



Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Mike McGary – Chef de Chemin de Fer



This weekend I am flying to Ontario, California for their Spring Cheminot. Seems funny for a guy from Indiana to be enjoying Spring in the middle of February, but I'm not going to look a gift horse in the mouth as they say. Not much going on the travel front since my article in the Forty & Eighter came out a week or so ago. So my article is going to deal with something of great importance.....

Membership! I know it's not the subject of choice for many of our members, but it's one we ALL need to address. As of our last membership report we are 9% behind our numbers of last year. This is not a very good omen for the growth of this organization. But it is a very good indication that we are going to have another year of 5% decline in our membership, unless, WE decide to do something about it. Unfortunately, we have lost two of our National Sous Directeurs of Membership, one to health the other being called to the Supreme Commander. They have decided to divide the duties between themselves rather than bring someone new in at this time. They need your help.

When I was invited into the 40 & 8, I was told that my number one obligation was to invite two new members to join, one for my replacement, and one for our growth. Although I accomplished that obligation, I don't believe



everyone else got the message. My fellow voyageurs, we are in a crisis situation with only a little over five months to go in this membership year. We all need to pull together and solve this problem.

What we need to realize is that the renewals, at this point, are not going to come to us. That means if we really care about this organization, we need to go to them. Whether as an individual or a group of voyageurs, start knocking on doors. Tell the member it's been awhile since we've seen you, how you been, and oh by the way

we've got your membership card with us so we can take care of it for you.

I realize that this time of the year is not very conducive due to weather in a lot of parts of this great Nation, that is why Nationale sent out renewal notices. Hopefully we'll see a positive response on this year's mailing. Don't rely on it alone, follow up with a phone call. Another point is not forgetting those veterans that are in Nursing Homes, hospitals, Veterans Homes, or just unable to afford the dues payment. That's where each Locale needs to step up and take care of our own. We should never leave one of our own behind due to lack of funds. Sell a few tip boards or put on a fund raiser, I think you'd be surprised by the support you'll receive for this cause.

The other part of maintaining our numbers is to ASK a qualified veteran to join. We are around them all the time, but we never think of it at the time. This little action should be in the forefront of our socializing at the Legion, VFW, Am-Vets, or the VA hospital. The opportunities are there, we just need to reach out and touch someone.

Let's pull together and get this problem behind us, it won't be too long before we start all over again. Membership is everyone's duty.

En Service,
Mike McGary

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Terry Sims -Correspondant National

On our website (fortyandeight.org) we have forms that can be completed so Voyageurs can receive recognition for their accomplishments during the year. Membership, being the "Life Blood" of LaSociete, has a form on the National website entitled "I Got 2" for Voyageurs that have procured two new or more and/or reinstated members. It is located under the Membership tab and the drop down menu News and Resources. Locale Chef's de Gare and Correspondants should make themselves familiar with this form.

Our Carville Star Program under the direction of Tom Adams and his Team have completed the Daughters of Charity Cemetery Project. There are pictures in this Voyageur Briefs showing the accom-

plishments and where your donations are going. On February 20, 2020 at 0900 during the visit of Cajun Wreck attendees to Carville, dedication Ceremony is scheduled for the restored plot. A local priest will conduct the dedication. Also, three current Daughters of Charity from Baton Rouge will attend the ceremony. Great job to our Carville star Committee!

The time is fast approaching for Grand Promenades and elections of officers. The correct guidelines for Endorsements for office and Resolutions are on the National website. These guidelines will be very helpful to you.

Grand du Ohio is working very diligently to make Promenade Nationale a tremendous experience for you. The beautiful Kalahari resort on Lake Erie in



Sandusky, Ohio is very well organized. It is not too early to send your registrations to Holly. There is a form in the Voyageur Briefs for you to utilize. This will be another Promenade Nationale for all of us to remember.

Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



This miniature stand of colors consists of silk United States flag and Locale banner with silver colored metal poles & stand. The flags are 5 1/2" X 8 1/2" and fringed in gold. They stand 12" in height. Part # 03MCLX, \$25.00

This item can be ordered at our emblem sales store online at: <http://store.fortyandeight.org/>

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Daughters of the Charity Project Post Restoration



Daughters of the Charity Project Pre Restoration



IRS revises Form 1023 for applying for tax-exempt status

As part of an ongoing effort to improve service for the tax-exempt community, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has revised Form 1023 to allow electronic filing for the first time starting later this month.

To help charities apply for Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, the IRS has revised Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and its instructions.

"Filing electronically reduces errors, and we believe this will help provide a smoother application process for those seeking tax exemption," said Tammy Ripperda, Commissioner of the IRS Tax Exempt and Government Entities division. "As we've seen with the 1023-EZ, we believe this change will help with application processing time and help with our wider efforts to improve our work with the tax-exempt community."

Beginning January 31, 2020, applications for recognition of exemption on Form 1023 must be submitted electronically online at [Pay.gov](https://www.pay.gov). The IRS will provide a 90- day grace period during which it will continue to accept paper versions of Form 1023 (Rev. 12-2017).

The required user fee for Form 1023 will remain \$600 for 2020. Applicants **must** pay the fee through [Pay.gov](https://www.pay.gov) when submitting the form. Payment can be made directly from a bank account or by credit or debit card.

