



# FORTY et EIGHTER



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Fall 2020

## La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

Greetings to all. And so, we begin another year in the service of our communities and fellow veterans. As everyone is thinking this has to be a better year than 2020. I am looking forward to hopefully having a normal year in travels, reaching program goals, and exceeding our goal in membership. Everyone knows that the Covid virus had curtailed our Voiture activities to the point that everything we do suffered. Let's learn from those lessons, and get to work early.

I'm going to repeat a paragraph I used in the October Briefs, only because this article will reach every member. I want to thank Penny Haigler for the times we were allowed to spend together in our travels. We only had four events that we attended together but the memories are there and remembered fondly. I would also like to welcome Cheryl Jammick as my new travel partner for 2021. She has assumed the duties of Madam Presidente, and she and pack mule Joe will be making the circuit once more. With any luck we'll be able to share the comradery and great times with our fellow members.

First thing on the agenda is the normal communication that needs to be passed on. I am going to keep the same motto, slogan, and program as last year. That being, my motto is "Mentor a member for the future", my slogan is "Have fun getting the job done, and my program will once again be Box-car. Hopefully this year they'll get the exposure that will hopefully benefit our membership.

Speaking of membership, while monitoring the communication of a couple members of your membership team, a question came up. It seems that one of his Grandes needed information concerning our paid for life membership program. Although the Sous Directeur walked the individual through the process, I'd like to make two comments, maybe three. First, your membership team is there for your benefit. Whether you're a Locale or Grand officer, they will get you the information needed to make your job easier. Use them, you'll be amazed at how much better everything flows with their help. Secondly, your Nationale Membership Directeur, Terry Chatfield,

will be addressing the paid for life issue in his next communique on membership. Grande Correspondants please make sure all of your Locales receive this. Don't forget that communication is the best form of mentoring. Third, is to let everyone know that the best resource there is for membership is Ms. Tammy Bennett at National Headquarters. She is truly a fountain of information when it comes to any issue dealing with membership.



All travels have been moved to after the end of the year. There have been several submitted and are currently pending National approval. At that time, they will be posted on the National website. I look forward to attending as many as possible within all the restrictions each Grande is imposing on travel. I want everyone to be aware that I will NOT have another homecoming. Although I must say I could enjoy that kind of party once or twice a month, but I'd be flat busted broke after a month or two of that.

This is a very special year. we start a new century of serving. We also have the first ever Chef and four Sous Chef's that are serving two years in a row. I believe this is an opportunity to get this organization back on track. We have a great bunch of officers to help you make it happen. Make no mistake about this, if it's going to happen it will start at the Locale level. That's where the rubber meets the road. That's where the enthusiasm, the drive, and the good works begin. I know all of us have that drive to get involved and be a part of something great, after all that's why we joined this organization to begin with. Let this year be the one we revive that enthusiasm and let the Country know we are here to stay.

In closing may God bless you and yours and let's be careful out there.  
Mike McGary - Chef de Chemin de Fer

## LEST WE FORGET

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE FORTHCOMING ISSUE



IN MEMORY OF ALL PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS

**VOITURE NATIONALE  
OFFICERS 2020 - 2021**

|               |                            |                |
|---------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Mike McGary   | Chef de Chemin de Fer      | Indiana        |
| Terry Sims    | Correspondant National     | Indiana        |
| Frank Kronen  | Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer | Ohio           |
| Frank Compo   | Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer | California     |
| Dave Hill     | Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer | South Carolina |
| Ted Canellos  | Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer | Illinois       |
| John Murphy   | Aumonier                   | Ohio           |
| Mike Wood     | Avocat                     | Georgia        |
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**GRANDE VOITURE DU IDAHO**

Voyageurs Militaire V-336, Idaho participating in Flags for First Graders in Mountain Home, Idaho. L to R Del Shaw, Correspondant, Ralph Binion. Chef de Gare, James Kline, Member, Troy Wilkins, Grand Chef de Gare du Idaho and Chuck Goldsby who is the Commissaire Intendant.



**GRANDE DU INDIANA**

Many of the Dames who were at Indiana Grand Chef Jim Maxwell's Homecoming on October 24th in Ft. Wayne. Voyageurs and Dames came from not only Indiana but Michigan, Wisconsin, and Kansas. Mike Lucas and John Hawkins enjoying the evenings roasting of Grand Chef Maxwell. Grand Chef Jim receiving one of his many gifts that evening.



# MEMBERSHIP 2021

## October 29, 2020

| AREA             | 2019 | 2020  | PERCENT |         |
|------------------|------|-------|---------|---------|
| ALABAMA          | 4    | 95    | 59      | 62.11%  |
| ALASKA           | 1    | 111   | 76      | 68.47%  |
| ARIZONA          | 2    | 392   | 187     | 47.70%  |
| ARKANSAS         | 4    | 111   | 50      | 45.05%  |
| CALIFORNIA       | 2    | 811   | 450     | 55.49%  |
| COLORADO         | 2    | 82    | 15      | 18.29%  |
| CONNECTICUT      | 1    | 111   | 48      | 43.24%  |
| DELAWARE         | 1    | 36    | 11      | 30.56%  |
| DIST OR COLUMBIA | 3    | 6     | 6       | 100.00% |
| FLORIDA          | 3    | 716   | 367     | 51.26%  |
| FRANCE           | 2    | 137   | 145     | 105.84% |
| GEORGIA          | 4    | 409   | 171     | 41.81%  |
| GERMANY          | 1    | 70    | 55      | 78.57%  |
| IDAHO            | 2    | 100   | 82      | 82.00%  |
| ILLINOIS         | 3    | 1133  | 556     | 49.07%  |
| INDIANA          | 4    | 2239  | 1106    | 49.40%  |
| IOWA             | 3    | 295   | 150     | 50.85%  |
| KANSAS           | 2    | 330   | 104     | 31.52%  |
| KENTUCKY         | 3    | 232   | 118     | 50.86%  |
| LATIN AMERICA    | 4    | 11    | 4       | 36.36%  |
| LOUISIANA        | 3    | 585   | 254     | 43.42%  |
| MAINE            | 1    | 119   | 78      | 65.55%  |
| MARYLAND         | 1    | 237   | 163     | 68.78%  |
| MASSACHUSETTS    | 1    | 121   | 98      | 80.99%  |
| MEXICO           | 3    | 3     | 1       | 33.33%  |
| MICHIGAN         | 2    | 864   | 383     | 44.33%  |
| MINNESOTA        | 1    | 994   | 514     | 51.71%  |
| MISSISSIPPI      | 3    | 163   | 68      | 41.72%  |
| MISSOURI         | 1    | 708   | 454     | 64.12%  |
| MONTANA          | 2    | 81    | 52      | 64.20%  |
| NEBRASKA         | 3    | 334   | 165     | 49.40%  |
| NEVADA           | 2    | 17    | 16      | 94.12%  |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE    | 1    | 101   | 86      | 85.15%  |
| NEW JERSEY       | 3    | 129   | 96      | 74.42%  |
| NEW MEXICO       | 2    | 21    | 8       | 38.10%  |
| NEW YORK         | 1    | 843   | 387     | 45.91%  |
| NORTH CAROLINA   | 3    | 530   | 252     | 47.55%  |
| NORTH DAKOTA     | 4    | 198   | 118     | 59.60%  |
| OHIO             | 1    | 1133  | 648     | 57.19%  |
| OKLAHOMA         | 1    | 106   | 46      | 43.40%  |
| OREGON           | 2    | 170   | 92      | 54.12%  |
| PENNSYLVANIA     | 4    | 956   | 278     | 29.08%  |
| RHODE ISLAND     | 1    | 2     | 2       | 100.00% |
| SOUTH CAROLINA   | 4    | 309   | 109     | 35.28%  |
| SOUTH DAKOTA     | 4    | 327   | 230     | 70.34%  |
| TENNESSEE        | 4    | 66    | 43      | 65.15%  |
| TEXAS            | 2    | 280   | 164     | 58.57%  |
| UTAH             | 2    | 17    | 6       | 35.29%  |
| VERMONT          | 1    | 35    | 16      | 45.71%  |
| VIRGINIA         | 3    | 354   | 254     | 71.75%  |
| WASHINGTON       | 2    | 505   | 145     | 28.71%  |
| WEST VIRGINIA    | 1    | 152   | 83      | 54.61%  |
| WISCONSIN        | 2    | 949   | 526     | 55.43%  |
| WYOMING          | 2    | 20    | 4       | 20.00%  |
| V2000            |      | 450   | 69      | 15.33%  |
| TOTALS           |      | 19306 | 9668    | 50.08%  |
|                  |      |       |         | -96.38  |



