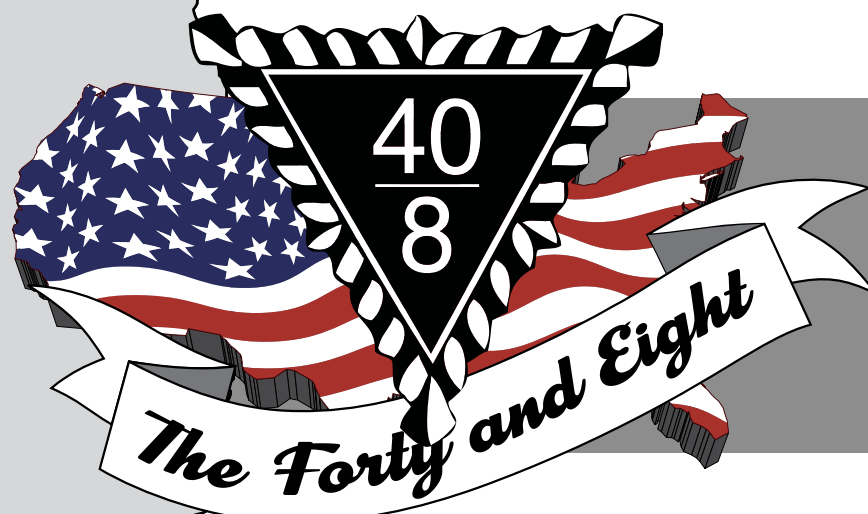


The Illinois 40 et 8 News

Official Publication of the Honor Society of Illinois Veterans



Volume 24, No. 3

Fall 2019



GRAND CHEF DE GARE MIKE VANCE

for the greater part of the Memorial Service. A couple of weeks later I was off the Kewanee for their annual Hog Days parade along with the Madame President of the Le Femmes. Just over a week ago I was off to Myrtle Beach, SC for the 100th National Promenade. Besides a new Chef Chemin de Fer, Mike Geary of Indiana we have a Sous Chef from Illinois our very own Ted Canellos.

As is the norm for the start of every year, Membership is a top priority, I am including a letter I received from Nationale Membership Directeur Joe Story to make the point more eloquently than I can:

"Good Day Voyageurs Militaire,

As we start the 2020 membership year, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to those Voyageurs who do not know me. I am a 27-year U.S. Army

retiree who spent time with the 82nd Airborne and the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. This is my third year serving Voiture Nationale as the Nationale Directeur of Member. I am honored to serve in this position.

Again, I have what I consider to be the best Sous Directeurs and Sous Chefs to work with on membership. I am also humbled to serve with the very best of the 40 and 8 at Voiture Nationale.

I have said "I" several times in the opening paragraph. I would like it to make it clear to everyone... THAT THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM CONSISTS OF EVERY VOYAGEUR WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE FORTY AND EIGHT. YES, THAT IS RIGHT! EVERY VOYAGEUR, FROM THE CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FER TO THE NEWEST INITIATED VOYAGEUR.

So, in the next few weeks we will explore mem-

bership goals and ideas on how to achieve those goals. We, as a team, must bring this membership slide to an end AND WE MUST DO IT NOW!

The membership numbers, for the week ending 9/19/2019, show that the 40 and 8 is 863 members short of where we were last year at the same time. Grand Chefs please ask your Voiture Locales to process membership in a timely manner.

Next week the goals for membership year will be published. Also, there will be ideas on to achieve those goals. Grande Chefs and Correspondants, please forward this letter to your Voiture Locales.

I'm hoping that we can stay on top of our membership this year, especially with renewals and maintaining the members that we already have. During the Membership meeting prior to the

Nationale Promenade Joe Story suggested using the Buddy Check system in local Voitures for Voyagers who have not been seen in some time. Another answer may be to loosen and liven up our local Promenades, the 40 & 8 was founded on being the "fun" arm of the then parent organization of the American Legion. We must take time for Ritual, Work and Humor. If everyone sits, straight and quiet in a Promenade in your locale, at a Grand Promenade or even at the National Promenade then we have lost part of our heritage, HUMOUR!

SO, for this next year lets get our important work done for the 40 & 8 and have a great time doing it!"

Joe Story
National Directeur
Membership

Mike Vance
Grand Chef de Gare
Grand d' Illinois



NonProfit
Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Indianapolis, IN
Permit No. 279

VOITURE 409 NURSES TRAINING



Photo: L to R: James Devine, Lee County Voiture 409 Nursing Scholarship Chair, Kathryn Cover, and Richard Longfellow, Chef de Gare Lee County Voiture 409.

Kathryn Cover is the recipient of a Lee County Voiture 409 Nursing Scholarship. She is the daughter of Howard and Vicki Cover of Dixon Illinois. Kathryn is a nursing student at Sauk Valley Community College and plans to graduate in May of 2020. She plans to pursue her BSN after graduating from Sauk and her ultimate goal is to become a nurse practitioner. She graduated from Faith Christian High School.

Kathryn is on the President's list at Sauk and she is involved in many clubs and activities through school. She has also volunteered in many community programs including Kreider and Relay for Life.

Grande Voiture du Illinois

OFFICERS 2018 - 2019

- GRAND CHEF DE GAREMICHAEL VANCE
- GRAND CHEF DE TRAINPAUL PARDO
- CHEMINOT NATIONALEDWIGHT MOSS
- GRAND COMMISSAIRE INTENDANT VICTOR MARTINKA
- GRAND AVOCAT ROBERT CEARLOCK
- GRAND CORRESPONDANT WALLY HAMMOND
- GRAND AUMONIER RICHARD WILLIAMS

GRAND CORRESPONDANT, GRAND DIRECTEUR SPECIAL AWARDS

WALLY HAMMOND AKA HORSES ASS #1 2015



Chef de Chemin De Fer 2010, Persist till we succeed!

I look forward to 2020 as a Great year for Grand du Illinois for all of us!

DIRECTEUR, SPECIAL AWARDS

I received this letter of appreciation from the National Directeur of Special Awards Greg Hall thanking Grand du Illinois for the \$1000 donation to the escrow account held at Nationale, Indianapolis In. Illinois has received the National selection over the years for all four of the Special Award, this year Marcia Scott, Hero of the Year from, DeKalb IL. nominated by V-207. The Hero of the year does not receive any compensation for travel or room to attend the National Promenade and to assist them Grand du Illinois made this donation.

