Call For the FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL NATIONAL BIVOUAC

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2011
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2011
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

The Honor Society of Women Legionnaires Annual Bivouac to be held at

PURPOSE
To elect National Officers
To amend the National Constitution and Bylaws
To amend the National Articles of Procedures
To conduct such other business as may properly come before the Bivouac in conformity
with the provision of the National 20/4 Constitution and Bylaws.

REPRESENTATION
The Bivouac shall be composed of delegates from all departments. Each Department shall
be entitled to five delegates and five alternates, plus one additional delegate and alternate
for each fifty members. Paid up membership shall be determined as of FORTY (40) DAYS
PRIOR to the Bivouac. All Departments, which have been extended official recognition
prior to July 20, 2011 and are in good standing, are entitled to representation. Members of
the National Cadre shall be delegates to the National Bivouac with the right to vote. This
vote shall be exercised with their respective Department.

Departments…………………………5 delegates and 5 alternates
26 thru 75 members………………….1 additional delegate and alternate
76 to 125 members…………………..2 additional delegates and alternates

DELEGATES
Only paid up members of departments are entitled to be Delegates and Alternates. A mem-
ber shall be paid up when $8.00 in payment of the National per capita tax for the current
year has been received by the National Aide FORTY (40) DAYS PRIOR to the National
Bivouac.

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It is absolutely imperative that all officers stay at the Bivouac Headquarters in order to ensure further relationships with the American Legion are maintained.

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56th National Bivouac Housing Request
August 24 – 26, 2011

Send reservation to: Stella M. West, Bivouac NMI
1081 Deer Crossing Way
Lexington, KY 40509
Hm: 859-264-8396 Fax: 859-264-8946

Name ___________________________ Phone ___________________ Dept/Echelon _________
Address __________________________ City __________________ State/Zip _______________
Delegate _________ Alternate _________ Member _________ Guest _________
Arrival Date _______________ Departure Date _______________
Please reserve ______ room (s) Single _______ Double _______ Check in 3 PM/Check out 12 Noon
Special Needs ____________________________________________
Sharing room with _______________________________________________________________________
Delegate _________ Alternate _________ Member _________ Guest _________
Arrival Date _______________ Departure Date _______________

Rooms are $129.00 (plus tax) per night

Credit Card # ___________________________ Exp. Date ___________ Card Type _________________

Reservations cannot be made without all the above information!
MUST BE RECEIVED BY BIVOUC NMI NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2011

Banquet – August 26, 2011
Friendship Hour begins at 6:00 pm with Dinner at 7:00 pm
Price $ 35.00
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From the National Director, VIP
Patricia Jackson Kelley

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**CREDENTIALS**

Blank forms shall be furnished to all Department Aides. Credential forms signed by the Department Aide and the Director VIP shall be mailed to the National Aide, accompanied by a check covering the registration fee of $10.00 for the Department and $2.00 for each individual listed on the form. This includes alternates and guests. This form shall be sent to the National Aide no later than August 1, 2011. The Aide will verify each member in good standing.

**COMMITTEES**

The Credential Committee shall be appointed in advance of the Bivouac by the National Director VIP. Such other committees as may be necessary to facilitate business, shall be composed of the members appointed by the National Director VIP.

**RULES**

The rules of the Bivouac shall be included in your Delegate package.

**BIVOUC HEADQUARTERS**

Bivouac Headquarters will be established at the Hilton Garden Inn-Downtown, 1101 4th Avenue south, Minneapolis, MN 55404, (612)339-6633, www.minneapolisdowntown.hqi.com

**HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS**

If you wish to stay at the Hilton Garden Inn-Downtown, reservations must be submitted to the Bivouac NMI, Stella West. There are a limited number of rooms, so first come first served. The Bivouac NMI has submitted hotel registration forms to the National Jeep. No reservations will be honored for the 20/4 unless you make prior arrangements with the National Bivouac NMI, Stella West.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The National Jeep will publish additional instructions, including banquet information.

