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## **From the National Director VIP.....**

### *Greetings*

This year is really slipping by quickly and would like to wish each of you a Happy Easter.

I would also like to thank Stella West for all of her hard work she has done in planning my banquet. Thank you so very much Stella for agreeing to be the NMI for this. I truly appreciate all of your hard work.

I am making plans to lay a wreath at WIMSA on 31 May 10. I would love to have many 20/4 ladies in attendance with me. I plan to attend the wreath laying ceremony at Arlington also. It is my hope that we continue this tradition of laying a wreath at WIMSA. I know that we have skipped a few times in the past. I hope that future Director VIPs will see the importance of this and if they can't attend, then they make sure that the 20/4 is represented.

I want to thank all who are working on membership. Your efforts are truly appreciated. Thank you so much.

I want to also send a great big Thank You to Arizona Post 66 Commander Peg Curran for generously allowing us to use their bulk mailing number to send out our newsletters. Thank you Commander Curran.

Thanks to Carol Reed (web mistress) for adding us to Facebook. She is busy putting the 20/4 out there. Thank you Carol for your hard work on our website.

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## Comments for the Sr. Vice...

My Dear Sister Jeepettes,

Thanks for taking the time to read your newsletter. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please take the time to do so now. Connie Jo our National Director VIP, and Kris our National Aide, are really after me to get membership up. If you have any ideas about what I can do, please let me know!

As of the end of February, membership renewals were ZERO for Echelons 32 (California), 28 and 30 (Florida), 42 (New York) and 27 (North Carolina). If you belong to one of those Echelons, please contact your state Aide and make sure you have her address correct, transfer your membership to another more active Echelon, and send in your dues right away.

Our dues are so low - we need every member (and hopefully some new gals, too) if we are going to be able to hold together as a Society working with and on behalf of women veterans like each of us!.

I guess at this point I should say "Congratulations" to the Echelons whose membership is greater than 0. That's a pretty negative way to approach membership though, so let me congratulate and thank everyone who already has renewed for the year 2009-2010.

Summer is coming, finally, and many of us are making travel plans and reservations for our national Bivouac in August. By then we'll be nagging you to send in next year's dues, so get this year's dues sent in, and please, plan to join us for the Bivouac.

Best wishes and Happy Spring

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## Bivouac 2010 Update.....

We hope to see everyone in Wisconsin! I encourage you to talk to your Department Commanders and invite them and their spouses to the banquet. Also, if you have "Red Caps" in your departments please include them in your invitations. Let's make this a "Texas" size year for Connie Jo.

Stella West, PND/Judge Advocate

## COFFEE FILTERS - Who knew!

And you can buy 1,000 at the Dollar Tree for almost nothing - even the large ones.

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Clean windows, mirrors, and chrome... Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect China by separating your good dishes with a coffee filter between each dish.
4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.
5. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
6. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.
7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
8. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
9. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
10. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.
11. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
12. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters.
13. Put a few in a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc on them. It soaks out all the grease.
15. As a sewing backing. Use a filter as an easy-to-tear backing for embroidering or appliquéing soft fabrics.
16. Put baking soda into a coffee filter and insert into shoes or a closet to absorb or prevent odors.
17. Use them to strain soup stock and to tie fresh herbs in to put in soups and stews.
18. Use as a disposable "snack bowl" for popcorn, chips, etc.

*OH YEAH! THEY ARE GREAT TO USE IN  
YOUR COFFEE MAKERS TOO!*

## A Message From Your Jr. Vice Director

**Love recognizes  
No barriers,  
It jumps hurdles,  
Leaps fences,  
Penetrates walls,  
To arrive  
At its destination,  
Full of hope.**

**Maya Angelou**

I embraced the Stay-at-Home Tea project full of hope, and loving the idea of generating funds, sometimes feeling, as if, I was jumping hurdles, leaping fences and penetrating walls.

My fellow Jeepettes, we have arrived at our destination. The project was truly a labor of love. Sometimes it was extremely intense; however my hope never wavered and my confidence remained intact.

My gratitude is extended to our Immediate Past Director, Kris Lecca, members of my echelon, Cinthia Martinez, Marilyn Rideaux and our financial expert, Donna Botelho, for their assistance with our fundraising efforts. More importantly, a special thanks for **your** contributions. To All who had a desire to give and could not do so, thanks for the intent.

If you provided a monetary contribution and failed to see your name in the past articles, there was an oversight transcribing the names. Please accept my apology.

