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Hello Honor Society of Women Legionnaires,

Thank you all for your trust electing me as your National Director VIP. I am humbled and honored with your confidence. There are facets of our organization of great importance to me: communication, echelon development and improvement, our Mission and being sisters.

COMMUNICATIONS:

I am excited to work with our national officers, NMIs ("No Middle Initial" AKA is chairwoman), their committees and all members of the National Honor Society of Women Legionnaires, 20 & 4. I want to hear from everyone who wants to hear our programs. Please contact me at check@ionet.net. I am open to suggestions for program improvement.

ECHELON DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT:

New echelons and echelons needing help with their member retention is a high priority. Building a strong, cohesive, welcoming organization will help us find quality members who wish to join our outstanding organization.

OUR MISSION:

While membership is important, it isn't as important as caring for-Women Veterans in hospitals and in need. We should also recognize their accomplishments and share those achievements with our membership via The Jeep. Marketing is already hard at work to get our organization as much recognition as possible, including at a national level. We are already getting noticed by some of the national leadership of the American Legion. The increased attendance, quality of speakers and programming at our recent annual banquets are evidence that this is happening.

SISTERS:

Lastly and most importantly after Our Mission, we need to be Sisters to one another. That means obeying the Golden Rule being kind, courteous, considerate, respectful speaking with soft words to ALL members especially in front of visitors. You may disagree with others but do so with generosity of spirit and great respect. We all served to guarantee this to all citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please sign up for the Jeep to be sent directly to you. Remember to thank your Top Hatters for their help and support.



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Senior Vice National Director

Thank you for your confidence in electing me as the your Senior Vice National Director.

If you need assistance in you membership, reach out to me.

Ensure you indicate best times and dates. I will verify with my schedule as well.

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Rita Brock Chandler
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All organizations that are non-profit depend on donations to fund their projects. Our National 20 & 4 Honor Society of Women

Legionnaires also depends on raising funds to support projects. There is a goal of a minimum of \$2,500 this year to fund the activities of our National Society. With the startup of a Marketing Committee, the next National Bivouac and supporting our Leaders with their duties and travel. These are suggestions for fund raising activities each Echelon can participate in. A goal of 50% of funds collected could be sent to National.

Engage your community. Run compelling fundraising campaigns, events, and peer-to-peer fundraisers that inspire people to get involved.

Empower your supporters. Offer recurring giving options, peer-to-peer opportunities, and other ways for your community to support your work.

Charity fundraising ideas for work can include some fantastic opportunities for team building and supporting a worthy cause at the same time. Charity fundraising ideas for work could include:

- Trivia or quiz night
- Silent auctions
- An event like a ball or charity night
- Competition or team building challenge
- Casual or fancy dress day
- Placing 'coin jars' in the office
- Get a team together and participate in a state event like a fun run or City2Surf
- Activity marathon
- Company car wash
- Guess the sweets jar
- Sweepstake for a sports event
- Raffle

- Including donation links in your email signature

Get the team together and come up with charity fundraising ideas that are fun and get everyone working together

At your States American Legion Conferences, Conventions and Events. Set up a table and Raffle Gift baskets. Organizations that may make donations for Women Veterans are Lowe's; Walmart; Mary Kay; Pet Smart; and PetCo. Baskets can be made up of from donated items. Best Sellers are Dog & Cat Baskets; Baking Baskets; Breakfast Baskets; Coffee or Tea Baskets; Wine Baskets.

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Tweila-Rochelle Cauthen
Sky Pilot

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND

Carole King is phenomenal composer, musician and lyricist. In January 1971, she penned the following:

"Winter, spring, summer or fall

All you have to do is call.

And I'll be there, yes I will

You've got a friend."

Are YOU a friend? Do you know what it takes to be a friend? Is your "friendship" transactional or relatable? Is your "friendship" conditional, or attainable? In this season let us examine ourselves and see what we discover.

Last week, Atlee Nursing Westminster, MD invited me to host a POW/MIA Remembrance event. It is a facility which houses several women veterans from the Vietnam War era. Each month gifts and toiletries are always provided on behalf of the 20 and 4 and it is a blessing and honor to serve in such capacity. A FRIEND.

USA veteran Marilyn Wyche was hospitalized yet again at the DC VA hospital, and upon release, we were able to purchase groceries and toiletries for her. A FRIEND.

As members of our Order, EACH of us are charged to be a friend to other women veterans. That ALSO means being a friend to each other as well.

Fire a quick text this week to someone in any Echelon. Check on her. **Be a FRIEND!**

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Oregon Echelon 52

By Maria D. Tye, Director VIP

Oregon is very excited to have our charter approved at the National Bivouac held in Tampa, Florida. We were approved on August 22, 2025. Our officers are ready to fulfill our duties and enjoy the benefits of camaraderie.



