

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 2012

**WHO ARE THE LA FEMMES?** We are a women's organization formed in 1963 for the purpose of supporting the Programs of the Forty and Eight US Military Veterans. (La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux).

**IS THE LA FEMMES AN AUXILIARY OF THE 40&8?** NO. We are a separate organization. We hold our own independent Charter and National Constitution.

**ARE THE LA FEMMES PART OF THE EIGHT AND FORTY (8 & 40)?** NO. The 8 & 40 is a "playground and honor society" for women of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. The organizations name causes some confusion. The Eight and Forty (8 & 40) IS NOT the auxiliary for the Forty and Eight (40 & 8).

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN LA SOCIETE DE FEMME?** Only females, age eighteen and older with an affiliation with a Veteran may join the La Femmes. A male may be given the status of Honorary Member, serving only as advisor or liaison officer. Each Locale and each Grande Presidente can request one free honorary membership card each year.

**CAN A FEMALE VOYAGEUR ALSO BE A LA FEMME?** YES. We are a separate organization and a female Voyageur meets are eligibility requirements for membership.

**HOW CAN I JOIN THE LA FEMMES?** Groups, called "CABANES" are established in counties throughout the United States. Contact National Headquarters to determine if there is a CABANE established in your area. [femmes@fortyandeight.org](mailto:femmes@fortyandeight.org) or 317-639-1879. If there is not a Cabane in your area, you may join as a member at National Headquarters, called Cabane 2000.

**HOW CAN I FORM A NEW LA FEMMES GROUP?** A new group, called a "CABANE" can be formed in any US County where a Cabane is not already established. You must have at least ten (10) eligible women to form a new CABANE. A current member transferring can count toward the required ten members. A new Cabane can actually start with ten (10) transferring members. Contact National Headquarters for a Charter Application and "New Cabane" packet. [femmes@fortyandeight.org](mailto:femmes@fortyandeight.org) or 317-639-1879.

NOTE: A Cabane can be formed in a County even if no Forty and Eight (40 & 8) group is organized in that County.

**WHEN SHOULD I RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP?** Our membership year begins on July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. New membership cards are available beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> and dues should be paid by October as per the Nationale Constitution. (for example: 2012 membership year begins on July 1, 2011, cards go on sale that day and dues for 2012 should be paid by October 2011).

**WHEN DOES MY MEMBERSHIP CARD EXPIRE?** Membership cards expire on March 31<sup>st</sup>. (for example: a 2011 membership card expires on March 31, 2012). NOTE: A Member is not permitted to attend meetings (called rendezvous) unless she has a current membership card.

**WHAT IF I LOSE MY CARD?** Contact your Locale Correspondante. She will request a replacement card from Cabane Nationale.

**DOES MY CABANE NEED AN E.I.N. (EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)?** YES! All Cabane Locales and Grande Cabanes are required to have an E.I.N. (Employer Identification Number) sometimes called a Federal ID number. The E.I.N. should be kept in the records of your Correspondante and your Commissaire and should be reported to Cabane Nationale. See more details on our website under Femmes tab/ FINANCE. [www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org)

**WHO HAS TO FILE THE 990 EZ OR 990 EPOSTCARD?** Every Locale and every Grande must file either the 990EZ or the 990 Epostcard every year between July 1<sup>st</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>. For example: 2012 990EZ or 990 Epostcard is due

between July 1, 2012 and November 15, 2012. Failure to file will result in loss of your tax exempt status. Cabane Nationale will not be able to re-include you in our group tax exemption if you fail to file. See more information under femmes tab/FINANCE on the website.

**HOW CAN I BECOME A NATIONALE OFFICER?** If you would like to run for an elected Nationale Office, you should first send your "letter of intent" to seek a specific office to Cabane Nationale at 777 North Meridian Street #301, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Then a Resolution of Endorsement (find a sample under "FEMMES" "download forms" on the website [www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org).) should be presented to the membership of your Locale for approval. It must be signed and dated by the Locale Officers. The resolution is then sent to your Grande Correspondante to be presented at Grande Rendezvous where it will also need to be attested and dated by the Grande officers. It is then submitted to Cabane Nationale immediately following your Grande Rendezvous to be presented at Rendezvous Nationale. A resolution is only good for one year. Only one (1) Resolution from each State is permitted. Special exceptions are made for the office of Commissaire Intendante Nationale. Contact Cabane Nationale if you have questions.

**HOW DO WE INVITE LA PRESIDENTE NATIONALE TO A FUNCTION IN OUR STATE?** A formal invitation addressed to Madam Presidente should be sent to Cabane Nationale, 777 North Meridian St. #301, Indianapolis, IN 46204, as soon as possible after her election at Rendezvous Nationale in September of each year. Madam Presidente's schedule fills up quickly so it is recommended that you get your request in as early as possible.

**WHO PAYS FOR MADAM PRESIDENTE'S VISIT?** Madam Presidente pays for her own travel expenses to the event. The Cabane or Voiture who invites La Presidente Nationale is responsible for her hotel, registrations, banquet expenses etc. during the event. Call Cabane Nationale if you have questions at 317-639-1879. SEE PROTOCOL on the website under "FEMMES", "download forms".

**FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE REFER TO YOUR MEMBER HANDBOOK AND CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. REPORT FORMS, ORDER FORMS, EMBLEM SALES INFO, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE. [WWW.FORTYANDEIGHT.ORG](http://WWW.FORTYANDEIGHT.ORG) UNDER THE "FEMMES TAB". YOU'LL ALSO FIND THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND INFORMATION ON OUR CURRENT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THERE. YOU CAN EMAIL US AT: [FEMMES@FORTYANDEIGHT.ORG](mailto:FEMMES@FORTYANDEIGHT.ORG). CALL US AT: 317-639-1879. WRITE US AT: CABANE NATIONALE, 777 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET #301, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204.**

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