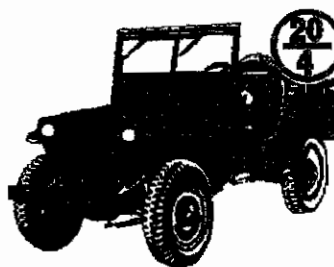


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From the Director, VIP

Greetings,

I would like to take this time to wish each and every member a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please take a moment of your time to remember our soldiers, both those overseas and those on the home front. Remember our hospitalized soldiers and our veterans.

If you live near a military installation, think about hosting a military member for a home cooked dinner.

Remember to be generous in your donations to our National Ways and Means. Second Vice Patricia Jackson-Kelley has come up with a great 'Tea Party' idea this year.

Don't forget to get your membership in. First Vice Cathy Cosgrove would be very grateful for this. I know she wants to see each Echelon at 100% this year, and as soon as possible.

I am your Director and available if you need me. 210-221-7590 (work) or USSHeart@aol.com. I would love to visit with each Echelon.

Please keep Memorial Day 2010 in mind. I am planning a trip to lay a wreath at the WIMSA memorial. I would like to have everyone come join me.

Connie Jo Popham Purchis
National Director, VIP

Did you know???????

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Merry Christmas to all...

From the Junior Vice Director VIP.....

Jeepettes Where Are You?

If you missed the opportunity to share in our "Stay At Home Tea", you have missed an important appointment. This project was embarked upon with limited insight regarding the work and the expense involved. The labor invested in stuffing envelopes, placing labels, traveling to the post office, purchasing stamps, and supplies has not been sufficient for the donations received.

Please do not think that I am ungrateful, however, this is a plea to the approximate 375 plus members who have not responded. This has been a labor of love, much more work than I ever perceived. This is my plea to you – please help me to make this a profitable project. The expense of the project hopefully will be factored in when you are submitting your donations.

If you received your invitation after Nov. 1, 2009, DO NOT PANIC!! You have adequate time to get on the bandwagon. I can only burn midnight oil a limited number of nights and this project involved sending out correspondence to over 400 members.

If you feel generous and there is a plan to get in touch with your Holiday Spirit: Give to your Twenty and Four Ways and Means project. We need your donations.

A special thanks is extended to our past National Director, Kris Lecca for assisting with the photocopying of the invitations, responses and merging membership labels. I would also like to thank my fellow Jeepettes, Marilyn Rideaux and Cindi Martinez for their assistance.

Thank you to the following Jeepettes for your generous donations:

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In each issue of the newsletter, the names of donors will be identified.

A Happy Holiday to you and yours.

Patricia

Patricia Jackson-Kelly
National Jr. Director, VIP



Comments from the webmistress.....

The National Twenty and Four website has been re-established at: <http://www.twentyandfour.org/> and has a whole new look. Please send me pictures or whatever other material you would like to have added. In the past I know a few Echelons had their own

sub-sites for you; however you will need to remember to provide me with the appropriate information to keep them up-to-date.

So please have some "fun" and check out our new web site. In fact, bookmark it on your internet explorer as there will be many times to check it out in the future.

Carol Reed - Email: cmreed98058@hotmail.com

From the National Aide.....

My sister Jeepettes,

Greetings everyone.

Our membership is really not good. Your Echelon Aides take on a lot of responsibility and need your cooperation. Many of our Aides are up there in years, some with health problems, but they keep holding your Echelons together with a massive amount of paperwork. They should **NOT HAVE TO BUG YOU FOR YOUR DUES**. Please give them a break. Send your dues NOW.

The 20 & 4 is a wonderful organization dedicated to the women of the American Legion who served their country and are proud of that service. Jeepettes are from all branches of the military, all wars, all walks of life. Every culture, religion and ethnic background!

We are an HONOR SOCIETY which means we are the shakers and movers. So, shake yourselves up and move over to your checkbook and write that check out for your dues and send it to your Echelon Aide. It's a busy time of the year with the Holiday Season upon us. Give her a break, send your dues NOW!

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to all - thank you.

Kris

Kris Lecca, National Aide
"Keepers of the flame" have
been, and always will be women."

From the National SkyPilot

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Blanche LeMonnier, PND, and Ruth Giebel. Blanche was a member of Illinois Echelon 8, while Ruth Giebel was a member of Arizona Echelon 35; both ladies were highly thought of women, veterans and sisters. They will be sadly missed by their traditional family and their 20 & 4 family.

Here's wishing each of you and your families a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Sue

Sue Mason,
National Sky Pilot

Bit's and Pieces.....

Address addition.....

In the October issue of the Jeep, I failed to include Eunice Butts address as a member of the Credentials and Registration – her address is: 3515 9th Ave, Tampa, FL 33605-4411.

Bivouac dress code.....

At the 54th National Bivouac the membership voted to set red jackets, white shirt and navy or white slacks/skirt as the official Bivouac uniform. Please keep that in mind for the coming meeting in Milwaukee in 2010.

National Jeep by email...

Interested in getting your newsletter by email?? It was suggested to me at the last National Bivouac that in an effort to save money and actually get the newsletter to our membership faster that I should email it.....if you'd like to receive the Feb. 2010 issue by email, send me an email and I'll give it a try. My email is: sicily84@cablone.net. By the way, articles submission for that newsletter will be: **Jan. 23.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

I will be sending a budget to all Cadre members to be acted upon by them in order for us to proceed with our several programs. I ask each of you to please return your vote to me ASAP!

Stella M. West, PND

National Judge Advocate

1081 Deer Crossing Way Lexington, KY 40509

Have you seen this web site?????

If you go to this web site, www.LetsSayThanks.com you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to some member of the armed services.

How AMAZING it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one!!! This is a great site. It's FREE and it only takes a second. Whether you are for or against the war, our guys and gals over there need to know we are behind them...



Season's Greetings from:

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Merry Christmas

.....from the greatest
 organization in the world!
 PS

If you missed getting your
 greetings in for this
 issue...there's always room
 in the February's edition –
 send them along with your
 check and I'll get 'm in!



What's a NALPA???

With all the many women in
 our fine society, I know there
 are some newsletter editors of
 their post newsletter, district
 or maybe even department!

NALPA is the National American Legion Press Association – and it's for you!

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