The new listing is as follows:

Margaret H. Ahrens	Barbara A. Dunks	Gertrude Larsen	Eileen Robichamd
Marie B. Aledy	Echelon 1 Department of Calif-	Kris Lecca	Lucire E. Sanders
Beverly C. Arden-Foster	(per Patricia Jackson-Kelley)	Patricia Lawson	Delores Schick
ToniLynn Aaquist	Jacqueline Erwin (per Patricia	Mary Jane Letizia	Helen Schrader
Josephine H. Barbour	Jackson-Kelley)	Deborah a. Logerquest	Coleen J. Shanklin
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Judi Beischel	Diana F. Fecarotta	Cynthia R. Martinez	JoAnn Sprague
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Anna Marie Pina-Brown	Jane V. Gefret	Leona A. Paige	Jeri Strande
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The following invitations were returned. If you are aware of the following member's current address, please ask them to update their information.

1. Gayle Reed, Rayham, MA 02767
2. Debie Showaltr, Orlando, FL 32856
3. Ruby Richardson, Bellville, TXX 77418
4. Nancy Kangas, Gardner, MA 01440
5. Viola Hendrickson, Lake Hamilton, FL 33557
6. Janis Salem, Green Cone Springs, FL 32043
7. Cynthia A. Nolan, Atwater, CA 95301
8. Hilda Buchanan, St. Francis, WI 53235
9. Elsei LaFrance, Andover, MA 01810
10. Shirley D. Rogers, Beasley, TX 77417

Again – Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!  
 Congratulations on achieving another Women's History Month. I salute you.

*Patricia*  
 Patricia Jackson-Kelley  
 National Jr. Vice Director

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**Thoughts and reminders from the Editor –**

*Here's something profound to think about (but only for a minute) -*

“Why is bra singular and panties plural?”

Anyway, it's almost Easter and I have never been able to figure out why an Easter Bunny is interested in chicken eggs! Oh well, guess it's another one of those profound things in life!

On with the reminders – our next issue of the Jeep will be in June which means you all need to start collecting your \$1 for the Proud to Be an American column. With our membership down, that little dollar donation helps to off-set the cost of the newsletter production. Which is a great lead in for me to remind you all to receive your newsletter by email.....it's faster, cheaper and less work for me! My other reminder is that **May 17** is cut off for the June issue. This is the last and final issue for the year so let's make it a good one!

In closing, if you haven't checked out our new web page “shame on you” it's very professional and Carol, the web mistress, has done a great job and even included all the past Jeep newsletters if you ever find that you need a past issue. The web site is: <http://www.twentyandfour.org/> *Jeri*

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## 20 & 4 National Emblem Sales

Prices subject to change

General Items	Prices
20/4 Logo/Slogan Official Pin	\$5.00
Manual of Ceremonies Booklet	\$4.00
Devotions Booklet	\$4.00
Membership/Organization Handbook	\$4.00
Logo/Slogan Bumper Sticker	\$2.00
Top Hat Cards (package of 100)	\$5.00
Top Hat Pins (each)	\$0.85
Gold Disk with Logo (suitable for necklace or charm)	\$13.00
Official Pin Earrings-Dangle, Clip-on (for non-pierced ears)	\$10.00
Official Pin Earrings-Dangle, (for pierced ears)	\$10.00
Official Pin Earrings-Stud, (for pierced ears)	\$10.00
20/4 Logo/Slogan Note Cards (blank inside; 10 cards & envelopes; 5 1/2" x 4 1/4")	\$5.00
POW/MIA Chair Cover (available to fit metal folding chairs or banquet chairs)	\$10.00
20/4 Logo/Slogan Patch (to sew on shirt/jacket) 4" diameter	\$3.00
20/4 Bivouac Ceremonial handbook	\$0.85
20/4 Logo/Slogan Blue Tote Bag, approx. 15" x 21"	\$10.00
20/4 Logo/Slogan Decal (inside window application)	\$1.00
20/4 Logo/Slogan Sun Visor (white/red trim)	\$10.00
20/4 Logo/Slogan Scarf (45"x80")	\$13.00
20/4 Refrigerator magnet – 20/4 Logo/Slogan	.75
Mouse Pad – Red w/white jeep imprint	\$4.50
** New Item ** Jeep pin with logo	\$3.00
**New Item** Jeep name tag w/Echelon # and name	\$25.00
<b>PERSONALIZED ITEMS (please allow 4 - 6 weeks)</b>	
Logo Return Address Labels (30 per sheet; order by name & address)	\$3.00
Logo Stationary (25 sheets + 30 return labels; order by Echelon # or individual name and address)	\$6.00
Logo/Slogan Business Cards (10 per sheet; order by Name, Address & Phone numbers, E-mail address (can add title and years served, but print smaller)	\$3.00

