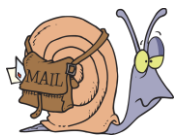


Sixth EDITION – July-August, 2015
The Honor Society of American Veterans



Snail Mail Edition
 will be mailed out
 on 7/2/15

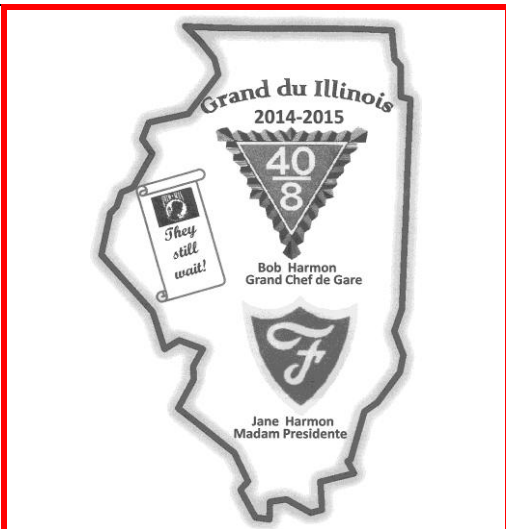


In 2010 Grand du
 Illinois recorded
 100% Membership!
**2010, let's
 do it
 again!**

Grand du Illinois Newsletter

Grand Officers

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Grand Chef de Gare..... | Robert Harmon (V-344) |
| Grand Chef de Train..... | Victor Martinka (V-796) |
| Grand Commissaire Intendant..... | Marvin Harris (V-344) |
| Grand Correspondant..... | Robert Cearlock (516) |
| Cheminot National | Chris Hinton (V-1170) |
| Sous Grand Correspondant..... | Dean Gollither (1299) |
| Grand Cheminot District 1..... | Richard Longfellow V-409) |
| Grand Cheminot District 2..... | Robert Przybylinski (V-220) |
| Grand Cheminot District 3..... | Ron Howard (V-606) |
| Grand Cheminot District 4..... | Verlin Funkhouser (V-594) |
| Grand Cheminot District 5..... | Harold Rose (V-812) |
| Grand Cheminot District 6..... | Michael Vance (V-860) |
| Grand Cheminot District 7..... | Phil Drum (V-344) |
| Grand Cheminot District 8..... | Todd Cearlock (346) |



Call to Grand Promenade

AUGUST 7, 8, AND 9, 2015
Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center
625 East St. Joseph Street
Springfield, IL 62703
Telephone: (217) 529-6626

In conformity with the Grande Voiture du Illinois constitution, The Grand Promenade is hereby called to convene as stated above. Only those designated are eligible for reimbursement, as per Grande Voiture Constitution.

Called are: Grand Cheminots, Richard Longfellow, Robert Przybylinski, Ron Howard, Verlin Funkhouser, Harold Rose, Michael Vance, Phil Drum, Todd Cearlock. Also called are Grand Chef de Gare Robert Harmon, Grand Chef de Train Vic Martinka, Cheminot National Chris Hinton, Grand Correspondant Robert Cearlock, Grand Commissaire Intendant Marvin Harris, Grand Avocat Dan Longeville, Grand Aumonier Richard Williams, Aide de Camp Eric Kennedy, Grand Guard de la Porte Ralph Reed Jr., Grand Lampiste Robert Jankowski, Grand Organizer North Ted Canellos, Grand Conducteur Casimir Noga Jr, Grand Commis Voyageur Paul Frauenfelder, Drapeau Goran Anderson, Grand Historian/Photographe Douglas Babitzke, Audit Directeur Verlin Funkhouser, Committee Wally Hammond, Jim Pierce, Michael Middlestaedt, Grand Budget Ways & Means Directeur Vic Martinka, Committee Robert Jankowski, Marvin Harris, Ralph Reed Jr. Grand Nurses Procurement Committee, Directeur Richard Williams, Committee, John York, Marvin Harris, Bud Swinyer. Any others subject to call are at the discretion of the Grand Chef de Gare.

All Voyageurs in good standing for the current year are invited to attend. Voyageurs must present their current year membership card to the Grand Guard de la Porte before being admitted to the business session, know the Nationale Password and wear your chapeau.

