



SPECIAL AWARDS

Page 1. Where to Start 2024?

These Special Awards pages are instructions for submitting nomination packets for competition. The third page is also to be used for end of year reports from both Locale and Grande. Special Awards is one of the “newer” programs. Each Voiture Locale should appoint a Special Awards Program Chairman. That chairman should contact his or her Grande Directeur for current and pertinent information.

If no one is appointed to the Locale Special Awards position, it falls back on the Chef de Gare and / or Correspondant to get it done or, in so many cases, it doesn't get done. If it doesn't get done, it isn't fair to your Voiture and the Voyageurs associated with it. It also isn't fair to prospective candidates for these awards. They deserve better from you and from La Societe.

There is a great deal of satisfaction with the presenting of these awards. The pride in the eyes of the recipient will make you a believer when you present them an award. The presentation can be made at your regular Promenade, a special meeting or a dinner meeting is even better. Contact the media to get some publicity for the recipient and your Voiture or Grande. He or she will enjoy the honor and, believe it or not, it will acquaint the public better with La Societe. You can promote your other programs at the same time. Your Voiture will appreciate this publicity the next time they are raising funds for their programs. If people have heard of you, it is a lot easier to sell tickets and other fundraising items.

HERO OF THE YEAR LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR

VOYAGEUR OF THE YEAR CITY OR TOWN OF THE YEAR

The **Nomination Form** is to be used for either of the four awards. A separate **Nomination Form** must be submitted for each award (for instance, one form for Hero, one form for Voyageur, etc). The top part of the **Nomination Form** is to be completed by the Locale. The bottom part of the form is used for reporting to the Nationale Directeur Special Awards. All nominations to Nationale **must** go through the Grande Voiture and be accompanied by a **Participation Reporting Form** (found on Page 3) AND must be signed. The submission process starts with the Voiture Locale submitting their nomination(s) to their Grande Voiture by June 1st or a date set by the Grande. The Voiture Locale's nomination(s) must be accompanied by the Participation Reporting Form completed with all requested information (top part of Page 3). The Grande Voiture then selects a Grande winner to forward on to the National Sous Directeur Special Awards & Judge for that category. The selected winner should be honored by the Grande Voiture at one of its Grande functions, such as a Grande Promenade or Grande Cheminot meeting. These winning Grande Voiture nomination packets must be received by the designated National Judges no later than July 1st. The bottom part of Page 3 must be completed with all requested information and signed by the Grand Correspondant or Grand Special Awards Directeur.

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- * The Grand Hero of the Year selected nomination is to be forwarded to Sous Directeur National Special Awards **& Judge** Sean D. Johnson, 1005 N. Main St, Aberdeen, SD 57401, seanjohnson@abe.midco.net, 605-228-1636.
- * The Grand Law Officer of the Year selected nomination is to be forwarded to Sous Directeur National Special Awards **& Judge** Lawson Dukes, 600 Domenico Cir, Apt A1, St Augustine, FL 32086, lawkes@yahoo.com, 904-814-6610.
- * The Grand Voyageur of the Year selected nomination is to be forwarded to Sous Directeur National Special Awards **& Judge** Donald T. Caudell, Jr., 239 Longview Bend, Brownsburg, IN 46112, dtcaudelljr@att.net, 317-603-6291.
- * The Grand City or Town of the Year selected nomination is to be forwarded to Sous Directeur National Special Awards **& Judge** Mildred S. Wright-Pearson, PO Box 233, Tranquillity, CA 93668, mswp48@gmail.com, 559-250-8247.
- * Sous Directeur National Special Awards and Assistant for Hero of the Year is Ben Carrillo, 837 E. Cedar Dr, Chandler, AZ 85249 brcarrillo1775@gmail.com, 602-758-5169.
- * Sous Directeur National Special Awards and Assistant for Law Officer of the Year is Geri Stephens, 2943 Sand Hills Dr, Chester, VA 23831 geri_stephens@ccpsnet.net, 804-248-9288 (after 4:00 pm).

