

Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Mike McGary - Chef de Chemin de Fer



Under normal circumstances we would be in the middle of our National Promenade and getting ready to start a new year of business for the Forty and Eight. But this year has been anything but normal. My retirement life has been put on hold for another year along with all of last year's elected National officials. I was the proudest person on earth the day I was sworn in as the Chef for the 100th year of La Société. To be the first Chef in our history to serve two terms is also a great honor although very dubious. I promise to work very hard, to make this year the best for our organization. With all of your help I know we can get this business taken care of in due form.

The list of my appointed and elected National officers is nearly completed. It will be posted on the National website approximately September 16th. There is going to be few changes due to those that have passed, health reasons, evaluations by the Directeurs, and a few that have chosen not to continue to serve in their respective capacity. With all of my appointments and their work being voluntary, everyone must realize how important these offices are for the betterment of our organization. I want to thank those that served this last year. It was definitely a year of trials and tribulations. This too can be fixed; with the added effort we didn't use last year; we can make this a very successful year.



In my opinion none of these appointments are more important than your membership team. Last year we lost one to Voiture Everlasting and two to some serious health problems. Although the rest of the team took it upon their shoulders to carry to load with some monumental effort, we still fell short on our numbers. Last month I was part of a Ritual that saw fifteen new members brought into the organization, ALL from one Locale. The prospects are out there they just need to be asked. If you're tired of doing all the work, bring in a new face or two to share the load. The new membership numbers should be coming online around the 17th of this month.

I normally try to shy away from making personal comments about situations that have come to my attention, but this one I

can't ignore. Last month I was made aware of an email sent to Nationale by a 40-year member saying he was offended by my use of the term "China" virus for COVID 19 that appeared in the last Forty & Eighter and due to that, he was not going to renew his membership. First, let me apologize to all that this affected, it was not my intent. Secondly, I put the word China in quotation marks to signify a place of origin. There was no slanderous or racist remarks intended, if some took it that way then I do apologize. Thirdly, and what is bothering me the most is that this 40-year member and I are close to the same age and probably served our country at approximately the same time. Whether it was to do our duty during Viet Nam or just defending our Bill of Rights, our Constitution, or our way of life, we did our duty. That also included our Right to Freedom of Speech. I can't believe we've become so politically correct and thin skinned that we have lost our tolerance for that Right. Listening to someone screaming at the top of their lungs something you would spend a lifetime against is one of the building blocks of this Country – Freedom of Speech. Once again, I apologize if you were offended but I'm really sorrier that your 40-year membership meant so little to you.

In closing I want to welcome all of the National officers for 2021. Together I think we can do great things for this organization this year. Good luck in your endeavors. Be safe and God Bless you all.

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Terry Sims -Correspondant National

The 102nd Promenade Nationale registration to be held in Springfield, MO is now on line and ready for you to register. Rich Heigert, Terry Lanning and the many Voyageurs in MO will be putting on a tremendous Promenade Nationale. The countryside is some of the most beautiful in our country, come and join us for a fun-filled Promenade in Central USA.

Program awards have been mailed (these awards will also be recognized on the Promenade Nationale floor in Springfield), registration monies for the 101st

Promenade Nationale have been returned, the officers 2021 will be on line shortly and the first membership report for 2021 will be posted on September 17th. This is the timeline that has been followed in the past.

We congratulate the Voyageurs of Grande du Ohio for their diligent work preparing for the 101st Promenade. They were ready to go when the virus hit us. The 103rd Promenade will be held in Greenbay, WI. The 104th Promenade Nationale will be hosted by Ohio in 2023 at the Kalhari Resort in Sandusky, OH.



A Brief Chuckle

Two goldfish are in a tank.
One looks at the other and says, "You know how to drive this thing?!"

My boss just texted me: "Send me one of your funny jokes!"
I texted him back: "I'm busy working. I'll send one later."
"That's hilarious," he said. "Send another one!"

I can't take my dog to the park because the ducks keep trying to bite him.
I guess that's what I get for buying a pure bread dog.

Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes.
That way, when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes.

National Nurses Training Program

GRAND VOITURE of the MONTH August

The Nurse Training 2021 Pin sales program has now opened and the first two months has seen great response as it continues to draw outstanding support to-date which speaks well of the pride and dedication of the Voyageurs Militaire of our "La Societe".

Many Grands have already ordered and received their 2021 Consignments and have begun to distribute them throughout their Locales. With an early jump on their efforts, this promises to shape up as another banner year for our Nurse Training Pin program.

GRAND VOITURE of the month for AUGUST ; "GRAND du OREGON"

From the NORTHWEST REGION of Sous Directeur Jim Vissers

Earned sales to-date of 175 Pins for \$525

These Voyageurs Militaire currently hold a \$ 2.63 per capita.

"MERCI" Fellow Voyageurs Militaire"

For those that have not seen our Pin yet, please review this brief history;

The 2021 Nurse Training Pin presents a beautiful design that depicts the US Navy Hospital Ship USS Comfort (AH-3) that saw dual service in WWI. Originally launched in 1906 as the SS Havana, a passenger steamer, she would be requisitioned by the War Department and assigned to the US Army to be used as a Troop Transport on May 24th, 1917 as the "USAT Havanna".