Those on official call and eligible for reimbursement may pick up their voucher at the registration table at the Hotel.

Cheminot meeting 5:00 pm Friday 8-7-15.

Committee meeting schedule will be posted at the registration desk by Directeurs.

Business Session Saturday 8-8-15 at 9:00 am until recessed by the Grand Chef. Sunday 9:00am

Grand Correspondant
Robert Cearlock

Grand Chef de Gare
Robert Harmon

Sixth EDITION – July-August, 2015
The Honor Society of American Veterans

From the Grand Chef de Gare

Greetings,

Hello once again fellow Grand Officers and Voyageurs. I just returned from Great Lakes Promenade held in Lansing, MI. Voiture 946 was our host and had a great time. Thursday evening at 5:00pm June 4th was our executive committee meeting, and all committees had a caucus and meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm. At 6:00pm we headed to Voiture 946's Chateau for dinner and the price was right for food and drinks.

Friday morning June 5th at 9:30am the committee held the opening session with a memorial service given by Dean Gollither, Great Lakes Aumonier. After the services we broke for a small recess and returned to the opening of the committee meeting by this year's president. The committees gave their reports and were approved by the floor.

Saturday morning June 6th the committee meeting reopened at 10:00am with the discussion on upcoming Great Lake promenades.

Wisconsin will hold and host the Great Lakes Promenade in 2016, and Illinois will host the Great Lakes Promenade in 2017. The Presidents and Vice Presidents were elected for those years. The Chef De Chemin De Fer Mike Woods swore in the officers and said Good luck. Later that evening we had our Great Lake Promenade Banquet and what a meal laid upon us. Everyone had fun and a great time. Thanks Voiture 946 for such a great time.

We have about a month and a half before Grand du Illinois Promenade. Get your ads in and make your reservations at the hotel; also, get your reservations in for Saturday evening's meal. See you all there!

Bob Harmon
Grand Chef de Gare

From the Grand Chef de Train

First off Congratulations and Thank You to ALL the Voitures that have 100% or more in membership. As of this writing (17) Voitures need less than (5) members to be 100 % in membership. (7) more need less than (10) members. There is still time to make it happen.

Remember that July 31st is CLOSE of BOOKS by Nationale. At this time I want to announce that Grand du Illinois will be having a NEW and EXCITING Membership Program next year. Be sure to attend the Grand Promenade in Springfield on August 7th, 8th, and 9th to get all the details.

Our Fall Cheminot will be held at Rend Lake Resort in October. Details will be available at the Grand Promenade [and in the September News Letter and on the website]. Also, 2016 Calendars will be available for Distribution during the Grand Promenade.

As "Leading Candidate" for next year's Chef de Gare, I look forward with working together with all Voitures and Voyageurs in making 2015-2016 an exciting year for Grand du Illinois.

Vic Martinka

Grande Chef de Train.

From the Cheminot National

We welcome the new Dames of **Cabane 1170**; Odie was elected as La Presidente. Special thanks to Ethellynn, Eleanor, Jane and Grande de Illinois Cabane for their assistance. Also, the Greek and Louise attended.

Chris Hinton

Cheminot National

Grand Correspondants Corner

Wow! Time flies when you are having a good time! Unfortunately it appears to fly even if you are not. I have the sad responsibility to report that with the year rapidly coming to a close we have three Voitures that have surrendered their charters this year. Unfortunately, I have also been duty bound by the National Constitution to request the Chef de Chemin de Fer revoke the Charter of one more. Voyageurs, I implore you to step forward and take responsibility for your Locales well being. Notify me immediately if you have paid your dues and not received your card. Correspondants do not hold dues! Send them to National as you receive them! Several Voitures have not yet certified their 2016 Officers.

In accordance with the Grand d' Illinois By-laws ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1, (a);

All Officers of a Voiture Locale shall be elected or re-elected annually at a regular Promenade, notice of which shall be given to the membership, and then certified to the Grand Correspondant on forms provided by the Grand Voiture not less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Grand Promenade. The retiring Correspondant Locale shall report the result within ten (10) days after said election.