**Sous Chef de  
Chemin de Fer  
Frank W. Kronen**



**Sous Chef de  
Chemin de Fer  
Ted Canellos**



**Sous Chef de  
Chemin de Fer  
Frank Campo**



**Sous Chef de  
Chemin de Fer  
Dave Hill**

| AREA                            | 2020 | 2021 | Percent |           |
|---------------------------------|------|------|---------|-----------|
| Area - 1<br><b>Frank Kronen</b> | 4879 | 2765 | 56.67%  | 1st Place |
| Area - 3<br><b>Ted Canollos</b> | 4480 | 2287 | 51.05%  | 2nd Place |
| Area - 2<br><b>Frank Compo</b>  | 4776 | 2379 | 49.81%  | 3rd Place |
| Area - 3<br><b>Dave Hill</b>    | 4721 | 2168 | 45.92%  | 4thPlace  |
| V2000                           | 450  | 69   | 15.33%  |           |



## VETERANS ADMINISTRATION & VA VOLUNTEER SERVICES

On 22 September 2020, Dr. Indira Subramanian, MD, and I had the pleasure of presenting **A Synergy of Pandemics: Loneliness, Suicide, Parkinson and COVID-19 in Veterans** to the VA Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee. We shared the somber dual realities that we are still losing entirely too many Veterans to suicide (over 6,000/year, 17 – 22/day) and that Parkinson's Disease is a fast-growing, service-connected disability. We discussed the affects the COVID-19 pandemic may have on vulnerable populations such as Veterans and People with Parkinson's (PWP) and new strategies to help reduce or eliminate two of the primary social determinants of depression and suicidal ideations in these two overlapping demographics.

We know one of the factors leading to suicidal ideations is depression. Depression is caused by a number of determinants, but two of the primary social determinants are loneliness and social isolation. This is something we can all do something about. In fact, VA Voluntary Service has developed and implemented a *social prescribing* program called Compassionate Contact Corps. What this program does is take Veterans that have been clinically referred, i.e. socially prescribed, and matches them with well-trained VAVS volunteers. Volunteers are trained in active listening, empathy, and suicide prevention, among other skills necessary to ensure a successful and meaningful rapport.

The Compassionate Contact Corps program began in March 2020 as a response to Covid-19 and used many of the foundational tools developed from the Volunteer In-Home Visitor Program. While it started at only eight sites, it is now being implemented at nearly 50 sites and counting. Several VA Central Office program offices have contributed to the training guide, including Caregiver Support, Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, and Home-based Primary Care. This is more than a "health and welfare check" program. It is also more than a standard phone buddy program. This is a tele-support (video and telephonic) program designed to reduce or eliminate two of the major social determinants of depression in our Veterans.

You can help in three ways. 1. You can ask the VA Voluntary Service Officer or Chief at your local VA medical center about volunteering for the program. 2. If you are a Veteran or Caregiver and think you might benefit from the program, please ask your VA provider (physician or social worker) about participating. 3. If you know someone that might be lonely or socially isolated and could possibly benefit from the program, please reach out and let them know about Compassionate Contact Corps.

Finally, we would like to leave you by answering four myths commonly associated with loneliness and social isolated.

### **Myth #1: Social isolation and loneliness are the same thing:**

**Social isolation** has been defined as the lack of integration of people into their social environment. Living alone, possessing fewer social network ties, and minimal social contact are all potential warning markers of social isolation. Measuring social isolation has involved an objective quantifiable approach to establish a lack of social contact and smaller social network size. Historically, social isolation has been defined by measures of household content, marital status, and numbers of friends. **Loneliness**, in contrast, is an undesirable subjective emotional state in which there is a perception of social isolation, or the "felt" experience of being lonely. **Loneliness has also been described as the dissatisfaction with the discrepancy between desired and actual social relationships. It is related to "unfulfilled intimate and social needs".**

### **Myth #2: I am happily married - there is no way I can be lonely:**

Researchers have identified three dimensions of loneliness reflecting the particular relationships that are missing. **Intimate, or emotional loneliness** is the yearning for a close confidante or emotional partner. Relational, or social, loneliness is the longing for close friendships and social companionship. **Collective loneliness** is the need for a network or community of people who share one's sense of purpose and interests. Loneliness can be felt if any one of these dimensions is not satisfied and hence it is **possible to be happily married and still feel lonely**. Health care providers need to be vigilant about these spheres of loneliness so that they can seek and help treat patients who are at risk for getting lonely in any of these unmet arenas of social contact. We all need someone to confide in or a group of people with a like purpose in which to belong. Belonging to a Veteran organization can be helpful in this regard.

### **Myth #3: Social isolation does not impact quality of life in people in 2020 since there is so much technology and people really do not really need other people:**

In aging populations there have been comparisons in the literature of **social isolation being shown to be as detrimental to health as smoking or obesity**. One key study reported the increased likelihood of death was 26% for reported loneliness, 29% for social isolation, and 32% for living alone. A review of the literature on social isolation in aging revealed a detrimental impact on depression, cardiovascular risk, and well-being. To put it another way, **social isolation is as bad for your health as smoking a half a pack of cigarettes a day or of being obese**. These issues can be very important for caregivers as well. We all need social connection. **Veterans** are particularly at risk for social isolation and loneliness as it can increase the risk of depression, anxiety, **substance abuse and risk of suicide**.

### **Myth #4: Even if I am lonely, there is nothing that I or my doctor can do to help me:**

Social prescribing is a new concept in which clinicians recommend or prescribe resources or activities in the community to help patient develop healthy social connections. The Veteran's Administration has recently created the "Compassionate Contact Corps Program" using volunteers to call veterans who are lonely and check in on them. Volunteering can help loneliness as well and so it has been proposed that veterans can be paired up with volunteers to make such calls. During the COVID-19 era, social distancing can significantly worsen social isolation. The "shelter in place" interventions may put a population of vulnerable patients at increased risk for poor outcomes due to a diminished ability to socially engage and exercise. Social distancing intended to prevent the spread of this and future pandemics is expected to put a strain on burned out caregivers who also may be socially isolated. New interventions such as virtual support groups using technology where patients can visualize one another on a screen or virtual exercise classes may be a critical source for human connection. A virtual happy hour or tea party may be helpful to keep patients connected. Proactive phone calls to patients from fellow patients, support group leaders, volunteers or health care providers may be a critical link to the outside world for vets who may lack a computer, smart phone, internet connection (due to cost or remoteness) or who may be technologically-challenged.

The pandemic of social isolation and loneliness is a mounting concern in our society today and there has been a call to action in highlighting this as a major public health concern akin to a pandemic. Social connection is a universal human need. We urge you to pick up the phone and reach out to someone who may have been forgotten and may be lonely or socially disconnected. It could be the only human contact that the person may have had in a long time and could make a world of difference.

For additional information about loneliness, social isolation, Parkinson Disease or participating in Compassionate Contact Corps as a volunteer or Veteran, please contact Dr. Subramanian at [Indira.Subramanian@va.gov](mailto:Indira.Subramanian@va.gov). [Dr. Indira Subramanian](#) is the Director of the South West PADRECC (Parkinson Disease Research, Education and Clinical Care) Center of Excellence in Parkinson Disease based in West Los Angeles. She is boarded in integrative medicine with a special interest in Yoga and Mindfulness.



### **PROTECTIVE FACE MASKS**

Angela & Terry Steele of the Grande du Minnesota wear their 40/8 face masks during a Voyageur event recently.



### **GRANDE DE WISCONSIN BROWN COLLAR WRECK**

Twelve new Voyageurs joined the ranks of La Societe at the Monroe County # 804 Brown Collar Wreck on September 26th in Tomah. NOTE: Brown Collar is somewhere between a White Collar and Active Wreck.

**CHILD WELFARE  
National Directeur - Joe Donovan**



Many thanks to Grand Voiture's du CA, FL, France, IN, MA, MI, MS, ND, OH, SC, TX, VA, WA, WV and WI for submitting their Annual Child Welfare Grande Reports. Yes, that was 15 reports from 54 Grande Voiture's. I don't know what happened to the other 39 Grande Voiture Reports. They reported nothing, yet some purchased pins last year, and ALL had membership turned in. Anyway, the bottom line of REPORT-ED activity was \$3,382,996.00 benefiting 32,096 children. The reports from the other 39 Grande Voiture's would have made our reported effort SO much better. MERCI to those 15 Grandes!

