



March 2024

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

#### Greetings Dames,

I hope this finds you all in good health and enjoying life! It has been a quiet month for me, recovering from a long overdue surgery has kept me from doing all the things I would like to have done. Now on the road of recovery I am very much looking forward to Spring and all the new adventures this year will bring. First and foremost, I am excited and looking forward to attending the Chef de Chemin de Fer, Frank Campo's homecoming and I look forward to seeing you there!

Membership is moving in the right direction we are currently sitting at 91.47% as of February 29, 2024. Although we are a little behind from our standings last year, I am positive that we will make 100% membership this year. Our La Sous Presidente's have been working hard and doing a wonderful job and I know your Locale membership chairman are doing their part as well. Membership is the foundation for our organization to fulfill all the wonderful programs that we have as without our members we have no one to do all the fabulous work that all of you contribute to.

Congratulations to all the Cabanes that have met or exceeded 100% thus far. We have fifty-five (55) Cabanes at 100%, eighteen (18) of those Cabanes have exceeded 100%. Currently we have three (3) Cabanes at zero percent. I wish there was a simple answer for membership, this will always be a task we must do for the survival of our organization. We have lost many over the years but in recent years we have gained new Dames and are slowly growing. Currently we have one hundred forty-five (145) renewals outstanding which I would love to see renewed although I know we have lost some sister Dames this year so that is not attainable. We also have one hundred seventeen (117) new Dames this year, which is fantastic! If we could get one hundred fifty (150) renewals, we would be just over one hundred percent in membership, a little growth every year and we are growing.

If you have any suggestions or tips that work for your Locale in getting your membership renewals in, I would love to hear them, every idea is helpful and appreciated. If you have not made a phone call to your Dames who have not renewed, make the call reach out maybe they are going through something, and your call is just what they need to remember that we are family, and we are here. Sometimes it is the smallest gesture of kindness that gets us through the day. Everyone has family and every Dame has chosen this organization as an additional family so make sure they know we are still here.

Again, I say I am here for you, I am just a call, email, or text away, always. This I will say repeatedly, and this includes all the years to come even when my year in service is over, as when I joined, I chose all of you as my family! You are all unique, everyone of you brings something awesome to this organization and to me. I look forward to seeing you somewhere along the way in my travels throughout this year and years to come. May you stay safe, happy, and healthy. Safe travels this year and have a happy Spring! Do not forget to stop and smell the flowers, watch a sunset or sunrise, and remember what a wonderful life it is!

For the Good of La Société de Femme,

Lori Bolley – La Presidente Nationale 2023-2024

# La Nationale Presidente



# Lori Bolley's Homecoming



May 9-12, 2024

Best Western Okemos
2209 University Park Drive
Okemos, MI 48864
517-349-8700

I appreciate all of your hard work and support that you show and continue to show our organization and myself as your Nationale La Presidente. I know everyone's working hard; however, I hope your schedule will allow you to attend my homecoming where we can slow down and enjoy our time together to celebrate our collective accomplishments. All events will be held at the host hotel, Best Western Hotel & Suites Okemos Event Center. Room rates are \$112.00 for king/double or king suite for \$135.00 a night not including sales tax. Make reservations directly with hotel and mention "La Presidente Homecoming". Cut -off date is April 22, 2024, for reservations and ads. If you are flying in to either Detroit Metro or Capital City Airport, please let me know so I can plan accordingly for pick up. There are plenty of restaurants nearby along with shopping and The American Legion, VFW and of course the Chateau, Voiture 946.

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - FIESTA THEME**

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	Saturday	<b>Banquet Dinner</b>	6:30 P.M 8:30 P.M.	
	Saturday	<b>Happy Hour</b>	5:30 – 6:30 P.M.	
	Saturday	<b>Hospitality Room</b>	9:00 A.M 4:00 P.M - 9:00P.M. to Closing	
	Friday	Registration	11:00 P.M 5:00 P.M.	
	Friday	<b>Hospitality Room</b>	9:00 A.M. to Closing	
	Inursday	Hospitality Room	5.00 P.IVI. to Closing	

Meals: Choice of London Broil or Chicken Vesuvio (marinated with fresh herbs and a light garlic cream). All meals include mashed potatoes, vegetables, tossed salad, roll and dessert.