Updates about Form 1023 can be obtained by subscribing to [Exempt Organizations Update](#), a free e-Newsletter from the IRS Exempt Organizations' office. EO Update provides information on tax policy, services and information that's important to tax-exempt organizations including:

- News releases from the IRS related to exempt organizations
- New forms, guidance and other publications
- Changes and additions to the [IRS Charities and Nonprofits](#) webpage
- Upcoming IRS training and outreach events

Additional information on how to apply for IRS recognition of tax-exempt status is available:

- [Applying for Tax-Exempt Status](#) on IRS.gov
- [Form 1023 Electronic Filing Overview presentation](#) on StayExempt.irs.gov
- [Applying for 501\(c\)\(3\) Status course](#) on StayExempt.irs.gov

Dan Dumas
Commissaire Intendant Nationale

**Remember March 15th is the day
to celebrate the 100th
birthday of La Societe de Quarante
Hommes et Huit Cheveaux.
Time to Celebrate!**



VAVS Program National Directeur Ron Rolfes

Greetings Voyageurs,

As we enter a new year, hopefully many of you will find some time to get out and volunteer at your local VA Facility or State home. The numbers for the program are down but, I feel that with the on-going collaboration with the La Femmes and your help we can be successful.

Recently, I read an article that I thought I'd share as I think that it not only applies to the VAVS Program, but to all of our Program's, so as we plunge head-first into the new year, I want to leave you with three key messages that come from Dr. Alan Zimmerman's "The Pay-off Principle." His formula is PURPOSE + PASSION + PROCESS = PAYOFF. I want to just quickly talk about those first 3 P's.

PURPOSE= Please take time during the hustle and bustle to be sure you discover and tap into your purpose. For many of you, the Forty and Eight, VAVS or any of the other programs may be your purpose—but that's way too broad of a purpose statement. Your purpose is not a "theme". It's very specific once you actually identify it and may be embedded into what you're currently doing, but don't miss your uniquely special reason for being part of it!

PASSION= **Passion is energy with intention.** You have an *unlimited amount of creativity, innovation and drive* to be excellent in this work and all you do; but you cannot forget that you have a very FINITE AMOUNT OF ENERGY. Particularly in your work, you must take care of yourself; get rest, and **DO NOT LOSE YOURSELF** in the process of helping other people to find themselves. ***Your part cannot be bigger than what you're a part of.*** Share the load, learn to delegate, and allow other people to contribute in *their* unique way. My new saying: THERE MAY BE NO 'I' IN TEAM, BUT THERE IS ME. People must see where they fit in.

PROCESS= Take time to plan. You've probably heard this before...**MORE IS NOT BETTER---BETTER IS BETTER.** Be strategic in what you get involved in, whether this is at work, at home, within La Societe, or even at VA. When you have found your purpose, apply your energy with intention, the process actually begins to reveal itself. Why? Because you've made space for it to unfold, to make sense, for the right resources to be made visible to you, and to plan with the results (or the payoff) in mind.

Hopefully this has given you a little something to think about. As stated earlier I think that this applies to all programs, but primarily VAVS (So I'm a little biased). At any rate, I can never Thank You enough for all you do for La Societe and our Nation's Veterans.



**A big THANK YOU to all the
volunteers who helped prepare
the 6,700 membership
renewal letters.**



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1998 Chef de Chemin de Fer Paul Sorrentino draws the lucky winners of the 100th Anniversary Sweepstakes

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRANDE/CABANE</u>	<u>WINNINGS</u>
1ST	Barry Schweitzer	V1536-MI	\$2,500.00
2ND	Francis Sullivan	V1524-GR	\$1,500.00
3RD	Robert Hinkley	V288-NJ	\$1,000.00

Vice Presidential History

Schuyler Colfax Jr. March 23, 1823 – January 13, 1885) was an American journalist, businessman, and politician who served as the 17th vice president of the United States from 1869 to 1873, and prior to that as the 25th speaker of the House of Representatives from 1863 to 1869. A member of the Republican Party (after the Whig Party's demise in the early 1850s), he was the U.S. Representative for Indiana's 9th congressional district from 1855 to 1869.

Colfax was known for his opposition to slavery while serving in Congress, and was a founder of the Republican Party. During his first term as speaker he led the effort to pass what would become the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery. When it came before the House for a final vote in January 1865, he made the unusual choice to cast a vote (by convention the speaker rarely casts a vote), voting in the affirmative. Chosen as Ulysses S. Grant's running mate in the 1868 election, the pair won easily over Democratic Party nominees Horatio Seymour and Francis Preston Blair Jr.. As was typical during the 19th century, Colfax had little involvement in the



Grant administration. In addition to his duties as president of the U.S. Senate, he continued to lecture and write for the press while in office. Believing Grant would only serve one term, in 1870 Colfax attempted unsuccessfully to garner support for the

1872 Republican presidential nomination by telling friends and supporters he would not seek a second vice presidential term. However, when Grant announced that he would run again, Colfax reversed himself and attempted to win the vice presidential nomination, but was defeated by Henry Wilson.

An 1872–73 Congressional investigation into the Crédit Mobilier scandal identified Colfax as one of several federal government officials who in 1868 accepted payments of cash and discounted stock from the Union Pacific Railroad in exchange for favorable action during the construction of the transcontinental railroad. Though he vociferously defended himself against charges his reputation suffered. Colfax left the vice presidency at the end of his term in March 1873 and never again ran for office.

Colfax suffered a heart attack and died in a Mankato, Minnesota railroad station on January 13, 1885, en route to a speaking engagement in Iowa. To date, he is one of only two persons to have served as both speaker of the House and vice president; the other is John Nance Garner.