General Guidelines for Special Awards Nomination Packets

1. Each Voiture Locale may enter only one nomination for each of the four awards. Each Grande Voiture may enter only one nomination for each of the four awards. Nominations to Nationale must come through the Grande Voiture and must be accompanied by a Participation Reporting Form signed by the Grande Correspondant / Grand Special Awards Directeur. A nomination package without a signed Participation Reporting Form is considered incomplete and will not be judged.
2. Entries must be submitted on the form approved by Voiture Nationale. All nominations must be typewritten or **legibly printed**. If we can't read it, it won't be judged. **Correct phone numbers and email addresses are critical.**
3. All documentation is to be attached to, or included with, the Official Nomination Form (Page 2). Documentation includes, but is not limited to, a biographical newspaper clipping, radio / TV transcripts, magazine articles, signed letters of commendation, etc. It is suggested, but not required, that two color photos (one 8 x 10 and one 3 x 5) accompany the nomination. In any event, photos may be required within a few days of the individual's selection as a Nationale winner. These photos are for the Special Awards article in the Fall Edition of *The Forty and Eighter* magazine.
4. Candidates nominated must live or be involved in the jurisdiction of the Grande Voiture.
5. Grande Voiture nomination packets **must be received** by the appropriate National Sous Directeur & Special Awards **Judge** by July 1st. Nomination packets received late will be disqualified as there is no time to spare to get everything done for *The Forty and Eighter* Magazine deadline and Promenade Nationale. **Consider submitting your selected nomination soon after your Mid-Year Cheminot if your Grande Prom is held mid-July or later. If you wait till your Grande Prom to submit, your nomination will arrive late and won't be judged.**



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Page 2. Official Nomination Form 2024

- For: **Hero of the Year**
 Law Officer of the Year
 City/Voyageur of the Year

Complete a separate Official Nomination Form for each award and "X" one of the above.

Date _____ Candidate's Name: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Telephone (Home or Cell) _____

If Candidate is for Law Officer provide Position / Title : _____
and Employer: _____

Brief description of why this nominee deserves the award (attach a type-written second sheet).

Please attach (or include) all documentation to this form.

Will candidate attend Grande and Nationale Promenades if selected and requested? ___ Yes ___ No

Submitted by: _____ Title: _____

Voiture Locale # _____ Grande Voiture _____

Voiture Locale is to complete all of the above and by June 1 send to Grand Directeur Special Awards or Grand Correspondant if Grande does not have a Special Awards Directeur. Application must include Locale's Participation Reporting Form (Page 3).

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Grande Voiture is to complete all below and forward the nomination to the designated National Special Awards Sous Directeur & **Judge**. Nomination packets must be received by July 1st. Late packets will be disqualified. Current names and addresses for our Judges may be found on Page 1 of these Special Awards Forms.

This certifies that the above has been selected as the _____ of the Year
for Grande Voiture _____.

_____ Grand Directeur Special Awards

_____ Grand Correspondant

THE GENERAL'S CLUB

The funding for the Nationale Special Awards Program is from the General's Club membership. Contact any of the members of the Special Awards Committee, any current General's Club member (recognizable by the five star pin they wear) or Nationale Headquarters, for instructions on how to join. Membership in The General's Club is a worthwhile investment to which you will proudly belong and wear the five star pin. An added bonus is The General's Club Lunch (for members) which is held on Friday morning at Promenade Nationale. Watch for more information in *The Forty and Eighter Magazine!*



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Page 3. Participation Reporting Form 2024

LOCALE REPORT

Date of report: _____ Voiture _____ Membership _____ Grande _____

Submitted Candidates to Grande:

* Hero of the Year _____ Yes _____ No

* Law Officer of the Year _____ Yes _____ No

* Voyageur of the Year _____ Yes _____ No

* City or Town of the Year _____ Yes _____ No

Homme Hours _____ x \$5.00 equals \$ _____ Miles Traveled _____ x \$0.50 equals \$ _____

Actual Cash Expended \$ _____ (\$ hours + \$ miles + \$ actual cash) = Total \$ _____

Person responsible for submitting report _____.

Signature of Locale Correspondant _____.

Voiture Locale: X "box", complete all above and send to Grand Directeur Special Awards or Grand Correspondant by June 1st each year. If sending in a nomination, please attach this form to the Official Nomination Report Form.

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Grande Voiture: X "box" below and complete all below. A copy of the below report must accompany all nominations for Special Awards, as shown on the Official Nomination Form.

GRANDE REPORT

Date of Report _____ (deadline is July 1st) Grande Submitting Report _____

Submitted Candidate for Hero of the Year to Nationale _____ Yes _____ No

Candidate's Name, Address and Phone _____

Submitted Candidate for Law Officer of the Year to Nationale _____ Yes _____ No

Candidate's Name, Address and Phone _____

Submitted Candidate for Voyageur of the Year to Nationale _____ Yes _____ No

Candidate's Name, Address and Phone _____

Submitted Candidate for City/Town of the Year to Nationale _____ Yes _____ No

City or Town Name _____

Membership of Grande _____

Number of Locales in Grande: _____ (A)

Number of Locales Reporting: _____ (B) Percentage of Participation (B divided by A) _____

Number of Locales submitting a Candidate _____

Homme Hours _____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____ Miles _____ X \$0.50 = \$ _____

Actual Cash Expended \$ _____ Total \$ _____ (\$Hours + \$Miles + \$Actual Cash) = Total \$ _____

Name, address, phone number and title of Grande officer submitting report _____

Signature of Grand Correspondant or Grand Special Awards Directeur _____

IMPORTANT: Each nomination packet must include this form completely filled out and signed. If this form is omitted or incomplete, the nomination packet will automatically be disqualified from Nationale Competition.



