

Voiture Nationale 40&8

# VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

## Bill Simpson – Chef de Chemin de Fer



December 7<sup>th</sup> 1941..”A day that will live in infamy”. Those words still ring loud as we celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. I hope that each of us took an extra moment on December 7, 2021 to pause and reflect in remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. I thank you.

Dell and I want to wish all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Santa has reported to me that he is watching to see if all his Voyageurs and Dames are being naughty or nice. He tells me on the most part you are being good but he does have some on the naughty list. He says they are the ones who have not renewed their membership. There are only 18 days left on your current 2021 membership card. As of 1 January 2022 if you have not renewed, you are not entitled to attend any 40/8 function. Don't let this happen to you. Give yourself or someone you may know that hasn't renewed a Christmas present that keeps giving all year long. After all, this is the season of giving. Let's get your name off of Santa's naughty list and renew. As of December 9 we are at 61.64% re-



newed. We can do better. As you can see, the “R” in my CPR theme is “RENEW”.

I am looking forward to start travelling again. I will be going to Grand du Flori-

da for the Mid-Winter to start the new year. After Florida it's up to the cold state of Wisconsin for their Mid-Winter in February. Hope I can find some heated long johns. I am looking forward to seeing friends and making new ones.

The holiday season brings on parades, social and religious events, travelling to loved one and etc. Please be safe in your endeavours but enjoy your activities. Hope to see all in the New Year.

It is on a sad note that I close this article. Being from South Carolina we have lost a major player in our Grande. Voyageur Militaire Jesse Cumbee of Voiture 974 Charleston has reported to the Supreme Commander 5 December 2021. Jesse held numerous positions within his locale and was Grande Chef de Gare, Grande Directeur of POW/MIA and was on the Nationale Time and Place committee. Please keep his family in your thought and prayers.

## Hanahan, SC Christmas Parade



*Pictured from left to right: George Hollman V-1354 Chef de Gare-Murrells Inlet, Chuck Schaffer V-1354-Chef de Train-Murrells Inlet, Michele DeJonghe-Hill Cabane 1067 Goose Creek, Dave Caulderhead V-1354-Murrells Inlet -Grand Chef de Gare du SC, Joyce Willis-Cabane 1067 La Presidente Goose Creek, Bill Huber V-1354- Grande Chef de Train-Murrells Inlet, Bill Simpson-Chef de Chemin de Fer, Dave Hill V-1067- Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe*

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## Terry Sims -Correspondant National

*Your Voiture Nationale Staff wishes all Voyageurs and their Families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you be filled with Pride and Joy.*

### Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



This month's highlight is the Blue Flag Cotton Cap. Part number 08BFLAG \$18.75. 100% Cotton with Velcro closure. 40/8 emblem embroidered on front in full color. This item can be ordered at our emblem sales store online at;

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## Required Minimum Distributions

Dan Dumas -Commissaire Intendant Nationale

The Internal Revenue Service wants to remind retirement plan participants and individual retirement account owners that payments, called **required minimum distributions**, must usually be taken by December 31.

Required minimum distributions (RMDs) generally are minimum amounts that retirement plan account owners must withdraw annually starting with the year they reach 72 or, if later, the year they retire. However, if the retirement plan account is an IRA or the account owner is a 5% owner of the business sponsoring the retirement plan, the RMDs must begin once the account holder is age 72, even if they're still working. RMD amounts not timely withdrawn from accounts may be subject to penalties.

Individuals who reached 70 ½ in 2019, (70<sup>th</sup> birthday was June 30, 2019 or earlier) did not have an RMD due for 2020, but will have to take one by December 31, 2021.

Individuals who reach 72 in 2021 (and their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday was July 1, 2019 or later) have their first RMD due by April 1, 2022.

The required distribution rules apply to:

- Owners of traditional Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)
- Owners of traditional Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) IRAs
- Owners of Savings Incentive Match Plans for Employees (SIMPLE) IRAs
- Participants in various workplace retirement plans, including 401(k), Roth 401(k), 403(b) and 457(b) plans

**Roth IRAs do not require distributions while the original owner is alive.**

An IRA trustee, or plan administrator, must report the amount of the RMD to the IRA owner. An IRA owner, or trustee, must calculate the RMD separately for each IRA owned. However, they can choose to withdraw the total amount from one or more of the IRAs. In contrast, RMDs required from workplace retirement plans must be taken separately from each plan. Not taking a required distribution, or not withdrawing enough, could mean a 50% excise tax on the amount not distributed.

