

Voiture Nationale 40&8

# VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

## Mike McGary - Chef de Chemin de Fer



Greetings to all. Another month has past, I hope everyone is staying safe and are experiencing no ill effects from the recent Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. With any luck this will hopefully past as will the year of 2020. This has definitely been a year for the record books and that's an excellent place for it to stay.

We have watched one of the most contested elections in our history. For the most part it's done and over. It's time to come together and work for the betterment of this country. It's the first time since the sixties that we have not been dependent on foreign oil. I truly believe that the United States has a better global image than it did four years ago. At least, foreign dignitaries will shake this president's hand and not treat him like he has the plague. It's up to the American people to monitor our government and make sure our voices are heard when our rights and way of life are threatened to be taken away.

If you have been monitoring the 40 & 8 website, you will have noticed that one of our employees tested positive for the virus. Following the guidelines established by the government, the office has been closed for sanitizing. The staff will be working from home as they did in the previous case. I would like to extend a huge thank you to your National Correspondant, Terry Sims, and Bill Beaumont, for getting this option set up and working like clockwork. The staff will be available for your benefit. Please feel free to contact them during normal



business hours.

Next on the agenda is of course my favorite subject, membership. Some Grandes have made great progress in bringing in the membership. We still only have three Grandes at the goal of 100%, along with the fact that we are STILL 300 short from last years numbers at this time. As I read the communications from your officers, I see some great ideas. The first one being if your Locales are in the snow belt of this great nation. Contact all of the snowbirds before they leave for warmer weather and ask them to pay their dues before they go. It's just one less thing they'll and you will have to worry about in the spring. The other was presented by Sous Chef Frank Kronin. If you're one of those hard to buy for Voyageurs, drop some hints about a lifetime

membership. What a great gift. Not only is it an easy gift to obtain, but then you have no worries about paying your dues in the future.

I know the COVID-19 Virus is starting to make its winter comeback as was predicted. No doubt this is going to limit Promenades and Voiture Activities. These two events are the life blood of this organization. As we saw last year, without these happening our membership and our programs fail to grow. We, on the Locale level, need to think of new ideas on how to eliminate these obstacles and still keep everyone safe. We can't let this pandemic be the end of this organization. We fought and served our Country now we must fight for the Forty & Eight.

Thanksgiving is just a couple of weeks away. A time for family and friends to come together and reflect on what opportunities this great country has provided for us and our families, and the blessings that have been bestowed on each and everyone of us. Last week, on Veterans Day we lost Peggy's step-father, he was 92. A member of the American Legion, 32-year member of the Fort & Eight, and a life member of the VFW. Although no one wants to lose a family member, I can't think of a better time to be called to Voiture Everlasting, for someone that continued to serve, than on Veteran's Day. Rest in peace Bobby.

Enjoy your turkey, ham, and family this holiday and take time to smell the roses. Stay safe and my God shine is blessings on you and yours.

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## Voiture 899

Voiture 899 Chef de Gare, Don Wittenberg, presented Nurse's Training Pins to Jamie Bateman, Foundation Director of South Florida State College. Voiture 899 gave scholarships to four nursing students for the fall 2020 semester.



## Voiture 1315



On Veterans Day, November 11, 2020, 40 & 8 Voiture #1315 participated in a Veterans Day wreath laying at Memorial Park in Colorado Springs, CO. Individual veterans' organizations laid wreaths at their respective military services or designated unit memorials. The event was organized and conducted by the Colorado Chapter of the Special Forces Association. The picture shows AFA member Col Paul L Bailey, USAF (Ret) laying the Chapter wreath at the Air Force Memorial dedicated to all who served in the United States Air Force in the Pikes Peak region.





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**Internal Revenue Service issues incorrect notices of revocation.**

The charity reform subtitle of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 revokes the exempt status of an organization that fails to file the required Form 990 for three consecutive years (“auto-revocation”). Under the pandemic, this year the IRS extended the filing dates from April 1 through July 14 to July 15, 2020. Due to systemic limitations, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) was unable to update this deadline in the program that automatically issues notices of revocation. This caused some revocation notices to be issued prematurely. Nevertheless, the IRS was able to prevented eligible organizations that attempted to file electronically by July 15 from being listed as automatically revoked on IRS.gov, where they are still shown as tax exempt. At the same time, the IRS is processing paper filings which allow the reversal of auto-revocation for those filers. The IRS is reviewing the cases and corresponding with organizations that received the premature notice. Additionally, the IRS has a dedicated fax number (855) 247-6123 to receive correspondence from organizations in this situation that wish to present documentation of their applicable filings.