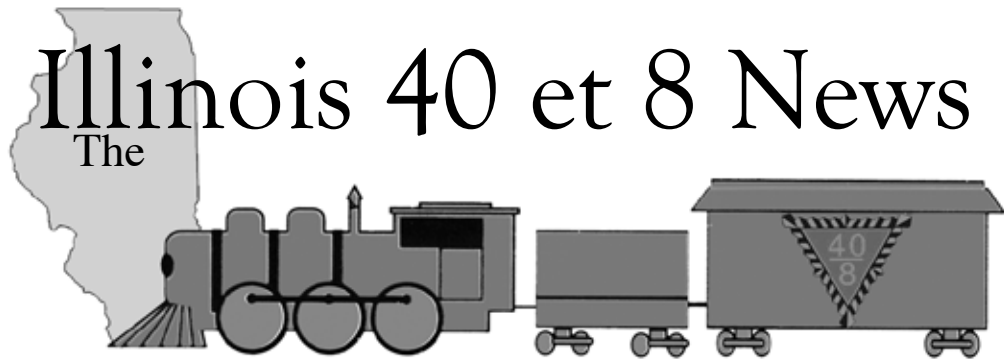
As the Grand Directeur of Special Awards I encourage all of you to watch the local media for people who do extra-ordinary things during an ordinary day. The four Awards are Hero of the Year, Law Officer of the Year, Voyageur of the Year and City/Town of the year. Our year is just getting started and it is never too early to start a nomination packet. For assistance or answers to concerns please feel free to call me at 309-338-8332. I will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Greetings Grand du Illinois Voyageurs,

As you may know or not know Illinois has a new Grand Correspondant! ME! Wally Hammond from Canton IL, Fulton Co. Voiture 812. Most of you will remember me when I was Grand Chef in 2006. Most recently was given the distinction of being HA #1. The HA is Horses posterior! A well-deserved award according to most of you.

A few of us made the journey to the 100th National Promenade at Myrtle Beach, SC despite Dorian. It did not affect the festivities at all. There is some new things that you all should know and a good time to catch up on the new info is at the Fall Cheminot in Pekin IL. hosted by V-1170, the 26th of October. Information on the hotel and Banquet is available from Chris Hinton 309-267-9231 or me at 309-338-8332. Plan to attend and see a bunch of the Greatest Veterans you'll ever meet!

I'm new to this Correspondant's job, so I will have a learning period to catch on, but Bob has committed to making this as painless as possible! If you have any concerns CALL, they won't disappear if we ignore them. Communication is the key to success. To quote Ted Lang Grand Chef 2005 and



The Illinois 40 et 8 News is the official publication of the Grande Voiture du Illinois and is published four times a year. Any changes or additions to the mailing list must be made to Voiture Nationale, La Societes des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, Voiture Nationale 250 E 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205.

Michael Vance - Grand Chef de Gare
Wally Hammond - Grand Correspondant

Articles and Announcements To be Sent To;
Robert Cearlock - Le Editeur
PO Box 1782 • Mt. Vernon, IL

Spring Issue
ARTICLE CUTOFF DATE - February 1st

Summer Issue
ARTICLE CUTOFF DATE - May 1st

Fall Issue
ARTICLE CUTOFF DATE - August 1st

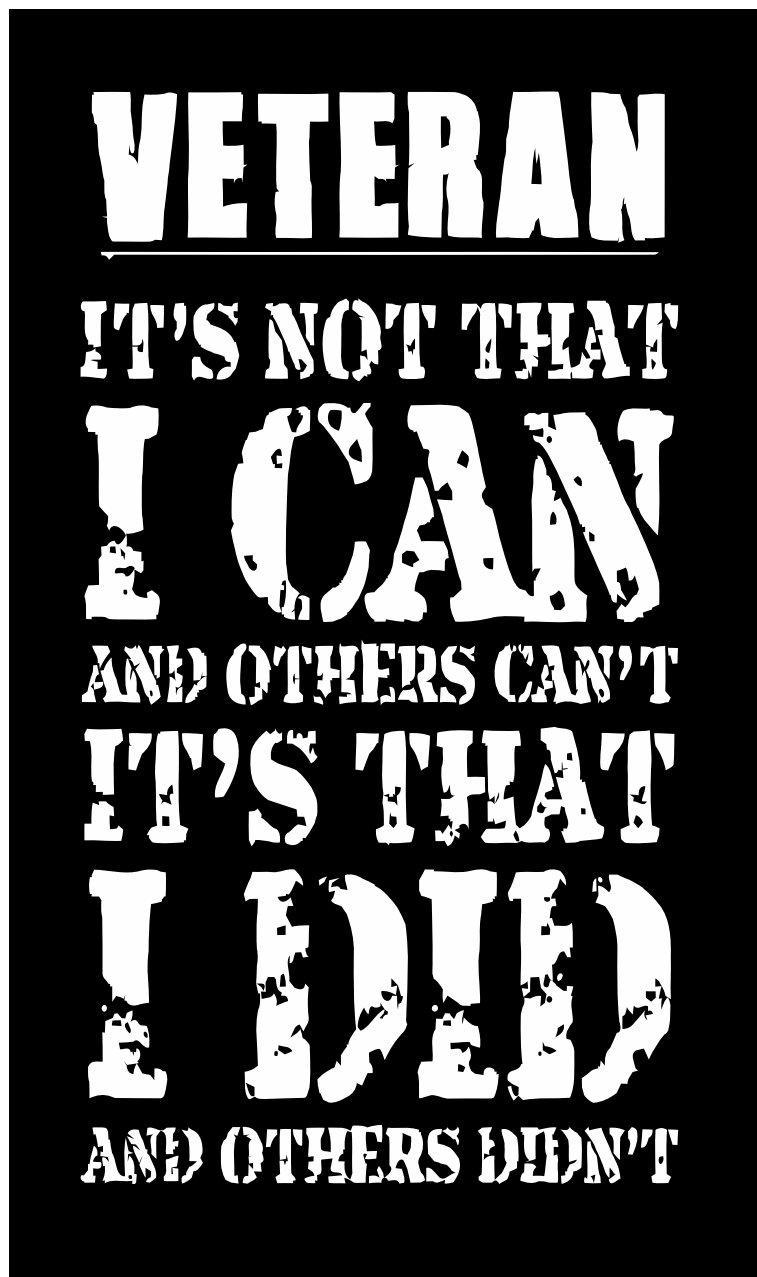
Winter Issue
ARTICLE CUTOFF DATE - November 1st

GRAND D' ILLINOIS DONATIONS TO ILLINOIS VETERANS HOMES



On Monday, October 21, 2019, The Grand du Illinois presented a \$500 Donation to the Manteno Illinois Veterans Home. Pictured are Tom Mlynek, Grand Cheminot Passé, Victor Martinka, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Michelle (Veterans Service Coordinator at Manteno) and Ron Allan, Grand Cheminot Passé. Michelle was very grateful for the donation. She explained how the money would

go for Special Treats for the Veterans at Manteno. We explained what the 40&8 was all about. She was very interested in the 40&8. So far three (Anna, LaSalle and Manteno) have each received a \$500 donation from Illinois Grand du Illinois. The last one Quincy is next on our donation list. In addition, the Grand also donated five hundred dollars to the Veterans Assistance Fund at the Marion VA Medical Center.



