

Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Mike McGary - Chef de Chemin de Fer



Welcome to the dog days of summer. It's a few days short of the start of summer but the record high temperatures are telling me it may be a good time to have a body of water available to cool off.

Travels have continued since last month's Briefs. The middle of May sent me back to South Carolina for the Gator Wreck this in Goose Creek. The two day wreck kept everyone entertained, except for maybe the PG's, but they played the game well, and in the end five new Voyageurs were added to the ranks of La Societe. My thanks go out to Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Dave Hill and his wife Michele for making sure my needs were met. I would also like to thank the National Sec/Treas. of Youth Sports for picking my up at the airport. And of course the 5am return to the airport after staying up to the wee hours with a group of Mexican domino players.

Unfortunately, Memorial Day Observance at Arlington was cancelled due to the remodeling of the amphitheater. Let's hope next year we can get together and honor those that gave it all.

If you missed the Great Lakes Promenade a couple of weeks ago you missed one of the best. Grande du Pennsylvania put on a program that I haven't seen for some time. Upon my arrival, I was greeted by Dave Kessler, the ramrod of the operation. He made sure I got my



gear to my room, a room I might add that was bigger than my first house. This was a really well attended event with at least nine Grands in attendance, besides the 7 Great Lake Grandes there was also Washington, Maryland, New Jersey, and South Carolina. It was really great to see everyone and talk about getting the Forty and Eight back into doing the things we do so well. Helping the people of our communities.

The great success of this event fell on the shoulders of Grover Spoon, his son John, and their wives, who together put on a hospitality room second to none. The room was open upon my arrival and was stocked with the normal adult beverages, two different kinds of hot dogs, smoked sausage and all the trimmings to put a smile on anybody's face. This went on until Friday when

they brought in trays and trays of fried chicken. To top that off they grilled Brats and hamburgers outside, amazing. My tip of the hat to those two voyageurs and their wives for one of the best hospitality rooms I've ever seen. Thank you all for a great time.

Our membership is slowly inching upward, but we still have 8% of our membership that are still out there. Let's take a deep breath and see if we can't get those on board the membership train. Since my last briefs a few more Grandes have hit 100% or better. We now have twelve Grands above this mark. They are: Latin America, District of Columbia, Wyoming, Alabama, France, New Mexico, Germany, Connecticut, Missouri, Utah, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. There are also eleven Grands in single digits away from making that 100% plateau. This fight is no different than what our business community is experiencing, a shortage of help. We need these members to work our programs. Make that phone call, or better yet knock on their door and ask.

I would also like to take the time to wish all of the dads out there a very Happy Father's Day. You deserve the special recognition for all that you do to make the next generation of leader's responsible adults. Thanks for all that you do.

Try to stay cool out there, but remember there is still work that needs to get done within this organization. God Bless each and every one of you and your families. Remember those away from home protecting our freedom.

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Terry Sims -Correspondant National

The profits from the Chef de Gare Club Breakfast at Promenade Nationale are applied to the 40/8er Magazine expenses. The breakfast is held on Wednesday September 15, 2021 9:30 AM -12:00 PM. These profits are a huge help toward the mailing cost of the magazine.

The Generals Club Luncheon is held on Friday September 17, 2021 11:15 AM-12:45 PM and the profits

are utilized for the Law Officer of The Year expenses for attending Promenade Nationale.

John Schenk will be helping with both Clubs. John has been a mainstay with the Past Chef de Gare Breakfast and Generals Club for many years. His expertise and organizational skills have been very successful. We also thank all of the attendees for your support for these two very important Programs.

Registrations for Promenade Nationale are flowing smoothly. The Convention Corporation in Missouri is doing a tremendous job organizing an excellent Promenade Nationale for you in beautiful Springfield, Missouri. There is an advertising form on line under Promenade Nationale if you wish to place an ad in the Program book which will help Grand du Missouri immensely.

Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



This month's highlight is the 40&8 Life Member Patch and the Paid Life Member patch. Part numbers 10LMPX and 10PLMP \$2.75. 2 1/2" patches are embroidered in Metallic Gold, Black and Blue threads. Heat Seal Backing. These items can be ordered at our emblem sales store online at <http://store.fortyandeight.org/>

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102nd Promenade Nationale

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Voiture 605 Memorial Day Program "The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier"



Voiture 1634

On behalf of Grand du Florida and Voiture 1634 we are proud and pleased to ask you to help us recognize a very special voiture militaire, with a shout out and a tip of our Chapeaus to Dave Miller. He lives and breathes many of our principles. He exemplifies one of our raison d'etre "s. He earned his invite after serving with the 5/9 marines in Vietnam.

