed a time to plant.

What are you doing with YOUR time? It is a precious gift, measurable against Eternity by a vapor. Many say, "'Tis the season to be jolly...". But isn't EVERY moment in time, a reason to celebrate? Remember, our time, as previously stated, is like Newton's Third Law: Action and Reaction. "For every action (force), in nature there is an equal and opposite reaction."

Let us agree that NOW it is a time to be kind, a time to unwind...a time to sift, a time to lift. 'Tis the season to evaluate how we are spending our gift...time!

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Herein (starting on page 11) are the minutes from the National Bivouac and Post Cadre Meeting. We definitely need to make sure that people are better at stating their names when making a motion so that nobody has to figure out who's voice is who's on the recording.

I have only received a small number of certifications of officers from the Echelons, so please advise if you want me to carry over the officers from last year on the listing or wait for the paperwork to be submitted? They should have all been sent in already, but have not. I will have time this week to reach out and try to get ahold of the responsible parties to get an accurate listing for each Echelon, but I have been running flat against the wall since National Bivouac with work to the point of having over a week's worth of hours banked that I most likely won't be able to use until after the first of the year.

Have a wonder holiday season!

California Echelon 1

Submitted by Josephine Thomas, Director

Hello and thanks from Echelon 1.

It is my sad duty to report the loss of a longtime member, Anne Marie Brown.

Echelon 1 expresses condolences to Anne Marie Brown's family, who entered Post Everlasting on July 5, 2024. We will truly miss her.

Visitations have been, and are still being made to the sick and shut-ins, at the VA and at their homes.

There is an up coming event that is in the planning stage for the Echelon One Bake Goods fundraiser. This is to be held in Brawley, CA during the 5th Area Meeting Weekend, January 28 and 29, 2025.

Echelon One would like to wish all members of the Twenty and Four and their family a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday, and Joyous New Year.

Let us all remember to be safe and careful.

Wishes Across the Miles

Across the fields, the mountains high,

A holiday cheer, we send to the sky. With hugs and laughter, and love so bright,

We share our wishes, in day and night.

From snowy lands where the chill winds play,

To sunny shores where children lay, Our heartfelt greetings, like stars will shine,

Spreading joy and peace, your heart in mine.

So when you gather with family near,

Remember our wishes, feel them clear.

For holidays are not just one day,

They're love and kindness, in every way!



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Drawing will be held at
special Echelon24
Meeting in December
in time for Christmas
mailing

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**CHRISTMAS, HOLIDAY AND
NEW YEAR GREETINGS
ECHELON 8 -IL**



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CALLAWAY**

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Echelon 9 - Montana*



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Julie Witt*



Montana Echelon 9
Submitted by Chaya Semple, Aide

News from The Big Sky and Beyond

Jeepette Carol Gruwell reports that Grace Haven, a transitional home for women veterans in Great Falls, is still being supported by our Great Falls Jeepettes. There are currently two women veterans with children living there and enrolled in their program as the facility is not yet complete.

Past Director VIP Linda Cousineau and Jen Dalrymple successfully facilitated the transfer of a female veteran on hospice to a facility much closer to her home. They followed that up with several days helping another female veteran stack firewood for the winter.

Eight Jeepettes were able to meet for Fall Bivouac on 26 October at Fort Harrison, outside Helena. Our new **Director VIP Janice Dobb** attended virtually due to illness. Much was accomplished: a new committee was created to revise our constitution and bylaws, a vacancy on our officer list was filled, and we voted to send \$250 to an identified Jeepette in need who was severely affected by the hurricanes and tornadoes in Florida. There were also door prizes for everyone in attendance. It was also revealed that our **Senior Vice Director Kim Kay McCarty Martin** is still running unopposed for Department Commander while two other of our members, **Past Director VIP Linda Cousineau and Junior Vice Director Irene Dickerson** are both part of a three-way race for Department Vice Commander! Exciting times!

