

FORTY ET EIGHTER

The official publication of

Spring 2023

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux



AMERICANISM
CARVILLE STAR
CHILD WELFARE
NATIONAL BOX CAR
NURSES TRAINING
POW - MIA
PUBLIC RELATIONS
RITUAL
SPECIAL AWARDS
VAVS
VOITURE ACTIVITIES
YOUTH SPORTS

CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FERS HOMECOMING



March 25th in Independence, Ohio at the Double Tree by Hilton, many Voyageurs, Dames and guests celebrated Chef de Chemin de fer Frank Kronens Homecoming.

HILLBILLY WRECK



GRANDE DU GERMANY



Voiture Locale 1467 Grande du Germany recently held their elections and Voyageur Courtney Jimenez becomes the first female elected to the position of Chef de Gare. Pictured with her are from left Voyageur John Pruitt and Grande Chef de Gare Passe John Gerdermann.

VOITURE NATIONALE OFFICERS 2022 - 2023		
Frank Kronen	Chef de Chemin de Fer	Ohio
Terry Sims	Correspondant National	Indiana
Deb Reynolds	Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer	Florida
Janie Miller	Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer	France
Steve Dircks	Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer	Minnesota
Terry Chatfield	Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer	North Carolina
William Stroud	Avocat	Louisiana
William Sreubner	Aumonier	South Carolina
Dan Dumas	Commissaire Intendant	California
David Cook	Conducteur	Ohio
Ron Pfalzgraf	Historien	Wisconsin

This newspaper is owned by Voiture National of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux. It is published quarterly with editorial offices at 250 East 38th St. Indianapolis, Indiana. 46205. Phone 317-634-1804. Fax 317-632-9265 Email voiturenationale@msn.com The official website is www.fortyandeight.org. Price per single issue is \$2.00 and yearly subscription \$7.00.

When submitting articles, pictures or notices for publication in the Forty & Eighter, please only send articles in word or publisher format; not PDF. Pictures should only be sent as attachment or jpeg form. And YES they can also be sent by USPS. No pictures cut out of a newspaper will be accepted.

Send submissions to voiturenationale@msn.com or the L'editeur at wgrandvoiture@spectrum.net

Travels With The Chef de Chemin de Fer



Cajun Fun



Chef Frank Kronen and National President Robby Garland visit the Carville Star Museum with National Directeur Tom Adams



Honored guest at the Grande du California Spring Cheminot



At the Southland Dixie in Alexandria, LA with other Past Chef de Chemin de Fer's



Getting in the Mardi Gras spirit at Presidente Robbys Homecoming in Jacksonville, FL.

CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FER FRANK KRONEN



February started off with a bang!!! The first weekend found me in Jacksonville Florida for Madame President Robbie Garland's Homecoming. It was a Mardi Gras theme. It was a Great Time for all. As you can see from the picture, I was the EVIL JESTER. The Double Tree overlooked the Jacksonville River with a great view of the city.

Next instead of driving back home to Ohio then driving south again 2 days later, instead decided to travel due west straight to New Iberia Louisiana for my next scheduled event the Cajun Wreck. Until other Voyageurs and Dames arrived, I had a chance to visit the city and enjoy their hospitality. Ray Boy had us all well fed with his incredible Cajun Cuisine. The fried alligator being awesome as usual. Now during the second degree of the wreck I snuck into the proceedings dressed in the EVIL JESTER costume and stood 6 inches from each PG staring deep into their eyes. Neither I nor any of the PG's blinked. When I finished with the final PG, I just walked out of the hall. Just a special added touch. The Fun and Comradery were fantastic. At the banquet I was presented great gifts and needless to say will be a long time coming before I need any Tabasco Sauce.

I left on Sunday to return home by Tuesday since the very next weekend I was scheduled to attend the Spring Grande Cheminot in Modesto California. I arrived in Oakland airport and was met by Grand Chef de Gare Tony Castillo and my Aide de Camp Ed Martin from Arizona. We then traveled to Modesto. While in route we drove through the Blue Diamond Almond orchards and all the trees were in their flowering bloom. Beautiful to see. We also drove past the residence of Ernest and Julio Gallo. Once we arrived at the hotel National Directeur of Child Welfare Joseph Donovan became our escort. After we were settled in, we went to the Veterans Memorial Center where the weekend activities took place.

As my practice this year continued, I do not sit at the head table but in the audience with the rest of my Fellow Voyageurs promoting FUN. At the Saturday night banquet, a high school ROTC color guard posted the colors. They were magnificent, absolutely flawless. After the banquet I met their instructor who happened to be a retired Army Major. I asked him point blank that since he, was present and attends California Grande functions, why he wasn't a member. I also asked an active-duty Air Force Recruiter present why she wasn't a member. Last I heard they were both wrecked, and I sent a picture of her with her Chapeau taken after she was wrecked it should be in this issue.

My next event was my Homecoming, it was truly a great and wonderful time. Pictures were sent to L'Editeur Tom, however he said some didn't come out that well. There were 6 Chef de Chemin de Fer present. In total we had 70 attend the banquet. We also celebrated the 103rd Birthday of La Societe.

Next event was the Hillbilly Wreck in Cleveland, Tenn. This as in the past was a Fun Filled time. The American Legion where it is held was a mere 500 feet from the hotel, so walking was the order. With a Tennessee Highway Patrol post next to the Legion Post driving was not recommended.

My next event took me to State College, Pennsylvania for the Grande Cheminot and Promenade for Grande du Pennsylvania. One of the best things to happen was when the Grand Chef Joe Warren entered the hospitality room and saw me sitting there, they didn't let him know I was attending. The look on his face was priceless. Prior to the Cheminot Grand Chef Joe called me up to see the Birthday cake since they were celebrating the birthday as well.

A point of note is Grand Chef Joe is a member of our founders Local in Philadelphia. Voiture 1. Now as the Grand Chef had me come forward to view the cake, it happened again. The Grand Chef's gavel found it's way into my hand. Imagine that. Now as the Grand Chef proceeded to start the Cheminot meeting he stated I want to start things, but I don't have my gavel. Now when I was at the Cajun Wreck Chef de Chemin de Fer Ken "Doc" Lafleur gave me a gavel 2 inches in height. I stood and was recognized and stated, Monsieur Grand Chef de Gare, I will loan you this one until your gavel surfaces. He complied. Now once again I do not sit at the head table so with the other Voyageurs present, we proceeded to have fun with clickers and train whistles. Now, when I was asked to address the body I presented the Grand Chef with his gavel, I charged him \$ 20 to National Box Car. Now in my address I touched on the membership card. In past years it had printed on the back that out of every Voyageurs yearly dues \$.25 went to Child Welfare and another \$.25 went to Nurses Training. With the preamble now on the card many new Voyageurs aren't aware of that, and I also stressed this is Petite Communique time. Do those 2 reports since you qualify for their reporting. Now another topic I addressed was at the Local who participates in "Sickness and Distress", Covid hit many Voyageurs and if they lost their jobs food and shelter will automatically come first. During that part of my talk a Voyageur stood and after recognized proceeded in TEARS to thank his Local and the Grande for doing that for 7 years after he suffered a stroke and 2 major surgeries. He then stated nobody knows how grateful he was to still be a Voyageur. I will be supplying the back of an older membership card with that displayed for inclusion into this article.

My next event took me to Alexandria Louisiana for Southland's Dixie at the Historic Hotel Bentley. This was once again a great and FUN time. Now, there are 3 business meetings that take place. Time and Place, Resolutions and General business. Now once again as is my practice I sat with the Voyageurs. For each meeting I changed seats making it fun for Secretaire Gary Cox to find and introduce me. During each meeting the clickers from different locations in the hall came out as well as train whistles. Chef de Chemin de Fer Pat Beamer joined in with a train whistle and whistle siren. Great and Fun time. During a recess Chef de Chemin de Fer "Doc" Lafleur somehow acquired President Ray Boy's Gavel. You guessed it. Once again myself, along with Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill Simpson offered our 2 inch gavels. When the new President Jim Mayhew was elected, he proceeded to approach the podium with, you guessed it HIS gavel for the next year. I made it home safe, all 1101 miles yesterday morning bright and early. This weekend it is Indiana.