Procrastination leads to lost records, low morale and above all, lost members. The Locale Correspondant is the heart of La Societe and if you don't do the job the whole Voiture; Locale, Grand and National fails!

Sixth EDITION – July-August, 2015
The Honor Society of American Veterans

My address is incorrect in this year's directory; it should be, POB 1782, Mt. Vernon, IL. 62864.

The Directory on the Grand's website is correct and is the official version. Please use it and if you see something incorrect let me know and I will correct it!

Again, be sure you address correspondence to National to:

Voiture Nationale
250 E 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Invite, mentor, wreck, and promote!

Yours in proud service to La Societe,
 Bob "OB1" Cearlock
 Grand Correspondant



Grand du Michigan Voiture 946
Outstanding job on the 2015
Great Lakes Promenade!
 Watch for photos and articles in the
Illinois 40et8 News.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

95th ANNUAL GRAND PROMENADE
TO BE HELD IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
AUGUST 7, 8, AND 9, 2015
 Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center
 625 East St. Joseph Street
 Springfield, IL 62703
 Telephone: (217) 529-6626

Room rate: \$59.00 plus tax / per night
 When making reservations call (217) 529-6626 and tell the operator this reservation is for the 40/8 annual Grand Promenade.

Registration will be Friday August 7, 2015 from 8:00 AM till 4:00 PM.

Beer blast will be held Friday evening at 7:00 PM and will consist of pork steak, potatoes salad and bake beans at a cost of \$6.00 per person.

Saturday August 8, 2015 dinner will be at 7:00 PM and will be a sit down dinner with the following:

Broasted Chicken
Mashed potatoes w/white gravy
Green beans w/bacon
Baby Spinach Salad w/Bacon Vinaigrette
Rolls and butter

Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

Cost will be \$30.00 per person. This includes tax and gratuity.

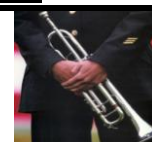
Budget, Ways & Means:

| Date | Prize | Cal.# | Name | Address | Seller | Voiture |
|------|-----------|-------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| 5/1 | \$ 50.00 | 961 | Tom Kasler | Naperville | Bob Jankowski | Grand |
| 5/8 | \$ 50.00 | 278 | John Wilson | Lockport | Bob Jankowski | Grand |
| 5/15 | \$ 50.00 | 1391 | Jim Jesk | Lemont | Bob Jankowski | Grand |
| 5/22 | \$ 50.00 | 1275 | John Biggs | Humbolt | Mike Smyser | 717 |
| 5/25 | \$ 100.00 | 478 | Susie Platt | Ellisville | Bob Blue | 812 |
| 5/29 | \$ 100.00 | 1012 | Grace Newman | Belleville | V - 926 | 926 |
| 6/5 | \$ 50.00 | 604 | Bill Frangquist | Lake Forest | Bill Frangquist | 604 |
| 6/12 | \$ 50.00 | 735 | Bob Barth | Cissna Park | Rich Longfellow | 409 |
| 6/14 | \$ 100.00 | 809 | Brent Smyser | Windsor | Mike Smyser | 717 |
| 6/19 | \$ 50.00 | 1367 | Roy Huxhold | Danville | Jim Pierce | 405 |
| 6/26 | \$ 100.00 | 248 | Msgr. Jim Burnett | Darien | Bob Jankowski | Grand |

VOITURE EVERLASTING:



MAY ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED IN THE PAST EXPERIENCE HIS PEACE AND GRACE FOR ETERNITY.



The following reflects Grand du Illinois' reported deceased Voyageurs per Voiture National records. It is imperative that Locale Correspondants report deceased members to the Grand Correspondant in order that we may render deserved and proper honors to our lost Comrades. PLEASE review the list for your Voiture and verify that all Voyageurs are listed.