On a completely different note, **Jeepette Lisa Milner** in Oklahoma locally coordinated a Korean War Veterans Appreciation Day on 2 November with JaeHo Yi from the South Korean American Association, In addition to organizing, publicity, going to the county commission and Senator Lankford's office, she also made almost 200 Jumeokbap (Korean flavored rice balls), Japchae (Korean noodles) and eight dozen Mayak Eggs (Korean "crack" eggs) – no drugs involved! Of the 22 Korean War Veterans identified by Senator Lankford's office only 17 or their representatives were able to attend with family – coming from as far away as Michigan and South Padre Island, Texas. Members of the South Korean Consulate also participated. A slide show was shown of South Korea immediately after the war and how it is today, totally modern and rebuilt. The remaining medals will be hand-delivered to those who could not attend. The ceremony was also broadcast live on Facebook. Approximately 150 people attended. While two ceremonies were previously held at Guthrie Post 58, this ceremony was a first for Tulsa! Many thanks for the inspiration and a job well done, **Lisa!** The South Korean American Association would be very honored to work with other American Legion Departments to conduct similar ceremonies. For more information, go to: https://kwva.us/?page=info_peace_medal

We warmly welcome **Yardbird Duzzie Stolp**, who applied for membership in the Twenty and Four on Veterans Day! While wearing camo to bring attention to unhoused veterans, she worked to serve breakfast to over 100 veterans. Later that day **Chaya Semple** once again served as Chaplain for the Veterans Day Ceremony in the afternoon.

Jeepette Denise Cook is again helping to plan and will work at the International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day

on 23 November to be held in the Montana State Capitol Rotunda.

Please keep **Jeepettes Clancee Collins and Sue Davidson** in your prayers as they face daunting health and healing challenges.

May you be well!



Echelon 9 members who were present for Fall Bivouac on 26 October. Left to right: Back row: Kim Kay McCarty Martin, Linda Cousineau, Chaya Semple, Irene Dickerson, Carol

Gruwell. Front row: Rhonda McDowell and Dorothy Goodwin. Director VIP Janice Dobb participated remotely due to illness. She is much better now.



ALA member Eva Knowles (left) and Yardbird Duzzie Stolp (right) wear camo on Veterans Day to support unhoused Veterans while serving breakfast at Lewis and Clark Post No. 2 to over 100 guests.



Jeepette Lisa Milner (left) and Kim Vincent, Commander of Guthrie Post 58. Kim had already conducted two Korean War Veterans Appreciation Day Ceremonies and was invaluable assisting Lisa with lessons learned and suggestions for the Tulsa Post 1 Ceremony.

(Left to Right) JaeHo Yi of the South Korean American Association in formal attire (He lived in Texas/Oklahoma since he was 14 - hence the cowboy hat!) and the South Korean Consulate members at the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Day in Tulsa, OK on 2 November.



A medal and certificate of appreciation were awarded to Korean War Veterans.



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National Bivouac 2024

Call to order

The 2024 National Bivouac of the 20/4 Honor Society of Women Legionnaires was held on 23 August 2024 Marriott Warehouse Arts District Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 09:12 and was presided over by National Director VIP Georgiann Callaway with National Aide Lisa Dayhoff as secretary.

Approval of minutes

- A motion was made by Past AZ Director Roberta “Bobbie” Kimelton to accept the minutes of the previous bivouac as they were presented in the National Jeep and seconded. The motion was approved.