GRAND COMMISSAIRE INTENDANT VICTOR MARTINKA



Well another Grand Promenade is now in the History Books. Grand du Illinois had a Very Busy and Meaningful Grand Promenade. We Elected our New Officers for the 2019-2020 Year. Also, in the Business Sessions we Properly made the following changes: The Authorized Per Diem was increased from \$20 per night to \$40 per night. Travel Pay was increased from \$0.15 per mile to \$0.45 per mile. Hopefully these changes will make it more affordable to attend our three functions each year. Grand du Illinois meets for a Fall Cheminot, a Spring Cheminot and the Summer Promenade. Not only try to attend ...BUT... Consider having YOUR Voiture host one of these events.

By action taken at this Grand promenade the following Donations were made at Promenade National from Grand du Illinois:

- \$5,000.00 Donations to Voiture National Building Fund

- \$1,000.00 Donation to Voiture National Special Award Program

- \$1,000.00 Donation to Carville Star Museum

Locally we Donated:

- \$500.00 to Illinois Hero of the Year to help defray her expenses of attending Promenade National

- \$500.00 each to the Veterans Food Fund at the following VA Medical Centers: Marion VA, Galesburg VA, LaSalle, VA and Manteno VA.

This is what the 40 & 8 is all about...Veterans Helping Veterans.

Grand Calendar donations

I am happy to report that ALL 2020 Calendars have been distributed. For 2019 we received donations for 1,250 Calendars. Let's try to do even better in 2020.

Special "THANKS" to V-220 for collecting donations for 200 Calendars. Our Top Voiture.

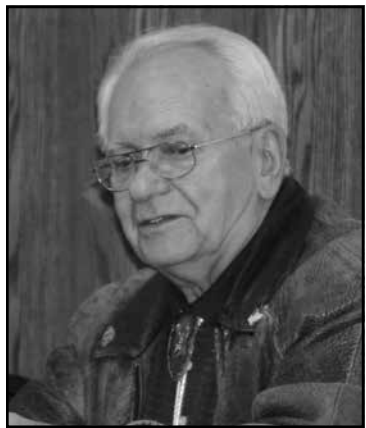
Individually Richard Longfellow was TOP Calendar Go-Getter with over 125 Calendars all by himself. 2nd place came in with 108 Calendars

Remember, Calendars make Great Stocking Stuffers for Christmas. Most of us belong to other organizations. Try asking them for a donation. They not only are helping Veteran Programs. BUT... they have a chance to win some money back.

Please contact me if you have an idea on how to improve our Calendar Program. Victor J Martinka
Grand Commisnaire Intendant
Calendar Program Director
Grand du Illinois



OPINION EDITORIAL BY ROBERT "OB1" CEARLOCK



We have just completed another year; an important milestone year as we enter the 100th year of La Société. In the years that I have had the honor to be called a Voyageur Militaire I have seen amazing people accomplish wonderful acts of altruism without the need of recognition and praise. I have seen Voitures populated by truly amazing Veterans that wish to serve their communities and their country. I have seen tributes to their fallen Comrades and honors bestowed on our Law Officers and Heroes. I have seen hundreds of children helped through tragedy and misfortune.

What I have not seen is a desire to grow La Société and bring new and enthusiastic young men and women into our fold. What I have not seen is mentorship of new Voyageurs and Grand or Locale Officers.

If we are to grow and continue to a viable "Veterans

Honor Society" there are some things that are imperative; We must seek out, nominate and wreck new members, We all must honor our oath as Voyageurs Militaire, we must mentor and support those that we bring in to La Société and encourage their participation in the Locale, Grand and National endeavors.

I realize the immense importance of our Locales and have visited many who have enviable success at their local level. However, these successes are not known beyond their community because they do not report them. When we at the Grand level visit and listen to their Voyageurs report to their Voiture the information is not elevated. Even then, when we ask a Locale Voyageur to step forward to a Grand position their answer is "I don't know enough about it" or "I don't have time to do it" or "I don't desire to leave this community".

Mentorship can only alleviate one of those concerns. Desire to serve is the only cure for the second and the last is something I have no answer for. DO YOU?

This is my opinion. What's yours? Let me know. I will be glad to publish it.

Robert "OB1" Cearlock
Le Editeur
The Illinois 40 et 8 News
cearlock aol.com 618-214-0182

WE ARE THE 1% OF THE 1%!

"Altruism"

Altruism; feelings and behavior that show a desire to help other people and a lack of selfishness

Altruistic; unselfishly concerned for or devoted to the welfare of others

We as Voyageurs are all members of the veteran's organization that truly epitomizes the definition of altruism. This is one reason that should make each of us proud that our fellow Voyageurs invited us to become one of them.

"Patriotism"

Patriotism; love that people feel for their country

Another reason La Societe instills personal and group pride in being a part of the "Honor Society of American Veterans".

"Service"

Service; an act of helpful activity; help; aid

We as Voyageurs, proud of our service to our country find additional pride in our ability to continue to serve our comrades and the communities we live in.

"Honor"

Honor; honesty, fairness, or integrity in one's beliefs and actions:

Honor; the moniker of La Societe, the attribute that is the greatest source of pride and the glue that binds all of the other attributes into who we wish to be.

So what is the purpose of presenting this collage of words? My purpose is to encourage my fellow Voyageurs to take stock of where we have been, where we are and above all where we are going. It is these attributes that have been the supporting pillars of La Societe since the first program was adopted and implemented through the National, Grand and Locale organizations. Each of them encompassing these attributes and defining our purpose for being Voyageurs Militaire.