Deceased Voyageurs should be reported to the Grand Correspondant immediately. Report should include name, city and Voiture number.

| name | city | voit-num |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|
| MARTIN, NORVIN | GIBSON | 24 |
| MACEY, MIKE | LAWRENCEVILLE | 107 |
| SEIPLE, HARRY | FREEPOR | 189 |
| ADAMS, ROBERT LEE | DEKALB | 207 |
| BARTKUS, ALGIMANTAS | CHICAGO | 220 |
| BATZKALL, RICHARD | ELK GROVE VLG | 220 |

Sixth EDITION – July-August, 2015
The Honor Society of American Veterans

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------|-----|
| CARDILLO, VINCENT E | LOMBARD | 220 |
| DAUM, RONALD I | CHICAGO | 220 |
| PASKAUSKAS, VITAS G | CHICAGO | 220 |
| POELVOORDE, ARTHUR | ROCK ISLAND | 237 |
| ALDERSON SR, RICHARD C | RANTOUL | 238 |
| BRAND, ROBERT I | URBANA | 238 |
| KRUSE, DONALD | CHAMPAIGN | 238 |
| RIPLEY, CARLYLE T | RANTOUL | 238 |
| ROTRAMEL, CHARLES V | CHAMPAIGN | 238 |
| LEET SR, CHARLES R | SPRINGFIELD | 344 |
| OPP JR, PAUL F | SPRINGFIELD | 344 |
| STUDENT, AUGUST M | SPRINGFIELD | 344 |
| ALLEMAN, RUSSELL C | TONICA | 378 |
| CLAUDNIC, WILLIAM P | OGLESBY | 378 |
| MARTUZZO, WILLIAM | OGLESBY | 378 |
| SCHOONOVER, ROBERT | MACHNESNEY PK | 408 |
| COLTER, G. ALLEN | MISSION, TX. | 433 |
| DOBBELS, LOUIS | KEWANEE | 433 |
| GRAHAM, GARY | ANNAWAN | 433 |
| GUSTAFSON, JOHN R | ERIE | 433 |
| HOWARD, JAMES R | ANNAWAN | 433 |
| JONES, CLARENCE | KEWANEE | 433 |
| MINNAERT, VERNON | ATKINSON | 433 |
| POBANZ, JOHN A | GENESE0 | 433 |
| PUCKETT, KENNETH | KEWANEE | 433 |
| REIFF, ROBERT | ANNAWAN | 433 |
| VAN VOOREN, ROYCE | ATKINSON | 433 |
| QUARTIER, EARL | WESTVILLE | 539 |
| RYDER, FRANK W | GURNEE | 568 |
| BURNS, PHILLIP M | OSWEGI | 592 |
| PRINNER, PAUL F | HAMPSHIRE | 592 |
| ARMSTRONG, RAY 'SONNY' | PARIS | 594 |
| RYDER, JAMES | GREENUP | 594 |
| NORDBERG, JAY W | PARK CITY | 604 |
| VERCIGLIO, DONALD W | ISLAND LAKE | 604 |
| CALHOUN III, JOHN WILL | CHARLESTON | 717 |
| HOMANN, GERALD N | CHARLESTON | 717 |
| KNOBLOCK, WILLIAM | ARTHUR | 717 |
| SLIFER, DAVE | MATTOON | 717 |
| SPEER, KERMIT | MATTOON | 717 |

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------|------|
| WRIGHT, WILLIAM | MATTOON | 717 |
| ERNST, DON | HENRY | 768 |
| GONZALEZ, LUIS | HENRY | 768 |
| GARIBAY, ARTHUR S | LEMONT | 796 |
| HAYS, WILLIAM D | CANTON | 812 |
| LARK, MELVIN W | BELLEVILLE | 926 |
| MITAN, TED | COLLINSVILLE | 926 |
| BERG, LAVERNE | LINCOLN | 985 |
| BISHOP, ROBERT | LINCOLN | 985 |
| BOYER, DEAN | MIDDLETOWN | 985 |
| BRUKETA JR, STANLEY | LINCOLN | 985 |
| COOPER, DEREK | LINCOLN | 985 |
| GOSSAGE, STANLEY K | RUSHVILLE | 1100 |
| CALL, JAMES H | DEER CREEK | 1170 |
| MITCHELL, VERNON L | DELAVAN | 1170 |
| TOMCZAK, WILLIAM P | CALUMET CITY | 1241 |
| JEREMIAH, BILL I | TAMAROA | 1299 |
| WOODSIDE, PAUL GENE | HARRISBURG | 1299 |
| BAYLEY, FRANK M | CARMI | 1398 |
| CONNELLY, PATRICK H | ALTAMONT | 1439 |
| FALETIC, LARRY A | ALTAMONT | 1439 |
| JULLIARD, ALBERT J | EFFINGHAM | 1439 |
| ROTRAMEL, M L | EFFINGHAM | 1439 |

LEGISLATIVE NEWS:

Fellow Voyagers, Greetings from V-1439, Effingham.