Reports

- Officers Reports
 - ◇ Dispersing Director's Report was presented by PND Judy Beichel: The banquet expected tonight is going to be huge with over 125 people. Last year's cost was \$6,802, this year it is \$11,979.39. There is confusion about paperwork needed for reimbursement. Forms are available at the front table.
 - ◇ Audit Report was presented by National SVD Mildred Wright-Pearson: One discrepancy found in the checking account for check number 232 for \$78.57 written on 14 June 2024. No discrepancies found in the savings account.
 - ◇ Bivouac Report was presented by Roberta “Bobby” Kimelton: The Bivouac for 2024-25 is held at the New Orleans Marriott Warehouse Art District. The banquet is to be held on 8-23-24 with 127 paying reservations. Dress code is Great Gatsby themed or business dress. Meal choices include blackened fish, sage chicken breast, or vegetarian jambalaya. Ticket costs are \$75 per person.
 - ◇ Constitution and Bylaws Committee report was presented by Millie Hampton: No formal request for Constitution and Bylaws change received since the 2023 Bivouac. Several areas of concern needed clarification. Red lines will be sent out within 30 days of the convention, and a resolution for permanent change for the 2025 bivouac will be made.
 - ◇ Corporation report was presented by Past National Director Cheri Stanton: Pat Harris needs to change her name on the official document. The young lady from North Carolina will sign the corporation papers. Diane Schmidt has the necessary paperwork to finish up the corporation.
 - ◇ Internal Affairs report was presented by National Judge Advocate PND Diane Schmidt: Discussion on Echelon 5, a letter was sent to Director Eunice Butts. The cadre voted to reimburse Tweila Rochelle-Cauthen \$25 for an incident at the airport. Procedures of echelon amendments were explained. A letter will be sent to members of Echelon 5 explaining the dissolution and offering membership in Echelon 30.
 - ◇ Scholarship Report was presented by Past National Director Cheri Stanton: This year, Fort Henson and I met to look over our scholarship applications. We have two sisters that have applied for our \$500 scholarship. We haven't had anyone apply for a scholarship in many, many years. So we, Fort Henson and I, would like to recommend that both girls receive a \$500 scholarship check. One is for Olivia Marie Downs and the other is for Mary Ophelia Downs, and they qualify by their mother, Jeanne Downs, from Alabama.
 - ◇ Service Commission Report was presented by Colleen Heck: The Commission met on August 22, 2024, at 10:30 AM in Marriott Warehouse Arts District Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana. It consisted of Colleen Heck, Tweila Rochelle-Cauthen, Jennifer Kushner, Dornetta Porter, Rita Chandler, and Tonya Muneer. They discussed various activities and services provided by Virginia and Arizona echelons, including mentoring, community service, and support for women veterans.
 - ◇ Judge Advocate Report was presented by Diane Schmidt: The National sent a letter to Eunice Butts, Director of Echelon 5, to dissolve Echelon 5 since it was out of compliance, asking them to come into compliance since no membership dues have been paid in five years. The Judge Advocate participated in a Zoom meeting to encourage Echelon 5 to update their constitution and bylaws. The Judge Advocate also reviewed and approved the constitutional bylaws from the Echelons of Virginia, Alabama, and Illinois.
 - ◇ Budget report was presented by PND Judy Beischel: The budget committee met on August 22, 2024. A recommendation was made to create a marketing committee with a \$1,000 budget. The budget was reviewed with no other adjustments. The dues were increased from \$13 to \$15 per capita to balance the budget at \$12,225 per capita.

- ◇ Finance report was presented by PND Judy Beischel: The beginning checkbook balance on August 1st was \$12,015.86, and the ending balance on July 31st was \$17,043.30, an increase of \$5,027.44. The savings account balance increased from \$57,517.29 to \$59,535.83, an increase of \$2,018.54 due to interest.

- **Others Reports**

- ◇ Report on Illinois sales was presented by Beverly Fitch: Emblem sales netted over \$903 in the last day and a half.
- ◇ National Jeep Report was presented by Managing Jeep Editor PND Diane Schmidt. The report discussed the development of an all-inclusive Jeep, the issues with timely submissions, and the positive feedback received. They also mentioned the need for tweaks and the importance of teamwork.
- ◇ Echelon Development Report was presented by PND Cheri Stanton: The Central Division, working with people from Indiana, is trying to start an echelon. The Eastern Division, represented by Josephina Delaney Alterses of New Jersey, is working with Millie to start an echelon in New Jersey. Efforts are also being made to start echelons in Michigan and Colorado.
- ◇ SkyPilot Report was presented by the Sky Polit Tweila Rochelle-Cauthen: Four deaths within the ranks were reported this past year. Condolences were sent to the families with appropriate messages and tokens. Six cards and tokens were sent to family members of ailing members. The Sky Pilot worked tirelessly to ensure that everything was sent appropriately and followed up on any issues with addresses.
- ◇ Credential report was presented by Linda Cousineau: The final credential report showed an additional member from North Carolina, making the total membership present 37.
- ◇ The membership report was presented by National Aide Lisa Dayhoff: Updates on membership numbers were given, including Alaska at 75% and Wisconsin needing to increase their membership to meet the minimum requirement of 10 members.

New Business

1. Creation of a Marketing Committee for the National 20/4 proposed by Echelons 8 (Illinois), 25 (Arizona) and 31 (Texas): The proposal includes the establishment of a marketing committee to promote the organization and attract grants and outside donations through the creation of a 501(c)3 corporation.

Old Business (None)

Main Motions

1. Final Motion: The motion to accept the minutes of the previous bivouac.
 - A. Discussion: Do we want to reread it, or do we want to have a motion to accept the minutes of the previous bivouac?
 - B. Voting Results: All in favor? Aye. Any opposed? No opposition.
2. Final Motion: A vote be taken at our business meeting at bivouac on August 23, 2024 in New Orleans, Louisiana, to establish a National 20/4 marketing committee, and that the executive committee is charged with appointing a qualified and appropriate five-person committee to serve the following rotating terms of two three-year terms, two two-year terms, and one one-year term for the intended purpose as stated in this resolution, and be it further resolved that the internal affairs committee authorize the creation of a 501(c)3 corporation under the direction of the National 20/4 as the corporate entity of the United States responsible for receiving the receipts of outside grants and fund raising.