It is these attributes that must be pursued and showcased for our fellow veterans and our communities. It is these attributes that foster support from our communities and a desire to be a part of La Societe by other Veterans. So you say "these attributes can be attributed to all Veterans Service Organizations". Some years ago I would have agreed. I am a member of several other VSO's and have worked hard to promote their programs. But in the last few years I have witnessed a departure from their expressed charters and a tendency to be elitist and judgmental. I have witnessed motions brought forward to help a veteran in need dismissed because he wasn't a member of the post. I have witnessed objections to aid for a family in need because they already were helped by another organization, even though the help was minimal and the need was still there.

I take deep pride when my Voiture seeing this happen steps up and fills the need; fills the void without fanfare or desire for recognition; fills the need because we take pride in the attributes defined above, because they in turn define who we are.

So I thank all of you who proudly hold the title of Voyageur Militaire and for the privilege of your comradeship. I thank you for your service; past, present and future and I pray that you never give up on La Societe and never miss an opportunity to help us grow and pass these attributes on.

Robert "OB1" Cearlock
Grand d' Illinois, Grand Avocat
Le Editeur, Illinois 40et8 News
National Public Relations Directeur
President, Press Association of La Societe (PALS)

GRAND D' ILLINOIS MAKES FIVE HUNDRED-DOLLAR DONATIONS TO ILLINOIS VETERANS' FACILITIES



On Wednesday, October 9, 2019, Grand Commisnaire Intendant Vic Martinka, Cheminot National Passé John York, Cheminot National Passé Ron Allan and 2nd District Grand Cheminot Passé Tom Mlynek took a trip to the LaSalle Illinois Veterans Home. At the Grand Promenade this past summer, action was taken to donate \$500 to each of the

4 Illinois Veterans Homes. At LaSalle we were greeted by Susan, Head of Volunteer Services.

The attached picture shows us presenting the \$500 check to Larry Pasquinalli who is the Newest resident at La Salle. Susan assured us the money would be spent so as to benefit All the Veterans residing there. Susan then gave

us a guided tour of the facilities. The buildings both inside and outside are well maintained. The entire staff that we met were very friendly and pleasant. The resident veterans we spoke with were all happy being there. Next up is a visit to the Manteno Illinois Veterans Home.

Vic Martinka
Grand Commisnaire Intendant

MARION COUNTY 40 & 8 VOITURE 516 PROMENADE

F-117 HISTORY PAR I—DEVELOPMENT MACE CARPENTER OCTOBER 10, 2019

As early as World War II, radar became a nemesis of airpower. Radar had an ability to detect aircraft at long ranges so defending nations could mount a defense and guide anti-aircraft systems against them. Radar played a major role in the Battle of Britain, allowing the outnumbered Royal Air Force to scramble to meet and defeat the attacking German aircraft. In the Vietnam War, thousands of aircraft were lost, most due to the impact of radar-guided surface-to-air missile systems. A solution was required.

As early as World War II, efforts became to mitigate radar's capabilities to detect attacking aircraft. These efforts began in earnest in the early 1970s. With a Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) initiative and US Air Force support, Lockheed eventually won a contract to produce a stealthy fighter. Lockheed was able to design an aircraft that was "invisible" to many types of radar, and extremely hard to detect by others. Ironically, the foundation of this effort was a 1963 Soviet Union mathematician's published paper, "Method of Edge Waves in the Physical Theory of Diffraction." Petr Ufimtsev determined that radar return strength is based on the edge configuration, not size of an object—or aircraft. He gained permission to publish his research results internationally because they were considered to be of no significant military or economic value. A stealth engineer at Lockheed, Denys Overholser, read the Russian's paper and understood that Ufimtsev developed the mathematical theory for the analysis of radar returns. This understanding stimulated stealth design and was critical in manufacturing the first stealth aircraft—the F-117. Northrop competed for the F-117 contract and used Ufimtsev's mathematics to help design the B-2 bomber. Ben Rich—the father of stealth—succeeded Kelly Johnson as the leader of the Lockheed Skunkworks and led the development and production of the F-117.

In 1976, Lockheed was contracted by DARPA to produce two full-scale aircraft as part of the Have Blue Project. A complex computer system adjusted for aircraft instability. To expedite development, the aircraft used an F16 flight control system, A10 landing gear, T38 engines, and C-130 environmental systems. Although both prototypes were destroyed in accidents, stealth was proven. In 1978, full-scale production aircraft approved. Again, to speed development, the aircraft used many existing aircraft systems that included an F-16 flight control system, F-18 cockpit, F-15E displays and a B-52 navigation system. In August 1981, the first operational aircraft was delivered to Tonopah, Nevada.

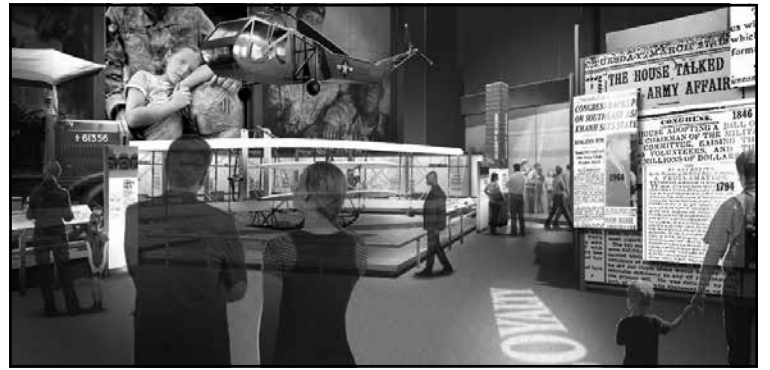
The Lockheed F-117 had several nicknames. The official one was Nighthawk. A couple of other included Cockroach (it is a small, black entity that scurries in the night) and Wobbly Goblin (a nasty creature that was aerodynamically unstable). However, most pilots who flew it normally referred to it as the Black Jet.

The fighter was 47 feet long, 22 feet across and capable of 600 knots airspeed (~Mach .95). It was not designed to be supersonic because supersonic aircraft with the associated sonic booms are not very stealthy. Fifty-nine aircraft were delivered to the Air Force. While designed to carry air-to-air missiles and nuclear weapons, none of the F-117s were configured to do this. Instead, the F-117's standard load was two GBU-27s—2000 pound laser-guided bombs. The jet flew beautifully, but was underpowered. A autopilot could be engaged after takeoff and fly an entire mission for the pilot, getting to any location within 1 second of any scheduled time-on-target.