She would be then be sold to the US Navy, refitted and commissioned 18 March 1918 as USS Comfort (AH-3) hospital ship to bring home wounded from Europe.
(A more in-depth History will be forth coming)

This pin carries with it an inspiring history and should present collectors and Historians alike a special significance as gifts and keepsakes. You don't want to miss these. ! ! ! Get them early ! ! !



Voiture 145 Wreck



On August 15, 2020, Voiture Locale 145, Johnson/Marion County, formally "Wrecked" 15 PG's. Several National Officers, including Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary and Correspondant Terry Sims and National Officers Passe as well as Grand Officers, including Grand Chef de Gare Jim Maxwell were present and participated in the "Wreck."

Voiture Locale 145 appreciates and sends out a big Merci Beaucoup to Voiture Locale 967 for hosting the Formal Wreck and arranging for a great luncheon afterwards. It is extremely pleasing to see such camaraderie between Voiture Locales. This was a good example of Forty and Eighters working together for the good of the Forty and Eight.

Photo of V-145's new Voyageurs after receiving Formal Wreck.

Back Row L-R: Ralph Schuster, Jerry Logan, Roger Crum, Mike Tomes, Don Lafontaine, Brian Herbert.

Middle Row L-R: G.K. Puckett, Robert Pitts, John Dave Everett, Ed Dunham, Nat Ridge

Front Row L-R: Grande Chef de Gare, Joe Vidales, Darrell Dick, Dexter Albright, Gina Owens, Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary

Seated: Chef de Gare Jay Collars, V145.

Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



This month's highlight features a new Cotton Twill Honor Society of American Veterans Cap. It comes in 6 colors; royal blue, white, red, light blue, hunter and gold. Part number 18CT \$18.75. Specify color and it can be ordered at our emblem sales store online at - <http://store.fortyandeight.org/>

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Did you know, you can make a charitable donation to the 40&8 using your required minimum distribution (RMD)?

What are Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)?

Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) generally are minimum amounts that a retirement plan account owner must withdraw annually starting with the year that he or she reaches 72 (70 ½ if you reach 70 ½ before January 1, 2020), if still working, then the year in which he or she retires. However, if the retirement plan account is an individual retirement account (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 (70 ½ if you reach 70 ½ before January 1, 2020), regardless of whether he or she is retired.

Retirement plan participants and IRA owners, including owners of SEP IRAs and SIMPLE IRAs, are responsible for taking the correct amount of RMDs every year from their accounts and they face stiff penalties for failing to take their RMDs.

What is a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)?

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a distribution made directly by the trustee of your individual retirement arrangement (IRA), other than a SEP or SIMPLE IRA, to certain qualified organizations, like the 40&8. You must have been at least age 70½ when the distribution was made and your total QCDs for the year can't be more than \$100,000. If all the requirements are met, a QCD is nontaxable, but you can't claim a charitable contribution deduction for a QCD.

Can a Qualified Charitable Distribution satisfy my required minimum distribution from an IRA?

Yes, your qualified charitable distributions can satisfy all or part the amount of your required minimum distribution from your IRA. For example, if your required minimum distribution was \$10,000, and you made a \$5,000 qualified charitable distribution, you would have to withdraw another \$5,000 to satisfy your required minimum distribution.

Does it make sense to do a Qualified Charitable Distribution this year?

Maybe. Individuals age 70½ and older can transfer up to \$100,000 a year from traditional IRAs directly to charity. QCDs are not taxable, nor are they added to your adjusted gross income. This year, with the one-year suspension of RMDs, payouts from traditional IRAs are not required. But IRA owners can still do QCDs, and they remain nontaxable. As always, no charitable write-off can be claimed, but your 2020 QCDs would reduce your IRA balance for figuring RMDs in 2021 and beyond.

Example. Jeff, age 75, is required to take an RMD of \$7,000 in 2020. On December 23, 2020, Jeff directed the trustee of his IRA to make a distribution of \$5,000 directly to the 40&8, a qualified 501(c)(19) organization (a charitable organization eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions). Since Jeff is at least age 70½ and the distribution is made directly by the trustee to a qualified organization, the part of the distribution that would otherwise be includible in Jeff's income (\$5,000) is a QCD. In this case, Jeff has a taxable distribution of only \$2,000 (\$7,000 - \$5,000). He can't take the charitable contribution deduction for the \$5,000 portion of the distribution that wasn't included in his income.

The 40&8 depends on contributions from members like you. Anyone of our program's directors, including the Nationale's building fund, would be grateful to receive your generous donation.

See IRS Pub. 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs), for more information about QCDs at www.irs.gov.

If you have any questions contact me at ci.408.ca@gmail.com or call me at 818-288-4816. Note, if I do not recognize the phone number, I may not answer, then leave me a message.