A. Discussion: The need for a marketing committee to promote the organization and attract grants was discussed. Concerns were raised about mixing the 501(c)3 with the committee, and the importance of adhering to IRS regulations was highlighted. The necessity of taking the organization to the next level with substantial funding was emphasized.

3. Final Motion By recommendation of the Budget Committee of the National 20/4, that at the business meeting of the National 20 and 4 be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 23, 2024, that a vote be taken to increase the per capita membership dues from \$13 to \$15, effective July 1, 2025, for the 25-26 membership year.

A. Original Motion By recommendation of the Budget Committee of the National 20/4, that at the business meeting of the National 20/4 to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 23, that a vote be taken to

increase the per capita membership dues from \$13 to \$15 effective September 1, 2024.

B. Discussion:

- 1) Discussion on the effective date of the dues increase and the need for local echelons to have time to adjust their dues accordingly.
- 2) Clarification that the increase will start in 2025, giving echelons a year to figure out how they want to adjust.

C. Voting Results: All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Opposed. The ayes have it.

4. Final Motion: We have a motion to accept the two scholarships for \$500 each for Olivia Marie Downs and Mary Ophelia Downs.

- A. Discussion included questions about the usual number of scholarships given, the amount of money available, and the fact that there haven't been any applications in years.
- B. Past National Director VIP Diane Schmidt seconded the motion.
- C. Voting Results: Motion passed.

5. Final Motion: The budget committee recommended creating a marketing committee with a \$1,000 budget and increasing the dues from \$13 to \$15 per capita to balance the budget at \$12,225 per capita.

6. Final Motion Vote for National Senior Vice Director.

A. Results: By a majority of votes, Colleen Heck is the Senior Vice Director.

7. Final Motion Past National Director Diane Schmidt made a motion that the ballots be destroyed. Past National Director Carol Barker seconded it. The motion passed.

8. Final Motion: A motion was made that one ballot be cast for all uncontested positions.

- A. The motion was seconded by Past National Director Carol Barker.
- B. Results: All in favor? Aye. Any opposed? The motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Ways and Means

1. Jr Vice Director Jan Lapinski: Finishing off the all the raffles.

Announcements

- ◆ The Bivouac Banquet is to be held in the Graveyard B-Room at the Marriott on 8-23-24 with social hour to begin at 1700 hours and dinner at 1800 hours. Dress for the banquet is the Great Gatsby themed or echelon uniform or business dress. Meal choices for the banquet include blackened fish, sage chicken breast, or vegetarian jambalaya. Ticket costs are \$75 per person. Cash bar will be available from 1700 through 2000 serving beer, wine, cocktails, and soda.
- ◆ A reminder was given that when the doors are closed at 8 a.m., do not try to enter after 8 a.m. until the memorial is ended. The doors will then all be opened as soon as the memorial is ended.
- ◆ Upcoming events or meetings: Dinner tonight with our special guest speaker Command Sergeant Major Tabitha Gavia, U.S. Army retired, sponsored by AUSA.
- ◆ Reminders about tasks or responsibilities: Need 20 free AUSA memberships applications. They provided all costs for the guest speaker including flight and accommodations. (Great partnership with National 20&4).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned after the motion to adjourn the bivouac.

Secretary Signature

Ss//Lisa Dayhoff

Post Bivouac Cadre Meeting

Call to order

The Post Bivouac Cadre meeting was held at 2024-08-23. It was called to order at 14:19:06 and was presided over by National Director VIP Mildred Wright-Pearson with National Aide Lisa Dayhoff acting as Secretary.

Attendees

A roll call was not performed as this meeting was immediately following the National Bivouac meeting and installation of officers.

New Business

National Director VIP read off her list of appointments for the coming year.

Main Motions

Final Motion Past National Director Diane Schmidt made a motion to ratify the appointments that were announced. It was seconded and the motion passed.

Announcements

The appointments will be sent out via email and will also be in the first issue of the Jeep.

Adjournment

Sandra Davis moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned.

National Aide

Lisa Dayhoff



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