The RMD is based on the taxpayer's life expectancy and their account balance. Often, a trustee will use **Form 5498, IRA Contribution Information**, to report the RMD to the recipient. For most taxpayers, life expectancy used to calculate the RMD is based on Uniform Lifetime Table III in **Publication 590-B, Distributions from IRAs**. Individuals can use **online worksheets** on IRS.gov to figure the RMD.

This article is provided by the Internal Revenue Service at **IRS.gov**.



## Voiture 605 Flags For First Graders



## Youth Sports Randall Shrader -Nationale Directeur

*Greetings Voyageurs,*

*I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving with family and friends. As we roll into the Christmas season let's keep working on our Youth Sports Programs.*

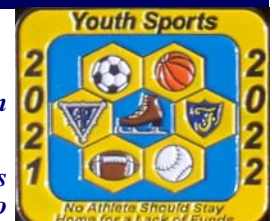
*I would like to see every Grande reach out to the Special Olympics in their state. Special Olympics has several divisions in every state. Locales can contact the Special Olympics division or HQ in their state to see where you can volunteer to support an activity.*

*Does your city or county have a Parks and Recreation? I am sure they do. Locales can reach out to their local Parks and Recreation to see where volunteer help could be used and see if there are teams or individuals that need financial assistance to participate.*

*Change for Champions. What is your Locale doing to push this program? A good source is your local Veterans organization or other community organizations. Get out and meet the leaders of these other organizations and ask if you can put up a donation jar for Change for Champions. Ask if your Locale can help out with any youth programs they are doing. As we all know every organization is always lacking volunteer help. Working together we can all move forward to reaching our goals.*

*GOAL – Get Out And Look. Let's make a winning GOAL for the 40 & 8 this year. Get out there in your community and see what is going on.*

*I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas, Randall Shrader*





## Voiture 145



Child Welfare support from Voiture Locale 145 du Indiana.

The donation was \$500 dollars to "Girls, Inc. of Johnson County, Indiana".

Their program provides support for girls from 9 through 18 years of age, teaches integrity and helps in preparing for adult hood such as dressing for interviews, preparing resumes, etc.

In addition, they have a summer camp program .

Jay A Collars  
chef de Gare  
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## Voiture 1315

The 40 & 8 Voiture #1315 Grande du Colorado laid a wreath at the Colorado Springs Memorial Park on November 11, 2021 in a Veterans Day commemoration planned and conducted by the Colorado Springs Chapter of the Special Forces Association. Individual veterans' organizations laid wreaths at their respective military service or designated unit memorials. Shown in the picture (at Left) is Col Paul Bailey, USAF (Ret) laying the Chapter wreath at the Air Force Monument dedicated to all who served in the United States Air Force or Space Force in the Pikes Peak region.



## Christ the Lord vs Santa Claus

John C. Murphy - Aumonier National

Christmas truly is one of the most wonderful times of the year. For many, there are warm parties, cozy homes, fond traditions to celebrate, and gifts to be shared. It's a joyous time of celebration. However, sometimes we get lost in the season and forget the reason we celebrate it, to begin with. Among the hustle and bustle, our focus is lost, and priorities are misaligned.

Most people can tell you the origins of Christmas—that it's a remembrance of the birth of Christ. But either that's the extent of their knowledge or they lose sight of this in the busyness of the holiday. Why do we truly celebrate Christmas? Not Santa Claus, or the Christmas tree, or any other of the various traditions wrapped up into Christmas. Why do we celebrate this occasion—what is its true meaning?

***“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.” -Isaiah 9:6-7 English Standard Version (ESV).***

For thousands of years mankind waited for the coming of Christ; they longed for their King to arrive and free them from oppression. The Old Testament is full of prophecies, including this one from Isaiah 9. The Bible is full of Scripture pointing directly to the One who would save mankind from their sins. When Isaiah described His coming, he described His coming as an infant. But this child would grow and establish a Kingdom of righteousness forevermore. When we celebrate Christmas, we are celebrating the moment in history when prophecy was fulfilled. God came to be with us.

Because when Jesus came, he also left us with the gift of salvation. His birth is significant because of His death. For thirty-three years Jesus lived a life free from sin so that He could be the perfect sacrificial lamb for the atonement of our sins. On Calvary, Christ paid the price and overcame death so that we could have victory over sin and condemnation. So, when that precious baby was born and placed in the manger, it wasn't just another birth. It was the beginning of God's redemptive plan for humanity. An act He didn't have to take part in, but He chose to out of love.