And FUN will once again prevail
 Chef de Chemin de Fer
 Frank W. Kronen



Air Force recruiter and new Voyageur



The gavel replacement for Grand Chef de Gare du Pennsylvania Joe Warren. His father in law Clayton Pickens was the bearer of the Paul Bunyun Ax for two years due to the pandemic and never lost it. You think Clayton would have taught Joe to be more careful.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Wayne P. Sorrentino National Directeur
As you read this article (sometime in late April or early May), you have less than 1 month to research, complete and send your Special Awards nomination to your Grande Leadership.



Now is the time to step it up and complete the process by reading the nominations instructions in the FOUR PAGES of the Special Awards Report found on National's website under RESOURCES, FORMS & SPECIAL AWARDS REPORT.

Our Special Awards Sous Directeur's have been working very hard writing and submitting their monthly guidance letters to our Grande Leaderships, requesting your cooperation with generating the nominations for each of our FOUR categories. These letters, of course, need to be pushed by the Grande's Leadership to the Voitures Locale level so the WORD is getting out to the individual worker bees who are charged with generating the actual nominations.

The nomination must be generated by the Voyageurs in the Voitures Locale and the nomination package for each category is then sent to their Grande Leadership by June 1st. The Grande Leadership then decides which nomination received is BEST for EACH category and then sends that nomination to the appropriate Judge by July 1st for consideration for the National Award. In summary, each Voiture Locale can submit only one nomination for each category to their Grande; the Grande can only send one nomination for each category to the Judge who is responsible for that category.

The Four Special Awards presented at Prom Nationale are City or Town of the Year, Hero of the Year, Voyageur of the Year and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Every Grande, at a minimum, should have no problem getting a Voyageur of the Year nomination submitted for someone in their Grande who is going above and beyond the call of duty.

The Sous Directeur's and Judges this year for each category are:

City or Town of the Year: Mildred S. Wright-Pearson of California.

Hero of the Year: Sean D. Johnson of South Dakota.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: Lawson Dukes of Florida.

Voyageur of the Year: Donald T. Caudell, Jr. of Indiana.

Their contact information is located on Pages 1 and 4 of the Special Awards instructions. If there are a few minor problems with your nom, our Judges can assist you with correcting these in time. You may call the appropriate Judge or myself at 716 891 5164 (be sure to leave a message if I don't pick up). The July 1st deadline is just that. It's a DEADLINE. Do not expect late nominations to be considered as we are on a very tight schedule to have all in readiness by Promenade Nationale. There are many steps which need to be completed by my Committee members prior to Promenade Nationale. Having your nominations arrive a week before the deadline can be very helpful if/when errors are discovered so they can be fixed.

Please take the time to thoroughly read and reread the instructions: General Guidelines are on Page 1 and Nomination Guidelines are on Page 4.

The completed Official Nomination Form and the completed Participation Reporting Form must be included in your nomination package and all signatures must be in place. A separate nomination and package must be completed for each Special Award being submitted.

Please consider joining The General's Club which was established in order to assist with the costs for our Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Your support allows us to continue these annual awards. Please also consider joining the new Blue Chevaliers Project which was started in November 2021. This is a two-fold opportunity to provide exposure for The 40 & 8 Society to the local community and to fight the demoralizing attempts to defund and demonize all law enforcement personnel. As Greg Hall (Special Awards Directeur National Passe) would say: "BACK THE BLUE".

We each took an un expiring oath to support and defend our country from all enemies, both foreign and domestic. We are requesting all Locales and Grandes to enthusiastically support this Project and to encourage your membership to join us. The initial dues are just \$15 which gets you a membership card and a beautiful Chapeau pin.

Renewal dues are just \$2 annually. Please view these minor expenses as a part of your investment and support for the future of La Societe.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Promenade Nationale in Sandusky in September. Enjoy the summer.

Stay safe out there and safe travels to all.

For La Societe,
Wayne P. Sorrentino

PUBLIC RELATIONS

At one time "Public Relations" within La Societe was simply about our P.A.L.S. Newsletter The Bulletin and helping and assisting our L'editeurs. With the breakout of social media and the influence of the internet and email, Public Relations has been forced to enter the modern age. We now have a detailed Public Relations Manuel covering all aspects of PR to include social media and our Bulletin Newsletter stays focused on the latest PR trends and issues. To stay better connected to us it is wise to become a member of the Press Association of La Societe - P.A.L.S. and of course be familiar with our PR Manuel.



This time of year all Directeur's Nationale turn their attention to reports and of course awards - based on those reports. We are just weeks away from report deadlines - with reports taking time and effort to accurately complete and submit. The 2023 PR report has been slightly revised and updated - a relatively easy report to complete - look at it soon if not already. Only 25% of Grandes routinely turn in their reports as required. I would expect that Grandes only receive about 25% of their Locales and not every Locale submits a report for all programs. So when it comes time for awards, many fall through the cracks that are deserving. Grand Chef de Gare's and Correspondants, please encourage reporting.

Just about everyone knows about Blue Chevalier - the PR grass roots project in support of local Law Enforcement. With 300 members and a great awards program - I feel it is ready to step up and be a significant part of our programs at Nationale. With it's own Newsletter and a growing catalog of merchandise, A Blue Chevalier pin should be on every chapeau. Is a Blue Chevalier membership card in your wallet?

Finally it is time for all Locales and Grandes to submit copies of their Newsletters to me and/or P.A.L.S. President Bob Cearlock or your PR Sous for consideration. Point Of Contact information is on the directory website at Nationale.

This includes press releases, newspaper clippings, articles, photos, etc. To those attending the Nationale Promenade, as you look at the Committee Agenda, please make time and effort to come and visit us at the Public Relations Committee meeting - lots to talk about and consider.

National Directeur Renny Keagle

GRANDE DU OREGON



March 16th, 2023, Voiture 316 of Grand du Oregon held its annual Birthday celebration to honor the 103rd Birthday of the Forty & Eight. Local Chef de Gare Paul Trueax praised the Forty & Eight for all the programs available that help Veterans and their Families, Youth and Nurses of the local community. He went on to say where would our community be if the Forty & Eight had not been formed.

CARVILLE STAR

Americanism - A Manifestation of Patriotism
Tom Adams - National Directeur Carville Star



The director of our civic chorale recently reminded us that within a span of 46 days we will celebrate Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and July 4th. At a time when patriotism wanes throughout our country, observance of these important days is more important than ever. The director's selections for our Memorial Day concert include relevant references to each of the four significant days falling under the 46-day umbrella.

In November 1941 patients at Carville were challenged to enter an essay contest on "What Americanism means to me." Despite dealing with the life-changing impacts of Hansen's disease on their lives, the patriotism of Carville's patients shown through as documented in the following excerpts from their essays that were published in a 1941 edition of *The Star*:

"If God permits me to get well soon from my illness, I would like very much to join the Navy to help my country to defend itself. To be in the service under the Stars and Stripes is something every American should be proud of. As long as I am here I am helping my country by buying defense stamps"

(Patient - Flor Domingo)

"Americanism is justice, regardless of creed, race, or social status." (patient Marie L. Vasquez)

"Only in America could a hospital like this be found, where we sick are treated by our government, not as the least among men, but as the best. I thank God for the priceless heritage of Americanism, and pray that it may serve as a beacon in these dark days, to guide the world to a better and brighter future." (Patient Betty Martin)

These and other essays clearly demonstrate the patriotism and intense Americanism shared among the patient population at Carville. In the face of difficult and uncertain lives separated from families and friends, they remained patriotic and filled with Americanism. With the affluence and freedoms we enjoy in our country today, is there any reason we should not be even more patriotic than our predecessors from Carville?

In the November 1941 edition of *The Star*, the Medical Officer in Charge of Carville wrote "The Star is only a spark in the dark---Let us keep it burning and hope that it will serve to light up other beacons until the whole world will be made bright with the Truth." Now over 81 years later, *The Star* is published by La Societe and continues to bring Truth about Hansen's disease to 29 countries in six continents, 22 states, and 14 clinics. **If you are not a subscriber to *The Star*, please consider subscribing.** The cost remains \$2.00 per year and a subscription form is available under Forms & Petite Communiqué on the 40&8 website. Have a blessed summer and never fail to joyfully celebrate your Americanism.