This year we welcome new Sous Directeur WEST Region Frank Matlock from WA. He is assigned Grandes du AK, AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WI, and WY. Other Sous Directeur's have had their assignments altered this year. EAST is Russell Baker from OH responsible for CT, Dist. of C, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, and VT. SOUTH is Charles Nicholson from GA who is responsible for AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, Latin Am, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV and Mexico. CENTRAL region is Norm Crawford from IN who is responsible for France, Germany, IN, IL, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, NE, OK, SD, and TX. Sous Directeur's will be contacting each of your Child Welfare Directeur's in their assigned Grande Voiture's. Their goal is to sell our Child Welfare pins! HOWEVER, Child Welfare Directeur's are missing from Grandes in the following regions: WEST – CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, and UT. EAST – CN, Dist of C, DE, MD, MA, NH, NJ, OH, PA, and VT. CENTRAL – Germany, IL, IA, MI, MN, NE, ND, OK, and SD. SOUTH – AR, KY, Latin Am, LA, MS, NC, SC, WV, and Mexico. 34 Grand Chef's either have not assigned or not reported a Child Welfare Directeur. I and your National Sous Directeur's CANNOT do our jobs if YOU don't assist us. Please send in those assignments NOW.

With the cancellation of Promenade Nationale, many Grande Voiture's did not have the opportunity to pick up pins. They ARE AVAILABLE and I am happy to send pins on consignment at \$3.00ea with payment due next April 1<sup>st</sup>. OR, prepaid orders of 100 or more pins payable to NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM are \$2.75ea. Send your check to me or order pins from National Directeur Child Welfare Joe Donovan, 4660 N River Rd Spc 12, Oceanside CA 92057-5879 e-mail [donovan4660@hotmail.com](mailto:donovan4660@hotmail.com) or call my home 760-721-9405 cell 760-505-6158. Please leave a message and I will return your call. For the children, many thanks for your assistance! Joe



**GRANDE DU INDIANA 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



**GRANDE DU FLORIDA**

Terry Lee, Child Welfare Directeur Grand du Florida, accompanied by his wife Anita, Cabane 2000, visited the Russell Home for Atypical Children in Orlando FL today & delivered donations from Voiture's and Cabanes 304 & 1219.

**GRANDE DU WASHINGTON**

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, Grande du Washington Chef de Gare Jerry Keen, Grande Chef de Train Cliff Taylor, Grande Correspondant Frank Falbee, Voiture 99 Chef de Gare Annie Beaton, and City of Vancouver Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle joined together to honor Officer Rey Reynolds as Grande du Washington and Voiture 99 Police Officer of the Year.



**Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service/State Veterans Homes**

**(VAVS/SVH) Ron Rolfes, Directeur**



Greeting's Voyageurs. I'd like to begin this article with a quick VA update. COVID-19 has brought about a new way of doing business at VA. This could be from regular doctor's appointments to Voluntary Services. Even as our VA facilities begin to reopen and resume normal operations, Voluntary Service will be forever changed. Yes many of our assignments will return, but many will not as we enter the new way of doing business at the VA. So with the loss of many Volunteer assignments we have gotten very creative as to how to assist our facilities and more importantly our Veterans as we move forward into this next chapter of the new VA. Many of these new assignments are now "Virtual" meaning working with teleconference technology or it could be as simple as a phone call. You might have noticed in this issue an article on "Synergy of Pandemics" talking about how Veterans are affected by disease and how Volunteers can help. If you didn't read the article, I encourage you to go back and give it a read. I think you will find it interesting.

Of course, we the VAVS Program, continues to seek out and recruit new Reps/Dep's for our facilities. There are still many holes to be filled and we need your help. Remember that the Le Femme's can and are encouraged to assist with this endeavor. The numbers are down and we really need to get that turned around. Also, I am asking that all Grandes audit their program to ensure that those Representatives and Deputies that Nationale has on file for a facility are correct. The Grande du Ohio has already taken the bull by the horns and begun the process, by getting their program in order. Feel free to contact me or your Sous Directeur and we will be happy to supply you with the necessary information. Many Grandes have not updated their information with Nationale regarding who the Grande VAVS Directeur is for the new year. If you don't want to pass that information on to Nationale, then at the very least pass the information on to me or one of the Sous Directeur's.

The "Keep the Wheel Chairs Rolling Contest" is now in full swing. As of this article no requests have been received. If you have not submitted a request for a facility, please do so. Remember, we have "FREE" \$\$\$\$ up for grabs thanks to the generosity of the National Box Car Program. The cut-off is 31 March 2021. (See Flyer) Don't wait till the last minute, get your requests in today.

I look forward to serving you in the coming year and if you have any suggestions, questions or require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. Lastly and most importantly, many thanks for all you do for our Nation's Veterans.

**KEEP THOSE WHEELCHAIRS ROLLING**



Presenting the Charleston Area Transit Authority (CARTA) Bus passes purchased via the Keep the Wheel Chairs Rolling Contest to the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center on 9/25/20. These bus passes will assist 140 veterans to and from their medical appointments in the greater Charleston area. Pictured L-R William Streuber - Grand V.A.V.S Directeur, Amanda Mercer - Voluntary Service Specialist, Brian "Bat" Masterson - Grand Chef de Gare du SC, Bobby Horne - V-1067 Chef de Gare.



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### POW/MIA SURVIVOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Steven W. Slegers, Nationale Directeur POW/MIA**

Here we are into the Halloween Season, and we are still trying to get back to a normal lifestyle. Most are still staying out of public appearances, some are able to commence with the normal routine of going to meetings and other social events. I went to a Prom three weeks ago for the first time in seven months. What fun it was even though we still had to keep social distancing in mind. That part has not changed.

In July I started the ANNUAL review of Applications for the POW/MIA Survivors Scholarship Program. The following are the requirements for submission of the Application:

- Documentation of the POW/MIA status (military records, certificates, etc.) needs to be submitted along with the Application
- Verifiable documentation of relationship to the POW/MIA Veteran through whom the Application is being made
- Written acceptance of enrollment by an accredited College, University, or Trade School in a specific curriculum of study leading to a degree
- Certified transcripts of the recipients' previous academic achievement is required

Completed Applications are required to be submitted NO LATER THAN July 15<sup>th</sup> the current year. It was a great privilege to review all of the Applications received. There were seventeen Applications received and reviewed. I was honored to be able to award all seventeen applicants with a check for \$650. Without participation by everyone, this program would not be possible.

This year's Pin is called a Dangler and is attached to the bottom of last year's pin. Two Danglers are available now and there will be two Danglers available next year. You may contact me individually, through your Voiture or your Grande.

DO NOT FORGET OUR FOUR GOALS: A. Merchandise Sales B. Raising our POW/MIA Survivor Scholarship Fund Awareness C. Consolidated Reports D. POW/MIA Pin Design

For La Societe,  
Steven W. Slegers, Nationale Directeur POW/MIA



## SALUTE FROM SPECIAL AWARDS 2021

First off, I would like to thank my fabulous team from the 2020 award year: Sous Court Bradley, Sous Jim Carpenter, Sous Dale Oatman and Sous Wayne Sorrentino. What a great job they did working through the difficulties of COVID 19. Thank you all and good luck to those moving on. Our Special Awards Team for the coming year will be a little different than previous. Unfortunately we lost two of our team from last year but gained three for the year 2021.

Congratulations and welcome to Special Awards Team 2021 comprised of Sous Directeur's: Sous Jim Carpenter-Grand du CA, Sous Lawson Dukes-Grand du FL, Sous Robert Hickey-Grand du NC, Sous Wayne Sorrentino-Grand du NY and Sous Angela Steele-Grand du MN. Welcome aboard!

All of the listings and instructions for Special Awards have been updated in the Petite Communiqué, so, if you have a question regarding which Sous to contact about a specific award, that is the place to go on the Nationale Web site. However, just for reiteration, here are the specific Special Award Sous Assignments:

**Robert Hickey** is Sous Directeur of the Hero of the Year Award.

**Lawson Dukes** is Sous Directeur of the Law Officer of the Year Award.

**Jim Carpenter** is Sous Directeur of the Voyageur of the Year Award.

**Wayne Sorrentino** is Sous Directeur and Judge for City/Town of the Year.

**Angela Steele** is Sous Directeur with the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Believe me when I say that it isn't to early to be thinking and working on these awards to be presented next September.

