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La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams



Chef de Chemin de Fer
Rick Williams

Back in Tennessee. Sorry to say New York would not let me swap weather with them, so here we are in the heat of the South. This is the weather report: good weather until October, after that it will be up to mother nature, as it always has been.

There were some things that I wanted to get done this year that did not happen, but I will continue to work to make them a reality. We have made some good progress in watching our financial situation with the help of the finance committee suggestions and watching our expenses. We have reduced our payroll expense and still have brought on an amazing staff at Voiture Nationale. We are paying our self-back for the building loan, and increasing the funds of Carville Star at the same time.

We all owe a great deal of thanks and appreciation to our own National Correspondant Terry Sims, who has proven that we do not

need a full time position at Headquarters. He is working off-site with a laptop and cell phone, and of course he is coming in and taking care of what needs to be done with the Forty and Eight. Bill Beaumont is managing the office with the knowledge and skills he has brought with him. Holly Claunch is the Executive Secretary, increasing the efficiency of the position and doing an outstanding job. Tammy Bennett handling membership with great efficiency, keeping on top of it all. Terri Taylor, welcome back and keep up the good work you are doing in emblem sales. When you visit, you are sure to realize the outstanding working relationship between them all.

I have good reason to believe that having the Sous get down to the local level has benefited the programs and information flow within the Forty and Eight. There are some problems; not everyone has an email

address or an easy way to get in contact with them. Someone in each local should have an email that could be used for contact with the Grand Correspondant. If so, this would help all of our programs and help keep us all informed.

As much as I would like to, it is just about impossible for me to congratulate each and every one of you personally on a job well done, so please take this time to pat yourself on the back for me and know that YOU are thought of and I know that you all are trying to get the programs and membership up to the top levels. I do believe that personal recognition is deserved to all that try and succeed, to encourage them to continue to work for the betterment of themselves and their goals.

Most Grandes have had or having their Grande Promenades to get ready for next year. Please do not forget to submit the Grande reports to the Directors of all that your Grande did this

last year. These reports give us a look as to how we are doing as a whole, as well as suggestions as to where we should be guiding our interest. Along with the reports we need the locale and Grand recommendations for Nationale officers and the Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Correspondant and Grand Cheminot contact information.

I want to say a personal thank you to my Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer for all of the time and hard work they have put in this year. So thank you Tom Orval, Jim Coe, and Charles Graham. You all have been an inspiration to the Membership team and Voyagers, and the finest representation of the office of Chef de Chemin de Fer.

Rick Williams
Chef de Chemin de Fer



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REMEMBERING OUR FOUNDER



Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams and National La Presidente Cheryl Jamnick pay respects to the founder of La Societe "Joseph W. Breen" at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend.

VOITURE NATIONALE OFFICERS 2019

Rick Williams	Chef de Chemin de Fer	Tennessee
Terry Sims	Correspondant National	Indiana
Chuck Graham	Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer	New York
Jim Coe	Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer	Michigan
Tom Orval	Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer	Wisconsin
Morris Giesler	Aumonier	Washington
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NURSES TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Grande du Minnesota Grand Chef de Train and Chef de Gare of Locale 754 of Pequot Lake Angela Steele presents a check to one of two Nurses Training Scholarship winners as some of the Voyageurs of Locale No. 754 look on.



RAZZBERRY ROAST & NURSES TRAINING DINNER

Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams was the guest of honor at the Lafayette Voiture Locale No. 364 Grande du Indiana Razzberry Roast and Nurses Training dinner during the weekend of May 3rd-5th. Pictures are Big Chef Rick, Voyageurs of Voiture No. 364 and all of the Nurses they sponsored this last year.



MEMBERSHIP 2019

July 18, 2019

	AREA	2018	2019	PERCENT	
ALABAMA	3	118	110	93.22%	
ALASKA	1	148	121	81.76%	
ARIZONA	1	412	409	99.27%	
ARKANSAS	1	121	118	97.52%	
CALIFORNIA	3	968	894	92.36%	
COLORADO	1	101	79	78.22%	
CONNECTICUT	2	104	110	105.77%	
DELAWARE	2	41	38	92.68%	
DIST OF COLUMBIA	2	6	6	100.00%	
FLORIDA	2	862	816	94.66%	
FRANCE	3	109	120	110.09%	
GEORGIA	3	496	439	88.51%	
GERMANY	2	80	82	102.50%	
IDAHO	3	118	91	77.12%	
ILLINOIS	2	1266	1168	92.26%	
INDIANA	1	2512	2418	96.26%	
IOWA	1	367	333	90.74%	
KANSAS	3	417	375	89.93%	
KENTUCKY	2	300	264	88.00%	
LATIN AMERICA	2	8	11	137.50%	
LOUISIANA	2	684	679	99.27%	
MAINE	2	152	136	89.47%	
MARYLAND	2	271	253	93.36%	
MASSACHUSETTS	1	153	134	87.58%	
MEXICO	3	18	5	27.78%	
MICHIGAN	2	1006	914	90.85%	
MINNESOTA	3	1079	1060	98.24%	
MISSISSIPPI	2	227	203	89.43%	
MISSOURI	3	776	730	94.07%	
MONTANA	3	79	77	94.47%	
NEBRASKA	3	394	354	89.85%	
NEVADA	1	18	19	105.56%	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	2	120	108	90.00%	
NEW JERSEY	1	154	142	92.21%	
NEW MEXICO	1	39	33	84.62%	
NEW YORK	2	884	891	100.79%	
NORTH CAROLINA	1	544	553	101.65%	
NORTH DAKOTA	3	261	237	90.80%	
OHIO	1	1321	1250	94.63%	
OKLAHOMA	3	125	106	84.80%	
OREGON	3	200	176	88.00%	
PENNSYLVANIA	3	1215	1073	88.31%	
RHODE ISLAND	2	2	2	100.00%	
SOUTH CAROLINA	2	414	370	89.37%	
SOUTH DAKOTA	1	355	350	98.59%	
TENNESSEE	2	118	104	88.14%	
TEXAS	1	272	243	89.34%	
UTAH	1	19	24	126.32%	
VERMONT	2	31	32	103.23%	
VIRGINIA	2	454	412	90.75%	
WASHINGTON	3	660	577	87.42%	
WEST VIRGINIA	2	179	171	95.53%	
WISCONSIN	3	1037	994	95.85%	
WYOMING	3	43	22	51.16%	
V2000		443	458	103.39%	
TOTALS		22301	20894	93.69%	
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AREA	2018	2019	PERCENT	
Area - 1 Jim Coe	7312	6956	95.13%	1st Place
Area- 2 Chuck Graham	7209	6770	93.91%	2nd Place
Area-3 Tom Orval	7337	6710	91.45%	3rd Place
V2000	443	458	103.39%	



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer
Jim Coe



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer
Chuck Graham



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer
Tom Orval



CHILD WELFARE

Joseph R. Donovan, National Directeur



Greetings Voyageurs: Summertime, yah! Beaches, lakes,

even mountains and deserts! Fun in the outdoors. Perhaps we are working with youth sports teams or perhaps a counselor at a youth camp! We do SO much for children; are we keeping track of those efforts? I hope so!

By the time you are reading this note, your Grande Voiture end of year Report should already have been sent to me, your National Directeur. I trust you all have received the

instructions that the Report Form should be saved on your computer and sent as an attachment to me. Apparently some browsers are in-compatible with Adobe, the Fill-in program utilized by most in the US. Thanks for all your efforts during FY 2019. Our Committee AND the children appreciate!

Now is the time to get moving with the new pins. They are in stock. PLEASE,

I don't want them gathering dust in my closet. I want to get them in YOUR hands. Consignments are \$3.00 ea with payment due April 1 of 2020. Please, minimum order of 25 pins due to shipping costs. A discount is offered for pre-payment of over one hundred pins of 25 cents each. I'd like the pleasure of meeting many of you personally in Myrtle Beach. It's always better to put a face with a

contact; this IS a BIG country.

My full contact information is below for pins and any questions. Have a great summer!

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VAVS / SVH

Ron Rolfes, National Directeur



As we begin to wrap up the 2018-2019 year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to be your Nationale Directeur. I am truly honored to serve La Societe in this capacity, as well as honored to represent our organization on the Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee

for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Next year's conference will be in San Antonio, TX. These conferences are open to everyone. This is a prime opportunity to network and learn more about Voluntary Service within the Department of Veterans Affairs. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me.

