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McGary re-installed 40 & 8 National Commander for 2020-2021

INDIANAPOLIS The national Forty & Eight veterans organization is pleased to announce that Michael "Mike" McGary was re-installed Chef de Chemin de Fer or National Commander by action taken by the National Executive Committee of the Forty and Eight. The following Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer's or National Vice-Commanders were also re-installed by unanimous vote, Frank W Kronen of N Ridgeville, Ohio; David Hill of Goose Creek, South Carolina; Theodore Canellos of Neponset, ILLinois; Frank P Campo of Lompoc, California. The 101st National Promenade (Convention) to be held in Sandusky, Ohio was cancelled, based on the COVID-19 Pandemic and the health concerns of our membership in the Honor Society of American Veterans.

Chef de Chemin de Fer Michael McGary is the only two term National Commander since our founding in 1920. The first Chef de Chemin de Fer was the founder Joseph W. Breen of Pennsylvania, along with the first Honorary Chef de Chemin de Fer Gen. John J. (Black Jack) Pershing following World War One.

Following graduation from high school Chef de Chemin de Fer McGary entered the workforce as a Machinist for the Zolliner Piston Corporation. In 1969 Mike entered the military service of the United States Army, and following his training, he served a thirteen month tour of duty in South Korea. He served his country with exemplary service and was Honorably Discharged 1971. Once again in civilian life he returned to his chosen journeyman's machinist/toolmaker profession and retired after thirty-four successful years in 2002.

Mike is married to the love of his life Peggy, and together they have two adult children, along with two grand-children. Mike and Peggy currently reside in Leo, Indiana

Chef McGary is a thirty-three year member of Voiture 37 in Fort Wayne, IN and has served his Grand (State), and the National Organization of the Forty & Eight in multiple high offices working for the betterment of the organization. Mike is both proud and humbled to be leading the Forty and Eight into its next 100 years. He is a Paid for Life member of the American Legion, Post 409 in Leo, IN. He is also proud of his memberships with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 10006, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, both in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The Forty & Eight known as the Honor Society of American Veterans is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Membership is by invitation, and open only to honorable discharged veterans, and those honorably serving members of the United States Armed Services. More information on membership can be obtained by going to the Home page of www.fortyandeight.org and submit your name and contact information.