Send Registration & Payment to:

Booster Names \$2.00 each

Banquet -Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM ADS: Full Page \$60.00 1/2 Page \$30.00

Beef

Lori Bolley

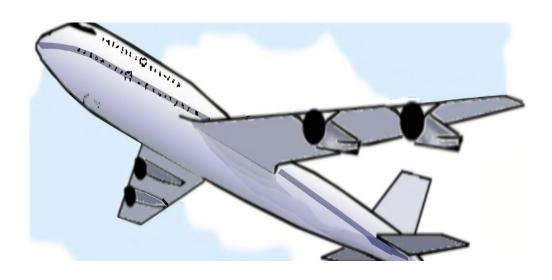
5918 S. Waverly Road, Lansing, MI 48911

Banquet Tickets

x \$50.00

Total \$

Email Ads: bolley.lori@gmail.com



## La Presidente Nationale Travel Events

Annual Gator Wreck	May 2-5, 2024	Goose Creek, South Carolina
La Presidente Nationale Lori Bolley Homecoming	May 9-11, 2024	Okemos, Michigan
Memorial Day	May 24-27, 2024	Lorton, Virginia
Great Lakes Promenade	June 6-9, 2024	Appleton, Wisconsin
Grande de Michigan	August 10, 2024	Okemos, Michigan



Let's fill up this area with invitations for travel.

La Presidente Nationale Lori Bolley theme is:

## **Keep Involving Newer Dames—KIND**

# Totals for Our Program September 1, 2023 to August 15, 2024

Americanism	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 100.00
Box Car	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 200.00
Carville Star	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 225.00
Child Welfare	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 236.00
Nickels for Nurses Training	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 75.00
Pennies for POW-MIA  Presidente's Project	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,814.52
Youth Sports	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 125.00
Founders Club	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 598.00

### **Founders Club Donations**

La Société de Femme was formed on September 19, 1963 by founders Edith Schwindler, Edna Kirkpatrick, Grace Bunch and Helen Joliff. The Founders Club was started to honor those founders of La Société de Femme.

The dues and donations received from the Founders Club will be used for website, internet, email, for mailing the 40 \*er magazine and to upgrade or replace equipment used at our Nationale Satellite Headquarters.

Donation of \$ 5.00 for each Voiture or Dame.

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#### Gena Keller - VAVS Liaison

VAVS, or Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service, plays a crucial role in supporting and assisting veterans. The importance of volunteering through VAVS is evident in the meaningful interactions' volunteers have with veterans. Each moment spent as a volunteer allows individuals to understand the significance of their service. Whether it is providing comfort, assistance, or simply visiting with hospitalized veterans, volunteers become invaluable assets to both the veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs. By actively participating in the VAVS program, organizations like the Forty & Eight show their dedication and commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of veterans.

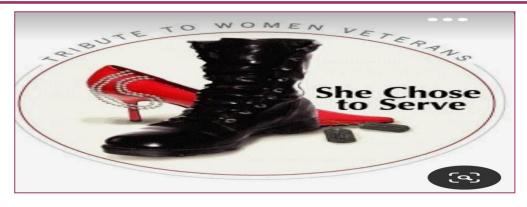
In addition to the regular support provided by VAVS volunteers, the Forty & Eight has implemented a program known as "Keep Those Wheelchairs Rolling" to further assist veterans. Through this program, VAVS Representatives or Deputy Representatives identify specific needs of hospitalized veterans, ranging from projects to equipment and comfort items. The submissions are carefully evaluated based on the benefit they would bring to the patients, and selected needs are fulfilled courtesy of the National Box Car Association. The implementation of such programs demonstrates the commitment to improving the quality of life for veterans and the recognition that their needs extend beyond medical care.

Furthermore, submitting volunteer hours is not just about meeting a requirement; it is about the impact made on the lives of veterans. The value lies in the personal connections formed and the stories shared during the volunteer interactions. By submitting hours, volunteers acknowledge the significance of their service and contribute to creating a sense of unity and support within the volunteer community. Each hour spent with a veteran, listening to their experiences, and helping them on their journey, is truly priceless.

As we approach spring, start calculating the hours you have volunteered, get them submitted.

