

Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Mike McGary - Chef de Chemin de Fer



Here it is the middle of May and things seem to be starting to open up. In the last three weeks I've had five visitations. I reported about the Southland Dixie in this month's Forty and Eighter, so it's time to report on the other four.

The first one was the Razzberry in Lafayette Indiana. It turned into a Nurse's Training banquet with eight student nurses on hand. It was very well attended and a delicious meal was served by the LeFems of Cabane 364. It was very rewarding to be able to address these nurses and to let them know the we have just as much pride in what they're doing as their families. The next day I went to Anderson, Indiana, the home of our Nurse's Training Program, for the Brass Hat. Another nice day on the road, after a good White River fish dinner, I even had the opportunity to play a little Texas Hold-em. One of these days I'm going to learn how to play that game. After spending that night in Greenfield and trying to solve the worlds problem into the wee hours with some of Indiana's best, I was off to Shelbyville for the Chef's Wreck. If I remember right there were six new Voyageur Militaire brought into the Forty and Eight. Although a little hung over, the fun, festivities, and comradeship made it one of my memories for future reminiscing. My thanks to the Grand



due Indiana for showing one of their own a great time.

This last weekend it was back to South Carolina for the Gator Wreck. Three new Voyageurs were given the obligation. Voitures 1067 Chef Bobby Horne and Cabane 1067 President Michele DeJonghe-Hill put a on awesome program. Great food, outstanding hospitality, and a very good crowd from at least six Grandes (maybe more). That shows me that we are turning the corner and getting back to the business at hand. A special thanks to Bill & Dell Simpson for everything they did to make this trip a pleasure to do. With the cancellation of our Memorial Day Celebration at Arlington due to the remodeling of the Amphitheater, my next travels is going to be Great Lakes Promenade in Pennsylvania. I'm being told

this is going to be one of the best. I'm hoping all those Voyageurs and Dames I've seen in the South can come on up and enjoy some hospitality and comradeship that can be shown up here. Hope to see you then.

With the addition of Missouri and Massachusetts to the ranks of the 100%, that brings the number of Grandes at or above their goal to ten. We've got roughly ten weeks to go in this membership year, and I still have hope that we can get to the top. I know Frank 1 & 2, Ted and Dave, your Sous Chef's are going to be contacting each Grande in there are to see if there is anything Nationale can do to help. We can get this done in defiance of everything that's been holding us back for the last fourteen months. Don't let it win, do your part, make contact with those that may need some help. Remember - Leave No One Behind. Only you can make it happen.

I apologize for the delay in sending my article in time to have it sent out by the 15. Things have been a little hectic around the McGary's home front. Although we won't be at Arlington, please remember our fallen comrades in your own way. Whether it's visiting the graves of friends and family or going the celebration with the Legion, VFW, Am Vets, or any other organization, Lest We Forget. Also remember those that care currently protecting our freedom both here and abroad. May God bless each and every one of you and bless the United States of America. Be Safe!

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Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



This month's highlight is the 40&8 Engine Train pin and the Boxcar year pins. Engine part number 02CM01 \$2.75. See chart for Boxcar year pins \$2.25. These items can be ordered at our emblem sales store online at <http://store.fortyandeight.org/>



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“Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling Contest”

First and Foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals that took the time to submit an entry for this year's contest. We had a record number of requests this year, so without further-adieu, I congratulate this year's winners of the 2021 “Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling Contest” --Ron Rolfes, Nat'l Directeur, VAVS/SVH