There are Cities and Towns out there that have done a lot of work and spent a lot of money in recognition of our veterans and that deserve recognition. The Hero of the Year requires that you pay attention to the news as there are so many unsung hero's out there every year and each and everyone of them need to be recognized however, we can only recognize one. With all that has been going on in the last months, the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year is another special award. Again, one needs to pay special attention to the news and make contact with the various law enforcement departments within your Grand. Your State Highway Patrol, County Sheriff's offices and Police Departments will be more than happy to work with you for this award. Lastly is the Voyageur of the Year Award and so very important for our great organization. I can think of very few voyageurs out there who haven't had a great mentor over the years, a voyageur who is always there working so hard on membership, activities and our other programs. Give them a pat on the back and nominate them for Voyageur of the Year in your Locale and then forward the nomination on to Grand.

Please don't forget the General's Club which was organized in 1973 to assist in honoring and dignifying the profession of law enforcement. Funds generated by the annual dues in this elite club, underwrite the expenses of the Outstanding Law Officer of the Year program. Voyageurs, our members of law enforcement are having a tough time in these days and need all of the support you can muster. Believe me, a thank you goes a long way to let them know that you care?



### LOSING TICKET

You hear it at banquets and in hospitality rooms all the time, "I've got another losing ticket. Even Dave Smith sings, a Forty and Eighter has a pocket full of losing tickets in the song "What is a Forty and Eighter."

Is there any such thing as a losing ticket? All the raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets are winners in the Forty and Eight.

If you think that you have a losing ticket: Tell that to the nurse who can finish their education because of a Forty and Eight scholarship; Tell that to the young athlete who can play sports because of our Youth Sports program; Tell that to the child who could replace his clothing lost in a flood or a fire because of the Ardry Child Welfare Trust; There's the smile on a child's face waving their own American Flag because of our "Flags for First Graders"; The comfort received by a hospitalized Veteran because of VAVS. The list goes on and on.

So next time a number is called and it's not one of the tickets that you made a donation for, think of all those tickets as winners. The Forty and Eight could not work its programs without your donation for those tickets. Keep one next to your membership card to remind yourself of our great programs. Keep one in your pocket and when it wears out, replace it with a new one. Next time say: "I've got winning tickets".

We support our programs to gain membership, but Veterans do join because of what the offer the community.

## MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP



If we have heard this once we have heard it what seems like a thousand times but guess what, Voyageur Militaire, this is the most important program in La Societe. It is likely that it will be said that the Box Car Program or the Americanism Program or the other programs are the most important. But it takes members to run these programs and without members no program.

I have been asked who in La Societe is responsible for membership. Is it the Chef de Chemin de Fer, or the four Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer, or the National Membership Directeur or the six Sous Directeur Membership Nationale? Or is it the Grand Chef de Gare, or the Grand Correspondant or the Grand Membership Directeur? Or is it the Voiture Locale Chef de Gare, or the Correspondant or the Voiture Locale Membership Committee? The answer is – all the above plus one more - all Voyageur Militaire. Yes the Voyageur Militaire is responsible for membership because the Voyageur Militaire is the individual who invites a qualified veteran to become a member of our great organization.

There has been a decline in membership starting with the 1984 membership year and continuing to the end of the 2020 membership year. It is up to us, the Voyageur Militaire, to put a stop to this decline. Let us make the 2021 membership year the year that the decline stopped.

I ask that each Voyageur Militaire find at least one qualified veteran and invite them to join our great organization. Now I realize that this COVID-19 pandemic has caused many Voiture Locales to postpone or curtail their monthly promenades but maybe something could be worked out to be able to hold a WRECK and get those new individuals on the roster.

Here is something to remember – all members of the 40&8 belong to a Voiture Locale and all members of the Voiture Locale are Voyageur Militaire.

En Service                      Directeur Membership Nationale  
Terry F. Chatfield



### CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE

Voyageurs inspecting the Iowa merci Box Car and showing the plaques that will be attached to the exterior.

## LA PRESIDENTE NATIONALE

Cheryl Jamnick



With the recent resignation of Penny Haigler for personal reasons, I have agreed to step back in to assume the duties of Nationale Presidente. I will continue with my 2019 theme of "Together We Can" and Box Car will continue to be my program. Joe (my pack mule) has come out of retirement to help me again this year. I will be retiring from UM Medical School November 30th. Joe was worried about my keeping busy but I don't think he needs to worry about that now.

COVID-19 has caused the cancellation of most of our functions for the past seven and a half months. With no social interaction with our La Societe friends and family it has been very difficult for most of us. Retaining our current membership and encouraging new members is a must goal for all of us. We have two Sous Presidente's, Lori Bolley-Majeske from Michigan and Kathy Graham from New York who are working very hard on membership this year. They can certainly use your help so I am asking each and every one of you to do your part within your Cabanes / Grandes to not only maintain our membership but help it grow.

This past year we lost two of our Nationale Presidente's, Antoinette "Toni" Harrison PNP 1974 and Berta Henderson PNP 2006. There was no obituary available for Berta so a poem written in her honor was published in the "Cabane Chatter".

**When she arrived in Heaven**

**I think she probably found**

**Friends who died before her**

**Gathered all around**

**She was kind of crazy**

**But she was crazy kind**

**The good always outweighed the bad**

**I think that now she's fine**

**I hope she's heard the angels sing**

**I hope she got her wings**

**I hope there's hats in heaven**

**Hats were her big thing**

Several people have asked about this poem so I would like to let everyone know that the poem title is "Hats in Heaven" and was written by Terry Sampson. The poem can be found in her book titled "INSPIRED": Poems and Rhymes Reside in my Mind" available on line and in several book stores. Thank you Terry for the thoughtful poem for Berta.

Michigan did have a Fall Cheminot in October that was well attended. It was so nice to see everyone and catch up with what has been happening during the past few months. Grand Chef Lonnie Haynes, his wife Carrie along with Lansing Voiture and Cabane # 946 members have been very busy this summer taking the V-946 train out to thank first responders, nurses and essential workers for all of the work they have been doing during the COVID-19 shut down.

On October 23rd Joe and I traveled to Fort Wayne, IN to attend the homecoming for Grand Chef Jim Maxwell. Jim had Voyageurs and Dames from Indiana, Michigan, Nebraska and Wisconsin in attendance. It was nice to spend time with everyone and at times, even able to forget about the pandemic for a few minutes.

Without Rendezvous Nationale there were no fund raisers that Cabane Nationale normally has. Please consider a donation to Cabane Nationale if your budget will allow this year. Cabane Nationale is also left with 300 Rendezvous pins. The Kalahari pins are really unique and are available for purchase by contacting Carol Austin at Cabane Nationale

The Cabane Nationale Officers and Committee list has been updated and is available on the website. If you are listed on a committee and do not want to continue with your appointment, please let me know.

Hopefully by the first of the year the pandemic will be under control and we will be able to get together again. Until then, stay in touch with each other via phone, text message, email or ZOOM which is a work place essential. I look forward to the opportunity to once again work with each and every one of you for the good of La Societe de Femme.



### GRANDE VOITURE DU NEW YORK

Voiture 713, Suffolk County, NY, awarded each nursing student a \$1,000 scholarship as part of its annual Nurses Training Scholarship Program.

L-R Chef de Gare David Isaacs, Sous Chef de Train Steve Antonacci, Student Isobel Christie, Student Rebecca Clark (Boland Trust Fund Scholarship), Student Aimee Blickensdorfer, Cheminot Nationale Bob Smith, Alt Cheminot Nationale Jim Beecher, and CdCdF 2003 John T. Digilio, Jr. (not pictured is Student Grace Couci).



### GRANDE VOITURE DU ARIZONA

National Nurses Training Director Ernie Lane with the recently graduated Nurses Training Scholarship winner from Voiture Locale # 1466.