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Page 4. Nominations Guidelines 2024

Guidelines for Hero of the Year

The Hero of the Year award was adopted by La Societe during 1991. The purpose of the award is to recognize and pay tribute to a person whom, without hesitation or regard for their own safety, did demonstrate an unselfish desire to aid others. By recognizing and respecting those who perform a heroic deed, we familiarize our community, state and nation with the programs of The 40 & 8.

In every Voiture's community or state there are individuals worthy of becoming a candidate for the Hero of the Year Award. Don't wait for another Voyageur to sponsor a candidate, for it may be too late and never happen.

1. A Grande Voiture may submit a candidate only once for a specific heroic deed.
2. The candidate need not be a veteran to be eligible. The candidate, however, must be living and over the age of 18.
3. The candidate's nomination packet must be received on or before July 1st by Sous Directeur National Special Awards Judge Sean D. Johnson, 1005 N. Main St, Aberdeen, SD 57401, seanjohnson@abe.midco.net 605-228-1636.

Guidelines for Voyageur of the Year

The Voyageur of the Year award was adopted by La Societe during 2001. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor Voyageurs who have performed outstanding service to La Societe. Each Voiture Locale should honor a Voyageur each year at one of their main Promenades. Our Voyageurs doing service for La Societe deserve to be recognized. This service can be for something done for a particular program (Nurses Training, Child Welfare, Americanism) or any of our named programs or for La Societe in general (attending functions, setting examples and / or creating an atmosphere of camaraderie that will create a desire for one to be or become a Voyageur Militaire). There are many Voyageurs among us worthy of this honor and should be recognized at all levels: Locale, Grande and Nationale.

1. A Grande Voiture may submit the same candidate only once in three years.
2. A previous winner of the Nationale award cannot be re-nominated.
3. A candidate may live anywhere—their membership must be within the Grande Voiture submitting the candidate.
4. It is not a requirement to hold or have held an office in La Societe, but must be a living Voyageur in good standing.
5. The candidate's nomination packet must be received on or before July 1st by Sous Directeur National Special Awards & Judge Donald T. Caudell, Jr, 239 Longview Bend, Brownsburg, IN 46112, dtcaudellr@att.net 317-603-6291.

Guidelines for Law Officer of the Year

The Law Officer of the Year award has been in existence for some time and has been well received by the membership. The purpose of this award is to recognize and pay tribute to a Law Enforcement Officer who has done an outstanding job of performing his or her duties at the level of their employment, both past and present.

Candidates for this award may be obtained by seeking recommendations from the agency chief executive (Superintendent, Sheriff, Chief, etc.) or directly by the Voiture Locale. The rules for selection are as follows:

1. A Grande Voiture may submit the same candidate only once.
2. At the time of entry, the candidate shall be a living, full-time Law Enforcement Officer (Local, County, State, Federal, Military, etc.). The candidate must reside within and / or perform their duties within the Grande Voiture, but not necessarily within the jurisdiction of the submitting Voiture Locale.
3. The candidate need not be a veteran to be eligible for this award.
4. It is not a prerequisite, although a favorable attribute, for any candidate to have accomplished an extraordinary feat to be eligible. It is the intent of the Program to recognize the Law Enforcement Officer who has performed their duties in an outstanding & exemplary manner for a number of years, as well as their off-duty contributions to the community, state and nation.
5. The candidate's nomination packet must be received on or before July 1st by Sous Directeur National Special Awards & Judge, Lawson Dukes, 600 Domenico Cir, Apt A1, St Augustine, FL 32086, lawkes@yahoo.com 904-814-6610.

Guidelines for City or Town of the Year

The City or Town of the Year award was adopted by La Societe during 2001. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor a City or Town which has done or is doing something significant for veterans in that City or Town. There are many cities and towns which meet this requirement. These cities and towns should be recognized and given publicity at all levels: Locale, Grande and Nationale. This recognition, hopefully, will encourage other cities and towns to do more for Veterans. The rules for selection are as follows:

1. A Grande Voiture may submit the same candidate only once in three years.
2. A previous winner of the Nationale award cannot be re-nominated.
3. The City or Town should be within the jurisdiction of the Grande Voiture.
4. The candidate's nomination packet must be received on or before July 1st by Sous Directeur National Special Awards & Judge, Mildred S. Wright-Pearson, PO Box 233, Tranquillity, CA 93668, mstep48@gmail.com 559-250-8247.