GRANDE DU NEBRASKA



Chef de Gare Carl Christensen of Nebraska City, NE 40 & 8 Voiture 1015 presents a check to Ms. Salena Balquair of Nebraska City. Salena will graduate from the College of Saint Mary in Omaha, NE, as a Registered Nurse in May of 2024.

MEMBERSHIP

Gena Keller - National Directeur

Taglines are crucial in creating a memorable brand identity. It is a short phrase or sentence that goes along with the brand name and helps people understand what the brand is all about. It is the first thing people see and remember about the brand, and it can influence their perception and decision-making process. When it comes to membership organizations, taglines play an even more significant role. They can motivate and inspire members, attract new ones, and convey the organization's mission and values.

As we are at an interictal part of the membership year, it is the perfect time to evaluate our taglines and see if they still reflect the organization's identity and goals. It is also an opportunity to come up with new taglines that could better represent the organization and resonate with the target audience. The process of developing a tagline involves brainstorming, refining, and testing various options to see which one works best. It requires creativity, strategic thinking, and market research to ensure that the tagline is effective and memorable.

The list of taglines presented to the members is an excellent starting point for developing a new tagline. They can examine and analyze each tagline, see what makes them work, and identify how they could be improved. Additionally, members can pool their ideas and come up with new taglines that could better represent their Grande. By voting for their favorite tagline, members can identify which ones resonate the most with their audience and decide which ones to discuss further.

In conclusion, taglines are an essential aspect of a brand's identity, especially in a membership organization. They can motivate and inspire members, attract new ones, and convey the organization's mission and values. By evaluating and developing a new tagline, members can ensure that their Grande's identity reflects its goals and resonates with their target audience. The interactive Membership Matters Training session at Nationale can be an excellent platform for members to discuss and refine their tagline ideas, leading to a more effective and memorable brand identity. I hope to see you all there... Yes, we will need a large room, that is ok! - Membership Matters

MORE IDEAS

Honoring Veterans Empowering Lives; Join the 40 et 8 Today!

Serving Those Who Served: Join the 40 et 8 and Find Your Purpose!

Join the 40 et 8 and discover your passion for serving those who served!

You won't believe the impact this Veterans Organization is making with their charitable programs - join the 40 et 8 today!

Unlock the secret to Fulfillment: Join the 40et 8 Veterans Organization and make Charitable Programs your Passion!

Change Lives and Make a Difference - Join the 40 et 8 Veterans Organization and Give Back to Those in Need!

You won't believe how the 40 et 8 Veterans Organization is changing the lives of Veterans and their families!

Unlock the secret to Honoring Veterans and their families with the 40 et 8 Veterans Organization.

Uncovering the Incredible story of the 40 et 8 Veterans Organization How they're changing lives and Honoring those who SERVE!

Unleashing the Untold Story of 40 et 8 Veterans: Why their families matter more then you think!

Uncover the Untold story of 40 et 8 Veterans and why their families are the Real Heroes!



MEMBERSHIP 2023

April 27th, 2023

	AREA	2022	2023	PERCENT
ALABAMA	3	99	86	86.87%
ALASKA	2	119	132	110.92%
ARIZONA	2	383	381	99.48%
ARKANSAS	1	75	72	96.00%
CALIFORNIA	4	674	581	86.20%
COLORADO	1	65	38	58.46%
CONNECTICUT	3	113	104	92.04%
DELAWARE	3	23	13	56.52%
DIST OR COLUMBIA	3	14	7	50.00%
FLORIDA	3	571	508	88.97%
FRANCE	2	96	96	100.00%
GEORGIA	4	350	279	79.71%
GERMANY	4	72	65	90.28%
IDAHO	4	87	86	98.85%
ILLINOIS	3	999	909	90.99%
INDIANA	1	2061	1819	88.26%
IOWA	3	227	208	91.63%
KANSAS	3	320	282	88.13%
KENTUCKY	4	184	148	80.43%
LATIN AMERICA	2	5	10	200.00%
LOUISIANA	4	487	444	91.17%
MAINE	1	86	84	97.67%
MARYLAND	2	208	205	98.56%
MASSACHUSETTS	2	96	100	104.17%
MICHIGAN	2	760	689	90.66%
MINNESOTA	4	913	835	91.46%
MISSISSIPPI	2	133	123	92.48%
MISSOURI	3	673	650	96.58%
MONTANA	1	73	67	91.78%
NEBRASKA	4	281	258	91.81%
NEVADA	4	20	17	85.00%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1	76	68	89.47%
NEW JERSEY	4	63	57	90.48%
NEW MEXICO	1	22	8	36.36%
NEW YORK	2	715	629	87.97%
NORTH CAROLINA	1	459	433	94.34%
NORTH DAKOTA	4	176	166	94.32%
OHIO	3	1023	923	90.22%
OKLAHOMA	1	94	102	108.51%
OREGON	2	151	133	88.08%
PENNSYLVANIA	2	927	818	88.24%
SOUTH CAROLINA	4	273	236	86.45%
SOUTH DAKOTA	1	320	323	100.94%
TENNESSEE	3	53	59	111.32%
TEXAS	2	231	213	92.21%
UTAH	1	15	14	93.33%
VERMONT	3	28	28	100.00%
VIRGINIA	4	330	296	89.70%
WASHINGTON	2	430	388	90.23%
WEST VIRGINIA	2	110	123	111.82%
WISCONSIN	1	855	785	91.81%
WYOMING	3	18	22	122.22%
V2000		413	409	99.03%
TOTALS		17049	15529	91.08%

AREA	2022	2023	Percent	
Area - 2 Janie Miller	4364	4040	92.58%	1st Place
Area - 3 Deb Reynolds	4161	3799	91.30%	2nd Place
Area - 1 Terry Chatfield	4201	3813	90.76%	3rd Place
Area - 3 Steve Dircks	3910	3468	88.70%	4th Place
V-2000	413	409	99.03%	



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer
Steve Dircks



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer
Deb Reynolds



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer
Terry Chatfield



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer
Janie Miller





**NATIONAL CABANE PRESIDENTE
ROBBY GARLAND
GREETINGS VOYAGEURS AND DAMES**



I am so excited and thankful because as of April 20, 2023 our membership was 100.78 %. Congratulations to all the Cabanes who have reached 100% or more. Our La Sous Presidente's have worked hard and have done an outstanding job this year. Unfortunately we had a few Cabanes turn in their Charter this year. We still have a few Cabanes that are not at 100% so hopefully these few will reach the 100% and we might actually reach or exceed last year's 107.8%. Membership is everyone's job so let's see if we can reach last year's membership.



The beginning of February was a very busy for me. I started the month with my "Homecoming 2023". My theme was Mardi Gras with everyone wearing beads and masks. I would first like to express appreciation to all who volunteered. An extra special Thank You to Cabane 304 and Cabane 215 for all the help & contributions of the food served in the hospitality suite. I also had assistance from Voyageur Gary LaFrance and Florida's Grand Chef Bin Williams serving beverages. I cannot thank Tom Orval enough for being the official photographer, he was very patient with me as I kept turning away just as he snapped the picture. I cannot forget Mary Orval and all her reminders of protocol and keeping me on the right track, nor my advisors Sandy Wood and Cheryl Jannick answering questions and making sure I didn't forget anything. My rock during this event from planning to execution was my husband Ron Garland. He kept me organized and focused on what needed to be done as well as helping with shopping, making sure I didn't forget anything and then getting everything to the hotel. It was because of these Dames and Voyageurs the Homecoming was a success. I could not have done it without their help. The Dames from Cabane 304 surprised me with a beautiful basket in my room at the homecoming complete with goodies and wine glasses with my name, title and year on them.