Jennifer Yllescas of Treynor, Iowa received a Nurses Training Scholarship award from Voiture 1015 on her outstanding academic performance at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Nebraska. She has a 3.9 - grade point average, and will graduate in May 2021 from their Registration Nurses program. Jennifer is a Marine Corps Veteran and joined the Marines because of her two brothers' past military services. Jennifer was in the Marine Corps for 4 1/2 years (1999-2003) and assigned to Military Supply Administration. She will graduate this May with her degree as a Registered Nurse. She would like to work at Madonna Rehab in Omaha or Lincoln, NE where she can help elderly and young Veterans.



**VOITURE ACTIVITIES**

John Helgeson - National Directeur

The purpose of the Voiture Activities program and its reports is to measure a Voiture Locale's activities as a unit and to measure the percentage of participation of individual voyageurs. Any activity which is sponsored by the Voiture Locale/Grande and at which a quorum of the Voiture is present is a reportable activity. Any activities which voyageurs plan and two or more participate are also reportable. The possibilities are limitless.



There are numerous ideas presented at our webpage: [fortyandeight.org/Voiture-Activities](http://fortyandeight.org/Voiture-Activities).

Voyageurs/Voiture's should keep track of their activities, the number of Voyageurs and dames who take part, number of hours, miles, and dollars spent and persons served or helped. The easiest way to do this is with a notebook. Your Voiture checkbook and other reports you should be submitting also will help you complete the report. You can familiarize yourself with the Locale and Grande Voiture Activities reports to find out how and what to report. The forms can be found at: [fortyandeight.org/forms-petite](http://fortyandeight.org/forms-petite), then click on the Locale and Grande Voiture Activities report forms.

The program committee consists of an advisor (Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe Paul Sorrentino), myself as Directeur and four Sous Directeur's, each with an assigned number of Grande Voiture's. The Sous Directeur's will soon be in contact with respective Grand Chefs de Gare, Grand Correspondants and Grand Directeur's to introduce themselves, promote the program and assist the Grandes. At the end of the year, Grande Directeur's will submit their consolidated reports to me for review. There are some awards presented at Promenade Nationale each year for the outstanding Voiture Locale and Grande.

If you have questions or comments about the Voiture Activities program, I can be contacted by e-mail at [jhelges98c@gmail.com](mailto:jhelges98c@gmail.com) or snail mail at 634 10<sup>th</sup> Street North, Hudson, WI 54016. Contact information for myself and the Sous Directeur's can also be found at: [fortyandeight.org/national-officers](http://fortyandeight.org/national-officers), under "Resources".

I realize we are in times where being out, about, planning and executing is more difficult than it was in past years. But I know our Locales and Grandes are starting to reopen and get things done. Don't look at this as a time to "hole up", but as a time to find new ways to accomplish the mission of La Societe!

**NATIONAL PAST CHEF de GARE CLUB**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
and RENEWAL FORM**

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**APPLICATION**

**NEW MEMBER** - Initial dues for membership year of 20 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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**RENEWAL**

**CHARTER MEMBER** - Renewal Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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- CASH

**TOTAL AMOUNT PAID: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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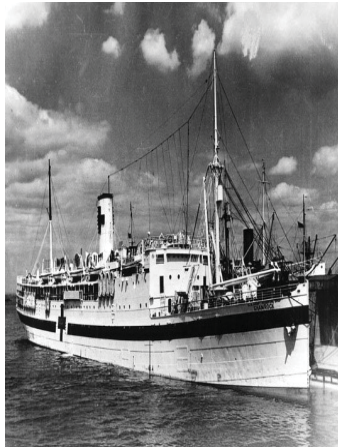
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## THE 2021 NURSE'S TRAINING PIN, A HISTORICAL TRIBUTE

Terry Sharp

Treasurer - National Nurse Training Club



The **2021 Nurse Training Pin** features the USS Comfort (AH-3), a US Navy Hospital Ship of the **WW I** era, born out of the necessity of our Nation, thrust into the great conflict referred to as the **War-to-end-all-Wars**. This Pin offers a fitting tribute to this ship's humble origins, its transformation, and service to our Nation's Hospital Ships.

The **USS Comfort (AH-3)** was initially built by the William Cramp and Sons of Philadelphia for the **Ward Line** (New York/ Cuba Mail/Steam Ship Co.). She was launched in October 1906 under the name "**SS Havana**" and went into service as a passenger steamer on the New York/Havana run where she saw considerable service from 1907 thru 1917.

When the United States Congress voted in the War Resolution of 6 April, 1917, in the ensuing rush to gather equipment, men, materials, and supplies for the War effort to which the Nation was unprepared, the **SS Havana** was requisitioned by the US Government on 23 May 1917 and assigned to the US Army as a troop transport under the designation "**USAT Havana**". After a refitting she left port 14 June 1917 for her first and only Trans-Atlantic crossing as an Army Transport. She would join 3 other Army Transports; **Saratoga, Tenadores, and Pastores**; two Cruisers, **Seattle** and **Dekalb**; and destroyers, **Wilkes, Terry, Roe**, and a converted Yacht **Corsair** as **Group One** of the first **US Cruiser/Transport Convoy** to sail for France in WW I.

After her return, the "**USAT Havana**" was transferred to the **US Navy** on 17 July 1917 and sent to New York Navy Yard for refitting by the John N. Robins Co. of Brooklyn. There she was outfitted with state-of-the-art operating rooms, X-ray Labs, rest rooms and accommodations for 500 patients. She was commissioned on 18 March 1918 as "**USS Comfort**", desig-

nated as (AH-3) and went into service with **Medical Inspector C.M. Oman, USN** commanding. The "**USS Comfort**" was one of the first Hospital Ships to be staffed with female nurses on board along with a Chief Nurse.

The "**USS Comfort**" served as a floating Hospital at New York Harbor from 24 July thru 5 October 1918 and then sailed to join the **Cruiser/Transport Force** of the **Atlantic Fleet** to return wounded soldiers from Europe where she made 3 crossings between 21 October 1918 and 13 March 1919. She would bring home **1,183** severely wounded men from France, Britain, and the Azores.

After her third Atlantic crossing, the "**USS COMFORT**" received orders to sail from Charleston on 9 June, 1919 for the Mare Island Naval Yard on the Pacific Coast for repairs and major upgrades. By September 1919 and with the **WW I** at an end, she was placed in reserve and **decommissioned** on **5 August 1921**. She was later sold on 1 April, 1925 while still at Mare Island.

This old veteran which served our Nation's troops during the "**Great War**" was reacquired by "Ward Line" in 1927, underwent boiler upgrades and interior modernization at Todd Shipyard of Seattle before returning to the sea as a third tier Luxury Passenger ship under her original name "**SS Havana**".

Over the following years she incurred two more refits and name changes; first as the "**SS Yucatan**" and then the freighter "**SS Agwileon**".

In **May 1942**, with our Nation once again facing the logistical needs of **War**, it called on the "**SS Agwileon**" for a return to military service. After a conversion at the Atlantic Basin Iron Works of Brooklyn, she sailed in April 1943 as the US Army's Troop Transport "**USAT Agwileon**". In August 1943 she was once again called in to the Atlantic Basin Iron Works and refitted as a US Army Hospital Ship

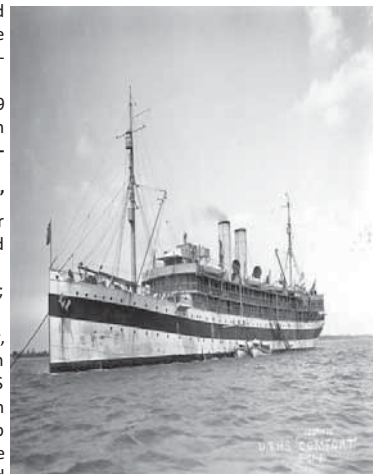
and set sail for the Mediterranean September 1943 under the proud name "**USAHS Shamrock**". After three tours of the Mediterranean and with the War in Europe winding down, the "**Shamrock**", having transported some **17, 989 patients**, returned to Charleston Navy Yard in April 1945 for up-upgrades in preparation for service in the Pacific. With repairs complete by September 1945 she set sail for Los Angeles, arriving October 1945. With **WW II** at an end, there was no more need for Hospital Transport Ships, "**USAHS Shamrock**" was taken out of service and turned over to the War Shipping Administration at San Francisco. She was then assigned on 4 February, 1946 to the National Defense Reserve Fleet (NDRF) at Suisun Bay, California.

On 30 December 1947 she was sold for scrap.