In 2019 he was honored as the VAVS male volunteer of the year. In October of 2020 he was recognized by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. He was caring about his community. Sheriff Bob Gualtieri presented Miller with a certificate in recognition of outstanding service and dedication to his Neighborhood Watch Community. Miller was very concerned about the youth

and elderly in his community, especially with recent storms, the COVID pandemic and rising crime rates. Miller enlisted a few veterans to start patrolling the neighborhood, exchanging contact information among them, and partnering with the local Sheriff's Department to perform safety checks during the night. Miller went a step further by also setting up protocols for those who may need medical assistance or help obtaining food and supplies or even getting to stores. Congratulations, Dave Miller, we thank you for your continued service and dedication.

So lets put our hands together for a nice round of applause to Dave Miller.

By ANDREW W. NAGY
Honorary Sous Directeur VAVS



Voiture 145

Franklin, IN American Legion Post 205 invited Chef de Gare Jay A. Collars, V-145 to be Guest Speaker at their annual Memorial Day services on the Lawn of Johnson County's Courthouse,



American Legion Post 205 Honor Guard posting Colors

L to R - Post 205 Commander "Randy" Weathers, V-145 Chef de Gare Jay A Collars, Mrs. Jan Collars

Grand du France



In April, Janie Miller, Chef de Gare of the Grande du France presented a scholarship check to Miss Sierra Cardenas. Miss Cardenas works as an Emergency Room Nurse at Casa Grande, AZ Banner Hospital. The Hospital CEO, Mr. Brian Kellar, joined the ER nursing staff for the presentation.

A \$1000 check was presented on 27 May 2021 to Miss Brenda Sandoval. Ms Sandoval is a full-time student at Central Arizona College and was joined by her sister and parents at Professor Baroi's home for the presentation.

Grand du Missouri



The picture above was taken at the Grand du Missouri Spring Wreck. We conducted an active wreck. The picture is after they concluded the wreck and were officially welcomed as Voyageur Militaires. Sous Chef de Chemin de fer Frank Kronen. is featured with the picture with the new Voiture Militaires.

The event was held March 26-28, 2021 at the Oasis Hotel and Conventions Center Springfield, MO.

Building Donation Challenge Total \$190,078.46
June 2021



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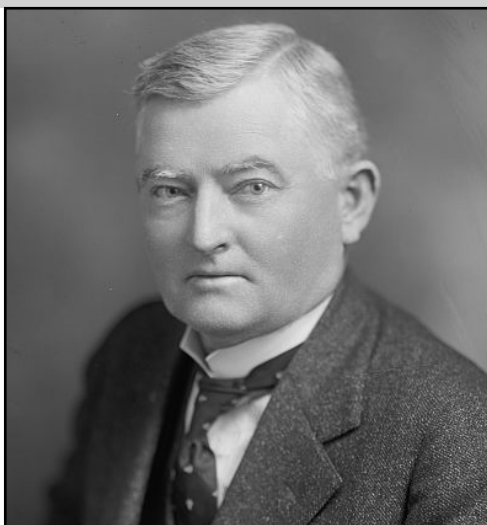
Congratulations to all the Winners of the 2021 Nurses Day Sweepstakes

1st Place \$3,000 MELVIN LEE V-481 SD	2nd Place \$1,000 OLIVER BROOKS V-158 NH
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Vice Presidential History

John Nance Garner III (November 22, 1868 – November 7, 1967), known among his contemporaries as "Cactus Jack", was an American Democratic politician and lawyer from Texas. He was the 32nd vice president of the United States, serving from 1933 to 1941. He was also the 39th speaker of the United States House of Representatives from 1931 to 1933. Garner and Schuyler Colfax are the only politicians to serve as both vice president of the United States and speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Garner began his political career as the county judge of Uvalde County, Texas. He served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1898 to 1902 and won election to represent Texas in the United States House of Representatives in 1902. He represented Texas's 15th congressional district from 1903 to 1933. Garner served as House Minority Leader from 1929 to 1931, and was elevated to Speaker of the House when Democrats



won control of the House following the 1930 elections.

Garner sought the Democratic presidential nomination in the 1932 presidential election, but he agreed to serve as Franklin D. Roosevelt's running mate at the 1932 Dem-

ocratic National Convention. Roosevelt and Garner won the 1932 election and were re-elected in 1936. A conservative Southerner, Garner opposed the sit-down strikes of the labor unions and the New Deal's deficit spending. He broke with Roosevelt in early 1937 over the issue of enlarging the Supreme Court, and helped defeat it on the grounds that it centralized too much power in the President's hands. Garner again sought the presidency in the 1940 presidential election, but Roosevelt won the party's presidential nomination at the 1940 Democratic National Convention. Roosevelt then chose Henry A. Wallace as his running mate.

Garner died on November 7, 1967, at the age of 98 years and 350 days. He is interred in Uvalde Cemetery. Garner is the longest-lived Vice President in U.S. history, a distinction which was previously held by Levi P. Morton (Benjamin Harrison's Vice President, who died in 1920 on his 96th birthday).