Many may be wondering where we are with regards to VAVS. I don't think that VAVS is any different from any of the other programs. Our numbers are down. I truly believe that this is a result of the age of our membership as well as the lack there-of. Membership drives the success or failure of a program or organization for that matter. With that said, I certainly would be amiss if I

didn't take this opportunity to thank those dedicated Voyageurs that are Volunteering at our VA Hospitals, Clinics and State Home Facilities. So, what can you do to help; contact your local facility and Volunteer. If La Societe is not represented on the Local VAVS Committee, then become a Representative or Deputy. We must remember as a member of La Societe, we serve community, state, and nation but most importantly we serve our Veterans. That is what the VAVS Program is all about. Serving Veterans!

You may have heard throughout the year, that there would be a VAVS Workshop at Promenade Nationale in Myrtle Beach. I can confirm that there will be a workshop (seminar) on Wednesday

September 11, 2019 starting at 10:00pm. The intention of this workshop is to provide Voyageurs and Dames information regarding the VAVS Program. I am working on getting a representative from VA to be there as well. This workshop is open to anyone wishing to attend. I encourage everyone that will be in town on Wednesday to please stop by and find out what the VAVS Program is all about!

Lastly, I'd like to thank the Box Car Association for all they do for VAVS. Without their generous contributions, the VAVS "Keep the Wheel Chairs Rolling Contest" would not exist. Last year Box Cars donated \$7,000.00. (We also received \$1000.00 from the Germany Club) I am happy to report that 23 checks were

mailed out across the country for Veterans needs at our Hospitals. The top prize went to the Louisiana State Veterans Home for the purchase of 5 Wheelchairs. The KWTC contest is simple to enter. Contact your local VA (they all have a needs list), then write a letter two hundred words or less on how these items will help our hospitalized Veterans. Make sure you give a unit cost, how many and total amount. Lastly, mail the letter to the Nat'l VAVS Directeur. So remember support Box Cars!

Lastly, to all our VAVS Grande Directeurs and Representative's and Deputies, a heartfelt thank-you for all you do for our Veterans! Hope to see you all in Myrtle Beach!

MEMBERSHIP

Joe Story, National Directeur Membership



As of the National Membership Report of July 11, La Societe is 1,468 memberships away from reaching 100%. Unfortunately, I do not see La Societe achieving this goal. I can hear it now...some are saying I am preaching gloom and doom.

Let's look at a few facts. We started the 2019 membership year needing 22,301 memberships to achieve 100%

membership. As of 7/11/2019, only 20,833 memberships have been processed. Of that number, 1,080 are new members. That means only 19,753 current Voyageurs have paid their dues for 2019. That means that we will lose 2,548 current members. That number includes 980 who have been called for duty in Voiture Everlasting. The only way to stop the decline in

membership is to invite every veteran you know to become a 40 and 8er.

As this membership year ends, I would like to thank the Sous Directeur's of Membership, Mike McGary, Red Costa, Harold Darter, Terry Chatfield, Johnny Keel, John DeMoss and Dave Hill for the effort that they put into membership this year. I would also like to thank Chef de Chemin

de Fer Rick Williams and Membership Advisor Mike Wood for their guidance and counsel during this past membership year.

If you have any questions, or comments, please feel free to call me at 715-966-0261.

Joe Story
National Directeur

BOX CAR

Frank W. Kronen, National Box Car Secretaire/Treasurer



Greetings Voyageurs Worldwide,

Most of America has just endured a period of excessive heat in most of these United States. Let us attempt to imagine if we can, those of us who were involved in this heat, that we were riding inside those Merci Box Cars. Try to imagine 40 of us Soldiers cramped

inside with our complete complement of gear, our weapons and backpacks filled to the top, our ammunition belts strapped to our hips and canteens. All these items infringing on our fellow "Dough-boys" next to us. One can only imagine the casualties from heat stroke and heat exhaustion alone. I bring this topic

up because the National Box Car Association "Shadow Train" collector series of pins has ended. This year's Box Car Pin commemorates the World War I Centennial of the Merci Box Car. It marks the 100th Anniversary of the Box Car. It has had a long and glorious history. One we as Veterans can respect and feel for

the extreme conditions OUR Veteran Brothers endured on their way to the Battle Front. In closing, if I may, I extend an invitation to all in supporting the National Box Car Association in this Commemorative year.

Frank W. Kronen
Secretaire/Treasurer National Box Car Association.

YOUTH SPORTS

Bob Kadow, National Directeur

The following are Nationale awards for Youth Sports:

The Donald E. "Bucky" Harris Trophy - Chef de Chemin De Fer 1980

Youth Sports Award to the Grand Voiture with fewer than 1,000 members having the greatest participation in Youth Sports program as of the year just ended.

The E.A. "Andy" Buchta Trophy - Chef de Chemin de Fer 1981

Youth Sports Award to the

Grand Voiture in excess of 2,000 members having the greatest participation in the Youth Sports program as of the year just ended.

The Michael S. Wood Trophy - Chef de Chemin de Fer 2015

Youth Sports Award to the Grand Voiture in excess of 1,000 members and less than 2,000 members having the Greatest participation in the Youth Sports program as of the year just ended.

The A.C. "Scottie" Scott Trophy- Chef de Chemin de

Fer 1983

Youth Sports Award to the Voiture Locale demonstrating the Greatest participation in the Youth Sports program as of the year just ended.

Our purpose is to assist in amateur sports programs for youth ages 7 through 20 years of age. In doing so we keep faith with the words of Our Preamble:

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purpose: To create a charitable and

non-profit veterans organization; to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to assist and promote the welfare and well being of those who have served are now serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and their widows, widowers and orphans; to participate in all memorial services for and to be present at the funerals of departed comrades; to take part in and encourage others to participate in proper observance of

all days honoring veterans; to preserve the memories of our Service in the Armed Forces of our Country; to actively participate within our membership in projects relating to the welfare of the children of America and selected charitable endeavors.

Special thanks to Bill Simpson and Bill Stroud for their input for this article

Bob Kadow
National Directeur

“AND NOW THE END IS NEAR,” BUT “WE’VE ONLY JUST BEGUN”

Tom Adams, National Directeur Carville Star



The above headline includes lyrics of two songs - “My way” song by Paul Anka, Frank Sinatra, and Elvis; and “We’ve only just begun” sung by the Carpenters. By the time you read this, our Carville Star Committee incumbents will near the end of a year of service to the Carville Star Program and La Societé. While I recognize “pride” can have negative connotations, I believe our Committee can justly take pride in our accomplishments for the year. The mission of the

Carville Star Program is three-fold: 1) To publish and distribute The Star; 2) To support the Carville Historic District; and 3) To support the National Hansen’s Disease Museum. Thanks to the diligence of an active Committee, support from Nationale and your generous contributions, it can be proudly professed that we fulfilled our mission!

The Star is alive and well! I hope you had a chance to read the latest issue. It provides a great history of veterans organizations at Carville, with emphasis on La Societé. The editorial board is committed to timely production and distribution of The Star. Please promote Star subscriptions!

We have funded the addition of interpretive signs (landscape panels) along the Historic District tour route. (As Carville tourists listen to recorded messages at a tour stop, the panels will provide a visual explanation of the stop.) We completed a cemetery project, and are now raising funds for a special project to renovate the Daughters of Charity plot at the cemetery



Chef Williams explains “sometimes you gotta take one for the Program”

(see the Spring 2019 Forty and Eighter for details).

We have funded a visitor brochure for the Carville museum (The National Hansen’s Disease Museum). The brochure recognizes La Societé as its benefactor and includes our website. To complement the 40&8 displays that are located in the museum, we also funded a 40&8 brochure for museum visitors. These brochures cover our history, the seven programs of La Societé, and membership eligibility requirements.

Our Committee members look forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach. Please be sure that Locales and Grands are represented at our Committee meeting there. We need your input and endorsement of our Program’s efforts.

We believe that “We’ve Only Just Begun” to fund and execute good works in keeping with our Program’s mission. We look forward to another successful year. Buy our pin and keep the donations coming!