In her storied career this gallant old warrior served as a passenger steamer, a freighter, a US Army Troop Transport through two Wars and proudly finished her service in WW I as the Hospital Ship "**USS Comfort**" (AH-3). She once again answered the call to duty to serve in **WW II** where she completed her career as the Hospital Transport Ship "**USAHS Shamrock**", earning those who served aboard her the right to wear the patch shown below right.

### USAHS Shamrock

Order your **2021 Nurse Training Pins** now and you can proudly display a piece of history on your Chapeau. While providing support for the National Nurse Training Club program, they also will make great conversation pieces for both collectors and historians alike. "Salute"



**KOREAN WAR  
ARMISTICE**



Sunday, August 9, 2020, Spencer Smith Park, Burlington, Ontario, Canada. The 67th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice was observed along with a parade and ceremony.

American Legionnaires & 40 & 8 ers, Bob Winder, Ron Zabrok and Robert Williams attended.

Ron (age 95) was awarded a plaque commemorating his service during The Korean War.

1. IMG 8264: left is Ron Zabrok, U.S. Navy vet; right is Bob Winder, U.S. Army vet at the Canadian Naval Memorial at Spencer Smith Park in Burlington, Ontario, Canada. Bob is Lampiste and Ron is Drapeau of Voiture 1637. Photo by Robert Williams (Chef de Train & Sous Correspondant of V-1637).

2. IMG 8270: Ron Zabrok wearing the U.S. Navy white hat (l to r #5) all veterans pictured are receiving a 70-year Certificate of Appreciation from the Korean Consul General - Chung, Tae-in (extreme right hand side). The other six veterans served in the Canadian forces.



**Why should I support the National Box Car Association**

This will be my first article for this year. And the question is **Why?** Why should I support the National Box Car Association?

I will now tell you of a program who benefitted from the National Box Car Association, as well as VA Hospital and Clinic visiting Veterans.

In this article, which I will call the continuing education of the National Box Car Association, I will zero in on one particular program that solely relies on the Box Car Association for funding. A contest within the VAVS program titled "Keep The Wheelchairs Rolling". This contest is funded by the National Box Car Association. The contest was derived and established to create competition amongst the VAVS Representatives and Deputy Representatives and a direction to compete for monies from Nationale donated for VA Healthcare and State Homes. Example, The Ohio Veterans Homes in Sandusky and Georgetown, along with the various VA Hospitals throughout each state.



These facilities put together a "Needs List". The purpose of creating these lists was to off-set monetary short-falls of a Facility and to give the various Veterans Service Organizations a way of donating funds to better the overall experience of the Veteran at any given Facility. Items included but not limited to, would be something as little as coffee to as essential as wheelchairs, along with other items of comfort.

To obtain these items the Representatives or Deputy Representative of either the State Home or VA Facility simply review the afore mentioned "Needs List" for their specific facility and choose the items of need. What they would then do is submit in writing a description of how the item or items would benefit the Veterans of their Facility. Also required in their communication would be the cost of these items and the total amount needed. Once the letters are completed, they are either emailed or regular mailed to the VAVS National Directeur. The National Directeur will then keep them on file until March 31st of that year, after which all requests are reviewed and the winners then selected. Checks would then be sent to the winners by Nationale, and those checks then be presented to the winning facilities on behalf of Nationale.

Another item of information is the VAVS program also maintains an "Emergency Fund". The purpose of this fund is to provide assistance to Veterans being served during that year. The monies used here are over and above the contest monies.

As you can see the National Box Car Association is an important program, and why your support is not only appreciated but needed for the betterment of all of our Nationale programs.

I know anyone receiving anything from the VA cherishes anything associated with the VAVS. If you need a reminder just ask National VAVS Directeur Ron Rolfes Jr. and he will enlighten you.

This year the VAVS received for "Keep Those Wheelchairs Rolling" from National Box Car \$3,000 just for this particular part of the VAVS program.

Anyone wanting any Box Car Association items, I encourage you to contact your Grand Box Car Directeur or myself at fwkon@gmail.com or 216-210-1898.

Yours in Service to La Societe and the National Box Car Association  
Frank Kronen, Secretaire/Treasurer National Box Car Association

**NATIONAL BOX CAR ASSOCIATION DONATIONS**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Membership                     | \$ 5,000.00      |
| VAVS                           | 9,000.00         |
| Keep Those Wheelchairs Rolling | 3,000.00         |
| 40 et 8 er Magazine            | 500.00           |
| National Historian Assoc.      | 150.00           |
| National Historian             | 300.00           |
| Merci Box Car Maintenance      | 1,800.00         |
| PAL'S Magazine                 | 500.00           |
| Photographer                   | <u>1,000.00</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>21,250.00</b> |



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Let me begin by thanking everyone involved in nominating me for the great honor of National Voyageur of the Year. There are many who deserve the honor more than I and I hope their Locales will put their names forward in the future.

My local Post Office is moving and apparently it requires them to reassign P.O. Box numbers. Therefore, our Box # has been changed from 1782 to 782. They have assured me that they will automatically place our mail in the correct Box for the next year or so.



The coming year is again packed with challenges that we faced this year with little assurance when we will return to some semblance of normalcy. This year we added a new PR award, the Directeur's Editeur Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals who devote their time to take the story of La Société to the public at large. PR Directeur's, Publiste's, and Editeur's throughout the 40et8 do an admirable job of getting our story out to our members; that is necessary, but it is preaching to the choir.

The most important contribution to the success of our organization of Public Relations lies with the word "Public".

There is information available on the Nationale website to aid you in preparing and distributing Press Releases. Just follow this link; <https://www.fortyandeight.org/public-relations/>. The new award will focus on those who get the word out to the General Public where the new candidates for membership are.

Stay safe and thank you for your service!

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Thomas W. Fay Award - Chef de Chemin de Fer - 1978  
Awarded to the Voiture Locale presenting the best publication for the fiscal year.

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Award John Kilgus - Chef de Chemin de Fer - 1977  
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WISCONSIN  
Arthur McDowell Award  
Awarded to the Grande Voiture presenting the best publications without advertising for the fiscal year.

Award and Honorable Mention  
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John W. Emerson Award  
Awarded to the Voiture Locale presenting the best publication without advertising for the fiscal year.

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La Verne Eccleston Award  
Awarded to the Voiture Locale for excellence in promoting 40/8 Programs and fostering effective

communication with the community during the year. Award and Honorable Mention  
WINNER- ILLINOIS V207 MENTION- OREGON V80  
Robert Kaseman Award  
Presented to the Grande Voiture for excellence in promoting 40/8

programs and fostering effective communication utilizing public media (TV, Radio, Newspapers, social media, etc.) to promote the activities of the 40 & 8. Award and Honorable Mention  
WINNER - OREGON MENTION- WISCONSIN

Don Collins Award  
Presented to the Voiture Locale that submits the best entry showing utilization of the public media (TV, Radio, Newspapers, social media, etc.) to promote the activities of the 40 & 8. Award and Honorable Mention.

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Directeur's Editeur Award  
Presented to the Editeur of the Grand or Locale publication exhibiting the best combination of News, Humor, Creativity and Articles promoting the Programs and Traditions of La Société.

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### The Death of a Voiture Locale

This is a sad story, but all too common. You can see it coming, but no one does anything to stop it.

A Voiture Locale is chartered and the charter members are all enthusiastic and pledge their support to their new Locale. The Voyageurs are discussing the various programs, rituals and fun times that lie ahead. They elect Officers and Directeur's and schedule their Promenades for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Everything is organized and ready to go.

A few years pass and the offices of the Locale are harder to fill because everyone has aged a little, has other commitments or work duties that do not allow them time to serve any longer, although they had the time before. Other members have health issues, or excuses such as not being able to drive at night, although another Voyageur probably could have picked them up if asked to, and still others have just lost interest.

The problem multiplies as the Directeur's can't, or will no longer serve on programs either. The Locale does not have enough Directeur's to support the programs and they slowly fade away, one at a time until they are not doing anything for any programs...no pin sales, donations or volunteering.

Without Officers and Directeur's the membership starts losing interest in the Locale and the Forty and Eight. Once Voyageurs lose interest, they cease to pay their dues because they have no desire to belong to a Locale that is doing nothing. The attendance at the Promenades gets smaller and smaller. A member suggests that since they are having so few Voyageurs attend the Promenades, they should schedule them for every other month.