The following weekend, February 9th through 11th, it was off to the Cajun Wreck complete with the excellent Louisiana hospitality. We were met at the airport by the Locale Chef Keith Miller who delivered us to the hotel. As soon as we were checked in and delivered our bags to the room, we were off to Doc and Patricia LeFleur's home for an amazing dinner of Crawfish Etouffee and the best King Cake I have ever tasted. On arrival back at the hotel, I found a beautiful bouquet of red tulips, a bowl of fruit and lots of chocolates provided by the Dames of 1351. The next morning it was up early and into the van for the Carville trip. I knew some about Carville, but learned so much more. I could have spent at least half of a day more in the museum, there was so much to see and an overwhelming amount of information. An extra special Thank You to Nationale Carville Star Directeur, Tom Adams who gave Janet Walsh and me a personal tour with his personal insight into Carville and the work he and his wife have done at Carville. I will look forward to another visit in the future. We stopped at Roberto's for a delicious lunch on the way back to the hotel. Thursday evening was dinner at Laundry's with a wide variety of Cajun Food on their buffet and a very entertaining couple who played and sang songs from the 60's, 70's and 80's. Friday was a quick shopping trip and time in the Hospitality Suite with old friends and new friends, the early bird party with lots of Fried Chicken and sides. The Dames of 1351 surprised me again with a basket of goodies including body spray, lotion, a super soft decorative pillow and other wonderful items. The Kangaroo Kourt was lots of fun with all PG's found guilty and then put in the stocks. Chef Frank ended up in the stocks as did the judge Jesse Hixon, Ron Garland and several others. So much fun!! Saturday lunch was Jambalaya prepared by "Ray Boy". I attended the Grande Louisiana Cheminot, with PNP's Cheryl Jannick and Janet Walsh, Nationale La Sous Presidente Cheryl Boswell, Nationale Aumonier Cindy Hickey and other visiting Dames. There was a lot of discussion about membership challenges in addition to their regular agenda. Saturday evening we were treated to another Cajun meal with a Meatball Stew, and sides. A very unusual dish but very tasty. An extra special Thank You goes out to Dame Kristen, Cabane 1531 Dame, who was up bright and early Sunday morning to have us at the

airport at St Patrick's Day weekend I attended the Northeast Florida First Coast Wreck and the Grand du Florida Chef de Gare and Grande de Florida La Presidente's homecoming. The hospitality from Voiture and Cabane 1610 was wonderful. We enjoyed Fish and Shrimp Dinners at the post before the Kangaroo Kourt. Saturday the Dames met in the hospitality room to play Yo Bubba Bingo hosted by Cabane 1610 with their La Presidente Cynthia Dukes calling bingo. Everyone had a great time and won lots of gifts. For lunch we went to Schooner's Restaurant for a delicious meal. After lunch we attended the third degree, I am never able to sit through this ceremony without crying. That evening it was back to the Post to attend the banquet for a great meal with and fun around the St. Patrick's Day theme.

The next weekend, March 23rd through 25th was Chef de Chemin de Fer 2023 Frank Kronen's Homecoming in Independence, Ohio, with lots of comradery. The Double Tree by Hilton was a beautiful hotel on a hill with a distant view of Cleveland, OH skyline. After checking in the hotel, I found a wonderful gift basket from Harry and David filled with lots of snacks and treats from Chef Frank. The hospitality room was full of Voyageurs and Dames from all over the country. We played Train Dominos and visited all weekend. The banquet food was good and we had an added treat with a 103rd birthday celebration with a birthday cake for La Societe.

The next weekend, March 30th through April 1st, I attended the Hillbilly Wreck in Cleveland, TN. This was my first trip to the Hillbilly Wreck, and I am certain it will not be the last. We had so much fun at the post visiting with old friends and making new friends. They had an outstanding turkey dinner at the banquet and then an absolutely awesome band at the post.

The next trip was to the Great Western Promenade in Rapid City, South Dakota, April 13th through 15th. What an amazing trip this was. Thursday evening the Hospitality Room had Buffalo Chili and Beans that was delicious. On Friday we boarded a bus and were off to see Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial and visit the Prairie Berry Winery. If you have not had an opportunity to visit Mount Rushmore you should think about putting it on your bucket list. There is so much information about how the mountain was sculpted in to the four president's faces. We were there for a couple of hours and that wasn't enough time to do the visit justice. Someone in our group said it was more than they expected. I think the most amazing fact was there were no casualties during the entire time this project was being built.

The next stop on the trip was the Crazy Horse Memorial. Once again there was so much information that we were not able to read and see everything. This Memorial has been ongoing for almost 80 years and is still being worked by the family of the man who started carving the memorial. In addition to the carving there is an Indian Museum with paintings and artifacts as well as a school for Native Americans. I would like to go back to both of these memorials and spend more time at each one to be able to see everything.

The last stop on this tour was the Prairie Berry Winery. I think everyone on the tour participated in the wine tasting and several people purchased some of the wine.

On Saturday several of the Dames helped with decorating the room for the Banquet, what fun that was. A perfect example many hands make work light. After assisting with the decorating several of us took a trip to Deadwood. Thanks to Chef de Chemin de Fer 2022, William "Bill" Simpson for driving us. We had a great time sightseeing and shopping while it was snowing on us walking from store to store. We ended up at Mustang Sally's restaurant for a light lunch and then headed back to Rapid City. That evening was the banquet. We were served a delicious meal and part of the program after the meal was awarding three Nurses Training Scholarships. I must say the Voyageurs and Dames at The Great Western know how to have a grand time. This was one of the most fun Banquets I have every attended.

The Next event I attended was the Southland's Dixie Promenade, in Alexandria, LA, April 20th through 22nd. I was greeted at the airport by Louisiana's Past Grand Chef, Charlie Craddock and escorted to my ride, a White Stretch Limo to the hotel. What a greeting! That evening at the Early Bird dinner, we were treated to Ray Boy's famous Seafood Gumbo and Chicken & Sausage Gumbo. There was entertainment playing great songs that we all remember for our younger years. On Friday we were again

treated to more of Ray Boy's cooking. Sausage & Chicken Jambalaya, white beans & ham. On Saturday there was a meet and greet for Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Kronon and me. There was lots of time at the Hospitality Suite to visit with old friends and make new friends. The banquet on Saturday was so much fun, there was a band playing all our old favorite songs and the band members encouraged the audience to participate. At one point we had several members of the audience up playing various instruments.

I would like Thank all who have invited me to your functions and your support this year. I am having a great time everywhere I go meeting new friends and seeing old friends.

For the Good of La Societe de Femme,
Robbie Garland
La Presidente Nationale 2022-23

GREAT WESTERN



Dames at the Saturday evening banquet



Along with hubby Ron, Presidente Robby touring the Mount Rushmore area



Past Presidente's Cheryl Jannick, Marilyn Rowley and Janet Walsh with Robby Garland at the Saturday evening banquet



AMERICANISM FRANK CAMPO NATIONAL DIRECTEUR

Bon Jour Voyageurs and Dames,

The below information was taken from the November 2022 issue of the Press Association of La Societe (PALS) newsletter sent out to those Voyageurs who belong to PALS.

The Americanism Program of La Societe is literally a gold mine from the perspective of public relations. Now is the time to grab a copy of the Americanism Consolidated Report and review it - not wait until May or June. I go down the report and see category after category that is prime for press and media releases. Americanism pin sales is greatly important but only a small part of this important program. It doesn't take a detailed assessment to clearly see that Americanism is community based.

So, public relations must be used to promote a positive image for La Societe - and Americanism is the perfect platform to do so. We need to publicly state who we are, what we do and why we matter - and Americanism is at the heart of it. The majority of us are also members of other fraternal and Veterans organizations.

Those things that we accomplish or participate with them obviously overlap. Ever heard of "No taxation without representation"? The founding fathers had quite a few slogans and key phrases that they promoted for their cause. In PR, it is important to always remember your core Americanism message when pitching reporters, writing press releases, facilitating interviews, and in almost any other task. Organizing and promoting Americanism events in the community is one way PR can attract media attention to promote your locales interests.

Events can be a great way for Voyageurs Militaire to interact with many members of the media at once, as well as provide an opportunity to showcase your locale and mission. Events also provide a forum to discuss with the media who you are and what you do and spark ideas for future media opportunities. But, the media has to be informed and invited and followed up with—you've got to consider press releases.

Perseverance is just as important in PR. Just because a pitch doesn't land a positive response on the first try doesn't mean you should give up. Following up with reporters and thinking of new ways to position previously unsuccessful opportunities is some of the most difficult PR work we do. Creativity is a major part of this process, and having an open mind to forging new paths can make working in PR much easier.