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Livermore VAMC, (COVID Unit), Livermore, CA, (I Pad Shuffle's 5ea)	\$900.00
Mexico Veterans Home, Mexico, MO., (Bus Shelter Project)	\$650.00
Batavia VAMC, Batavia, NY, (Hoodies 25 ea.)	\$625.00
Lake Baldwin VA OPC, Lake Baldwin, FL, (Art Supplies)	\$600.00
South Dakota Veterans Home, Hot Springs, SD, (TV)	\$600.00
Tomah VAMC, Tomah, WI, (Fish Aquariums)	\$600.00
Carl Hayden VAMC, Phoenix, AZ, (TV)	\$600.00
William S. Middleton VAMC, Madison, WI, (Comfort Care Supplies)	\$600.00
Ralph Johnson VAMC, Charleston, S.C., (Bus Passes)	\$600.00
Clement J. Zablocki VAMC, Milwaukee, WI, (Arts and Crafts)	\$500.00
Harry S. Truman VAMC, Columbia, MO, (HUDVASH Program)	\$500.00
Kansas City VAMC, Kansas City, MO, (Baby Shower Baskets)	\$500.00
Bay Pines VAMC, Bay Pines, FL, (Athletic Shorts)	\$500.00
Loma Linda VAMC, Loma Linda, CA, (Gas Cards)	\$500.00
Dorn VAMC, Columbia, SC, (Amazon Wishlist Items)	\$450.00
Norfolk Veterans Home, Norfolk, NE, (Coffee Fund, Personal Needs, Magazines)	\$350.00
Oscar Johnson VAMC, (CLC), Iron Mountain, MI, (Grabbers 20 ea.)	\$340.00
Saginaw VAMC, Saginaw, MI, (Gift Cards)	\$300.00
Fort Meade VAMC, Fort Meade, SD, (Crisis Fund, Coffee fund, Magazines)	\$300.00
Detroit VAMC, Detroit, MI, (Female Items)	\$300.00
Ann Arbor VAMC Fisher House, Ann Arbor, MI, (Gift Cards)	\$300.00
Battle Creek VAMC, Battle Creek MI, (Female Items)	\$250.00
Hot Springs VAMC, Hot Springs, SD, (Cold weather gear, Magazines)	\$200.00
Rosebud Reservation VA Clinic, Mission, SD, (Cold weather gear, Coffee fund)	\$200.00
Hunter Holmes McGuire VAMC, Richmond, VA, (Personal Items), -Grande du Virginia	\$350.00

Alexandria Virginia COVID Remembrance Site

Voyageur Mace Carpenter, a former resident of Centralia, Illinois and current resident of Alexandria, Virginia is a member of Voiture 516, Centralia, Illinois. He participated in a committee of volunteers in January 2021 including Louise Kenny and Margaret Townsend to spearhead the design, municipal approval and construction of the Alexandria COVID Remembrance Site with the objective to recognize those community residents who perished from COVID. The Site is located on a small rise in Alexandria Rivergate Park and overlooks the Potomac River. It is designed with a small 4"x4" white flag for each victim placed in a radial pattern with night lighting. Voyageur Carpenter designed the site and led construction. The Site was dedicated in a ceremony on April 15th and will remain in place through June 21st to be continuously maintained by volunteers. Voyageur Carpenter offered the prayer dedicating the site to those who lost their lives to COVID and their families and friends. He also recognized all first responders, medical teams and workers who supported the community throughout the pandemic. Honored guests included Mayor Justin Wilson, US Rep. Don Beyer and Virginia Delegate Mark Levine. Currently 133 Alexandrians have passed.

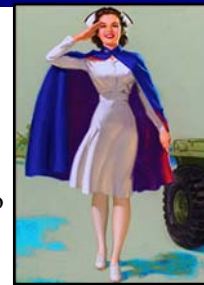


National Nurse Training Program

March/April 2021 GRAND VOITURE the MONTH

The past two months have been very rewarding for our Nurse's Training Club. A number of Grands have responded with great support in our efforts to reach our goals for the 2021 membership year.

Our 2021 National Nurse Training Club Pin program continues to draw outstanding support to -date which speaks well of the pride and dedication of the Voyageurs Militaire of our "La Societe". Team effort is what makes it successful and that is what we have, "Team Effort".



The pride that goes with being a member of a contributing Grand goes a long way in indicating the attitude and dedication of the Voyageurs of that Grand. While many Grands are putting forth those extra efforts, there is always a Grand Voiture that stands out with their hard work at any given time.