Fifty-nine Aircraft cost \$6.5 billion for a total project cost of \$8 billion—inexpensive by today's standard. The F-117 had no on-board radar, but possessed a highly accurate navigation and weapon targeting system. It achieved operational capability achieved in 1983 and in 1989 the F117 is brought into the open. The F-117 was employed in the following conflicts:

- Operation JUST CAUSE 1989
 - F117 selected because it dropped precision munitions on time
 - Just prior to takeoff, told not to hit the barracks—just get close
 - In the US many stated the stealth fighter failed—it "missed" the target
- Operation DESERT STORM 1991
 - Highly successful—1271 missions—2000 tons of bombs
 - F117 did not require significant support
- Operation ALLIED FORCE
 - Many successful missions
 - F117 lost through excellent tactics and Serbian luck
- Operational IRAQI FREEDOM
 - Quick reaction and high precision strike
 - F117s featured aircraft for first attacks
 - April 2008 the F117 was retired as a cost savings measure

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY



Opening June 4th, 2020, one of the country's newest and most exciting museums is scheduled to open to celebrate over 240 years of United States Army history and foster continuing education long into the future. Located on 84 acres in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the center is primed to serve as a significant regional destination for veterans, families, active duty military, school groups, tourists, and more. Just 20 minutes from Washington, D.C. National Mall, the museum will stand among the many world-class institutions which surround it and it is sure to be the most comprehensive historical representation of the U.S. Army from the founding of the United States up to the present day. All of this is thanks to a unique joint effort between the U.S. Army and the non-profit organization The Army Historical Foundation (AHF).

As the capstone museum of the Army Museum Enterprise, the National Army Museum will provide the only comprehensive portrayal of Army history and traditions. The Museum also will offer educational experiences to illustrate the Army's role in building and defending our nation, as well as humanitarian missions, public contributions, and technological and medical breakthroughs. From

the Revolutionary War to current conflicts, from General George Washington to General George Patton, from muskets to modern weapons, this museum will be all things 'Army'.

The site of the museum will be located at Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County, Virginia. The Museum itself is also of historic significance, as Fort Belvoir has long been a strategic base for the U.S. Army and is, therefore, a critical location in determining and maintaining the country's defense strategy. It's the perfect location for a museum of this caliber and sets the scene for what is sure to be an incredible learning experience. Located on the shores of the Potomac River and just miles from Washington's home in Mount Vernon and the monuments of the nation's capital, the setting is rich in both history and natural beauty.

When the Museum opens to the public, the U.S. Army will own and operate the Museum while AHF will manage the Museum store, café, and catering services for special events. Within the Army organizational structure, the Museum is part of the U.S. Army Center of Military History whose higher headquarters is the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army.

VOITURE 812



V-812 Made its annual appearance at the Illinois State Fair Veterans Day Program and Parade. We have been going for several years and get a lot of comments from Veterans and passersby. The members that took it to the Fair this year were Milt Murphy and Danny Orwig. Veterans Day at the Fair is worth your time to attend. Not only do you meet fellow Veterans, you are treated to a free lunch and can eat all the deep-fried food you can imagine from Alligator to Zucchini!

V-812 has several other commitments with our Locomotive coming up to include WIU Homecoming Parade, a picnic at Giant Goose Ranch, Canton High Homecoming Parade, Cuba High Homecoming parade and already scheduled for Cuba Santa Parade!

If your Locale has a Loci and it's not being used, get your members together and get it going! If you don't have one, contact a Locale that does and together get it on the road. People love seeing these and Kids go crazy over them! Let's keep our Heritage alive and well, you will be glad you did!

Wally Hammond
Correspondant V-812

Ha Ha Ha!



A LITTLE HUMOR



MOTHER OF THE BRIDE

Jennifer's wedding day was fast approaching. Nothing could dampen her excitement – not even her parent's nasty divorce. Her mother had found the perfect dress to wear, and would be the best-dressed mother-of-the-bride ever!

A week before the wedding, Jennifer was horrified to learn that her father's new, young wife had bought the exact same dress as her mother! Jennifer asked her father's new young wife to exchange it, but she refused. "Absolutely not! I look like a million dollars in this dress, and I'm wearing it," she replied.

Jennifer told her mother who graciously said, "Never mind sweetheart. I'll get another dress. After all, it's your special day."

A few days later, they went shopping, and did find another gorgeous dress for her mother. When they stopped for lunch, Jennifer asked her mother, "Aren't you going to return the other dress? You really don't have another occasion where you could wear it."

Her mother just smiled and replied, "Of course I do, dear... I'm wearing it to the rehearsal dinner the night before the wedding."

LOVE DRESS

A woman stops by, unannounced, at her son's house. She knocks on the door then immediately walks in.

She is shocked to see her daughter-in-law lying on the couch, totally naked. Soft music is playing, candles are lit, and the aroma of perfume fills the room.

"What are you doing?!" she asks.

"I'm waiting for Jeff to come home from work," the daughter-in-law explains.

"But you're naked!" the mother-in-law exclaims.

"This is my love dress," the daughter-in-law answers.

"Love dress? But you're naked!"

"Jeff loves me and wants me to wear this dress. It excites him to no end. Every time he sees me in this dress, he instantly becomes romantic and can't get enough of me!"

The mother-in-law leaves, inspired by what she has learned.

When the mother-in-law gets home, she undresses, showers, puts on her best perfume, dims the lights, puts on a romantic CD, and lays on the couch, expectantly awaiting her husband. Finally, her husband comes home. He walks in and sees her lying there provocatively.

"What are you doing?" he asks.

"This is my love dress," she whispers sensually.

"Needs ironing," he says. "What's for dinner?"

CROSS EXAMINATION

A lawyer was cross-examining the doctor about whether or not he had checked the pulse of the deceased before he signed the death certificate.

"No," the doctor said. "I did not check his pulse."

"And did you listen for a heartbeat?" asked the lawyer.

"No I did not," the doctor said.

"So," said the lawyer, "when you signed the death certificate, you had not taken steps to make sure he was dead."

The doctor said, "Well, let me put it this way. The man's brain was in a jar on my desk but, for all I know, he could be out practicing law somewhere."

CROSS-DRESSER

Smith and Jones were playing racquetball in the local gym.

After the game, they went into the locker room to change, and Smith is shocked and amazed to see Jones wearing a lace bra and garter belt.