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\$75.01 to \$100.00		\$7.95		
\$100.01 & Over		\$9.95	TOTAL	

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## **The American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors finishes first, wins \$250K in Pepsi Cola's Refresh Everything Project**

WASHINGTON (March 22, 2010) – The people voted and the troops won. PepsiCo has officially announced that The American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors will be awarded a \$250,000 grant from the soft drink giant after finishing first in voting during February's Refresh Everything Project.

Internet voters were able to choose which of 729 competing charities would receive grants of \$5,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 or \$250,000. The top three finishers in the \$250,000 category are receiving the grants.

"There are so many people to thank, I don't know where to begin," said American Legion National Commander Clarence E. Hill. "First, I want to thank Pepsi and its charitable Global Giving Foundation. Then I want to thank The American Legion members, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion members and Legion Riders who supported us by spreading the word and voting. In fact, I want to thank everybody who voted for Operation Comfort Warriors. This was truly a national grassroots effort. Most of all, I want to thank our troops, who go into harm's way for us every day. It is their sacrifice that makes it possible for us to enjoy the freedoms we all share."

Since December 2008, the American Legion family has raised funds for Operation Comfort Warriors, a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded military personnel, providing them with comfort items not usually supplied by the government. OCW ensures that patients at U.S. military hospitals and warrior transition units are given items like sweat suits, DVDs, puzzles, electronic devices, books, calling cards and more. The American Legion pays all administrative costs for the program, meaning 100 percent of the donations, including the grant money, will go directly to purchasing items for the troops.

The American Legion, a wartime veterans' organization, was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans' affairs, Americanism, and youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation. For more on Operation Comfort Warriors, visit [www.legion.org/ocw](http://www.legion.org/ocw).

### **Attention all Veterans**

In case you didn't get the email.....and take it from me, this really works!!!!!!

If you have *Verizon* as your cell phone carrier, they are giving a 15% discount from your monthly bill!! Yep - Here's what you do:

1. Take your DD214 to any *Verizon* store, they will photocopy it, (black out your social security number) and retain it for their records. Or,
2. Fill out a form which I can email you or ask the store it's titled "Employee End User Form"; then fax the form and a copy of your DD214 to 1-800-711-7788.

Not only will the discount cover your primary number, but allows you to add any additional lines you have on your account. Contact me at [sicily84@ cableone.net](mailto:sicily84@ cableone.net).

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### ***Did you know.....***

In World War II approximately 400,000 American military women served state-side and overseas? Women served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and as members of the Womens Air Force Service Pilots. Women served in every theater of the war and in many non-traditional roles. Eighty-nine female military nurses were held prisoners of war. More than 543 women lost their lives during World War II.

...women did not receive permanent military status until the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 (Public Law 625-80th Congress)? This bill, signed into law by President Truman on June 12, 1948, granted women permanent status in the Regular and Reserve forces of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and newly created Air Force.

*These are just two interesting facts about women in the military – go to [WIMSA.com](http://WIMSA.com) to learn more!*



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<b>ECHOLON</b>	<b>GOAL</b>	<b>RENEW</b>	<b>NEW</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Arizona 35</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>107%</b>
California 1	21	16	0	16	76%
California 32	21	0	0	0	0%
<b>California 40</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>105%</b>
Florida 5	19	16	1	17	89%
Florida 28	12	0	0	0	0%
Florida 30	10	0	0	0	0%
Illinois 8	16	13	0	13	81%
Mass. 2	58	41	0	41	71%
<b>Montana 9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>110%</b>
NY 42	25	0	0	0	0%
NC 27	26	0	0	0	0%
<b>Texas 31</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>101%</b>
<b>Virginia 24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>177%</b>
Washington 3	43	22	0	22	51%
Wisconsin 11	41	28	0	28	68%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>70%</b>

Ladies: I know some echelons have new aides; however, if you need help, please contact me or Sr. Vice, Cathy Cosgrove.

Members please help your aides and send in your dues now!

Thank you.....  
 Kris, Nat'l Aide