The National Honor Society welcomes Oregon Echelon 52 and all it's members!

Empowering Women Veterans:

The Mission of the National Honor Society of Women Legionnaires

By Bobbie J. Kimelton, Echelon 35 Aide

The National Honor Society of Women Legionnaires (NHSWL) is a proud and vital force within *The American Legion*, dedicated to honoring the service of women veterans and uplifting those in need. As our organization continues to grow, it is essential that we actively promote our mission to:

- Women veterans who are officers in The American Legion
- Department and National officers

Women veterans across all branches and generations
Our mission is clear:

To support, advocate for, and care for women veterans.

Through mentorship, outreach, and service, NHSWL provides a strong network of support that addresses the unique challenges faced by women who have served. By expanding awareness of our work, we ensure that more women veterans feel seen, heard, and empowered.

We call on all members and allies to help spread the word. Whether you're a local officer, a Department leader, or a proud member of the Legion family, your voice can help connect more women veterans to this powerful sisterhood. Together, we can strengthen our impact and continue to serve those who have served.

Let's honor the legacy of women in uniform—by lifting each other up and ensuring no woman veteran stands alone.

Montana Echelon 9

By Chaya "Hiya" Semple



(center) with the Post's \$1500, 2nd year Nursing

On 29 August, at Miles Community College, Montana, American Legion Custer Post 5 Jeepettes Chaplain, Susan Hocker, (left) and Adjutant Clancee Collins, (right) presented Miranda Castaneda,

Scholarship. Susan and Clancee are proud members of Montana Echelon 9. Submitted by Chaya Semple and Carol Prah.



Montana Echelon 9 Delegation on Day 1 of National Bivouac in Tampa, FL. (Left to Right) Jen Dalrymple, Linda Cousineau, Carol Gruwell, Kim Kay McCarty Martin and Clara Santopietro (Not shown: Irene Dickerson, who attended Day 2)

Echelon 9 Jeepettes (left to right) Jen Dalrymple, Clara Santopietro and Linda Cousineau led by Senior Vice Director and Department of Montana Commander, Kim Kay McCarty Martin, (second from left) present a WWII medal on 14 July to a Woman Veteran US Navy nurse living at the Butte Veterans Home. She had been stationed at Pearl Harbor and cared not only for American wounded on her floor of the hospital, but also Japanese wounded soldiers. Kim Kay traveled throughout the state presenting medals to World War II women veterans who had not received one. (Kneeling beside the veteran) District 5 Commander Deb Strickland (not yet a Jeepette.)



Echelon 9 Jeepettes meet at Lewis and Clark Post No. 2 in Helena, MT for annual Bivouac on 21 June to discuss business, fundraising ideas and service accomplishments. A thank you note from a Florida Jeepette (who was the recipient of our cash grant for a victim of the hurricane in Florida last fall) was read. We all agreed to keep her in our thoughts and prayers as she continues to recover from the damage to her property. The big business of the day was reviewing the draft Constitution and Bylaws that were sent to National Twenty and Four Judge Advocate Patricia Jackson-Kelley for review. Jeepettes were each treated to a gift bag as a thank you gift for attending.

Echelons are encourage to submit articles.

To submit an article, email to:
20and4editor@gmail.com

Note: Articles may be edited at the discretion of the editor.

**Georgiann Callaway, PND
National Aide**

This position is one that comes with a plethora of expectations. It will take strength and willingness to accomplish the tasks. In stating this, it is my hope that your patience and assistance in facilitating a successful year in this new role are achieved. Together we reach our goal and can complete our mission.

Membership checks will still go to Judi Beischel, Disbursing Director. A copy of said check will be sent to the G. Callaway, National Aide accompanied with the appropriate documentation for your membership. The National Aide will confirm check was received by the Disbursing Director prior to accrediting membership numbers.

The minutes from August 2025 National Bivouac will be coming from the Past National Aide. Thank you, Lisa.

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

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There is opportunity for Veterans in or around the Northern Illinois

By Georgiann Callaway, PND, Echelon 8 Aide

One may ask, "What if we could assist in offering an opportunity to a fellow veteran, would I?" Well, would you? We have such an opportunity. (see the flyer here)

You may know a veteran in this region. This opportunity is encouraged to be shared and disseminated within our veteran community.

If you have questions, please call or email.