Smith: "My God, Jones, when did you start wearing women's underwear?"

Jones: "Ever since my wife found them in the glove compartment of my car!"

REAL COWBOY?

An old cowboy dressed to kill with cowboy shirt, hat, jeans, spurs and chaps went to a bar and ordered a drink. As he sat there sipping his whiskey, a young lady sat down next to him. After she ordered her drink she turned to the cowboy and asked him, "Are you a real cowboy?"

"Well, I have spent my whole life on the ranch herding cows, breaking horses, mending fences... I guess I am," replied the cowboy.

After a short while he asked her what she was.

"I've never been on a ranch so I'm not a cowboy, but I am a lesbian. I spend my whole day thinking about women. As soon as I get up in the morning I think of women, when I eat, shower, watch TV, everything seems to make me think of women," told the young woman.

A short while later she left and the cowboy ordered another drink.

A couple sat down next to him and asked, "Are you a real cowboy?"

"Well, I always thought I was, but I just found out that I'm a lesbian!"

GIRL INTERRUPTED

One morning, a husband returns the family boat to their lakeside cottage after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors, puts her feet up, and begins to read her book. The peace and solitude are magnificent.

Along comes a Fish and Game Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says,

"Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?"

"Reading a book," she replies, (thinking, "Isn't that obvious?").

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her.

"I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm reading."

"Yes, but I see you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the Game Warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," and he left.

LAWN CHORES

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer. Always something more important to me.

Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors.

I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush.

I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

SUPERMARKET SALE

A supermarket had a sale on boneless chicken breasts, and a woman intended to stock up. At the store, however, she was disappointed to find only a few skimpy pre-packaged portions of the poultry, so she complained to the butcher in a rather mean and arrogant manner.

"Don't worry," he said. "I'll pack some more trays and have them ready for you by the time you finish shopping."

Several aisles later, the butcher's voice came booming over the speaker system, "Will the lady who wanted bigger breasts please meet me at the back of the store."

A PROMISE KEPT

There was a man who had worked all of his life and had saved all of his money. He was a real miser when it came to his money. He loved money more than just about anything, and just before he died, he said to his wife, "Now listen, when I die I want you to take all my money and place it in the casket with me. I want to take all my money to the afterlife."

So he got his wife to promise him with all her heart that when he died, she would put all the money in the casket with him. Well, one day he died. He was stretched out in the casket, the wife was sitting there in black next to their best friend. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, "Wait a minute!"

She had a shoebox with her. She came over with the box and placed it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket and rolled it away. Her friend said, "I hope you weren't crazy enough to put all that money in there with that stingy old man." She said, "Yes, I promised. I'm a good Christian, I can't lie. I promised him that I was going to put that money in that casket with him."

"You mean to tell me you put every cent of his money in the casket with him?"

"I sure did," said the wife. "I got it all together, put it into my account and I wrote him a check."

ELABORATE FUNERAL

A cardiologist died and was given an elaborate funeral. One thing that got everyone's attention, was a huge flower covered heart on the wall behind the casket.

After the usual sermon by a preacher and testimonials from friends and colleagues, everyone finally learned the purpose of the huge heart. After a moment of silence, the heart opened, and the casket rolled inside. The heart then closed, sealing the doctor in the beautiful heart forever.

The long, stunned hush of the mourners was broken when a man near the front burst into laughter.

The preacher demanded an explanation.

"I'm sorry," the man said, "I just pictured my own funeral."

"And why would that be funny?" inquired annoyed preacher.

"I'm a proctologist!" said the man chuckling.

SKIPPING MASS

The Reverend Francis Norton woke up Sunday morning and, realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to say Mass for him that day.

As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish. Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not."

Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. It WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

LIE DETECTING ROBOT

John was a salesman's' delight when it came to any kind of unusual gimmick. His wife Marsha had long ago given up trying to get him to change. One day John came home with another one of his unusual purchases.

It was a robot that John claimed was actually a lie detector. It was about 5:30 that afternoon when Tommy, their 11-year old son, returned home from school. Tommy was over 2 hours late. "Where have you been? Why are you over 2 hours late getting home?" asked John.

"Several of us went to the library to work on an extra credit project," said Tommy. The robot then walked around the table and slapped Tommy, knocking him completely out of his chair.

"Son," said John, "this robot is a lie detector, now tell us where you really were after school."

"We went to Bobby's house and watched a movie..." said Tommy. "What did you watch?"

asked Marsha. "The Ten Commandments," answered Tommy. The robot went around to Tommy and once again slapped him, knocking him off his chair. With his lip quivering, Tommy got up, sat down and said, "I am sorry I lied. We really watched a tape called Sex Queen."

"I am ashamed of you son," said John. "When I was your age, I never lied to my parents." The robot then walked around to John and delivered a whack that nearly knocked him out of his chair. Marsha doubled over in laughter, almost in tears and said, "Boy, did you ever ask for that one! You can't be too mad with Tommy. After all, He is your son!" With that, the robot immediately walked around to Marsha and knocked her out of her chair.

CLOSING SERMON

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon. With great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

With even greater emphasis, his arms in the air, he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

And then finally, with a raised voice he finished, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." He sat down and reverend silence filled the church.

O'Malley, the song leader who dozed off during the sermon, stood up very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365: "Shall We Gather at the River:"

SKINNY DIPPING

Ron, an elderly man in Florida, has owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts and some orange and lime trees.

One evening, the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over. He grabbed a five gallon bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. When he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence, and they all went to the deep end.

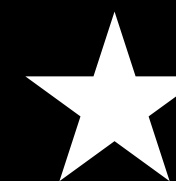
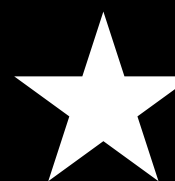
One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!"

Ron frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond." Holding the bucket up Ron said, "I'm here to feed the alligator."

AND FINALLY;

Sarcastic AI Says:

Don't mess with old people, life imprisonment is not that much of a deterrent anymore.





This is priceless!!

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment."

The woman apologized to the young girl and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

The older lady said that she was right our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day. The older lady went on to explain: Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So, they really were recycled.

But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day. Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable besides household garbage bags was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbles. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags.

But, too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then. We walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

Back then we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days.

Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Back then we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana.

In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power.

We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blade in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's \$45,000 SUV or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing."

We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then?

Please forward this on to another selfish old person who needs a lesson in conservation from a smart ass young person. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to piss us off... Especially from a tattooed, multiple pierced smartass who can't make change without the cash register telling them how much.