Thank you, for caring for our Nations Heros

Gena Keller – VAVS Liaison



Greetings fellow VAVS Volunteers and Enthusiasts!

As we welcome the month of March, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate Women's History Month. It is a time to honor the countless women who have fearlessly served our nation in the military. Look around your Cabane and Grande, your family, and your community, and you will surely find inspiring women who have dedicated their lives to serving our country. These women deserve our utmost appreciation and gratitude for their unwavering commitment and sacrifice.

Women throughout history have played an invaluable role in all conflicts and wars, displaying strength, honor, and an unwavering sense of duty. Their service, whether on the front lines or in supporting roles, has been vital to the success and well-being of our armed forces. It is important that we acknowledge and thank these remarkable women for their contributions, as they have paved the way for future generations of female service members.

Their stories are filled with courage, resilience, and a remarkable character that exemplifies the very best of our nation. These women have broken barriers, shattered stereotypes, and proven time and time again that gender is not a limitation in the pursuit of serving our country. They have shown us that through dedication, determination, and unwavering bravery, women can achieve greatness in any field, including the military.

So, let us all take a moment to reflect on the immense contributions of these women who served in service strong, honorable, and full of character. Let us express our gratitude and admiration to these extraordinary individuals for their selflessness, patriotism, and unwavering commitment. May we never forget their sacrifices and may we continue to support and honor the women who serve our great nation.

Thank you to all the women who have served, and continue to serve, in our armed forces. Your dedication and bravery are an inspiration to us all. To all the 40&8er's and La Femmes who served, thank you! I am happy to assist in your VAVS goals!

Sincerely, Gena K. Keller – VAVS La Femme Liaison

# Correspondante's Satellite Office

Phone number: (920) 253-1945 femmes@fortyandeight.org

- Keep and mark this date—May 9-12, 2024 for Madam Presidente Lori Bolley's Homecoming.
- Travel time for our La Presidente Nationale Lori Bolley. Please send your travel requests for Madam Presidente to Cabane Nationale. Plan ahead Dames! You may contact Cabane Nationale for the necessary request form to be sent to you..

#### Important Information—Please read and mark your calendar:

- **Date Change**: September 17-21, 2024—61th Rendezvous Nationale-Sandusky, Ohio.
- Deadline Registration is: August 1, 2024 105th Promenade & 61st Rendezvous Nationale.
  Remember to use the Code ID number: 37072 for your room reservations. If you send your registration form to Voiture Nationale by mail or email—please request confirmation from Terri Taylor that it has been received.
- Locale and Grande Registration forms for Rendezvous Nationale have been placed now in this Chatter. If you wish copies to be sent to you, please call or email Cabane Nationale.
   Deadline is: August 10, 2024. You may print your copies from the La Femmes website tab—Print Forms—Rendezvous Nationale.
- It is this time of the year to send in your Letter of Intent and your Endorsement of Resolution for elected Officers. Please mail or email Letter of Intent and your Endorsement of Resolution to Cabane Nationale. **Deadline is: August 17, 2024**. See this list on the next page.
- Note Time Change: Dame's Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM. Please <u>line up at 9:15 AM</u>. We need help from you Dames four (4) readers and representing the ten (10) States we have so far, please (wear your whites) for our La Femmes Memorial Service. Contact Cheryl Boswell— cawlboswell@gmail.com or (706) 575-1295, if you are able to help at Rendezvous Nationale Memorial Service.
- Reminder: The Constitution Committee will be addressing all the changes on the newly updated Constitution & By-Laws. All these changes will need to be voted on at Rendezvous Nationale. After Rendezvous Nationale, the new Constitution & By-Laws booklet will be sent out for printing. Watch the Chatter after Rendezvous Nationale for when it is available to be sold.

#### As of February 29, 2024:

Number of Cabanes	Number of States	How many reached 100 % or more	How many are still Zero	Ongoing Progress	New Members	Goal Percentage	Short Members
89	27	55	3	31	117	91.47%	145

# Letters of Intent for Nationale Elected Officers 2024-2025

As amended at Rendezvous Nationale 2021. Each Grande or State can have:

Two (2) resolutions of endorsement as long as they are for two (2) different offices. You do not have to have a Grande to run for a Nationale office. A Cabane Locale can submit a Resolution of Endorsement where no Grande exists.