Backside of visitor brochure with map of Historic District and 40&8 Information

BOTTLE CAPS FOR VETERANS

Voiture Locale No. 364 of Lafayette, IN started a project six years where they donate all of their plastic bottle caps. A program in Indiana ABC which is benches for caps. Their first order was for 6,000 pounds for twelve six foot benches which was donated to a Veterans Home. Picnic tables and benches have been brought back and donated to various places throughout Lafayette. This project has become so popular that the Voiture is now receiving caps from the local VFW, American Legion, Navy club, Disabled American Veterans, etc. Cindy Troxell who is a Dame and coordinator of the program and Locale Chef de Gare Brad Young assists in the program.



10,000 pounds of plastic bottle caps.



Veterans enjoying the plastic picnic tables.

THE MAN IN THE ARENA

Mike Wood



When you are agreeing or disagreeing with a subject, you should have some experience in that matter to intelligently express an opinion of approval or defeat. We have many Voyageurs and Dames who will either approve or disapprove of a matter without full knowledge or any experience in the matter, many times based on a “buddy system” of

information. They rely completely on what they are told by others and that is sometimes inaccurate. So with Promenade & Rendezvous Nationale coming in September there maybe issues that will be discussed or even voted on. Make sure your vote counts for the good of La Societé and you have cast that vote with the firm knowledge that your reasoning is credible and accurate, not just on hearsay. It takes courage sometimes to go for or against your friends and peers, but only you can show that courage. Remember it takes courage to stand up and speak! It also takes courage to sit down and listen. Courage according to Aristotle is the finest of all virtues. It is so because without courage, none of the other virtues would be possible. This is a statement that I believe few would disagree with, but it is immensely

difficult to put into practice. Teddy Roosevelt wrote the following passage and I think it applies to what I am trying to say;

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or when the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes up short again and again, but there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who is at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place

shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory or defeat.”

Roosevelt believed that a man should not be judged by what he has achieved, but what he did to make the process (La Societé) a success and that’s what really mattered. Courage is the virtue that makes Voyageurs and Dames try and do the right things for the greater good of all, setting aside any personal issues that interfere with that process. We unfortunately don’t practice this virtue as much anymore. Courage requires personal sacrifice and sometimes criticism from our peers. It demands that you take the risk of failing. It calls for you to have skin in the game. It is far easier to sit on the sidelines and criticize and sneer at those who have the audacity to follow a leap of faith and live with it. But there is no meaning

or self-fulfillment in this! No honor or award has ever been bestowed on those that are critics and do-nothings.

If you want to win, you have to show up with the facts and leave no doubt on the process you are supporting or defending, and make yourself vulnerable to all that involves. Never raise your voice to make a point. Raise your facts and reasoning.

You may make your friend angry but inside you have the satisfaction that you did the right thing in your research. It was said by Churchill, “Show me a man with no enemies and I’ll show you a man that has never taken a stand.” **For the Good of La Societé You Have To Be The Man In The Arena.**

Yours in Service,
Mike Wood

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND IN ARLINGTON

Many Voyageurs and Dames from all over La Societe were on hand for the Memorial Day weekend in Washington D. C. and Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial Day Weekend Chairman Dick George is retiring from said position after twelve years. Bob Kaseman will once again take over Chairing this very prestigious event.



Big Chef Rick receiving a special award from Angie Anderson and the Grande du Virginia Memorial Day Committee.



La Femme Presidente Cheryl Jammick and National Sous Presidente's Sue Morgan, Janet Walsh, Laura Blue and Penny Haigler in front of the Springfield American Legion Sunday evening after the banquet.



Chef de Chemin de Fer Williams and Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer's Graham, Coe and Orval present the 40 et 8 Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown's (Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier)



At the Amphitheatre before Vice President Pence speech.



National Presidente Cheryl and her four Sous Presidente's presenting the Cabane Wreath.



Joe Jammick and Dave Hill presenting the Wreath from the U. S. Navy. You guessed it; the U. S. Navy forgot to show up!



Big Chef Rick and his Sous paying respects at General John J. (Blackjack) Pershing's grave with Dave Hill, Randy Page and members of the National Cabane Flag Bearers.



VAVS CONN. BLIND UNIT BINGO

During "Salute the Hospitalized Veterans Week," 5 Connecticut voyageurs helped at the Bingo on Saturday afternoon, Feb 9, 2019. There were 20 blind unit veterans who attended. 1300-1430. Gave out Oranges, Bananas and water. Each winner received a \$1 Patriotic Bucks. The Grand bought 50. Total cost for bingo and refreshments was \$62.20.

Left to right: Grand Commis Voyageur: Eileen Richard V128, Grand Lampiste: Dana Murphy V328 & Grand Chef Passe, Wayne Morgan V328, Grand Chef Passe Bingo organizer & Caller, Grand Commissaire Indentent Roger Anderson V370, Grand Correspondant & VAVS Rep Frazier Brinley V128 & Grand Chef Passe. Wives assisting, not in picture: Joyce Brinley & Ruth Morgan both members of the 8/40

SCENES FROM THE GREAT LAKES



Where did "Murph" get those finger ears from?



Some of the many Voyageurs and Dames in attendance from Ohio.



Chuck Ellis proving he is taller than his picture in the program booklet.



Indiana Grand Chef Sam Queen helping out Frank Kronen at the door!



The Grande du Pennsylvania at the Saturday evening banquet.

PAST CHEF SILVER KEY & PAST LA PRESIDENTE'S

Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Jim Coe

On May 4th, my wife and I attended the annual Past Chef, Silver Key & Past La Presidente's program at my Voiture (V-946, Lansing MI). We believe this is the only program of its kind in La Societe. That being said, I am sharing with the masses in hopes that you may be interested in starting a similar program. It easily could be used as a recruiting/retention tool. So, here we go. This program has been around

our Voiture for many years. As stated, it honors Past Chefs de Gare, Silver Key Ladies (widows of deceased Voyageurs) and Past La Presidente's. The program is held at our Chateau in late April or early May. Invitations are sent out with requested RSVPs. We routinely have 80-90 honorees and guests. There is a catered dinner for honorees and one guest. Additional guests pay a nominal fee, just enough

to cover the dinner. The honorees are given a corsage or boutonniere. They are also presented a small gift to show our appreciation. The Chef de Gare is always the host. The program is funded from monies derived from a Champagne Breakfast held in early December. This program is also well attended and covers expenses. Back in my days in the barrel (1994 & 98) my wallet covered the expense.

We also have a fantastic group of students who are National Honor Society members from a local high school who do serving for us at our special functions. Just before school lets out, we have a pizza party for them to show our appreciation. There is a short program after the dinner. This year, we were pleased to have our own Nationale La Presidente Cheryl Jannick, along with her husband Past Chef de

Chemin de Fer Joe, in attendance. After a few kind words and a couple of giggles, we retired for group pictures and camaraderie. I know the program, as it is, won't work for everyone, but you can design it to fit your needs. Why not give it a try? If you have questions, or need a little help getting started, don't hesitate to contact me. Email is best, but I do take calls.



100th Promenade Nationale Myrtle Beach, SC September 10-14, 2019

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Early Bird Party: OUTSIDE LIVE OAKS

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration: EXHIBIT HALL
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. First Aid: ROOM # 163
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. C. Frank Martin Memorial Walk – UNDERNEATH LOBBY
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Boxcar Hobos/Business Meeting: DUNES
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Finance/Directeurs: BOARDROOM LOBBY
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Color Guard Competition: ATLANTIC (ALL)
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Committee on Committees: CONFERENCE ROOM
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Past Chef's Club Breakfast: SPRINGS F, G, H
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Children's Party: DUNES
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. VAVS Seminar: SPRINGS A, B, C
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Resolutions/Constitution: SPRINGS A, B, C
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cheminot Nationaux 2019: ATLANTIC (ALL)
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Attitude Adjustment (pre-Germany Party): DUNES
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Germany Party: DUNES

Thursday, September 12, 2019

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration: EXHIBIT HALL
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. First Aid: ROOM #163
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Finance Committee/Directeurs: BOARDROOM LOBBY
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Committee on Committees: CONFERENCE ROOM
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. General Session/Memorial: ATLANTIC (ALL)