Washington News- the Department of Veterans Affairs is updating the way it determines eligibility for VA health care, a change that will result in more Veterans having access to the health care benefits they've earned and deserve. Effective this year, VA eliminated the use of net worth as a determining factor for both health care programs and copayment responsibilities. This change makes VA health care benefits more accessible to lower-income Veterans and brings VA policies in line with Secretary Robert A. McDonald's MyVA initiative which reorients VA around Veteran's needs. The Secretary is quoted as saying "Everything that we can do and every decision we make has to be focused on the Veterans we serve". "We are working very hard to earn their trust. Changing the way we determine eligibility to make the process easier for Veterans is part of our promise to our Veterans".

Sixth EDITION – July-August, 2015
The Honor Society of American Veterans

Instead of combining the sum of Veteran's income with their assets to determine eligibility for medical care and copayment obligations, VA will now only consider a Veterans gross household income and deductible expenses from the previous year. Elimination of the consideration of net worth for VA health care enrollment means that certain lower income non-service-connected Veterans will have less out of pocket costs. Over a 5-year period it is estimated that 190,000 Veterans will become eligible for reduced costs of their health care services. In March of last year the VA eliminated the annual requirement for updated financial information. The VA now uses information from the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration to automatically match individual Veteran's income information which reduces the burden on the Veteran to keep their healthcare eligibility up to date. The change better aligned VA's health care financial assessment program with other federal health care organizations.

Veterans may submit updated income information at www.1010ez.med.va.gov/, or by visiting their nearby VA health care facility. For more information, visit www.gov/healthbenefits or call VA toll-free at 1-877-222-8387.

Fair Winds and Following Seas
Roy Weber USN Retired
Grand Legislative Director



Woman:

Do you drink beer?

Man: Yes

Woman:

How many beers a day?

Man:

Usually about 3

Woman:

How much do you pay per beer?

Man: \$5.00 which includes a tip (This is where it gets scary!)

Woman:

And how long have you been drinking?

Man:

About 20 years, I suppose

Woman:

So a beer costs \$5 and you have 3 beers a day which puts your spending each month at \$450. In one year, it would be approximately \$5400 ...correct?

Man:

Correct

Woman:

If in 1 year you spend \$5400, not accounting for inflation, the past 20 years puts your spending at \$108,000, correct?

Man:

Correct

Woman:

Do you know that if you didn't drink so much beer, that money could have been put in a step-up interest savings account and after accounting for compound interest for the past 20 years, you could have now bought a new Ferrari?

Man:

Do you drink beer?

Woman:

No

Man:

Where's your Ferrari?

L'Editeur Illinois 40et8 News:

Summer issue input is now closed and has coverage and photos from the Great Lakes Promenade.

Send input for next issue to:

Robert Cearlock

POB 1782

Mt. Vernon, IL. 62864

Or

cearlock@aol.com

Check out the Grand d' Illinois website at

illfortyandeight.com

and

Our Facebook page at

Voiture du Illinois

Articles do not magically appear in either the Illinois 40et8 News or this News Letter. Only 4 of the articles in the last edition of the Illinois 40et8 News were submitted. If you want your Voiture to get credit for the things you do then it is a simple matter to take photos, write a brief description and send them to the address above. Only you can make it better!

Sixth EDITION – July-August, 2015
The Honor Society of American Veterans

MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA



AND THOSE IN HARMS WAY ON HER BEHALF!



40 et 8, Grand du Illinois
Bureau du Correspondant
P.O. BOX 1782
MT. VERNON. IL. 62864