Do you see the pattern? Their Promenades go from every other month to every so often and then digresses to whenever they have enough members to meet. Eventually they cease to have Promenades and the few Voyageurs that are still members decide to give up their charter. Another Locale fades from existence. Now all of the sudden the Grande wants to know what's the problem, when in fact they saw this coming long ago, and no one did anything to stop it from happening. Sound familiar? Unfortunately this happens all too often, but it can be stopped.

The remedy to stop these "obituaries of Locales" is interesting and fresh membership. I am not just talking about new members, although that is important, I am talking about keeping the interest of the members that you already have as well. Why should a member show an interest in their Locale or the Forty and Eight, if no interest is shown in them?

This situation can be avoided easily. What I am referring to is getting the members involved in the Locale by holding office, directorships and decision making matters. Don't allow the Locale to become a "Good Ole Boys" club with the same handful of Voyageurs as the powers that be year after year. I have heard the term in the past that "They don't have the experience" to hold office or serve the Locale, and that is such garbage. How is anyone going to get experience if they are not involved, you never know how good a player is unless you put them in the game. Remember the office of Sous? I promise you that an active Voyageur will be a member for many years, and a Voyageur that is not involved is just marking time until they drop out. If every Locale would get their members more involved, they would not have to scramble for renewals. Some Locales prove this theory to be true now and they have a solid membership, and strong programs.

The other factor that guarantees a successful Locale, is of course recruiting. Get new members with new ideas integrated with the Voyageurs with experience and you will see the magic. Mix that new enthusiasm with the wisdom and direction that already exists and your ability to accomplish programs and projects increases greatly. But once again, you must get these new members involved and invite them to offer their suggestions and opinions in the Locale business.

We must never cease to realize that the Voiture Locales are the backbone of the Forty and Eight. Without strength and a solid foundation, our beloved organization is no more stable than a house of cards. This is what is needed to keep "The Honor Society of American Veterans" functioning at a successful level, and stop further incidents of "Death of a Voiture Locale". Mike Wood - Chef de Chemin de Fer 2015





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## WE PRESSED ON

By David Schick, PGC, Grand Correspondant du Iowa

The Central States Promenade has long been a fun tradition for 40 & 8ers in the central part of the United States. Though our member states have varied over the years, with some added, some dropped out and others moving on, we have had our tradition of coming together to celebrate the ties of comradeship which bind us, in keeping with the traditions of La Societe.

Central States currently consists of 7 states: Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas. The responsibility of hosting CSP has rotated and this year it fell to Grand du Iowa. Some experienced and loyal Voyageurs stepped up and we took the task on.

With a lot of hard and skillful work, preparations were nearly completed. A lovely place to gather was found, dates were set and contracts signed. Then the world was thrown a beanball. COVID-19 came and it was ugly. It became unsafe to gather in many places and many organizations, Veteran or not, cancelled many gatherings. The world hunkered down and waited.

Many of us were looking forward to CSP and wanted to try. We remembered how, due to reasons out of human control, CSP 2019 did not happen. We also knew it was the 40 & 8's 100th anniversary. We wanted to make sure Central States Promenade would stay alive. With cautious optimism, we moved the dates back about a month, to Memorial Day weekend. COVID-19 did not budge. We moved the dates back to the eventual dates that it took place, the last full weekend in July. Many of our loyal Voyageurs were good enough to make reservations to join us at the new dates. One Voyageur was reported to have said "I've been through two tours in Vietnam, malaria and being shot at. This doesn't scare me."

COVID-19 finally eased off a bit and word was given that CSP 2020 was a go. We told people to come on down. A few very hardy Voyageurs and Femmes were still willing to join us. Finally, the days came.

In total, 45 persons joined us. This is a small number but in a way it was good. It gave opportunities for us all to talk to one another and get to know each other.

La Femmes Les Presidente Nationale Penny Haigler graciously joined us for CSP, traveling all the way from North Carolina. We were thrilled to meet her.

Friday morning we were able to offer a special treat. The Grand du Iowa still has its Merci Boxcar in excellent condition thanks to the efforts of some hard-working custodians, including Monsieur Rick Grimm. A group of Voyageurs, joined by Madame Les Presidente of La Femmes Penny Haigler, traveled to the boxcar to view many items relating to the history of the 40 & 8 and the US Armed Forces in general. It is chock full of interesting items, enough to be a mini-museum.

Those who did not travel to the Boxcar enjoyed the hotel's miniature golf course. A great time was had by all. Friday night the past came alive as a sock hop was held at the hotel. 4 of our lovely female guests donned their poodle skirts and many others joined in a dance with music from the 1950's. The dance went wonderfully despite the fact that the hotel's air conditioning was not up to snuff. We also had a delicious catered meal.

Saturday began with the traditional Salty Dog party. Grand du Nebraska provided delicious beverages. We had our luncheon with the usual one-hour business meeting and continued to enjoy ourselves. Saturday night we indulged in a tradition which may be unique to the Amana Colonies: Family-style dining. The staff brought us the food and we passed it around. Yes, that is still a thing.

Sunday morning, with new friendships formed and old ones cemented, we went our separate ways with loads of new memories.

Maybe we were dogged, maybe we were nuts, but we wanted to try and we succeeded. The tradition of Central States Promenade is alive and well and we hope you will join us in Omaha in 2021.

## LA SOCIETE DES QUARANTE HOMMES ET HUIT CHEVAUX

## Let's Set the Story Straight....Once and For All !!!!!

Mike Wood, Nationale Membership Advisor

Years ago at the 89<sup>th</sup> Promenade Nationale in Orlando, FL, a resolution was passed to open membership eligibility to the Forty and Eight to ALL Honorably discharged veterans and active duty personnel. This was passed by no less than two thirds of the membership body as in accordance to the Nationale Constitution. However there seems to still be some confusion on this matter, and I would like to clear it up and put this to rest for good, so we can move ahead and use this valuable recruiting tool.

In my travels I have heard many comments on how we have "separated" or "split" from the American Legion, nothing could be further from the truth. The Forty and Eight extended every possible scenario to remain as we were since 1921 and met nothing but barriers and resistance. Much, or should I say most of the problems existed because of the ideology that had been planted since the mid 1950's and passed down over the years. Voyageurs and Legionnaires, we are not children, we are all Honorable veterans, and these issues should have been solved years ago, not allowed to grow and fester over more than 50 years as they have. The Forty and Eight finally reached a crossroads in their membership and a decision had to be made to find a way to increase its membership or cease to exist, hence the resolution to open the ranks to all honorable veterans.

As far as the view from La Societe there is absolutely NO CHANGE in the relationship with the American Legion. We are still made up almost exclusively of Legionnaires and that is still a preferred recruiting base. Voiture Nationale has nothing but the upmost respect for the American Legion, and as you all know, the Legion and the 40 & 8 work very similar programs for the good of the community and veterans. So there is not a division or separation between these 2 fine veteran's organizations. We as the 40 & 8 needed to open the recruiting base to survive and grow, and that's why the resolution was passed. Please do not read anymore into this other than the fact that we needed more members and had to have a way to find them.

With that being said, I would hope that each of you, as a Voyageur Militaire would take full advantage of this most valuable recruiting tool. We now have the largest recruiting base in the history of La Societe (with all honorably discharged veterans) and our membership numbers should reflect that. We now have an opportunity to strengthen our numbers into the millions, just as the American Legion or the V.F.W. has. No one can convince me that a veteran is any less worthy or Honorable just because he did not serve during war time or on a hostile foreign soil. That veteran took an oath just as we all did, and in my book that constitutes serving your country. It goes without saying that active duty personnel are worthy, for they are today's defenders of our way of life, whether during war time or peace. I ask each of you, as a Voyageur, to open your arms and welcome these veterans and active duty troops into our fraternal order. You will be giving them the opportunity to be a member of "The Honor Society Of American Veterans" and helping La Societe grow. It's a WIN, WIN situation. Please remember that, "The Greatest Barrier to Progress, Is Resistance to Change."

So the next time you are at a 40 & 8 function or hospitality room and someone there has had one to many cans or bottles of liquid intelligence, and they are preaching about how we are "divided" or "separated" from the American Legion, just have someone read this article or have them call Voiture Nationale and Set the Story Straight...Once and For All !!! Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope that you feel as I do.