***“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:5-11 New International Version (NIV).***

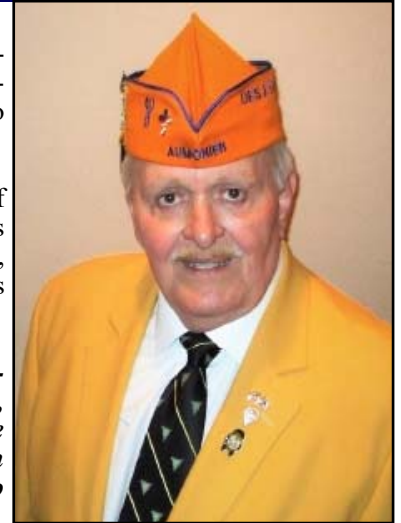
This very act of humility and his choice to die on the cross is cause for bowed knees and lifted hands. I know the busyness of the season can cause time to fly and before we know it, the holiday has passed, and we have forgotten to celebrate why we are celebrating it in the first place. But don't get sidetracked—get perspective. Choose reverence and give honor where honor is due.

Take time this holiday season to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by glorifying the One who gave it all. A child was born in humble circumstances and his sacrificial death reflected the same, however, both were significant for humanity. Without the death of Christ, salvation isn't possible. So, without His birth, neither is it possible. Jesus coming to Earth that night changed everything and it's a moment we should celebrate with all our hearts.

Certainly, enjoy the parties and food and gifts, but don't forget to point your heart, family, and those around you to Christmas' true meaning: Christ came with a plan for our redemption.

O Lord Jesus Christ, true God from true God, you became a little child for us so the world you made would be saved. Just as a child is born to us and a Son is given to us, may we be born again through you and always remain in the number of God's faithful children; through your merits, O blessed Savior, with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

Amen.





**Building Donation Challenge Total \$194,711.04**  
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## Little Chef's 50/50 Raffle

*Here's your chance to determine who you think the shorter Chef is between Chef de Chemin Der Fer Bill Simpson and Chef de Chemin Der Fer 2003 John Digilio.*



*Proceeds Benefit the Boxcar ASSOCIATION  
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## Vice Presidential History

**Lyndon Baines Johnson** (August 27, 1908 – January 22, 1973), often referred to by his initials LBJ, was an American politician who served as the 36th president of the United States, serving from 1963 to 1969. He had previously served as the 37th vice president from 1961 to 1963 under President John F. Kennedy. A Democrat from Texas, Johnson also served as a U.S. representative, U.S. senator and the Senate's majority leader. He holds the distinction of being one of the few presidents who served in all elected offices at the federal level.

Born in a farmhouse in Stonewall, Texas, to a local political family, Johnson worked as a high school teacher and a congressional aide before winning election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1937. He won election to the United States Senate in 1948 after narrowly winning the Democratic Party's nomination. He was appointed to the position of Senate Majority Whip in 1951. He became the Senate Democratic leader in 1953 and majority leader in 1954. In 1960 Johnson ran for the Democratic nomination for president. During the convention he came into conflict with the Democratic front-runner, fellow senator John F. Kennedy. The two men compromised and the Kennedy-Johnson ticket won in the 1960 presidential election. Vice President Johnson would as-



sume the presidency on November 22, 1963 after President Kennedy was assassinated. The following year Johnson was elected to the presidency when he won in a landslide against Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater. Johnson received 61.1% of the popular vote in the 1964 presidential election; this makes his victory the largest share of the popular vote of any candidate since James Monroe's victory in 1820.

Johnson's domestic policy was aimed to create programs that would expand civil rights, public broadcasting, Medicare, Medicaid, aid to education and the arts, urban and rural development, and public services. Johnson coined the term the "Great Socie-

ty" in 1964 to describe these efforts. In addition, he sought to create better living conditions for low income Americans by spearheading a campaign unofficially called the "War on Poverty"; assisted by a strong economy, the effort helped millions of Americans rise above the poverty line during his administration. Johnson followed his predecessor's actions in bolstering the space program, and it was under his presidency that NASA's efforts became a top national priority and the Apollo Program was expanded. He enacted the Higher Education Act of 1965 which established federally insured student loans. Johnson signed the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 which laid the groundwork for U.S. immigration policy today. Johnson's opinion on the issue of civil rights put him at odds with other white, southern Democrats. His civil rights legacy was shaped by signing the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Civil Rights Act of 1968. During his presidency the American political landscape transformed significantly, as white southerners who were Democratic stalwarts gradually moved to the Republican Party and African-Americans began moving towards the Democratic Party. Because of his domestic agenda, Johnson's presidency marked the peak of modern liberalism in the United States.