For the month of **March** we wish to recognize one such Grand from the Central Region of Sous Directeur John Schwab which has shown a great effort in support of the National Nurse Training Program by demonstrating the commitment needed to effectively support this vital program of the 40/8. **GRAND VOITURE of the Month for MARCH "GRAND du ALASKA"**
Posting earned sales to-date of 25 Pins for \$75 and a member per-capita of \$.90

For the month of **April** we also wish to recognize a Grand from the Northwest Region of Sous Directeur Jim Vissers which also has shown great support for our Nurse Training Program. **GRAND VOITURE of the Month for April GRAND du MONTANA,** with sales of 80 Pins for \$240. These Voyageurs Militaire currently hold a \$ 2.96 Per Capita

"MERCI, Fellow Voyageurs Militaire" National Secetaire/Treasurer, H.T. "Terry" Sharp

Voiture 997

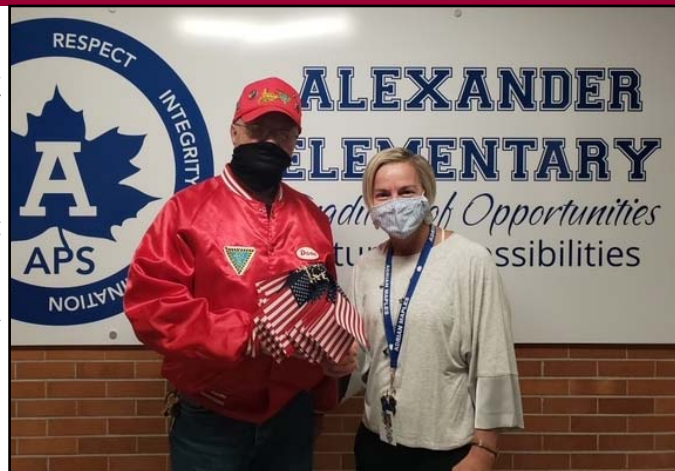
In past years members of the 40 and 8 have visited schools in Lenawee County and had a presentation program along with information on the care and respect of the American Flag to first graders, last year due to the shutdown we were not able to do this and we feel that it is an important program of our organization.

We realize that we would not be able to do this again but want to do something for the children in our county as they are the ones suffering the most from the happenings in the country. We have decided to deliver enough flags to each school for all first graders .

Please distribute these with the message that we, as veterans feel they are important to our society and we are there for them. This flag represents all of us , young and old regardless of any political views, Please ask them to treat it with respect.

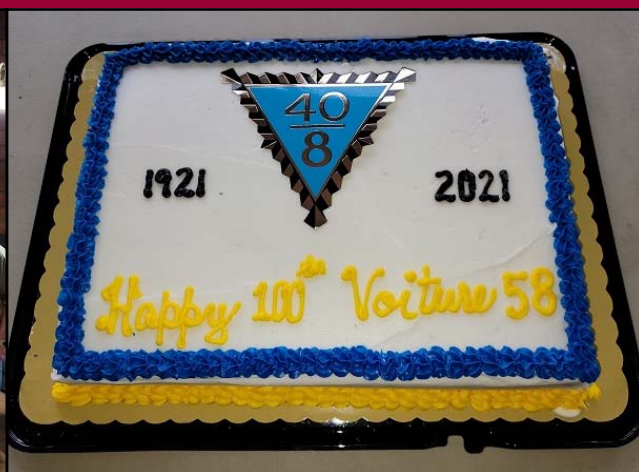
Thank you,

Davis Loop, Americanism Director
Nick Pulver, Chef de Gare



Pictured is Dave Loop dropping off flags to the principal of Alexander Elementary in Adrian.

Voiture 58 Celebrating 100 Years



At Voiture #58's April Promenade following the traditional steak dinner, the voyageurs celebrated 100 years (1921-2021) of our Voiture with cake and ice cream at its Chateau west of Wichita.

Pictured Left to Right: Jeff Staton (Correspondant); John Roberts; Darral Marquardt; Kenneth Ast; Bruce Kouba; John Brummett; Chase Walters; Bill Vento; Darrel Schenck; Fred McMillen (Chef de Gare holding the cake); Gary Duke; Ron Purdie; Curt Renard; Nick Weyers (Chef de Train holding the cake); Bruce Kester; Bill Doll (Holding the 100th Year Anniversary Plaque); Tom Peltzer; Jay Kidder; Dutch Beal.



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Voiture 145



Coyle Delany standing next to his kart with new paint job.

Design of team's karts with 40/8 logo.

Voiture Locale 145 du Indiana shows support for La Societe's Youth Sports Program. They recently donated \$500 dollars to the Whiteland Raceway Park, Whiteland, IN as a 2021 sponsor of the Youth Racing Sport. The raceway features youth racing teams in weekly competition. This experience prepares young racing enthusiasts to hone their skills as future race car drivers.