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You may send ad copy with registration or email (preferred) ad to [redoc@bellesouth.net](mailto:redoc@bellesouth.net) (Make Check Payable to Voiture 1411 and mail to: Tom Adams, Correspondant V-1411, 5916 Oak Bayou Lane, Ocean Springs, MS 39564)

**HOTEL** - (all rooms non smoking) \$94.00 + tax single/double  
\*\*Reservations must be made by calling hotel direct 228-875-4211 to receive this rate - otherwise pay \$119-139.\*\*

Tentative Schedule - Check Program Book for Updates

Friday, 9 April 2021  
Registration/Hospitality Room 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Squirrelly Hour 6:00 pm  
Beauty (?) Contest 7:00 pm

Saturday, 10 April 2021

P.D.'s Report 7:00 am  
Grande Chemnot 8:00 am  
1st and 2nd Degree 9:00 am  
Lunch noon  
3rd Degree 1:00 pm  
Squirrelly Hour 5:30 pm  
Banquet 6:00 pm



**Great Western States Promenade**  
California Welcomes You



April 8 thru 11, 2021  
American Legion Yolo Post 77  
523 Bush St, Woodland CA 95695 530-662-9772

April 8 - 11, 2020 Best Western Shadow Inn, 584 N First St, Woodland CA 95776  
530-666-1251 Rates \$85 Single, \$95 Double + tax. (Free shuttle service from SACTO ARPT)

Registration \$85.00 Voyageurs \$35.00 LaFemmes

Hospitality Suite @ Best Western

Early Bird Registration Thursday April 8, 2021 12:00pm - 3:00pm Best Western  
5:00pm - 9:00pm Post 77  
Early Bird Party Thursday April 8, 2021 5:00pm - 10:00pm Post 77 (Hot dogs & beans)  
Drink tickets provided (2 per Registrant)

Promenade Registration Friday April 9, 2021 9:00am Yolo Post 77  
Business Meetings Voyageurs & LaFemmes 1:00pm  
Lunch available both Friday & Saturday @ Post 77  
Cache Creek Casino Trip 5 - 10pm (Transportation provided)

April 10, 2021 Old Town Sacramento Tour 11:00am - 4:00pm (Transportation provided)

For planning purposes, please check preference/preferences Casino Trip \_\_\_\_\_ or Old Town \_\_\_\_\_

April 10, 2021 Banquet @ Post 77 7:00pm

Farewell Sunday April 11, 2021 7:00 - 9:00am @ Best Western

Registration deadline March 22, 2021

Mail completed check or money order to Steve Villegas 1160 Stellar Way, Milpitas CA 95035.

Phone 408-309-9158 [svillegas@gmail.com](mailto:svillegas@gmail.com)

Please make checks payable to SAN TOMAS VOITURE 365

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture/Grande \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Trips: Casino \_\_\_\_\_ Old Town \_\_\_\_\_

**Grande du Missouri invites you to attend the**  
**102nd Promenade & 58<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous Nationale**  
 Springfield, MO  
 September 14-18, 2021  
 Come Enjoy some Missouri Hospitality

Date form completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT SEPARATE FORMS FOR EACH REGISTRANT**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Voiture's Registration @ \$30.00 (non-refundable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voiture's Late Reg. Fee (ENTER 07/21) @ \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grande Voiture: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grande Cabane: \_\_\_\_\_  
 La President Luncheon (07/14/21) @ \$38.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 One Night Room Deposit @ 100.00 (100.00 AM PER ROOM) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Early Bird (07/14/21) Tickets @ \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Banquet (07/17/21) Tickets @ \$48.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Select one meal for each person:  
 A. Spike Park Lunch \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. Missouri BBQ Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. Grilled Chicken Breast & String Beans \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_

SHARED ROOMS  
 THE UNIVERSITY PLAZA HOTEL IS THE HOST HOTEL FOR BOTH VOYAGEURS AND DAMES  
 NOTE: Rates ONLY available through Promenade Nationale Corporation.

Single Occupancy \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00  
 Double Occupancy \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00  
 Suite \_\_\_\_\_ \$140.00

HANDICAP ROOMS ARE LIMITED. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING YOUR REQUEST. HANDICAP ROOMS ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS BY REGISTRATION DATE. Free breakfast with room.

Handicapped Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Near Elevator:   
 Two Beds: \_\_\_\_\_ Low Floor:   
 King Bed: \_\_\_\_\_ Wet in Room (\$10 per night per fee)   
 Wet can be up to 70 pounds.

Special Needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Guests in Room: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by Check? (Enter Check Number): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payment by Credit Card? (Check one below)  
 VISA  MasterCard  Discover   
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Exp Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

BILLING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE FOR CREDIT CARD REQUIRED  
 BILLING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BILLING ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION AND RESERVATIONS**  
 NOTE: ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES MUST REGISTER WITH THE PROMENADE NATIONALE CORPORATION. Requested lodging room types and preferences are a request ONLY, and CANNOT BE GUARANTEED by the Promenade Nationale Corp. Complete this form as applicable and either provide your credit card information or make your check payable to "102nd Promenade Nationale Corp." This is a non-refundable form and payment to:  
 Voiture Nationale  
 250 East 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Indianapolis, IN 46205

Additional forms available on-line at [www.102ndpromenade.org](http://www.102ndpromenade.org)  
**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 1, 2021**

The first night's room deposit is required (credit card or check) to guarantee your hotel room. The deposit will be deducted from your hotel bill. All rooms are subject to 16.9% State Sales and Local Room Occupancy Taxes. Parking at the hotel is complimentary to guests. Complimentary breakfast buffet and WiFi.

**CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS**  
 Reservations may be changed or cancelled without charge until August 12, 2021, by contacting the Promenade Nationale Corp. at 317-634-1884. NOTE: NO REFUNDATION FEES ARE NOW REFUNDABLE.

Print Form      Save Form

# 60th Great Lakes Promenade



State College, Pennsylvania  
 June 3rd 4th 5th 2021

Hosted by  
 The Grande Voiture du Pennsylvania

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration \$50.00 per person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Booster Club Ad \$2.00 per name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tour of Happy Valley Winery \$35.00: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tour of Penn State Creamery \$35.00: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interested in Golf? ( ) Yes Need a Scooter? ( ) Yes

**BUFFET STYLE MENU**

**Prime Rib - Haddock - Chicken Marsala - Baked Potato  
 Vegetable Medley - Rolls - Dessert - Drinks**

**DEADLINE - for receipt of payment for  
 Registration and Tours is  
 May 12th, 2021**

Make checks payable to Grande Voiture du Pennsylvania  
 Mail checks C/O: Dave Kessling  
 82 Eves Street - Port Matilda, PA. 16820

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

Comfort Suites 132 Village Drive  
 (off North Atherton Street)  
 State College, Pennsylvania. 16803  
 King or Double Rooms - \$79.00 per night Tax included  
 You are responsible for your own reservations  
 which must be made by May 12th, 2020

# Save the Date!

for the

# 74<sup>th</sup> Southland's Dixie Promenade

Hosted by DoubleTree by Hilton  
 Myrtle Beach, South Carolina  
 April 22 - 24, 2021

All accommodations and meetings  
 will take place in the Live Oak  
 Tower.

**51<sup>st</sup> JOINT CAROLINA'S PROMENADE**  
 January 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 HOSTED BY VOITURE 1067  
 GOOSE CREEK, SC

Host Hotel  
 Wingate by Wyndham  
 9280 University Boulevard  
 North Charleston, SC 29406  
 Phone: (843) 619-3892

Mention  
 40&8 Joint Carolinas  
 To Receive Rate  
 of  
 \$75 +tax per night

Cut-off date for the  
 Hotel Rate is  
 December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Please get your Reservations  
 in early

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRANDE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOCALE: \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_ GRANDE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CABANE: \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration - \$50  
 Includes Friday Hospitality Room, Saturday Night Banquet,  
 Program Book, and Event Pin

We Appreciate your support of our Program Book  
 Full Page-\$50    Half Page-\$30  
 Quarter Page-\$20    Business Card-\$15  
 Booster Names \$2.00 per person (Mr. & Mrs. is two names)

Cut-off date for Registration and Ads is January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Please make checks out to  
 Voiture 1067  
 and mail to  
 Michele DeJonghe-Hill  
 P.O. Box 757  
 Walterboro, SC 29488  
 and email your Ad to  
[taz2k@att.net](mailto:taz2k@att.net)

Saturday Banquet - Please choose 1 for each attendee  
 Pork Loin \_\_\_\_\_ or Oven Fried Chicken \_\_\_\_\_