This is November and February is still a bit off but not that far that we should not be considering taking advantage of February being "Americanism" month nationally. February is of course a busy month with a Presidential holiday and Valentines Day - but as Americanism Month it should be a time to "foster and perpetuate" our nations cherished American traditions.

And La Societe has a lot of them. Every Locale is part of a city and county - consider a government proclamation declaring February as Americanism Month and honoring the Forty and Eight including your locale for its Americanism role in your community. Include such areas as Flags for First Graders, flag retirements, school award presentations, law enforcement recognition, support of youth activities, Americanism activities in your communities (be specific), VAVS activities could all be part of the proclamation.

We will provide a sample proclamation below. Key ways to promote Americanism... Americanism pin sales—not just for your chapeau or jacket—but to hand out to others demonstrating support for the program and promoting La Societe. Educating our children on flag history and etiquette through the Flags for First Graders Program. We must teach and encourage children to love and respect their flag and country in order to grow their national pride.

Consistent and accurate Americanism reporting from the locale and Grande, a big area that needs improvement. We must follow La Societes rituals, customs and support our programs - all programs are part of our Americanism spirit.

We still have pins available for consignment. If you were not able to pick any up in Green Bay, let myself or Ron Garland know, and we will get them out to you in the mail. They are \$3.00 a piece or if you get 100 or more, \$2.75 a pin. You can email Ron at rgarland46@bellsouth.net. To get them.



Spotlight on Americanism

Proclamations A proclamation is an official way for local government leaders to make an official announcement. Although there are a few steps involved, overall it's a very easy thing to accomplish - particularly if you draft the proclamation for your leader(s).

First, visit your governments (or Mayor-County Judge) webpage and look for anything to do with "proclamations." Some will actually spell out how to ask for a proclamation and even give you a template to follow. Otherwise, use the site's search feature and type in the word "proclamation."

Another option is to look on the "Contact Us" tab. This page may allow you to write a brief message asking about how to proceed. Title—Start with a basic title, which explains the proclamation. Write Reasoning Statements Identify the reasons behind your proclamation. Keep it straightforward and simple.

Start each statement with "Whereas," followed by the reason. Write The Proclamation Statement - Explain what you are proclaiming, based on the above-listed reasons. Start the sentence with "Now, therefore" and be sure to include the author's name, position, organization, location, and the date. This statement should be written in the first person. Determine what date period is being covered - a specific day, a week, a month or a year.

Proclamations can be for our suggested Americanism Month in February or for one of many Americanism achievements.

TITLE WHEREAS (As many as necessary to get the point across, usually several) NOW, THEREFORE PERSONAL INVITATION (Underneath proclamation statement, personally invite readers to support and participate in your proclamation) Sometimes the process of government is slow. Typically a request for a proclamation for a Governors signature—plan on two months. A Presidential Proclamation could take many months—give it three to six months. In addition to seeking the specific guidelines for requesting a proclamation, be sure to inquire about the preferred format. This information will allow you to begin to draft an effective proclamation. Examples...

WHEREAS The Forty & Eight was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France. The titles and symbols of The Forty and Eight are derived from the experiences of U.S. troops during World War I such a "boxcars" used to transport "40 men or 8" horses to the front.

WHEREAS The Forty and Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, to promote the well-being of veterans, their widows, widowers and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors.

NOW THEREFORE I (), Title of Official signing, do hereby proclaim (day, week or month) as a special (Day, week or month) to show our appreciation for... and to proclaim it as...

PERSONAL INVITATION I encourage all citizens of the (city/county) to support (EX: February as Americanism Month) and Voiture Locale () for its dedication and role and long history in support of Americanism in our community.

CHILD WELFARE JOE DONOVAN NATIONAL DIRECTEUR

Voyageurs ALL: As you read this message, I am hoping and praying that mother nature has woken up that the calendar dictates Spring is here! Snow is still flying even in Southern California! Tornado's have struck the south and east in WINTER? Has your Voiture assisted children in need? Remember, the Ardery Trust is available to reimburse Locales that help children through their participation in our Child Welfare Fund Raising Efforts - pin sales or direct donations.

Speaking of pins: the order for 2024 Child Welfare Pins has been processed. Pins are in production and should be available in mid to late May. REMINDER Payment for 2023 pins out on consignment WAS DUE APRIL 1. (5 Grandes are delinquent)

I know it's early, but I would like to go over some elements of the Child Welfare Annual Report. Everyone pays their dues. 25 cents of your dues is earmarked to Child Welfare efforts. You can't avoid your participation! That means, you can and should report your Locale effort on the annual Child Welfare report to your Grand Directeur (or Grand Correspondant) if your Grand Chef has not appointed someone to handle the ORIGINAL charitable effort of the Forty and Eight. The Report Form is divided in 3 sections:

SECTION A Assistance and services provided by the Locale, CASH MONEY SPENT Participation by Voyageurs hours and miles does not count here.

SECTION B Assistance and other services provided. Transportation provided, holiday gifts, children's parties, etc. AGAIN, Voyageur hours and miles don't count here

SECTION C This is where Voyageur hours and miles are recorded. Pins Sold? Direct donations to the National Child Welfare Program, and finally, the # of Voyageurs X .25 each. If that's all your Local did, REPORT it! There's no excuse for not bragging about your effort! Remember. Local Reports go to your Grande, Grand Reports totaling Locale activity need to be sent to me by July 15. Report Forms in PDF or Word Format are on the National Web Site www.fortvandeight.org, Resources, Forms & Petit Communiqué.

Pins are available from me @ \$3.00ea. Quantities over 25 are available on consignment, Quantities of 100 or more prepaid are \$2.75ea. Please make your checks payable to NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM. Report forms should be sent to National Directeur Child Welfare Joe Donovan, 4660 N River Rd Spc 12, Oceanside CA 92057
E-mail jdovan4660@hotmail.com Phone 760-721-9405

RITUAL STEVE BRADLEY NATIONAL DIRECTEUR

I hope everyone celebrated the Birthday of La Societe this past month and forwarded pictures to the 40 et 8er magazine.

As I mentioned last month, this is the time of the year to plan your Calvin Kane Memorial Service on or around Memorial Day. The Calvin Kane Memorial Service is a stand-alone service and should not be included during a Promenade. If you plan to hold the Calvin Kane Memorial Service at the time of a Promenade, do it before or after the Promenade not during the Promenade.

In the Ritual and Manual of Ceremonies, in the Order of Business of a Promenade, after the Roll Call of Officers the next item is Memorial Service for a Deceased Voyageur. This Memorial Service is completely different than the Calvin Kane Memorial Service. The Memorial Service for a Deceased Voyageur should be held during a first promenade after the death of one of your Voyageurs. Hopefully a short Eulogy will be given in memory of the Deceased Voyageur. Make yourself familiar with this service which includes the Chef de Gare, Chef de Train, Commis Voyageur, and Conducteur if needed. The Ritual and Manual of Ceremonies suggests a six feet long black ribbon, which will give three feet of double ribbon as a drape for your Voiture Banner.

A reminder to all Grande Voitures and Voitures Locales that the National Color Guard Competition will be held at Promenade Nationale in September. This is the time to practice for the competition.

Keep track of your time and expenses for your Ritual Report which is coming due.

At Promenade Nationale, the National Ritual Committee will meet and discuss matters of Ritual. On the National 40 et 8 website under Ritual is this instruction:

It is recommended that each Grande Voiture and Voiture Locale have a Ritual Committee. Their duties should be to study thoroughly the Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies and offer suggestions to improve it to the Permanent Ritual Committee for its consideration and recommendation to the Promenade Nationale.

Suggestions for improving our Ritual can be brought up at the National Ritual Meeting upon proper acceptance of your notion.



NATIONAL BOX CAR ASSOCIATION

Well, it is late April, early May, and as I had hoped, the **Box Car keeps rolling along!** The team is working hard this year, and their hard work and determination is showing. From what the Secretaire tells me, we are currently well ahead of last year's totals and you all know what this means, more money to be given out to deserving programs and individuals. The NBCA couldn't do what we do without the assistance of all the Voyageurs and La Femmes who help. For this, I give a sincere thank you! There are still three months left in the 2023 Voyageur year, so there is so much more that can be done. Let's get to it!