PROMENADE NATIONALE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. 1. Child Welfare: SPRINGS A, B, C
2. Box Car Assoc: SPRINGS F, G, H
3. Membership: SPRINGS D, E
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 1. Finance Meeting: BOARDROOM LOBBY
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. 1. VAVS Meeting: SPRINGS D, E
2. Carville Star: SPRINGS F, G, H
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. 1. Time & Place: SPRINGS A, B, C
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. 1. Public Relations: SPRINGS D, E
2. Historien Meeting: SPRINGS F, G, H
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. 1. Special Awards: SPRINGS A, B, C
2. Youth Sports: SPRINGS D, E
3. Nurses Training: SPRINGS F, G, H
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. 1. Americanism: SPRINGS A, B, C
2. Ritual Meeting: SPRINGS D, E
3. POW/MIA Meeting: SPRINGS F, G, H
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 1. Finance Meeting: SPRINGS A, B, C
2. Rules / Credentials Meeting: SPRINGS D, E
3. Voiture Activities: SPRINGS F, G, H
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. OPENING SESSION/MEMORIAL – ATLANTIC (ALL)
Call to order: Chef de Chemin de Fer: Rick Williams
Opening Ceremony – Advance of Colors
Memorial Service Morris Giesler, Aumonier National
Greetings by Bill Simpson, Conducteur National
Introduction of Distinguished Guests by Bill Simpson
>Response from Guest
Response by Chef de Chemin de Fer, Rick Williams
Recess

Friday September 13, 2019

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration: EXHIBIT HALL
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. First Aid: ROOM #163
8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. General Session I: ATLANTIC (ALL)
Call to Order; Chef de Chemin de Fer: Rick Williams
Reading of the Promenade National Call By Correspondant National, Terry Sims
Introduction of National Officers and Chefs de Chemin de Fer Passé

REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Chef de Chemin de Fer: Rick Williams
Commissaire Intendant National: Dan Dumas
Historien National: Joe Kurtyka
Correspondant National: Terry Sims

REPORTS OF TRUST CHAIRMEN

C. W. Ardery Child Welfare Trust: Don Emley
George B. Boland Nurses Training Trust: John Digilio, Jr.
Trophies: Terry Bigham
Wm. Joe Jammick - Chef de Chemin de Fer 2004 Award
Silas Noel - Chef de Chemin de Fer 2001 Award

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Resolution Meeting: National Avocat, Mike Wood
2. Rules & Order: TBA, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer
3. Finance: Dan Dumas
4. Child Welfare: Directeur, Joe Donovan
Trophies: John T. Digilio, Jr. Award
Carl Nielson Award
Charles W Ardery Jr, Award
5. VAVS: Directeur, Ron Rolfs

6. POW/MIA: Directeur, Steve Siegers
7. Carville Star: Directeur, Tom Adams
Awards
8. Credentials: TBA, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer
9. Constitution: Avocat National, Mike Wood
10. C. Frank Martin Memorial Walk
Recess for Lunch
Generals Club Brunch: DUNES
GENERAL SESSION II: ATLANTIC (ALL)
RECONVENE SESSION:

Call to Order – Rick Williams, Chef de Chemin de Fer
Directeur of Special Awards, Greg Hall
City of the Year
Voyageur of the Year
Presentation of the Hero of the Year and
Law Officer of the Year Awards
Trophies: Irvin M "Hal" Halpern Award
William P Lyons Award

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Youth Sports: Directeur: Bob Kadow
Trophies: Donald K "Bucky" Harris Award
E.A. "Andy" Buchta Award
Michael Wood Award
A. C. "Scottie" Scott Award
2. Nurses Training: Directeur, Ernest Lane
Trophies: Voiture 510 Award
J. Earl Simpson Award
Michael R. Verville Award
3. Voiture Activities: Directeur, Joe Dolwig
Trophies: Doyle Webb Award
C. James Littorin Award
David B. Oliver Award
4. Americanism: Directeur, Dan Evers
Trophies: Paul J. Sorrentino Award
J. Frank Baker Award
Paul L. Landry Award
5. Public Relations: Directeur, Robert Cearlock
Trophies: John E. Kilgus Award
Thomas William Fay Jr. Award
Art McDowell Award
John W. Emerson Award
Robert Kaseman Award
LaVerne Eccleston Award
Don Collins Award
6. Ritual: Directeur, Steve Bradley
Trophies: Sam Friedman Award
Joel Bunch Award
7. Time & Place: Chairman, John Aldecoa
8. Box Car Association: Directeur: Jim Maxwell
9. Membership: Directeur: Joe Story
Presentation of Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Plaques
Membership Awards
10. New Business
11. Announcements
Benediction; Aumonier Morris Giesler

6:00 p.m. Promenade Nationale Attitude Adjustment Hour: APRINGS (ALL)

7:00 p.m. Promenade Nationale Banquet: SPRINGS (ALL)

Saturday, September 14, 2019

First Aid: ROOM #163
Closing Session: ATLANTIC (ALL)
CLOSING SESSION: ATLANTIC (ALL)
Call to Order by, Chef de Chemin de Fer, Rick Williams

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Historien: Joe Kurtyka
Trophies: Ralph Stovall Award
2. Box Car Round-Up Prizes, Supplementary (if any)
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
1. Chef de Chemin de Fer
2. Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer (4)
3. Commissaire Intendant National
4. Gardes de La Porte Nationaux (2)
5. Historien National
6. Drapeau National

Recess

Installation of Officers:

Benediction

Closing Ceremony – Retirement of Colors

Adjournment

Meeting of the Cheminot Nationaux 2020

Immediately following the close of the 2019 Promenade Nationale



NURSES TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

Grande du Indiana Voiture Locale No. 642 presented Paige Skinner with her Nurses Training Scholarship. Paige is a student at the Indiana University School of Nursing in Fort Wayne.

She was presented her scholarship in April in Rome City. L to R: Voyageur Carl Grove, Paige Skinner and National Drapeau Randy Page.



GREAT LAKES PROMENADE

Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams was the Guest of Honor for the 59th annual Great Lakes Promenade in Akron Ohio held on June 6th – 8th. He is pictured here with the Grand Chef de Gares from the Great Lakes region. L to R: Mike Vance – Illinois, Ted Ganda – Ohio, Clayton Pickens – Pennsylvania, Sam Queen – Indiana, Chef de Chemin de Fer Williams, Robert Bialecki – Michigan, Charles Ellis – New York and Joe Story – Wisconsin.

SPECIAL AWARDS WINNERS

Greg Hall, National Directeur



What a year for Special Awards Nationale. We started out with six Sous Directeur's and ended up with four that did an outstanding job when tasked with an additional load and I can't thank them enough. Sous James Carpenter—City/Town of the Year, Dale Oatman — Law Officer of the

Year, Ron Pfalzgraf —Hero of the Year and D.R. Richards—Voyageur of the Year. Each and every one of these Voyageurs accepted the challenge and completed it in an outstanding manner.

The Special Award recipients for this year are as follow:

The City of the Year was awarded to Harker Heights, Texas which is a Purple-Heart City and the only one in the State with this distinction. It is located just five miles from Ft. Hood and is very involved in service for Veterans. The City has a high percentage of Veterans employed in leadership positions within the Fire and Police Departments as well as civic employees.

The Voyager of the Year award recipient is David VanBlaricom who hails from Panama City, FL and is a member of V-1606. Part of the write up on David states:

"After the devastation of hurricane Michael there were several individuals that rose to the community's needs and demonstrated the true nature of compassion to their friends, neighbors, family and strangers. Such an individual was exemplified by our fellow voyageur David VanBlaricom who without concern of his personal needs and losses to his home and displacement of a place to live, immediately evaluated the situation the community was in and began structuring a plan to help others with their needs. Over a two month period he served over 170 meals and fed well over 50 individuals." This was in addition to continuing to hold a full time position with Tyndall AFB.

The Hero of the Year was awarded to Marcia Scott of DeKalb, IL. Marcia and her husband Roger have been foster parents over the past

several years, fostering 46 children and adopting seven of them in addition to raising three of their own children. Roger is 72 years young and Marcia is 70. They are still hosting four children ranging from age 7 to 20 years old. Several of the children have had special needs over the years and two of the current foster children are of special need. Marcia has been doing this since 1986 and has handled the challenges of regular school, home schooling, medical appointment and therapy.

The officer nominated to receive the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award is Doug P. Smith, a member of the Caddo Parrish Sheriff's Office. Det. Smith began his career with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office in May of 2002 age eight year of service with the U.S Army. Over the past 16 years, Det. Smith had handled many jobs and positions. He

was a Field Training Officer but for the past eight years he has worked as a detective in Financial Crimes and most recently was selected to operate his department's new Cyber Crimes Unit. In 2016, Doug was recruited and commissioned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate financial and cyber crimes on a federal task force. Immediately, Det. Smith investigated a \$200 million case that resulted in an indictment. Over the last year, he investigated 79 cases that resulted in 64 felony arrests and over three-quarters of a million dollars in recovered money that was returned to victims.