This article is provided by the Internal Revenue Service at IRS.gov. **Dan Dumas, Commissaire Intendant Nationale**

## Carville Star Program Announces New Annual Awards

Five new annual awards will honor Carville Star Program donors in 2021. The new awards give all Locales and Grands, regardless of their membership number, an opportunity to be recognized for their support of Carville Star.

Selection for the awards relies on the revised Carville Star Annual Report that is included on the 40&8 website under 2021 Petit Communiqué. To be eligible for an award, this report must be mailed (postmarked on or before 31 July) or emailed (on or before 31 July) to the Directeur of the Carville Star Program at the address on the bottom of the form.

Please note that there is no longer a category for "equipment fund donations." Undesignated donations to the Carville Star Program are to be included in the "Carville Museum" donation category.

The top of the Annual Report lists the criteria for each award. Details of the awards are as follows:



**The Directeur's Special Award** for the Locale, Grand, or Voyageur identified by the Directeur for significant contributions to the Carville Star Program. This award is not solely dependent upon "total dollar amount" of contribution.

**The Joel Bunch Award** for the Grand or Locale that donates the most (cash contribution) to the Carville Star Program. [Joel Bunch served as Correspondant Nationale for 18 years. During his tenure, 40&8 financial support for *The Star* grew from \$11,000 to \$107,000 due to his fund-raising skills. Upon the death of *The Star's* editor, Stanley Stein, Correspondant Bunch provided the leadership needed to insure continued publication of *The Star*.]

**The Fred Fishel Award** for The Grand of 300 or fewer with the largest per capita contribution as determined from the Annual Report. [As Directeur of the Carville Star Committee, Fred Fishel made significant contributions to the publication and distribution of *The Star*, acquiring modern pressroom equipment and bringing *The Star* on-line in 2000.]

**The W.H. "Red" Miller Award** for the Grand of greater than 300 with the largest per capita contribution to the Carville Star Program as determined from the Annual Report. ["Red" Miller was twice selected as Directeur of the Carville Star Program for service totaling five years. Directeur Miller's first Directeurship began when he succeeded Directeur Fishel and was followed by another term about 15 years later. Directeur Miller enhanced rapport with the curator of the Carville Museum to facilitate and expand support to the Museum and the Carville Historic District.]

**The Michael S. Wood Award** for the Locale (of any size) with the largest per capita contribution to the Carville Star Program as determined from the Annual Report. [As Directeur of the Carville Star Program, Mike Wood promoted the alliance between the National Hansens Disease Program and La Société. Directeur Wood strongly advocated HD education, speaking to groups and having persons affected by HD attend Locale and Grand Promenades - all to educate and thereby reduce the stigma associated with HD.]

**In summary**, 1) to be eligible for Carville Star Program Awards, Locales and Grands must submit a Carville Star Annual Report on or before 31 July, 2) Locales and Grands are eligible for Awards regardless of membership size, and 3) address any questions about the awards to the Directeur Carville Star, or the Sous Directeur Carville Star for you area. The Carville Star Program Committee sincerely extends "merci" for your support of our Program. We are grateful to you all and look forward to recognizing you with these new awards.



Building Donation Challenge Total \$189,175.77

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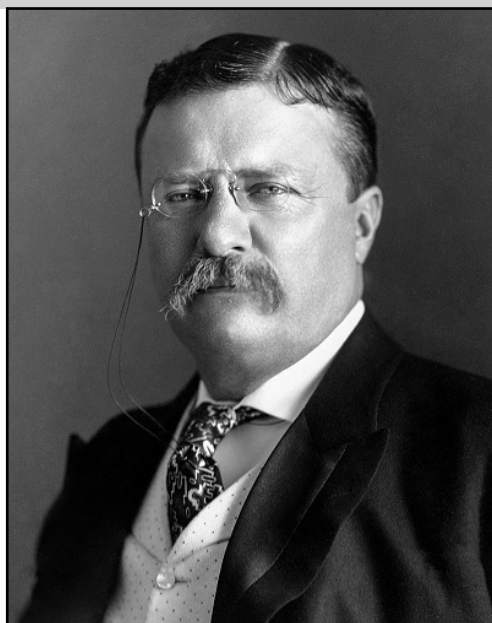