Since the last 40&8er we've had a new Voyageur join us as a National Sous Directeur Box Car, Andres 'Andy' Jaime, from Grande du Arizona. Welcome Andy, it's great to have you aboard the Box Car Team! I know you'll do great.

As you are all aware, maintenance of the Merci Train Box Cars is a big part of what we support and one of the things for which we provide money. The program is simple and works like this: Perform maintenance on your Grande's Merci Train Box Car. Then, \$150 will be given to every Grand that completes and sends in the form once they have purchased \$150 of Box Car pins, Crew Cards, or Associate Cards. It's that simple. We essentially pay you for maintaining the cornerstone of our program, the Box Car. Remember, the maintenance deadline is fast approaching, July 1, 2023.

As for merchandise, we would ask all Grandes with outstanding balances to please settle up so that we can closeout 2023 and prepare for the new 2024 Box Car year. We do still have 2023 pins, Crew Cards, Associate Cards, large and small whistles, patches, Box Car coins, and the Box Car coins showing appreciation for La Femmes. For any merchandise you need, or to restock, reach out to Secretaire Virgil Blum, and he will make sure you are squared away.

Virgil Blum
7511 S. 128th St.
Omaha, NE 68138
Email: virg4huskers@yahoo.com
Phone: 402-779-6827

I know you have all been anticipating the reveal of the 2024 Box Car pin, and the wait is almost over. You will be able to see a preview of it in this 40&8'er (look hard and I know you'll find it ha-ha), or you can wait until the official launch on June 1st. This year's pin gives recognition to the 75th Anniversary of the Merci Train being gifted by France (1949-2024). I hope you all enjoy it, and get your consignment orders in now! This one will definitely be a collector's item.

I will close with this. As I always state in my letters, columns, correspondence, etc., if you ever have any questions, concerns, or comments related to Box Car, or anything else 40&8, feel free to reach out. I am never more than a phone call or email away.

Paul J. Emmert, Sr.
345 Moores Branch Circle
Westminster, MD 21158
Email: pjemmertsr@comcast.net
(new email address)
Phone: 443-745-1948

GRANDE DU OREGON



Dan Evers of Voiture # 153 in Salem presents a check to the Volley Ball team coaches of Central Lynn Highschool. Dan is a 1968 graduate of the school.

VOITURE ACTIVITIES

The Voiture Activities program measures Voiture Locale and Grande Voiture activities and member involvement. It measures the percentage of participation by individual members in a Voiture and Voitures Locale within a Grande. Two or more voyageurs must plan an event and at least one voyageur must work to execute the event. If Dames are present or involved, their contribution of time, effort and financial resources can be counted for reporting purposes. Use of a vehicle with Forty and Eight logos constitutes "rolling stock." Funds utilized must be from a Voiture Locale or Cabane account.

The 40 & 8 website (fortyandeight.org) has a webpage for Voiture Activities which contains ideas that are reportable. The reporting forms for both Locales and Grandes can be found at the forms-petite communiques webpage. Voitures Locale should send the report to either the Grand Directeur or the Grande Correspondant. They will combine the locale reports and forward them to the Nationale Directeur (me) and I will review them and report the results, including the winners of trophies, to Voiture Nationale and the Trophies and Awards Committee. The reports should be sent by e-mail or snail mail to me so they arrive by July 25.

If you have questions about the program or reporting, you can contact your Grande Directeur or me. My e-mail address is jhelges98c@gmail.com. You can also call me at 715-381-3945. There are two Sous Directeur's, whose contact information can be found under "Resources" and "National Officers" webpage. You may contact the one closest to you for questions also.

What you do and report for Voiture Activities should assist you in filling out the other program reports of La Societe. These reports are used to show the public what La Societe does in our communities. Keep up the good work and report it.

John Helgeson - National Directeur

VOYAGEUR SPOTLIGHT JOHN SCHENK



John Schenk who has been the Grande du Virginia Grand Correspondant for about 26 years has been a friend to many always helping out others whenever needed.

At the National Promenade you'll find John at a table near the Headquarters collecting membership dues for both the Chef de Gare Passe Club and Generals Club along with selling meal tickets to both.

This last year when Terri Taylor was all alone manning both the Headquarters desk and Emblem Sales, John stepped right in and assisted Terri in any way possible.

As a matter of fact it was John who got Terri to purchase a portable Epson Workforce 110 printer so John could collect dues, mark them down and also print out membership cards for the past Chefs and Generals Club saving postage. Last year he collected over \$2,000 in dues alone.

A tip of the chapeau to John for his outstanding service to La Societe



VAVS / SVH

RON ROLFES - NATIONAL DIRECTEUR

Before I get into the meat of my article, I thought I would let everyone know about the best kept secret in Central States. Back in February I was invited to attend the Annual "Twister" Wreck hosted by Voiture 58 in Wichita, KS. Upon arrival, Locale Che de Gare Curt Renard, Nationale Sous Directeur Child Welfare Tim Evans, and Nationale Publiciste Bruce Kouba greeted me at the airport. From there we grabbed some lunch and then off to the Chateau for a tour of the property. The building sits on eighty acres (if memory serves) overlooking a large pond. They have their own shooting range (which we got to try out) and an area designated as a Boy Scout Camp. After the tour it was off to the hotel, then out for dinner. The next day was originally set aside to do a little sightseeing, however, it was brought to my attention that they had lost one of their members earlier that week and the funeral was that day, so we went to the service instead. The wreck itself kicked off on Saturday morning and was one of the most organized I have seen to date and wrapped up on Sunday morning. The dinner Saturday evening was very good, and everyone really enjoyed themselves. The hospitality shown to me that weekend was nothing less than outstanding. All the members of Voiture 58 and the Grande du Kansas really went out of their way to ensure I felt like one of their own. To Ron Purdie their Grande Chef de Gare, Bruce, Curt, Tim and all the Voyageurs of 58 and Kansas Thank You!

I feel the need to touch on a topic that has and continues to be touched on by so many. **Communication.** We have been saying for years that this organization has a communication problem, and I could not agree more that this is becoming more of an issue as time goes by. I have been told that in many cases the information highway stops at the Grande Level, meaning that the information is not being forwarded down to the Voitures. Some will argue that they are not receiving information from a particular committee or program in a timely manner. Others may not have an issue at all. We must also remember that Communication is a TWO-WAY STREET. If a Directeur or Sous Directeur requests information from a Grande, we expect the courtesy of a response! Help us help you by assisting your Nationale team where needed. Thank You.

The Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling Contest wrapped up on 31 March. This year we had Twenty-one entries competing for the limited funding this year. I am happy to report that we were able to work some magic and award just over \$6,400.00. A heartfelt thanks to the National Box Car Association, Grandes, Locales, and personal donations that were able to make this possible.

Over the past couple of months, I have totally scrubbed the Program Representative/ Deputy Representative Certification listing as well as completed a full audit. Currently we have Forty Two regularly scheduled volunteers and are represented on Thirty-Six VAVS committees. Twenty Eight Grandes are represented. (These totals do not include volunteers at the State Home Facilities). As you can see there is a ton of work to do. So, if you can spare an hour or two a week and able to commit to attending Four meetings a year, then please contact your local VA Voluntary Service Office (CDCE) and get involved. Remember our Dames can help also! For more information contact me or one of the Sous Directeur's.

In case you missed it last month Secretary McDonough announced that the Department of Veterans Affairs has updated its 1959 mission statement.

To fulfill President Lincoln's promise to care for those who have served in our nation's military and for their families, caregivers, and survivors.

The new mission statement is inclusive of all those who have served in our nation's military - including women Veterans - as well as Veteran families, caregivers, and survivors. VA currently serves more than 600,000 women Veterans, the fastest growing cohort of Veterans. VA also serves more than 50,000 Veteran caregivers, more than 600,000 Veteran survivors, and millions of Veterans who did not serve in combat.

To all the Voyageurs and Dames, a heartfelt thank you for all you do for our Nations Veterans!



**Official Call
104th Promenade Nationale
La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Sandusky, OH**

September 12-16, 2023

In accordance with Section 1, Article VI, of the National Constitution of La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, the 104th Annual Promenade Nationale is hereby called to convene in Sandusky, Ohio September 12 - 16, 2023.