Congratulations to our selectee's and a big thank you to those Voyageurs who took time out of their schedules to complete the paperwork necessary to fulfill the requirements required.



V-605 HONORABLE FLAG RETIREMENT AND DISPOSAL CEREMONY JULY 8TH

On July 8th, members of V-605, Grande du Texas, El Paso honorably retired from service 600+ flags from the community. The Locale was assisted by Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 58. Grand Chef de Gare du Texas, Renny Keagle conducted an opening prayer honoring each flags service and the group carried out their task with dignity and respect. Several large flags (1500 sq. feet) were retired by first having their blue fields removed. The task required about 3 hours and resulted in singed arms and legs from the heat and flames, but no injuries, ending the project with smiles and pride.



YOUTH SPORTS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

These are uniforms provided for the Fulton County Braves Little League Team, acquired by Cabane 217 with funds donated by Voiture 217, Grand du Georgia. A great example of teamwork between Voyageurs & Dames with the kids being the big winners. Notice the 40 & 8 emblem patches on the uniforms right sleeve.



FROM THE NATIONALE PRESIDENTE



Cheryl Jamnick, Nationale Presidente



Greetings,
 April 26th found Joe and I in Jacksonville Beach, Florida for the Southland Dixie Promenade. Wanda Hunter and D.R. Richards made sure we had comfortable accommodations, snacks and beverages in our room. The weekend consisted of a lot of Southern Hospitality, and several games of Mexican Train Dominoes. Thank you Southland Dixie for an enjoyable weekend and some excellent sunny weather. Now we head back home to the rainy cool Spring weather in Michigan.

On May 4th Joe and I were guests at the Lansing 946 Silver Keys dinner. This dinner is an annual event to present the widows of 946 Voyageurs with a symbolic Silver Key to the Chateau. The key represents an open invitation to the 946 Chateau and events. Three widows were presented with a silver key this year. They were joined by eleven widows from the previous years. Each of the Silver Key ladies were presented with a gift. One of the Silver Key ladies thanked 946 for hosting this event each year and stated that she looks forward to the annual dinner which is the highlight of her year. The 946 Voiture and Cabane also recognized the Chef de Gare Passes and La-Présidente Passes with a gift. I was very honored to be invited to the Silver Keys dinner and to be the guest speaker. This is just another example of our awesome LaSociete family at work. Thank you 946 and congratulations on yet another job well done.

On May 11th Joe and I returned to Lansing 946 for the annual Mother's Day Wreck. The afternoon was filled with an excellent luncheon and some exciting card bingo. If you are from Michigan you know how exciting this game really is Not! However, the bingo prizes were excellent! Thank you Cabane 946 for your hospitality.

May 16th found us back on the road to South Carolina for the Goose Creek Gator Wreck. The wreck this year was dedicated to Ralph Lange who passed away last year. In his younger days Ralph was usually the life of the party - very close by were Jerry Anderson Sr and William Simpson - and somewhere, always in the background, was our own Carol Austin. Thursday evening and Friday were spent socializing with our La Societe family. We did manage to squeeze in a shopping trip which meant that I saved Joe more money from the fantastic items that I found on sale.

We also played a few games of Mexican Train Dominoes. Don Carr supplied the crown for the winners to wear. Since this was the Gator Wreck we had a big stuffed green alligator hat with bling. This made for some very funny photos. On Friday evening we were transported to the Legion Post for dinner and the PG trials. There were only two PG's but they seemed to have a lot of fun and were great sports. After the PGs received their traditional "pie in the face", candidate for Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary took a pie and raised \$156 which he donated to my special project - Box Car! I even got to put a pie in his face BUT I was very gentle. Thank you Mike for your donation to my special project! On Saturday morning William Simpson offered up his 7 passenger SUV to driver Michele DeJonghe-Hill so she could take a few of us to see the Angel Oak on Johns Island. If you have never seen this beautiful 300-400-year-old tree you need to put it on your bucket list. This type of Oak lives for up to 900 years. After our visit to Angel Oak we were off to lunch at a restaurant on the water called California Dreamin'. I think that's the name of it because while sitting there eating your lunch you can dream of owning one of the yachts that are harbored there. They also have the BEST honey croissants and snow crab soup ever! Now when I mentioned that William let us use his 7 passenger SUV I didn't mention that there were 10 of us in that 7 passenger SUV. We were stacked like cord wood in the two back seats. As long as the doors were closed we were okay, there was no need for seat belts! HOWEVER, when the back door on the driver's side opened I slid right off that leather seat and out I came! Once back at the hotel we had a little time to socialize in the hospitality room before we had to dress for the banquet. The banquet was held at the Goose Creek Legion Post and was very well attended. The table decorations were beautiful and the food was delicious. Thank you Goose Creek for a very enjoyable and memorable weekend.

May 25th found us traveling to Washington DC for the Memorial Day celebration. We spent Friday night in Breezewood, PA to avoid getting caught in the Friday afternoon DC traffic. Then it was on to Lorton, VA Saturday morning. The Virginia Grand Chef Randy took a few of us to a local Greek/Italian restaurant Saturday evening for dinner. Sunday at 12:30 PM Chef Rick and I, along with 30 others, boarded the bus for Arlington to lay wreaths at the graves of Joseph Breen, John J. Pershing and Sgt. Edward F. Younger. We were successful in laying all of the wreaths before the rain showers started on the way back to the hotel. The Sunday night banquet was held at a beautiful Legion Post just a few miles from the hotel. The dinner was excellent and after dinner I was presented with a beautiful plaque from

the Memorial Day Committee. I also receive a check from the Dames of Grande de Virginia for \$500 for my special project - Box Car.

At 7:30 AM Monday morning we were on the bus headed to Arlington for the Memorial Day festivities. Rich, Joe and I had seats in Box 36. The seats were excellent and we were in shade all day. Before Vice President Pence arrived at the cemetery Rick and I were escorted to the front of the amphitheater along with the other VIPs to watch VP Pence lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Before he arrived the honor guard for five branches of the service marched up the steps at the back of the Tomb, then a band came in from our right and the color guard came in from our left. I have never seen anything more impressive. The cannons sounded signaling the arrival of the Vice President. He laid the wreath and came up the steps beside Rick and I into the amphitheater to deliver his speech. When the program was over Rick, Joe and I made our way out of the amphitheater and over to where our wreaths were located. Our position this year was 34th and 35th, about the middle of the presenters. While Rick and I were awaiting our turn to place our wreaths, Joe and Dave Hill were asked to place a wreath for the Navy veterans. Once the line started moving, before we knew it, it was our turn... Sous Presidente's Sue Morgan, Penny Haigler, Laura Blue and Janet Walsh joined me in taking that walk on hallowed ground to place the LaFemme wreath. A walk not everyone has an opportunity to make. What an extraordinary honor! Then it was back to the bus for the ride back to the hotel. We were very fortunate to have PERFECT weather for our Awesome day! After dinner and a few more games of Mexican Train Dominoes it was off to bed - the end of another memorable weekend. Joe, Angie, Rick and I even made the news on several stations. THANK YOU Dick, Angie, Randy, Linda and everyone else that worked so hard to make this a perfect Memorial Day celebration.

June found Joe and I traveling to Fairlawn, Ohio on Thursday June 6th to attend the Great Lakes Promenade. After we got settled we went to the hospitality room to visit with the other early birds. The accommodations at the Holiday Inn Fairlawn were amazing but I can't say the same for the restaurant. The hotel had a personnel issue resulting in such a delay in service of the food and drink that some didn't get their dinner until everyone else had finished their meal. The bartender even had difficulty matching the food and drinks to the customers. In the end we did get settled up with her and we made plans NOT to eat there again. I must say I did get my meal in a timely manner and it was really good.