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment,.

The woman apologized to the young girl and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

The older lady said that she was right our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day. The older lady went on to explain: Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So, they really were recycled.

But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day. Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable besides household garbage bags was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbles. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags.

But, too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then. We walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

Back then we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days.

Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Back then we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana.

In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power.

We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blade in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's \$45,000 SUV or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing."

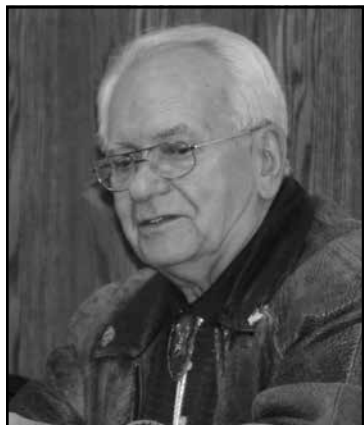
We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then?

Please forward this on to another selfish old person who needs a lesson in conservation from a smart ass young person. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to piss us off... Especially from a tattooed, multiple pierced smart-ass who can't make change without the cash register telling them how much.

CHILD WELFARE DIRECTEUR, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTEUR, GRAND AVOCAT, EDITEUR ILLINOIS 40ET8 NEWS SOUS GRAND CORRESPONDANT

ROBERT "OB1" CEARLOCK



CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM

We will be raffling off another beautiful eagle the year for the Child Welfare Program. We will have details at the Fall Grand Cheminot. We have the new pins for 2020 and we will distribute them soon. We will have them at the Fall Cheminot. Bev & I were able to obtain a few of the older pins in the favorite series and will also have them there. Several of you have requested them in past so here is a unique opportunity to obtain them.

GRAND PUBLIC RELATIONS

If you have ANY news releases, articles or special projects get the information to me.

GRAND AVOCAT

Grand d' Illinois last updated our Constitution & By-laws this year and they were approved by the National Avocat at the National Promenade in September. Each Locale should have received a copy by now.

When was the last time your Locale reviewed its C&BL and updated it to meet minimum requirements of the National Constitution?

Sadly, last year we lost three Locale Voitures and already this year we have another. I would like to say that the tide is turning but we have two more that are very close

to losing their Charters. EDITEUR

My job as Editeur of the Illinois 40et8 news is a unique challenge and one that takes more time and effort than any of my responsibilities. That is not a complaint! I enjoy the challenges, but it requires that you feed the tiger if it is to have any value. Every three months I must beg for input and that is the most time-consuming requirement of the job. Please help me out!

As I announced before, Bev and I are preparing to relocate to Tennessee. A very difficult and complicated task when you have lived in the same house and community for 40 years. We both feel very strongly that we will maintain our membership and affiliation with Grand d' Illinois but it will of course be more difficult to be involved at our present level. We are committed to being at all the Grand functions if possible and weather permits. That said, I am grateful to the new Grand Correspondant, Wally Hammond for stepping up. There is no one more qualified for the job or more dedicated to La Société. We are committed to working together to make the transition as soon as possible and I have promised to make myself available to Wally anytime he wishes my help.

I am a firm believer that communication is the key to Grand d' Illinois being successful and our most important communication tools are electronic. Our Grand website was crashed recently because the provider cannot support the obsolete platform it resided on. Therefore, we must obtain a new provider and rebuild on a new platform. No simple task but essential so we will get it done. Hopefully the project will be complete

and online by the end of December.

The Illinois 40et8 Newspaper is a great tool and financial aid for the Grand. Unfortunately, it does not meet the need of the Grand to get the word out in a timely manner. The process involves soliciting [sometimes more like pulling teeth] articles and announcements from you, the Voyageurs of Grand d' Illinois. It does, however, provide a vehicle to show us all the work being done and the accomplishments that you have all achieved.

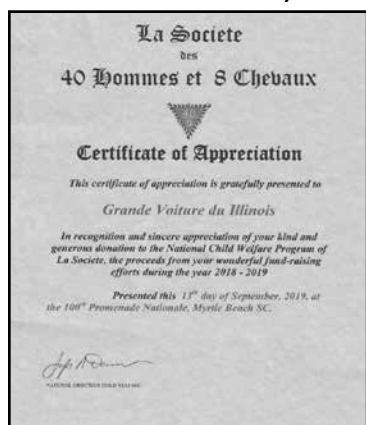
SOUS GRAND CORRESPONDANT

The astronomical increases in postage cost over the last few years has made the snail mail communication process untenable and must be held to an absolute minimum. That leaves us with only one viable and essential communication method; EMAIL! Over the last six years I have endeavored to compile and maintain an email distribution list to enable timely communication with our Voyageurs at every level of the Grand. At one time the list contained over 350 addresses of Illinois Voyageurs and Locale Officers. Now I receive undeliverable notifications on over half of the list. I have no way of knowing what the problem is in each case, but I am aware that many have changed providers and not informed us. If you have an email address, I ask that you send me an email with a simple message such as "this is a current address" as soon as you possibly can. If you do not have email, ask your Voiture Officers to designate someone in your Locale that has email to act as your communication link to the Grand and submit his address. PLEASE HELP US GET THE WORD OUT!



FROM THE GRAND D' ILLINOIS CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM

BOB CEARLOCK, GRAND DIRECTEUR & BEV CEARLOCK, CHAIRPERSON



Last year's Grand Child Welfare Program was a joint effort of the Grand Voiture and Grande Cabane and was successful because of that joint effort. This year will be another joint effort and Bev and I hope that you all will support the Program as you did last year.

We received the Certificate shown to the left from the National Child Welfare Directeur via our Grand Correspondant, Wally Hammond. It

most definitely belongs to all of you that helped by buying pins and chances on the Eagle Flag Stand.

At the National Promenade we were able to get a few of the past Child Welfare pins that were the most popular from the past.

We will have them on sale at the Fall Cheminot as well as chances on this year's Eagle shown below.

We hope you all will help us out with Program again this year

2015 & 2016 CHILD WELFARE PINS



THIS YEARS "EAGLE ON THE LIBERTY BELL"



NEW SCAM!

The following is a recounting of the incident from the victim:

Wednesday a week ago, I had a phone call from someone saying that he was from some outfit called: "Express Couriers," (The name could be any courier company). He asked if I was going to be home because there was a package for me that required a signature.