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 Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, Ohio.

Promenade Nationale Sessions and Committee Meetings

Business Sessions of the Promenade Nationale, and all Committee Meetings of Promenade Nationale, shall be held in the Kalahari Resort & Conventions.

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 Locale 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 4, 2023.

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. 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 4, 2023 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 4, 2023.

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 one of Delegate.

Grande Voitures and Voitures 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 4, 2023. 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.

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 2023 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 Société, 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 4, 2023.

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 4, 2023.

Cheminot Nationaux

There will be a meeting of the Cheminot Nationaux 2023 at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, in the Arizona-Georgia.

A Meeting of the Cheminot Nationaux 2024 will be held immediately following adjournment of the Final Promenade session in Salon A & H..

Promenade Nationale Banquet

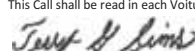
The Promenade Nationale Banquet will be held Friday, September 15, 2023 in Salon B,C,F, & G in the Kalahari Resort. Tickets for the banquet may be purchased in advance in conjunction with your advance registration, or by sending your order and check to: 104th Promenade Nationale Corporation, 250 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205. Tickets will also be on sale at the Registration booths. Ticket price is \$45.00 per person.

Hotel Accommodation

Hotel Accommodations may be obtained directly through the Resort.

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 G. Sims
Correspondant National

GRANDE DU FLORIDA



On April 23rd, Sous Nationale Directeur of Child Welfare Terry Lee, Grand Chef de Gare du Florida Binion Williams and Locale Nurses Training Directeur Jeff Fazan, all members of Voiture 304, Jacksonville, FL, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Steve Bacali, President and owner of Tom Nehl Trucking Company, for his company's many years of financial contributions to our Nurses Training Program. Voyageur Fazan is employed at Tom Nehl Trucking Company.

“Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling Contest”		
“The Results”		
Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Veteran Center, SD	Lap Tops/Phones	\$850.00
Olin Teague VAMC Temple, Texas	Personal Items Clothing	730.00
Batavia VAMC Batavia, NY	Rocking Chairs (2 each)	578.00
Harry S. Truman VAMC Columbia, MO	Women Wellness Water Bottles	500.00
Tuscaloosa VAMC Tuscaloosa, AL	Personal Items Laundry Baskets	500.00
Palo Alto VAMC Palo Alto, CA	Wheelchairs Gloves	500.00
Zablocki VAMC Milwaukee, WI	Women Vets Program	
	Shower Baskets	400.00
Ralph Johnson VAMC Charleston, SC	Bus Passes	400.00
Middleton VAMC Madison, WI	Homeless Vets Clothing	400.00
Mexico Veterans Home Mexico, MO	(TV)	370.00
Biloxi VAMC Biloxi, MS	Personal Hygiene Items	300.00
Western NC HCS Asheville, NC	Tote Bags CLC Residents	300.00
Kansas City VAMC Kansas City, MO	Gift Cards	300.00
Lake City VAMC Lake City, FL	Outdoor Games	100.00
Norfolk Veterans Home, Norfolk, NE	Coffee Fund	100.00
Ft. Meade VAMC Ft. Meade, SD	Magazine Subscription	100.00
McGuire VAMC Richmond, VA	Misc. Items Mental Health	400.00
Awarded by the Grande du Virginia		
Tomah VA Tomah WI.	Aquarium Fund	Honorable Mention
James Haley VAMC Tampa, FL	Clothing Closet	Honorable Mention
Hot Springs VA Hot Springs, SD	Misc. Items	Honorable Mention
VA Loma Linda Healthcare System		
Loma Linda, CA	Wheelchair Games	Honorable Mention
TOTAL REQUESTED	PAID OUT INCLUDING VIRGINIA DONATION	
\$16,708.00	\$6,828.00	

CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FER'S HOMECOMING MARCH 26 - INDEPENDENCE, OHIO



Dave Kessling and Mitch Newell working the hospitality room.



Voyageurs performing the 40 et 8 Birthday Ceremony



Chef de Chemin de fer Frank Kronen with Tisha Ray



Past Chefs Simpson, Kaseman Sims, La Fleur and Jannick with current Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Kronen



Paul Emmert presents Chef Frank with a collage of Box Cars from different Grande Voitures



Chef Frank & Tisha along with Cabane Presidente Robby Garland and husband Ron



Bob Kaseman presents Chef Frank with his own engraved locomotive



Ed & Eileen Martin flew in from Arizona to enjoy the festivities



Joe Jannich presents Chef Frank with a wooden replica of his pin



Camaraderie at the banquet



Head table enjoying the meal

GRANDE DU KANSAS VOITURE 58 WRECK

Keepers Of The Gavel



Grand Chef de Gare Lew Payne of the Grande du Georgia at the Hillbilly Wreck poses with past Keepers of the gavel; Mark Moots of Alabama and Frank Campo of California.



Twelve new Voyageurs were initiated into the ranks of La Societe on February 11th - 12th in Wichita, Kansas. Curt Renard was the Wrecking Chef and the Obligation was performed by Ron Rolfes.

GRANDE DU MINNESOTA



Jim (left) and Jack McDonald of the Roseau, Minnesota 40 et 8 (VOITURE LOCALE 1436) present a representative of the Sunshine House in Grand Forks North Dakota with a check for \$1000. Sunshine House is an organization similar to Ronald McDonald House where persons seeking medical attention can stay for a minimal cost.

NATIONAL PRESIDENTE'S HOMECOMING FEBRUARY 4TH, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA MARDI GRAS THEME



Yup - Joe has been in the wood shop again.



Enjoying the Mardi Gras theme at the Saturday evening banquet.



Jim Mayhew and Trudy Smith decked out in proper attire.



Chef Frank presenting Robby with a beautiful lighthouse display.



Bill & Dell Simpson dressing for the occasion.



Anita Lee in the festive spirit

Many gifts from the Dames



Robby with past Presidentes Gail Davis, Cheryl Jamnick, Irene Lester-Puckett, Joyce Willis, Janet Walsh and Sandy Wood.



Robby receives her gavel



GREAT WESTERN PROMENADE RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Deb Reynolds swears in the new officers with Annie Beaton of Washington becoming the new Great Western President.



Some of the lady Voyageurs at the Saturday banquet.



Saturday evening banquet honoring the three Nurses Training Scholarship winners from South Dakota Locale # 658 at the Great Western banquet. L to R: SD Grand Directeur Nurses Training Ron Krogman, National NT Directeur and featured speaker Bob Hickey, the three students and Locale # 658 Chef de Gare Don Fuller.



Don Fuller mans the registration table as Ken Fletcher looks on



Work continues on the Crazy Horse Monument



Saturday morning business meeting

MEMORIAL DAY IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



The Forty and Eight Memorial Day Ceremony is an annual event hosted by the 40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee. Planning for the weekend starts in October for the next year's Memorial Day Ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery. The Sunday evening banquet includes the Calvin Kain Memorial Service. Monday is a solemn occasion when we attend and participate in the National Memorial Day Ceremony at the Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery. At this event, Voiture Nationale and Cabane Nationale Drapeaux are marched into the Amphitheater. After Memorial Day addresses are given by the President of the United States and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chef de Chemin de Fer and La Presidente Nationale are invited to present a wreath at the tomb of the Unknowns. This is the only time that the 40 & 8 and La Femme leaders are recognized publicly by the US Government.

In 2001 we started a tradition of giving a US Flag to everyone entering the amphitheater. Because this requires about 10,000 flags, the committee requests donations. If you can help, please send your contribution to the Committee (as shown on the registration form). All donors will be listed in the Program Book. This is truly a weekend to remember and it is OPEN to everyone who would like to attend. Because of limited space, we recommend you register early. The weekend is largely financed by the Memorial Day Program Book, so even if you are unable to attend, please consider purchasing an Ad or being a booster.

**Alvin R. "Dick" George, President
Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee**



FORTY AND EIGHT MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

May 27 - May 29, 2023

REGISTRATION & RESERVATION

NAME: _____ VOITURE: _____ TITLE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

If registering for more than one person, please list names below with current title.