Because the Great Lakes Promenade is not a LaFemme function I had no official



duties and was free to explore. On Friday Mike McGary "volunteered" to be the designated driver for Peggy, Joyce Low, Michele-De-Hill and I on an adventure to a local winery. With the help of Google Maps Mike was directed by Peggy around a detour and to the winery. The winery was in a beautiful area. With rolling hills, vineyards, trees and a few goats. This adventure gave me another opportunity to have wine for breakfast with a side of potato chips. I must say I actually prefer chips to the oyster crackers I had in Tennessee. After a few tastings we bought our wine. The winery had a beautiful patio overlooking the vineyards, and the goats, where we were allowed to take our open bottles and enjoy the beautiful rain free morning. Our DD Mike settled for water. After a nice visit we corked up our wine and started off on our next adventure - to find an "Irish Pub". Once again Peggy and Google Maps were directing our DD Mike, at least until she received a phone call and lost Google. To the rescue, I took over with my cell phone Google map and we continued on. When Peggy got off the phone she resumed her Google instructions. NOW we had a problem - each phone had different directions to our Irish Pub. So Mike is listening to two Google instructions - plus directions from Peggy and I. Needless to say Mike was reconsidering his offer to be the DD. We did finally arrive at the Irish Pub, which was right across the street from our hotel, where we found out that there were five pubs in the area with the same name - thus our conflicting Google directions. After a short visit to the pub for a drink and snacks (Mike still the DD with coffee) we returned to the hotel. Thanks Mike for the excellent "UBER" ride!

Friday evening Chef Rick, myself and twelve others carpooled to Lone Star Restaurant for an excellent dinner. When we arrived back at the hotel full of dinner and tired from an extended stay in the hospitality room Thursday evening Joe and I retired early. Saturday, while the Voyageurs were busy Peggy, Michele, Lori Coe and I were off on another winery adventure. On our way we stopped at one of my favorite stores "Hobby Lobby" to do our part in supporting the Ohio economy. Another chance to save Joe some money! Then we

were off to find the winery. This winery/restaurant was on the edge of town and was an upscale (expensive) winery where you had to pay to "taste". After choosing what we wanted to drink we did sit for a while and enjoy the beautiful morning on their patio. We thought about getting dessert only to find out if we got a scoop of ice cream with our \$6.50 slice of cake or pie it would be an additional \$4.50. SO, when we finished our wine we drove to an ice cream shop (right next to our Irish Pub) for some not so expensive ice cream. After a quick trip to the Old Navy store we returned to the Hotel for some Mexican Train Domino games. We had some new players join the MTD Crown Hall of Fame - welcome Jim Coe, Jim Scott, Kathy Kaseman and Dave Hill. The banquet Saturday evening was very well attended. The hotel must have solved their personnel issues because the meal was excellent. There were several drawings after dinner. Some raffle prizes along with gifts provided by each Great Lake Grand Chef. I was fortunate enough to win a gift bag provided by Ted Ganda - Grand Chef from Ohio.

Thank you to the Ohio Dames for inviting me to attend the Great Lakes Promenade. Thank you to the Ohio Voyageurs and Dames for the excellent hospitality room and the opportunity to spend quality time with our La Societe family. The Great Lakes trip to Ohio was my only scheduled visit in June but watch out, there are five weekends in a row coming up when I will be attending Grande Rendezvous for New York, Indiana, Oregon, Wisconsin and last but not least my home Grande of Michigan.

What an awesome and rewarding adventure this has been. I'm looking forward to my next five visits and then on to Myrtle Beach. Until then, still livin' the dream,

Cheryl Jamnick
La Presidente Nationale 2019



MEMBERSHIP

Michele DeJonghe-Hill



I was asked recently, "What program would I choose to talk about?" I thought, "This is kind of a loaded question". First, they all are worthy of an article and the many hours

that we spend working them. Second, If we don't first work on Membership, how will we work on them? The first one that's near and dear to me is Youth Sports. My daughter played High School & College Softball and if it wasn't for the help from the Voiture and Dames, she would have never made it to the Collegiate level. It's a great joy to watch a child play a sport that they love and enjoy.

In my travels, I have also enjoyed talking about Nurses Training. Thanks to Grande de Michigan, one of my cousins received a scholarship to Eastern Michigan Nurses Program and another teammate of my

daughters also received help from the Locale to go to Michigan State University's Nursing Program

But I guess the most FUN Program is Boxcar, where else can you dress up like a clown or hobo, have a kid's party, and still teach our youth about Americanism?

As a Dame in Cabane 1067 Goose Creek, the Voiture and anyone else that would like to go to the VA hospital in Charleston. We do sugar-free cookies, bananas, apples and some diet soda. It's a wonderful feeling going to visit the patients. Just talking to them and making sure they know that they aren't forgotten

means much to them. Last year at the Great Lakes Promenade, a few of us didn't have much to do, so we bagged up some cookies and made a visit to the Old Soldiers Home in Lafayette, Indiana. It was a sobering but yet heartwarming visit.

And there are still programs yet to talk about, Child Welfare, Carville Star, and POW/MIA. All these Programs are why we need to work on our Membership. How do we support all of these great Programs without New Members and get our delinquent Members to renew? Do you remember why you joined? Did someone talk to you about

these Programs and that was something you knew you could support?

We are in a rough spot right now with Membership; we all need to do a better job of showing what the Cabane does. We also need to get out there and do a better job showing that we support our Veterans and will continue to Support them in all they do.

Hope to see everyone in Myrtle Beach this Sept.

En Service,
Michele DeJonghe-Hill



100 PROMENADE NATIONALE IN MYRTLE BEACH, SC

September 10th, 2019 - September 14th, 2019



Just a quick note to all the Voyageurs & Dames that have

registered for the 100th Promenade Nationale & 56th Rendezvous Nationale. Wanted to let y'all know that we are all set and just waiting for y'all to show up!

Check on the website under the "Promenade Nationale" tab around Labor Day and we will be posting a phone # for all of you who are flying in to call and we'll come pick you up at the airport & take you back when you head home.

There will also be a few hospitality rooms going on thru the week for you to sit & relax in. All the information of where & when will be in your

welcome packets.

Registration has now ended, and for those who did not register, unfortunately you are going to miss a Great Time and a huge part of La Société's History. The representation from Grande du South Carolina will do everything we can to make sure all of you enjoy your week here at the beach.

For those of you who are staying Saturday evening, we are planning a trip to Barefoot Landing, which not only has plenty of shops, but also has wine & moonshine tastings along with restaurants for dinner. The Alabama Theater



is right there at the Landing and we will be getting ahold of all of you to see if you are interested in going so we can get group pricing, transportation, etc.

We'll see you in a few weeks

at Myrtle Beach!

Dave Hill
President
100th Promenade Nationale Corporation




Voiture and Cabane 567
Keeping tradition alive with their ACTIVE Wreck!
October 11th and 12th, 2019.
Grande Petite Cheminot will be held **Saturday at 1430hrs.**

Lodging \$99 per night at: Quality Inn Midtown, 7100 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31406
Phone: (912) 352-7100
State that you are with the "Forty and Eight".
Deadline 1 Oct 19

Registration fee is \$60 each and includes Banquet, Hospitality Room and open bar at the Trials!. Please make checks payable to Voiture 567. Transportation provided to and from Trials and Banquet. There will be no fee for the Cheminot. Saturday Breakfast available, pre-pay at \$7 each.
Yes, the elevator will be operational!!

Non Voiture 567 PG's must register prior to September 14th, Fee is \$65.00 which includes supplies, breakfast, and Banquet. Chapeaus for non-V567 PG's are the sponsor's responsibility. PG's report to Hospitality Room no later than 12:15pm on Friday. Mail registration and checks to: **Voiture 567, 1108 Bull St, Savannah GA 31401.** For more info contact Mike Ball @912-655-4611 or Joseph Barnard @ 912-484-3220

Registration Form

Name _____ Voiture _____ State _____
Office _____ Phone _____
Dame/Guest _____ Cabane _____ State _____
Office _____ Saturday Breakfast @ \$7ea _____



October 25 - 27, 2019
Wyndham Garden Hotel, 2101 S Meridian Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73108

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____
ADDRESS: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
HOME PHONE: _____ CELL/WORK PHONE: _____
Voiture/Cabane #: V. _____ / C. _____ GRAND DU: _____
Will spouse/Guest attend? (YES) _____ (NO) _____ NAME: _____

REGISTRATION REMITTANCE
Registration Fee: _____ X \$40.00 = \$ _____

ADVERTISEMENT REMITTANCE
Fall Pg - \$48, Half Pg - \$25, Qtr Pg - \$15, Business Card - \$10 _____ \$ _____

TOTAL REMITTANCE _____ \$ _____

MEMO: Your registration fee includes your Saturday evening banquet and Hospitality Room. No registration charge for PG's being wrecked; however, they must make arrangements for their own rooms.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM CLEARLY AND RETURN TO: Joseph Stiel, Grande Cheminotier Intendant, 17921 Grosvenor Blvd, Edmond, OK 73012-4572. Registrations need to be received prior to October 11, 2019. If you are coming, let us know. Call if you have to, 405-657-2228. Thank You.