In addition to being a sponsor of the racetrack, Voiture Locale 145 donated another \$500 dollars to sponsor the Ghost Racing Team consisting of 4 young drivers.

Good morning Voyageurs! Jim Coe, Grand du Michigan, Chairman, Time & Place Committee.

As we get closer and closer to Nationale Promenade, I wanted to update everyone on where we are. With a ton of hope and a bit of faith, we can get back to a sort of “normal”. We are currently booked through 2023. This year, we will be in Springfield, MO. The registration forms are on the Nationale web site. 2022 will be at the Oneida Hotel & Casino, Green Bay, WI. They are working on the paperwork. 2023 will be at Kalahari in OH. It’s time that everyone gets their reservations in and plans made for Springfield. That includes delegate and alternate lists to be sent to Nationale. Please get that right as it is especially important when registrations take place. Those Voitures who are interested in sponsoring a Nationale Promenade should contact me at csmcoc@yahoo.com or 517-582-1035. See you all very soon! Take care.



Building Donation Challenge Total \$190,053.46
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOITURE</u>	<u>GR</u>	<u>AMT</u>
Voiture 523	523	CO	\$ 175.69

Free IRS Webinar: Applying for Exemption

The Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division would like to invite you to [register](#) to watch the free Applying for Exemption Webinar on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, from 1-2 pm ET. Continuing education certificates of attendance will not be offered for this program.

Watch this free webcast to learn:

- Steps to take before applying to the IRS for recognition of tax-exempt status
- Various types of tax-exempt status available under the Internal Revenue Code and which forms are used to request them
- How to apply for recognition of tax-exempt status, including tips to shorten the application process

This Webinar is provided by the Internal Revenue Service. For more information go to [IRS.gov](#).

Dan Dumas, Commissaire Intendant Nationale

"To be productive and encourage advancement you must always be willing to honestly consider the facts that contradict your beliefs and opinions and admit the possibility that you may be wrong. Intelligence isn't knowing everything, it is the ability to challenge everything you know."
 -Mike Wood 2015 Chef de Chemin de Fer



Vice Presidential History

Charles Curtis (January 25, 1860 – February 8, 1936) was an American attorney and Republican politician from Kansas who served as the 31st vice president of the United States from 1929 to 1933. He also previously served as the Senate Majority Leader from 1924 to 1929.

A member of the Kaw Nation born in the Kansas Territory, Curtis was the first person with any Native American ancestry and with acknowledged non-European ancestry to reach either of the highest offices in the federal executive branch. He is the highest ranking enrolled Native American ever to serve in the federal government.

Based on his personal experience, Curtis believed that Indians could benefit from mainstream education and assimilation. Curtis entered political life when he was 32 years old and won several terms from his district in Topeka, Kansas, beginning in 1892 as a Republican to the United States House of Representatives. While serving as a Representative, Curtis sponsored and helped pass the Curtis Act of 1898; it extended the Dawes Act to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indian Territory. As such, it ended their self-government and provid-



ed for allotment of communal land to individual households of tribal members, after they were registered on official rolls. It limited their tribal courts and government. Any lands not allotted were to be considered surplus by the federal government, which sold plots to non-Natives. Implementation of this act completed the extinguishing of tribal land titles in Indian Territory, which prepared the larger territory to be admitted as the state of Oklahoma, which was done in 1907.

Curtis was elected to the US Senate first by the Kansas Legislature in 1906 and then by popular vote in 1914, 1920, and 1926. Curtis served one six-year term from 1907 to 1913 and then most of three terms from 1915 to 1929 (after his election as vice president). His long popularity and connections in Kansas and national politics helped make Curtis a strong leader in the Senate; he marshaled support to be elected as Republican Whip from 1915 to 1924 and then as Senate Majority Leader from 1924 to 1929.

Curtis ran for vice president with Herbert Hoover as president in 1928. They won a landslide victory. When they ran together again in 1932, during the Great Depression, the public elected Democrats Franklin D. Roosevelt and John Nance in a subsequent landslide.

After politics Curtis decided to stay in Washington, D.C., to resume his legal career, as he had a wide network of professional contacts from his long career in Congress and the executive branch. He died there from a heart attack on February 8, 1936, at the age of 76. By his wishes, his body was returned to Kansas and buried next to his wife at the Topeka Cemetery.