EVENT

Registration: \$35.00 Total \$ _____
Banquet : \$40.00
Donations for Flags \$ _____

Please note registration covers hospitality and transportation to Arlington Cemetery

Program Ads: Full Page - \$70.00, 1/2 Page - \$40.00, 1/3 Page \$25.00

Boosters - \$2.00 Per Name

1. _____ 2. _____

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR EVENTS, ADS AND BOOSTERS TOTAL \$ _____

Attendees must make their own hotel reservations prior to April 24, 2023. room rates are \$119.00 + 13% room tax.

Holiday Inn Express
8180 Silverbrook Road
Lorton, VA. 22079
Call: 703-643-3100

Mention 40 & 8/American Legion when making reservations

Make checks payable to: Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee

Mail to: John Schenk

406 E Randall Ave.
Norfolk, VA. 23503 Phone 757-588-7732

legionjohn@cox.net E-Mail ads should be in Word Document Format.

GRANDE DU NORTH CAROLINA



Michelle May, Grand Chef de Train du NC, Voiture 1638 and Doug Rose, Grand Sous Correspondent, Voiture 506 team up and visit Veterans at Novant Matthews Medical Center in Matthews NC. We talk to patients and educate them about our organization and we visit them and bring some fellowship among our fellow Veterans. We are volunteer Veteran rounders at Novant and enjoy this mission. It also has given me the opportunity as Sous Nationale Directeur of Nurses Training to locate nursing students for potential scholarship applications.



Early arrivals at the Southland Dixie in Alexandria, Louisiana.

GRANDE DU SOUTH DAKOTA



A snow and ice storm didn't stop these Voyageurs from having their annual spring Cheminot in Yankton on March 17th - 18th. Sous Chef de Chemin de fer Steve Dircks also attended the event.



GRANDE DE WISCONSIN



Nine new Voyageurs were initiated into the ranks of La Societe on March 11th in Tomah with the "Brown Collar Wreck" hosted by Monroe County Locale # 804



Nutracker Wreck 2023
20-21 October, Pascagoula, MS

Wreck and all associated events held at Legion Post 160 in Pascagoula. Lodging less than 2 miles away in the beautiful Pascagoula Hilton Garden Inn. Restaurants and shopping nearby and Biloxi casinos within 20 miles.
Hotel reservation deadline for \$98.00 room rate is 20 September 2023
After 20 September room rate increases to at least \$129!

REGISTRATION FEE \$75 - Includes Friday night hors d'oeuvres, Saturday lunch and Saturday Banquet- No registration charge for P.G.'s - bring 'em on!

Name: _____ Voiture/Cabane _____ Title _____
Street Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____

Name: _____ Voiture/Cabane _____ Title _____
Street Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____

Check if allergic to squirrels _____ or seafood _____

Registration (\$75 each) X _____ (Attendees) Total = \$ _____

Make Check Payable to Voiture 1411 and mail to: Curtis Smith, Nutracker Wreck, 516 Palm Breeze Drive, Ocean Springs, MS 39564

HOTEL - (all rooms non-smoking) \$98.00 + tax single/double.
Reservations: Hilton Reservations 888-728-3027 using rate code SAV
Mention "40&8 Honor Society of American Veterans"
*******Reservation must be made by 20 September*******

Tentative Schedule - Subject to Change - Registration and all events at Post 160

Friday, 20 October - a		Saturday, 21 October 2023	
Registration/Bar	12:00-3:00 pm	P.G.'s Report	7:00 am
Squirmly Hour	6:00 pm	Grande Cheminot	8:00 am
Beauty (?) Contest	7:00 pm	1st and 2nd Degree Lunch	9:00 am
		3rd Degree	noon
		Squirmly Hour	1:00 pm
		Banquet	5:00 pm
			6:00 pm

PAST CHEF DE GARES CLUB & GENERALS CLUB
LUNCHEON FORM
ADMISSION \$40.00




Due to circumstances beyond our control we have decided to combine the Past Chef's Breakfast with the Generals Club Luncheon. The cost of each one by themselves has gone up significantly, so this is a change that has to be made.

The Luncheon will be held on Friday from 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM. And the cost is \$40.00. We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause. Any questions on this matter, please contact Terri Taylor at Voiture National Headquarters.

Tickets for this event may be purchased by completing the form and mailing it to
Voiture Nationale
250 E. 38th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46205
Or if you wish to pay by credit card you may email the completed form to twainbrecht@fortyandeight.org

Tickets for this event are limited and should be purchased in ADVANCE to assure availability. (We have to give a count to the hotel 4 weeks in advance)

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Voiture Locale / Cabane: _____ Grande: _____
Member Of: Past Chets: _____ Generals Club: _____ Both: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check or Credit Card Number: _____
If Using Credit Card Please Fill Out The Following Information
VISA: _____ Master Card: _____
Discover: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Billing Address: _____

Total Number Of Tickets: _____ (At \$40.00 Each)
Total Amount Being Paid: _____

Grand du Ohio invites you to attend the
104th Promenade & 60th Rendezvous Nationale
Sandusky, OH
September 12-16, 2023
Come Enjoy some Ohio Hospitality




Date form completed: _____
PLEASE SUBMIT SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REGISTRANT

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Payment by Check? (Enter Check Number): _____
Payment by Credit Card? (Check one below)
VISA Master Card Discover
Card Number: _____
Card Exp Date: Month _____ Year _____

BILLING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE FOR CHECKS AND CREDIT CARDS
BILLING ADDRESS: _____
BILLING ZIP: _____

Quantity	Description	Amount
# _____	Voyageur's Registration @ \$80.00 (with 40&8)	\$ _____
# _____	Voyageur's Late Reg. Fee (AFTER 4/1/24) @ \$5.00	\$ _____
	Grande Voiture _____ Voiture Locale _____	
# _____	Dame's Registration @ \$25.00	\$ _____
	Grande Cabane _____ Cabane Locale _____	
# _____	La President Luncheon (9/14/23) @ \$35.00	\$ _____
# _____	Early Bird (9/12/23) Tickets @ \$30.00	\$ _____
# _____	Banquet (9/15/23) Tickets @ \$45.00 each	\$ _____

Select one meal for each person:
Herk stuffed Chicken _____
Road Park Lunch _____
Parmesan crusted Walleye _____

REGISTRATION AND RESERVATIONS

NOTE: ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES MUST REGISTER WITH THE PROMENADE NATIONALE CORPORATION. Complete this form as applicable and either provide your credit card information or make your check payable to "504" Promenade Nationale Corp." Then mail form and payment to:
Voiture Nationale
250 East 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205
Or email to taylor@fortyandeight.org

****FISHING CHARTERS & FISH STORAGE WILL BE AVAILABLE PLEASE SEE OHIO AT REGISTRATION TABLE****

Additional forms are on line at www.fortyandeight.org

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 1, 2023



NOTE: REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE

THE KALAHARI RESORT IS FOR BOTH VOYAGEURS & DAMES
ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE THEIR RESERVATION WITH THE RESORT DIRECTLY
THERE IS A LINK ON OUR WEBSITE OR YOU CAN CALL 1-419-433-7200 MAKE SURE TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR THE 40/8 PROMENADE
THE LINK IS
<https://book.kalahari.com/5012278>

NOTE: Rates ONLY available through Promenade Nationale Corporation.

HANDICAP ROOMS ARE LIMITED- PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVE. HANDICAP ROOMS ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS BY REGISTRATION DATE.

104th Promenade & 60th Rendezvous Nationale
Sandusky, Ohio
September 13, thru 16, 2023

The Grand "D" Ohio in Partnership with the Grand du Indiana
Will be your Promenade Nationale Hosts
We Welcome you to the Buckeye State

Ad Order Form **Book Size is 8 1/2" X 11"**

Full Page \$150.00 _____
Half Page \$ 75.00 _____
Quarter Page \$ 50.00 _____
Business Card \$ 25.00 _____
Outside Cover \$350.00 _____
Inside Cover \$250.00 _____
Boosters \$ 2.00 _____

Organization Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone & email: _____

Make Checks Payable To: "The Ohio Promenade Corporation"
Please Return Contract,
Ad Copy and Remittance To: Joseph M. Dolwig
1502 US 52
New Richmond, OH. 45157

Send Emails to: fwkron@gmail.com
Return by July 1st