MAKE ALL CHECKS (except Hotel reservations) PAYABLE TO: Grande du Oklahoma

THE FINAL DATE FOR SUBMISSION AND RECEIPT OF ALL AD REQUESTS AND AD COPY IS OCTOBER 10, 2019. Please submit all Ad Copy to Joseph Stiel, 17921 Grosvenor Blvd, Edmond, OK 73012-4572. If possible, please submit ad in digital format (.jpg, .doc, etc.) to jstiel@okcra.com

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS
Wyndham Garden Hotel, 2101 S Meridian Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73108
Telephone 1-405-685-4000

All rooms are \$92.00 for 1 to 4 persons (including free breakfast), plus tax. There are smoking rooms and handicap rooms. Pets are allowed with a \$75 pet fee. Cutoff date for guaranteed reservations for these rooms is October 11, 2019. After this date, rooms are on a first come, first served basis. Be sure to mention #666 when you are making your room reservations. The hotel will provide airport transportation.

Fridays, 25 October 2019
Wreck - 1st Degree 7:30PM - Wyndham Garden
Kangaroo Kart 8:00 PM - Wyndham Garden

Saturdays, 26 October 2019
Wreck - 2nd & 3rd Degree 9:00AM - V-109
Fall Cheminot 1:30PM - V-109
La Femme's Fall Rendezvous Banquet 6:30PM - Wyndham Garden



OFFICIAL CALL
FIFTY-SIXTH(56) RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE OF LA SOCIETE DE FEMME
SEPTEMBER 10-15, 2019

In conformity with Section 1, Article 1, By-Laws of La Societe de Femme, the Rendezvous Nationale is hereby called to convene at the DOUBLETREE RESORT BY HILTON, IN MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA, September 10-15, 2019.

PURPOSE

The Rendezvous Nationale is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Nationale Constitution and By-Laws, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

BASIC OF REPRESENTATION

In accordance with Article 1 Section 3, Section 4, of the Nationale By-Laws, each Grande Cabane shall be entitled to Ten (10) delegates and Ten (10) alternates and each Cabane Locale shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for the Charter and one (1) delegate and (1) alternate for the first twenty five(25) members and (1) delegate and (1) alternate for each additional twenty-five(25) members or major fraction thereof, such membership shall be calculated as of the end of the membership year (June 30th) prior to the convening of Rendezvous Nationale.

The preliminary convention roll call will be made up to the close of business on June 30, 2019.

Cabane Locales indebted to their Grande Cabane or Cabane Nationale will not be included in this roll call. Membership will be computed on the basis of membership reported and not on membership cards purchased.

CABANE NATIONALE HEADQUARTERS

Cabane Nationale Headquarters will be in the DOUBLETREE RESORT BY HILTON, MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA. All matters relating to Rendezvous Nationale should be addressed to La Correspondante Nationale 250 East 38th Indianapolis, In 43205 as to reach her by August 24, 2019.

Rendezvous matters being forwarded prior to that date as well as all routine reports of membership orders, etc. should be addressed to Cabane Nationale 250 East 38th St., Indianapolis, In 46205 as usual.

DELEGATION HEADQUARTERS

Each delegation should establish a headquarters up assignment to hotel, reporting location of each headquarters to Cabane Nationale and each member of the delegation.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Report of your Nationale Officers will be included.

RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE SESSIONS

Sessions of the 56th Rendezvous Nationale as well as all Committee Meetings will be held at the DOUBLETREE RESORT BY HILTON, MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA. SEPTEMBER 10-15, 2019.

LES CHEMINOT NATIONALE

There will be a meeting of Les Cheminots for 2019 at 1:00 pm Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

ADMISSION TO RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE

Only registered Delegates and Alternates holding Credentials as delegates or alternates will be admitted to the floor of the Rendezvous Nationale. Only registered visiting members of La Societe de Femme will be admitted upon presentation of a 2018-2019 membership card. Only authorized Delegates or alternates will have a voice or vote.

INITIATION

There will be no initiations of new members after the start of Rendezvous Nationale.

EXPENSE OF DELEGATES

No expense of any Delegates or Alternates attending Rendezvous Nationale will be assumed by Cabane Nationale.

CONTESTS

Should any Cabane Locale be denied Credentials or claim more delegates than are allowed in the preliminary Roll Call, it may present claim to the Credentials Committee for consideration and decision.

Credentials Forms will be mailed for Cabane Nationale to the Grande Correspondantes for reporting the names of Grande Cabane's delegates/Alternates and to Les Correspondantes Locale for reporting the names of Locale delegates/alternates.

VOTING

In the Rendezvous Nationale, all Roll Call votes, will be by the Grande Cabane (where organized) and by Cabane Locales. Therefore arrange to organize and elect a Delegation Chairman and Secretary and forward the names to Cabane Nationale 250 East 38th St, Indianapolis, In 46205, by August 24, 2019.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIES

Each Delegation Secretary should report as soon as possible after arrival in MYRTLE BEACH, SC on forms provided for the purpose, if they have not already done so, the following information:

1. Name of Grande Cabane and the number of Delegates
2. Names of Grande Cabane delegates and alternates
3. Name and address of 2020 delegation Chairman
4. Name and address of 2020 Secretary
5. Name of Chairman attested by Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Resolution must be in writing and should be submitted to La Correspondante Nationale as Early as possible, and not later than AUGUST 24, 2019. Grande Cabanes and Cabanes Locale are urged to give the matter of election of delegates their most serious consideration and elect those who plan to attend Rendezvous Nationale and who will give time to the business matters to come before the Rendezvous Nationale.

ENDORSEMENTS

No candidate for Nationale Office shall be placed in nomination unless a written resolution of endorsement from the Grande Cabane, postmarked fifteen(15) days (Tuesday, August 24, 2018 prior to La Rendezvous Nationale, is received by La Correspondante Nationale. Any state which has only one (1) or two(2) Cabane Locales, may endorse a candidate by written resolution of endorsements for either or both Cabane Locales, but if two(2) endorsements are received by La Correspondante Nationale, they must endorse the same person.

READING THE CALL

THIS CALL SHALL BE READ at Rendezvous in each Cabane Locale and the Grande Rendezvous. Correspondantes should make it their duty to see that each Delegate and Alternate is familiar with its Provisions.

ATTESTED JANUARY 1, 2019 CAROL K AUSTIN
 LA CORRESPONDANTE NATIONALE

CHERYL L. JAMNICK
 LA PRESIDENTE NATIONALE

CHILD WELFARE

Judy Pfalzgraf Nationale, Nationale Child Welfare Directeur

The Forty et Eight Child Welfare Program has been in existence since 1923. The Cabane has helped with this program for many of these years. It is with the Cabane and Dames help, that the Child Welfare Program is such a huge success. As we work together with the Voyageurs to help make this program such a success.

Cabanes, I know that you all do something to help out the Child Welfare Program by buying pins, donating money to help out needy children, or helping fire victims. Nationwide there are so many terrible disasters happening. That is why there are so many ways to help out the youth under

the age of 18 in our areas.

Here are a few suggestions of things that you can be doing at this time of the year to help out our youth.

Have your Cabane donate some money towards a child who wants to go to summer camp.

Take food to the food pantries that is Child appropriate, Macaroni and cheese, canned soup, cereal and crackers. The food pantries biggest request is always asking for jars of peanut butter. Remember this is the time of year when the children are not getting school breakfast and lunches, so help them out. Ask your Voiture to donate some money to this food pantry project, so

that it is Voiture related and sponsored.

You can also help out in a big way by donating diapers, and baby wipes and baby items to a homeless shelter in your area.

Just go around your community and ask where help is needed, let your Police Department know that if they find a family that is in need because of some problem they have had that you can help out their children. Ask at your local churches, they often have families with children who need help. Tell them about our Forty et Eight organization and let them know you are willing to help out.

Many of our Cabanes do not

meet in the summer months, but that does not mean you can not keep collecting the food pantry items, and doing all your crocheting and sewing that you do for the youth, by making quilts, hats, mittens and scarves for the cold winter months. Again ask your Voiture to donate some money for the project so that it is Voiture sponsored.