Dan

Commissaire Intendant Nationale

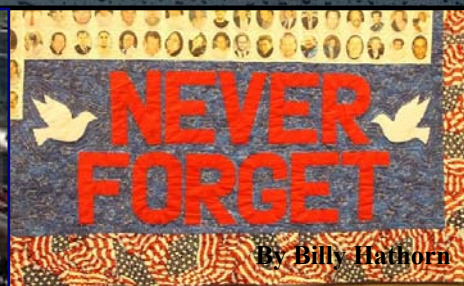
National September 11 Memorial & Museum



By Nightscream



By By Cadiomals



By Billy Hathorn



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The **National September 11 Memorial & Museum** (also known as the 9/11 Memorial & Museum) is a memorial and museum in New York City commemorating the September 11, 2001 attacks, which killed 2,977 people, and the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, which killed six. The memorial is located at the World Trade Center site, the former location of the Twin Towers that were destroyed during the September 11 attacks. It is operated by a non-profit institution whose mission is to raise funds for, program, and operate the memorial and museum at the World Trade Center site.

A memorial was planned in the immediate aftermath of the attacks and destruction of the World Trade Center for the victims and those involved in rescue and recovery operations. The winner of the World Trade Center Site Memorial Competition was Israeli-American architect Michael Arad of Handel Architects, a New York- and San Francisco-based firm. Arad worked with landscape-architecture firm Peter Walker and Partners on the design, creating a forest of swamp white oak trees with two square reflecting pools in the center marking where the Twin Towers stood. In August 2006, the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey began heavy construction on the memorial and museum. The design is consistent with the original master plan by Daniel Libeskind, which called for the memorial to be 30 feet (9.1 m) below street level—originally 70 feet (21 m)—in a plaza, and was the only finalist to disregard Libeskind's requirement that the buildings overhang the footprints of the Twin Towers. The World Trade Center Memorial Foundation was renamed the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in 2007.

Building Donation Challenge Grand Total \$186,482.89

August 2020



<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOITURE</u>	<u>GR</u>	<u>AMT</u>
VOITURE 987	987	AZ	\$ 265.00
VOITURE 865	865	IA	\$ 183.50
VOITURE 727	727	OR	\$ 130.50
VOITURE 1136	1136	NC	\$ 85.00
VOITURE 1067	1067	SC	\$ 84.50
VOITURE 880	880	FL	\$ 72.50
VOITURE 394	394	CA	\$ 59.00
VOITURE 594	594	IL	\$ 52.50
VOITURE 1481	1481	IN	\$ 39.72
VOITURE 283	283	IA	\$ 30.00
VOITURE 1618	1618	LA	\$ 27.80
VOITURE 146	146	SD	\$ 17.50
VOITURE 66	66	IA	\$ 17.00
VOITURE 1493	1493	NY	\$ 16.50
VOITURE 308	308	ME	\$ 11.50
VOITURE 1323	1323	WI	\$ 10.00
VOITURE 44	44	MN	\$ 6.00
VOITURE 1602	1602	LA	\$ 5.50
VOITURE 543	543	MA	\$ 4.50
VOITURE 761	761	NY	\$ 3.00
VOITURE 773	773	SD	\$ 3.00
VOITURE 256	256	SD	\$ 2.25
VOITURE 1387	1387	KY	\$ 1.00
VOITURE 352	352	NY	\$ 0.30

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Vice Presidential History

Adlai Ewing Stevenson; October 23, 1835 – June 14, 1914) served as the 23rd vice president of the United States from 1893 to 1897. Previously, he served as a representative from Illinois in the late 1870s and early 1880s. After his subsequent appointment as assistant postmaster general of the United States during Grover Cleveland's first administration (1885–89), he fired many Republican postal workers and replaced them with Southern Democrats. This earned him the enmity of the Republican-controlled Congress, but made him a favorite as Grover Cleveland's running mate in 1892, and he duly became vice president of the United States.

In office, he supported the free-silver lobby against the gold-standard men like Cleveland, but was praised for ruling in a dignified, non-partisan manner.

In 1900, he ran for vice president with William Jennings Bryan. In doing so, he became the fourth vice president



or former vice president to run for that post with two different presidential candidates (after George Clinton, John C. Calhoun and Thomas A. Hendricks).

After the 1900 election, Stevenson returned again to private practice in Illinois. He made one last attempt at office in a race for governor of Illinois in 1908, at age 73, narrowly losing. In 1909 he was brought in by founder Jesse Grant Chapline to aid distance learning school La Salle Extension University. After that, he retired to Bloomington, where his Republican neighbors described him as "windy but amusing." He died in Chicago, on June 14, 1914, aged 78. His body is interred in a family plot in Evergreen Cemetery, Bloomington, Illinois.

Stevenson's son, Lewis G. Stevenson, was Illinois secretary of state (1914–1917). Stevenson's grandson Adlai Ewing Stevenson II was the Democratic candidate for President of the United States in 1952 and 1956 and Governor of Illinois. His great-grandson, Adlai Ewing Stevenson III, was a U.S. senator from Illinois from 1970 to 1981 and an unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Illinois in 1982 and 1986.