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| NATIONAL AMERICANISM FUND |              |           | \$ 2,100.00 |
| CHARLES ARMENTOR          | 987          | AZ        | \$ 100.00   |
| VOITURE 1439              | 1439         | IL        | \$ 39.00    |
| VOITURE 1068              | 1068         | NE        | \$ 29.00    |
| VOITURE 1539              | 1539         | AK        | \$ 25.00    |
| VOITURE 813               | 813          | IN        | \$ 12.68    |
| VOITURE 1321              | 1321         | MO        | \$ 5.20     |
| VOITURE 386               | 386          | NY        | \$ 3.00     |

## Vice Presidential History

**Theodore Roosevelt Jr.** (October 27, 1858 – January 6, 1919), often referred to as Teddy Roosevelt or his initials T. R., was an American statesman, conservationist, naturalist, historian and writer, who served as the 26th president of the United States from 1901 to 1909. He previously served as 33rd governor of New York from 1899 to 1900 and the 25th vice president of the United States from March to September 1901. His face is depicted on Mount Rushmore alongside George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln.

Roosevelt was a sickly child with debilitating asthma, but he overcame his health problems by embracing a strenuous lifestyle, as well as growing out of his asthma naturally in his young adult years. He integrated his exuberant personality, a vast range of interests and world-famous achievements into a "cowboy" persona defined by robust masculinity. He was home-schooled and began a lifelong naturalist avocation before attending Harvard College. His book *The Naval War of 1812* (1882) established his reputation as a learned historian and as a popular writer. Upon entering politics, he became the leader of the reform faction of Republicans in New York's state legislature. His wife and his mother both died in rapid succession, and he began to frequent a cattle ranch in the Dakotas. He served as Assistant Secretary of the Navy under President William McKinley, but he resigned from that post to lead the Rough Riders during the Spanish–American War, returning a war hero. He was elected governor of New York in 1898. After Vice



President Garret Hobart died in 1899, the New York state party leadership convinced McKinley to accept Roosevelt as his running mate in the 1900 election. Roosevelt campaigned vigorously, and the McKinley–Roosevelt ticket won a landslide victory based on a platform of peace, prosperity, and conservation.

Roosevelt took office as vice president in March 1901 and assumed the presidency at age 42 after McKinley was assassinated the following September. He remains the youngest person to become President of the United States. Roosevelt was a leader of the progressive movement, and he championed his "Square Deal" domestic policies, promising the average citizen fairness, breaking of trusts, regulation of railroads, and pure food and drugs. He made conservation a

top priority and established many new national parks, forests, and monuments intended to preserve the nation's natural resources. In foreign policy, he focused on Central America where he began construction of the Panama Canal. He expanded the Navy and sent the Great White Fleet on a world tour to project the United States' naval power around the globe. His successful efforts to broker the end of the Russo-Japanese War won him the 1906 Nobel Peace Prize. Roosevelt was elected to a full term in 1904 and continued to promote progressive policies, many of which were passed in Congress. He groomed his close friend William Howard Taft to successfully succeed him in the 1908 presidential election.

Roosevelt grew frustrated with Taft's brand of conservatism and belatedly tried to win the 1912 Republican nomination for president. He failed, walked out, and founded the so-called "Bull Moose" Party which called for wide-ranging progressive reforms. He ran in the 1912 election and the split allowed the Democratic nominee Woodrow Wilson to win the election. Following the defeat, Roosevelt led a two-year expedition to the Amazon basin where he nearly died of tropical disease. During World War I, he criticized Wilson for keeping the country out of the war with Germany, and his offer to lead volunteers to France was rejected. He considered running for president again in 1920, but his health continued to deteriorate and he died in 1919. He is generally ranked in polls of historians and political scientists as one of the five best presidents