Scholarship Team

Ladies, we have a \$1,000 scholarship to give away to a deserving student. Get an application go to our website

<https://twentyandfour.org/blog/http://www.twentyandfour.org/images/2020/02/2020-Scholarship.pdf>

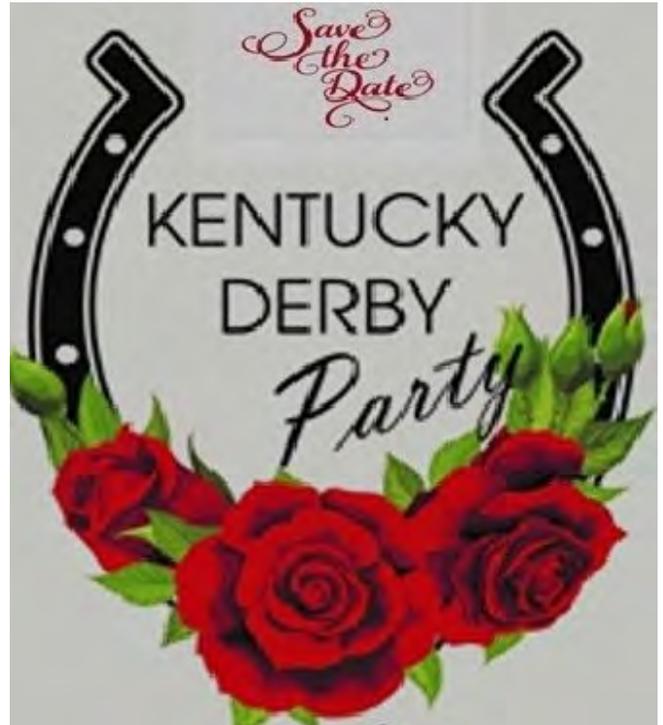
and apply. Use only the first page. (Also, see next page here in the JEEEP.) All the details are on the website. **Email application to Cheri Stanton.** cstanton1441@gmail.com

It's a perk for being a member!

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**70th Annual Bivouac Banquet
National Honor Society of Women Legionnaires**

**August 28, 2026
Louisville, Kentucky**



**This year's [2026] theme will be
the Kentucky Derby.**

What The Birds Teach Us

By J. R. Eastwood

November now is here,
With skies of leaden hue,
And gloomy days and drear,
And winds that pierce us through.

And on the hedge the rose,
With leaves of tender green,
No more in beauty grows,
And frost and snow are seen.



But still the Birds contrive,
By hardship unsubdued,
To keep themselves alive,
And keenly seek their food.



And thus they teach us still,
However dark the day,
"That where there is a Will
There always is a Way."



THE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
OF THE NATIONAL TWENTY AND FOUR

1. Name: _____
Last First Middle Date of Birth

2. Permanent Home address: _____
and street City State Zip

Telephone _____ email _____

3. School now attending & graduation date _____
City and state: _____

4. Eligibility for application: (item A of fact sheet)
Name of Mother/grandmother/great living/deceased American Legion Post# Echelon # State
_____ I I I I

5. Required attachments:
- a) Personnel Recommendations:
 - 1. Teacher or Coach (must be current and dated)
 - 2. Character-Community representative-non relative (must be current and dated)
 - b) Transcript of scholastic record to date
 - c) A letter in your own words explaining why you feel you should qualify for assistance.
 - d) A Photo (current within last 12 months)

6. Complete this application, attach all of items in number 5. Mail to: **Scholarship NMI** (chairman).

THIS application must be RECEIVED BY MAY 1ST

7. Family Data (complete and check as appropriate, member need not complete #7)

Applicant	!Occupation	<10,000	10,000-14,999	15,000-20,000	> 20,000
Father					
Mother					
Spouse					

This information MUST be as accurate as possible.

8. How much money have you saved for your education? _____

9. If you have worked part time, describe the kind of work you have done. _____

10. What other sources of income/scholarships do you have? _____

11. List school offices, activities, sports, in which you have participated: _____

12. List community/church/club activities in which you have participated: _____

13. List colleges, universities, and/or vocational schools that have accepted you as an applicant: _____

Printed name of applicant

signature applicant

date

Approved by NMI and Committee Members:

NMI and Date

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Or

If we missed your name, please contact the National Director for consideration or correction.

Did we miss something?

Future Jeep Deadline Dates:

November 20, 2025, for the December issue "Holiday Greetings". January 20, 2026, for February's issue. March 20, 2026, for April's issue. May 20, 2026, for June's issue "Proud to be an American". June 20, 2026 for July's Bivouac issue.

The 70h ANNUAL BIVOUAC will be August 27 – 28, 2026 and the American Legion National Convention will be August 28 – September 3, 2026 in Louisville, Kentucky. This year's Bivouac theme will be the "Kentucky Derby".

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Is the information correct for both the director and aide?

If not please submit the corrections to both the JEEP editor and National Aide prior to November 20, 2025.

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