Rendezvous Nationale is fast approaching and we need you to consider running for one of the elected Nationale Officers positions. We will need to elect:

La Presidente Nationale	Cindy Hickey—NC 506
Les Sous Presidente Nationale	2
Aumonier Nationale	Trudy Smith—NC 915
Commissaire Intendante Nationale	Cheryl Jamnick –MI 997
Les Drapeaux Nationale	2
Les Garde de La Portes Nationale	2

If you are interested or considering running for a Nationale Office, please do the following:

Send a letter of intent to the Cabane Nationale Satellite Office.

Signed Resolution of Endorsement by your Locale or Grande.

Send as soon as your Grande is over.

Must be received before the deadline date: August 17, 2024

Email to: <a href="mailto:femmes@fortyandeight.org">femmes@fortyandeight.org</a>

Mail to: Cabane Nationale Satellite Office, 312 Hillside Circle, Johnson Creek, WI 53038 Phone number: (920) 253-1945

For Dames requesting an appointment or re-appointment for a Nationale Committee, please email Cabane Nationale with your requests. All requests will be forward immediately to the candidate for La Presidente Nationale.



# La Société de Femme 61<sup>st</sup> RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE



# 2024 Schedule Sandusky, Ohio

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

9:00 AM-3:00 PM PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY
9:00 AM-3:00 PM LA FEMMES EMBLEM SALES

#### **EARLY BIRD TUESDAY EVENING 5:00 PM**

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

9:00 AM-3:00 PM LA FEMMES EMBLEM SALES

9:00 AM-3:00 PM ALL REGISTRATION

8:00 AM BOX CAR HOBO MEETING IRONWOOD

9:30 AM RITUAL SALON D-E

AID TO VOITURE

JOINT COMMITTEE (BOX CAR - POW/MIA - VAVS)

TROPHY & AWARDS

1:00 PM CHEMINOT NATIONALE SALON D-E

**FINANCE** 

RESOLUTIONS CONSTITUTIONS CREDENTIALS

#### **GERMANY PARTY IS WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:00 PM**

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

9:00 AM ALL REGISTRATION

9:00 AM -11:00 PM LA FEMMES EMBLEM SALES

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#### **VOITURE MEMORIAL SERVICE IS THURSDAY AT 4:30 PM \*\* DAMES ARE WELCOME\*\***

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

9:00 AM SESSION SALON D-E

1:30 PM SESSION ELECTIONS

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

9:00 AM INSTALLATION OF 2025 OFFICERS SALON D-E

2025 CHEMINOT NATIONALE

## Rendezvous Nationale Registration 2024

#### Locale - Delegates, Alternate and Officer Report Form

This **LOCALE** form must be completed and mailed or emailed to: Cabane Nationale immediately following your Grande Rendezvous. (**Send the form even if you are not reporting Delegates to Nationale** <u>Please read</u> the instructions on the back carefully!

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Mail to: Cabane Nationale 312 Hillside Circle Johnson Creek, WI 53038 Deadline: August 10, 2024 Delegates and Alternates are your voice at Rendezvous Nationale. They will cast the votes that your Locale and Grande are entitled to. All Delegates and Alternates must be registered for Rendezvous Nationale. A Dame CANNOT be both a Locale and a Grande Delegate or Alternate. Here is some information to help you in selecting Grande and Locale representatives.

#### GRANDE

Each Grande is entitled to ten (10) Delegates and ten (10) Alternates.

The Grande must have at least five (5) Dames registered for Rendezvous Nationale to use their ten (10) votes. At least one Grande Delegate or Alternate must be on the Rendezvous Nationale floor to cast the Grande's votes.

#### LOCALE

Locale's voting strength is based on your Cabane membership as of June 30, current year. You must have at least half of your eligible delegation registered for Rendezvous Nationale. For example: If you are entitled to two (2) votes (2 delegates and 2 alternates) you would need one (1) registered for Rendezvous Nationale in order to use your two votes. If you have three (3) votes, two dames would have to be registered for you to use your three votes.

#### LA PRESIDENTE NATIONALE PASSE

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#### **Appointed Nationale Officers and Committee Chairman**

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2025 Alternate Cheminot

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