Attested:
Patricia Jackson-Kelley
National Director VIP

**Echelon 2—Massachusetts**

Marie Audy
Judi Brown
Marjorie Cavanaugh
Francellia Clark
Dorothy Dickson
Lillian Eaton
Patricia Farris
Priscilla Fonseca
Judith Garland
Sarah Hayden
Nancy Kangas
Charlotte Killam
Alberta Langley
Kris Lecca
Eileen Locke
Dorothy Midgley
June Newman
Susan Piazza
Eileen Robichaud
Rita Siano
Joanne Sprague
Virginia Tamalavitch
Martha Viherrick

Aileen Augustus
Grace Butler
Dorothy Boyd
Karen Davis
Jayne Driscoll
Bernice Ether
Jean Flanagan
Kathleen Foster
Barbara Gibbons
Florence Johnson
Carol Lee Kehoe
Judy Koralik
Ethel LaSalle
Mary Jane Letizia
Cessina Mayers
Joan Murphy
Leah O’Brien
Dorothy Pongonis
Jackie Savignano
Cheryl Hodge Spencer
Joyce Talbot McCurdy
Maxine Thompson
Mary Jane Wakefield

“In Memoriam”
Jane Gelvert
Penny LaFrance
Frances LaVoie

**Echelon 3—Washington**

Alfie Alvarado-Ramos
Betteann Becktell
Donna Botelho
Jane Clark
Evabelle Devine
Edna Douglas
Gleneva Fisher
Gloria Grant
Chris Hartley
Linda Hazelsmyer
Cathy Hennie
Beverly Keaveny PND
Donna Lewis
Jean Meyer
Diane Murdock
Gail Porter
Margaret Reining
Julie Rust
PJ Scott
Katherine Willis

Jean Badavina
G. Dea Bernard
Mary Campbell
Chris Crain
Katy Diamond
Mary Fike
Ellen Freeman
Doris Gross, PND
Marcella Hatch
Helen Helfrich
Marie Honeywell
Kittie LaPazia
Naomi McCrea
Heather Miles
Kathy Nylen
Carol Reed
Nancy Robbins
Linda Schorn
Norma Strecker
Letters to the Editor:

Editor Marilyn,

Enclosed, find a check ($5.00) postage to mail The Jeep. The 20 & 4 has lost so many members and the young ones don’t want to join veterans organizations unless they have a bar which is a shame! I have been a member for 33 years and was very active until I became housebound due to an operation that went wrong.

You are doing a good job getting the news out to us. I’m sending 20 death notices of women veterans to the Women’s Memorial in Washington, DC. Didn’t even know that these women were veterans. Maybe you could put a notice in The Jeep to send this information to Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,
Bernice G. Ethier
Echelon 2 - MA

Dear Marilyn,

My mother is Bernice Ethier, Past DIR-VIP from Echelon 2, Dept of MA. She is almost 86 now and unable to be an active member like she used to be, but she does what she can. She has always been an avid supporter of women veterans and WIMSA of which she is a charter member. She wanted me to put something together and send to you to put in the Nat'l Jeep. Rather than piece something, I went to their website (so I would have the exact information) and took the following in hopes you will have enough room in the upcoming issue to publish it.

I personally have been to the memorial twice, first with my daughter when she was about 8 and with other girl scouts and then the second time with husband, daughter and son. It was really wonderful to be able to put mom's name in the computer and have her photo, in her army uniform, and her short bio come up on the screen. Other people nearby saw the picture and asked who she was. I was very proud to say, "That is my mom." It was also wonderful for my kids to see that their grandmother is a part of history and part of a memorial, a museum, in our nation's capital.

All the best. Enjoy your convention.

Cindy Ethier-Kostka
Brockton, MA

"The Women In Military Service For America Memorial is the only major national memorial honoring all women who served in our nation's defense throughout history. Their patriotism and bravery are a part of our nation's collective heritage and are finally recognized in the Memorial through exhibits, film and the Memorial Register, which guarantees each registered woman's individual story a permanent place in America's history.

More than 2.5 million women have served in defense of our nation, since its beginning more than 230 years ago. The individual histories of nearly 250,000 of these women come to life in the Memorial Register. The Register is an interactive computer database that allows Memorial visitors access to military histories, photographs and memorable military experiences of registered servicewomen. However, registration is NOT AUTOMATIC.

If you are a servicewoman, or know of a service-woman, past or present, please help preserve this important and long overlooked portion of history by filling out a registration form today for yourself, a family member or friend. Every woman's story is important and any information is better than no information. It is individual experiences that make up America's collective history. Make sure the story of women serving in defense of our nation is recorded and never forgotten.