Make cash donations to Children's Charities, Easter Seals, March of Dimes, MS Foundation, there are so many different ones. Any donation made by a Dame and their Voiture Husband is a Personal Child Welfare donation.

Just remember that the children in our lives are our

future. So please remember to help them in any way you can.

This is the time of the year that the Year end Reports are due. I am looking forward to receiving yours this year and they are due to be post marked by July 31, 2019. Please mail them to me so we can add them to the 2018-19 Reporting Year. Thank you all so very much for all you do for our Youth, no matter if it is big or small. It all counts and helps.

If any of you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 920-485-0107 or email rjpfalz7@gmail.com

Judy Pfalzgraf, Nationale
 Child Welfare Directeur

Official Call

100th Promenade Nationale

La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

September 10-14, 2019

In accordance with Section 1, Article VI, of the National Constitution of La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, the 100th Annual Promenade Nationale is hereby called to convene in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina September 10 – 14, 2019.

Purpose

The Promenade Nationale is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Nationale Constitution, and the transaction of such business as may properly be brought before it.

Promenade Nationale Headquarters

Promenade Nationale Headquarters office shall be at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Promenade Nationale Sessions and Committee Meetings

Business Sessions of the Promenade Nationale, and all Committee Meetings of Promenade Nationale, shall be held in the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront.

Expense of Delegates and Cheminots

Voiture Nationale shall assume no liability on account of expenses of any Delegate, Alternate or Cheminot National attending the Promenade Nationale. Such expenses shall be provided for as the Grand Voitures and Voitures Locales may individually determine.

Legislative Body

The legislative body of La Société shall be the Promenade Nationale, which shall be constituted of its constituent units, which are the various Grandes and individual Voitures Locales. Each constituent unit may act in congress or in separation of any other unit. The law of such Promenade shall be the National Constitution of La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, as Amended by the Ninety-Fifth Promenade Nationale on September 27, 2014; and Roberts Rules of Order, current edition, to the extent such Rules do not conflict with the Constitution.

Forwarding of Promenade Nationale Related Reports and Documents All matters relating to the Promenade Nationale should be addressed to the Correspondant National at 250 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205, and shall be forwarded so as to reach the Correspondant National NO LATER THAN Friday, August 9, 2019.

Delegates, Alternates, and Basis of Representation

In accordance with Section 3, Article VI, of the Nationale Constitution, each Grande Voiture shall be entitled to five (5) Delegates and five (5) Alternates, and every Voiture Locale shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for its first fifty (50) members, and every Voiture Locale shall be entitled to one (1) additional Delegate and one (1) additional Alternate for each additional fifty (50) members, or major fraction thereof.

In addition thereto, and in accordance with Section 4, Article VI, of the National Constitution, Voiture Locale 174, District of Columbia, and Voiture Latin America shall each be entitled to five (5) Delegates and five (5) Alternates for their first fifty members, and shall be further entitled to one (1) additional Delegate and one (1) additional Alternate for each additional fifty (50) members, or major fraction thereof.

Delegates may serve as a delegate for only one constituent unit (a Grande or a Voiture Locale) and must have been elected as a Delegate for such constituent unit, and must be a member of the constituent they represent. However, a Delegate may also be elected as an Alternate in any other constituent unit to which the Voyageur is a member. An Alternate may be elected as an Alternate in more than one constituent unit, if the Alternate is a member of each such constituent unit. An Alternate may only be promoted to serve as a Delegate at Promenade Nationale for a constituent unit in which the Alternate was duly elected as an Alternate.

Membership will be calculated on the basis of members properly reported as of August 9, 2019 which is the date thirty (30) day prior to the convening of the Promenade Nationale, as provided in Section 3, Article VI of the National Constitution.

The preliminary Convention Roll will be made up at the close of business on August 9, 2019

Upon certification to the Credentials official of an absence in a delegation of constituent unit, an Alternate may be certified as a Delegate for such constituent unit. Upon such certification, the Alternate being promoted shall thereafter be referred to as a Delegate so long as they serve as a Delegate, and shall receive the credentials and indicia of a Delegate. Upon certification to the Credentials official of the attendance of previously absent Delegate, any Alternate promoted to fill such Delegate's position shall be reduced to Alternate again, and shall surrender any and all credentials and indicia of the office of Delegate.

Grande Voiture's and Voiture's Locales are urged to give the matter of election of Delegates and Alternates the serious consideration it deserves, and elect Voyageurs who will give their time to attend to the business matters to come before the Promenade Nationale.

Credentials, Contests and Filling Vacancies of Delegation

Certification of the election of Delegates and Alternates by each Grande and each Voiture Locale shall be delivered to the Correspondant National NOT LATER THAN August 9, 2019. The Certification shall clearly identify the constituent unit (the Grande or the Voiture Locale); the date of such election; the name, address and telephone number(s) of each Delegate elected; the name, address and telephone number(s) of each Alternate elected; the designation of which Delegate the Alternate shall stand for in the absence of the Delegate; and any Instructions voted and passed by the constituent unit.

Delegate and Alternate credentials will be available for pickup by the designated individual Voyageurs, upon presentation of proof of identity, at the Promenade Registration and Check-In site beginning on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

The Credentials Official of the Promenade shall consist of the Credentials Committee of the Promenade or the Chairman of such Credentials Committee during the Committee's adjournment.

Should any contest, claim, complaint, challenge or certification arise regarding the Convention Roll; regarding the number of authorized delegates and alternates of any constituent unit; regarding the credentials of any Delegate or Alternate; regarding the absence or attendance of a Delegate, and the promotion or reduction of an Alternate; or regarding any other related matter, then such contests, claims, complaint, challenges or certifications shall be presented to the Credentials official of the Promenade. Any and all such matters should be presented at the earliest opportunity, but not later than one (1) hour before the opening Business Session of the Promenade.

All reports of absences of Delegates must be made to the Credentials official at the earliest opportunity, but not later than one (1) hour before any Business Session of the Promenade. Reports of absences in either a Grande delegation or a Voiture Locale delegation must be made by the highest ranking officer of the Grand in attendance at the Promenade.

Admission to the Promenade Nationale

Any Voyageur member of La Société may be admitted to the Business Sessions and Meetings of Promenade Nationale upon presentation of a current 2019 membership card.

Only Delegates and Chefs de Chemin de Fer Passe will have a vote in any matter coming before the Promenade; and only Delegates and Chefs de Chemin de Fer Passe may address the Promenade during any debate or discussion of any matter, resolution, or candidacy coming before the Promenade for a vote.

Voting

The manner of casting and counting votes at Promenade Nationale shall be in the order of precedence set forth in Roberts Rules of Order, latest edition. Roll Call Votes shall be by the constituent units of the Promenade, which are the Grandes and the individual Voitures Locales, and the attending Chefs de Chemin de Fer Passe.

Constitutional Amendments

In accordance with Section 1, Article XV of the National Constitution of La Societe, proposed amendments to the National Constitution must be submitted in writing to the First Business Session of Promenade Nationale. Proposed amendments should be forwarded to Voiture Nationale, 250 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205, at the earliest opportunity after passage by Grand Promenade, but not later than the end of business on Friday, August 9, 2019.

Resolutions

Proposed Resolutions must be in writing and should be submitted to Voiture Nationale, 250 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205, at the earliest opportunity, but not later than the end of business on Friday, August 9, 2019.

Cheminot Nationaux

There will be a meeting of the Cheminot Nationaux 2019 at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, in the Atlantic (All).

A Meeting of the Cheminot Nationaux 2020 will be held immediately following adjournment of the Final Promenade session in Atlantic (All).

Promenade Nationale Banquet

The Promenade Nationale Banquet will be held Friday, September 13, 2019 in Springs (All) in the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront. Tickets for the banquet may be purchased in advance in conjunction with your advance registration, or by sending your order and check to: 100th Promenade Nationale Corporation, 250 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205. Tickets will also be on sale at the Registration booths. Ticket price is \$40.00 per person

Hotel Accommodation

Hotel Accommodations may be obtained through your Grand Correspondant or direct from the office of the 100th Promenade Nationale, 250 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205.

Reading of the Call

This Call shall be read in each Voiture Locale and at each Grande Promenade. Correspondants should make it their duty to see that each Delegate and Alternate is familiar with its provisions.

Terry Sims,

Correspondant National