Eligibility as a "Member" includes living or deceased women veterans; Active Duty, Reserve, Guard and US Public Health Service uniformed women; and women in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Civil Air Patrol. Eligibility as a "We Also Served Member" member includes women who served overseas during conflicts, in direct support of the armed forces, in organizations such as the Red Cross, USO and Special Services. Those in the US Public Health Service Cadet Nurse Corps are included in a special Honor Roll of Cadet Nurses."

To check and see if you or someone else is registered with the Memorial, please contact our Registration Department at 703-533-1155, 800-222-2294 or via e-mail at regdept@womensmemorial.org. You can also visit the website at: http://www.womensmemorial.org. If you see obituaries in your local newspaper or online, please forward them to Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation. We do not want any woman who served to be forgotten.

Memorial Day, May 30, 2011

(Pictured L-R: Connie Jo Popham, PND, Gen. Wilma L. Vaught, Patricia Jackson Kelley, National Director VIP, and Judi Beischel, National Sr. Vice Director)
National Senior Vice Director  
Judi Beischel

Hello Jeepettes! Our year is going very quickly. Please, please be sure any memberships that you have are turned into Marilyn Rideaux who is also doubling as the awesome editor of this years Jeep. She has done an outstanding job. Thank you Marilyn!

We are still in need of memberships from Florida Echelon 28, and I hope by the time you read this that the membership has come in from New York, Echelon 42. Our National Director VIP, Patricia Jackson-Kelley recently returned from her Alaskan trip and we’re looking forward to having their echelon back in the fold. I am also hoping we can revitalize North Carolina while at Bivouac. I have been in contact with Pat Liddel from Georgia who joined our AZ Echelon this year. I hope to see Pat and many of the women veterans from Georgia, North Carolina, Missouri, Minnesota and Utah that I have been in touch with this year. It’s an honor to belong to our great organization!

Now that we have all turned in our hours for our Consolidated Post Reports, please do not forget to include that information in your Echelon’s Service Report. I have received three reports to date and would love to hear from all our echelons before Bivouac so we can get the credit we deserve for all that we do for our woman veterans! Thank you all for all that you do! Please put 20 + 4 in subject if you e-mail to me at: judi85268@yahoo.com or snail mail to 14606 N Dickens Ct., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268.

I am looking forward to spending some time with National Director VIP Patricia and past Director VIP Connie Jo in Washington, DC over Memorial Day weekend. We will be placing wreaths on two memorials this year, the Tomb of the Unknown and Women in Military Service to America. What an honor! Thanks to all who offered condolences on the passing of my Mother. We laid her to rest on her 89th birthday, April 29th. My Father had the honor of placing the Memorial wreath on the WWII Memorial three years ago while on an Honor Flight to visit the Memorials. He said it was an incredible experience! My Dad, who will be 90 in August, will be joining me in Washington, DC for my birthday which is on Memorial Day. Wow!

Thought for the day – Author Unknown
Do not walk in front of me, I may not follow.  
Do not walk behind me, I may not lead.  
Walk beside me and be my friend.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KEY JOBS.  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HOLDING A POSITION IN THE TWENTY AND FOUR IN 2011-2012 PLEASE CONTACT JUDI AT 480-229-1581 OR JUDI85268@YAHOO.COM

POSITIONS STILL NEEDED: JEEP EDITOR, AIDE, SERVICE DIRECTOR AND SEVERAL COMMITTEE NMIS. LUANN HUSKISON HAS VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE EMBLEM SALES FOR US. THANKS LUANN!

(Photos submitted by Judy Beishel) Echelon 35’s May 2011 meeting with Vera Miller (WWII vet & AZ Post 63 Commander 2009-2011) sharing stories and pictures of her Honor Flight to the WWII Memorial this past November. Echelon 35 sponsored Vera for $750 so she could make the trip. pictured are: Gayle Reed, LuAnn Huskison, Judi Beischel, Beth Nehring, Rebecca Faris, Vera Miller, Carol Stensby, Marge Ahrens and Carol Hamburger.

Echelon 35 attended the Grand opening of Mary Ellen's house on May 14, 2011. The low-income housing for female veterans will house 15 homeless woman veterans. Pictured: Carol Hamburger, AZ PDC, Marge Ahrens, Echelon 35 Aide, Judi Beischel, National Senior Vice Dir. VIP, Gayle Reed, AZ Dept. Secty., Beth Nehring, Echelon 35 Dir. VIP, Joan Cisco, one of our 20 + 4 members has been the lead in the Mary Ellen House, through her Vets First organization. Many of you may remember Mary Ellen Pitrowski, that the home is named for. She would be very proud!
Ways and Means
Joyce Babcock, 2nd Vice Director

Thank you to those Ladies who have responded to my request for funds for the operation of the national Twenty & Four. Some of the Echelons have also donated. I have prepared a list of donations and donors and their states. This is your official Thank You! The list is as of May 24, 2011.

$5.00 to $19.00:

Bernice Ethier (MA), Janine Beileau (WI), Margaret McIntosh (CA), Rita Taylor (CA), Geraldine Bought (CA), Winifred Gailbreath (MN), Evabelle Devine (WA), Norma Walker (SC), Maxine Bodman (FL), Jerilyn Strande (AZ), Carol Prah (MT), Patricia Erickson (FL), Catherine Lake (AZ), Marian Landis (CA), Betty Garner (TX), Lynn Sparks (TX), Mary Pearce (CA), Naomi McCrea (WA), Norma Strecker (WA),

$20.00 to $49.00

Ruth Wells (CA), Martha Albano (AZ), Joyne Driscoll (MA), Deb Hancock (MT), Mary Gray (TX), Haily Smoger (MN), Margaret Reining (DE), Helen Schrader (TX), Beverly Keavceny (WA), Maxine Thompson (MA), Margaret Barrett (MT), Sherrie Guccini (FL), Peg Ellison (MT), Joan Arcand (FL), Cynthia Gaffey (CA), Echelon #40 (CA), Joanne Evans (CA), Mary Hatfield (TX), Eileen Robichaud (MA), Donna Botelho (WA), Tonilynn Aaquist (AZ), Gwen kRodgers (FL), Catherine Beaumon (NC), Allison Tangeman (TX), Dolores Hartley (WA), Diana Fecarotta (IL), Betty Pitts (NC), Ellen Freeman (WA), Deborah Logerquist (WI), Amy Blumenthal (VA), Josephine Barbour (NC)

$50.00 to $150.00

Kris Lecca (MA), Joyce Babcock (MT), Patricia Kelly (CA), Sue Mason (FL), Olive Patneaud (NY).

We are slowly moving up on our goal of at least $3000. which is very necessary to continue our national operations. As you prepare to travel to National Bivouac, please remember to bring items for the Silent Auction. They may be wrapped or open available for bidding and of course we will also be holding 50/50 drawings. Those of you who have been collecting your "change" in the jar for the year, whenever you feel you have enough turn it into a check and I will add it to our growing total. Thank you all for your help in this endeavor.

From the Editor's Desk:

As this year draws to a close, I want to thank each and every one of you for entrusting me with our National publication, The Jeep. It was a challenging experience and one that I will never forget. I am looking forward to seeing many of you that I have communicated with this past year by phone and email at the Bivouac in Minneapolis.

My humble apology for the delay in getting this issue of The Jeep to you. These past few months have been difficult for me due to other American Legion obligations that I have had to juggle around my personal life and job. I hope this issue will be enjoyable for you. Before I forget, my personal congrats to the Echelons that achieved Membership goal and beyond.

Lastly, thank you for your support to my sister Jeepette, Patricia Jackson Kelley, during her tenure as National Director VIP. Pat has done an amazing job this year of getting around the Country and particularly to the states where her assistance was needed the most.

In closing, may God bless us all and keep our country safe.

Marilyn E. Rideaux
Echelon 1 - California
MEMBERSHIP REPORT ● June 30, 2011

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In Memory of

Past Director VIP
Echelon 35—Arizona

CAROL HAMBURGER

Carol Hamburger, Past Director VIP, Echelon 35-Arizona, transferred suddenly to Echelon Everlasting on Tuesday, July 5, 2011. Carol was Arizona’s Department Commander, 2009-2010, and was announced as Alternate NEC for Arizona recently. Carol was looking forward to joining all of us at the Bivouac next month in Minneapolis. She was dearly loved by all. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Services

Friday, July 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM
National Cemetery in Phoenix
Reception to follow at American Legion Post #29 - Glendale, AZ

Greetings to the Family: 2947 W. Evans Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85053
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**Please add the family of PND Bev Keaveny to your prayer list. Bev’s grandson, Justin, surrendered to life on earth at the age of 16 on Thursday, June 9.**

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