The caller said that the delivery would arrive at my home in roughly an hour. Sure enough, about an hour later, a uniformed delivery man turned up with a beautiful basket of flowers and a bottle of wine. I was very surprised since there was no special occasion or holiday, and I certainly didn't expect anything like it. Intrigued, I inquired as to who the sender was.

The courier replied, "I don't know, I'm only delivering the package."

Apparently, a greeting card was being sent separately. (The card has never arrived!) There was also a consignment note with the gift.

He then went on to explain that because the gift contained alcohol, there was a \$3.50 "delivery/ verification charge," providing proof that he had actually delivered the package to an adult (of legal drinking age), and not just left it on the doorstep where it could be stolen or taken by anyone, especially a minor.

This sounded logical and I offered to pay him cash. He then said that the delivery company required payment to be by credit or debit card only, so that everything is properly accounted for, and this would help in keeping a legal record of the transaction.

He added, "Couriers don't carry cash to avoid loss or likely targets for robbery."

My husband, who by this time was standing beside me, pulled out his credit card, and the "delivery man," asked him to swipe the card on a small mobile card machine with a small screen and keypad. Frank, my husband, was asked to enter his PIN number and a receipt was printed out. He was given a copy of the transaction.

The guy said everything was in order and wished us good day.

To our horrible surprise, between Thursday and the following Monday, \$4,000 had been charged/withdrawn from our credit/debit account at various ATM machines.

Apparently the "mobile credit card machine," which the deliveryman carried now had all the info necessary to create a "dummy" card with all our card details including the PIN number.

Upon finding out about the illegal transactions on our card, we immediately notified the bank which issued us a new card, and our credit/debit account was closed.

We also personally went to the police, where it was confirmed that it is definitely a scam because several households had been similarly hit.

WARNING: Be wary of accepting any "surprise gift or package," which you neither expected nor personally ordered, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a condition of receiving the gift or package. Also, never accept anything if you do not personally know or there is no proper identification of who the sender is.

Above all, the only time you should give out any personal credit/debit card information is when you yourself initiated the purchase or transaction!

PLEASE, pass this on, it may just prevent someone else from being swindled



SCHUYLER COUNTY "SMILES DAY"

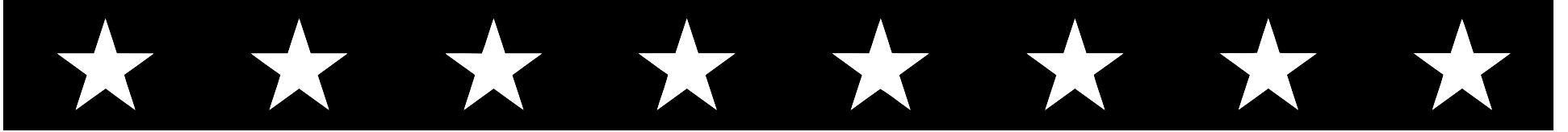
Smiles Day started when Schuyler Co veterans returned from WWI as a welcome home; had been held every year since except for couple of years when WW II was underway! It was considered 'a day of Smiles'. in conjunction with the 100th

Smiles Day celebration the Wall was brought to Rushville to make the event even more significant.

V 1100 has always been a part of the Honor Guard and the parade. Veterans ride in parade - all, incl Legion & Forty & Eight



V 1100 has always been a part of the Honor Guard and the parade. Veterans ride in parade - all, including Legion and Forty & Eight



40&8 GRAND D' ILLINOIS DISTRICT 8 FORMAL "WRECK" HOSTED BY MARION COUNTY VOITURE LOCALE 516

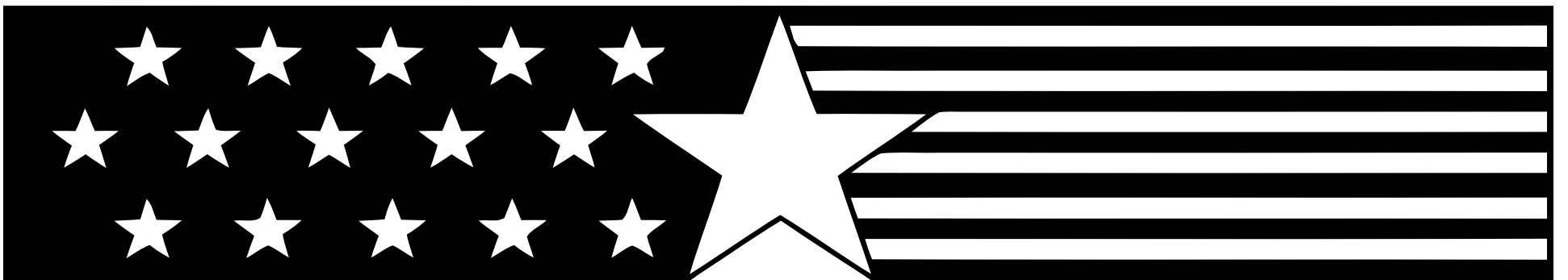
Voiture 516 in Centra-lia hosted a Formal Wreck on July 28, 2019 assisted by Voiture 1439 from Effingham and Voiture 346 from Mt. Vernon. There was a total of fifteen PG's (Prisonnaire de Guerre or Prisoner of War) wrecked which was one of the largest Formal Wrecks in Grande d' Illinois during 2019. There were twelve PG's from Voiture 516 (Marion County), two PG's from Voiture 1439 (Effingham County) and one PG from Voiture 346 (Jefferson/Wayne County).

Bob Cearlock served as the Wrecking Chef and opened the ceremony by welcoming the PG's. He briefly explained the history and purpose of the 40 & 8. He also explained that the Formal Wreck obligates the PG's to the four steps - FRATERNITY, LOYALTY, UNITY and CHARITY prior to taking the final step into La Société as a Voyageur Militaire. The ceremony concluded after the PG's made the 5th step into La Société achieving the coveted title "Voyageur Militaire" with Chef Bob administering the Voyageur Catechism to the PG's.

The Wrecking Crew included Bob Cearlock, John Claybaugh and Bill Murray from Voiture 516, Ralph Rounds and Phil Mette from Voiture 1439 and Eric Kennedy from Voiture 346. Voiture 1439 provided the ritual props.

Phillip Mette of Voyageur 1439 filled the roll of the "Unknown Soldier" during the ritual.

Voiture 516 provided a luncheon for all participants and guests.



AMERICAN FLAG DISPLAY FAQ AVOCAT NATIONALE MIKE WOOD

Can a flag that has covered a casket be displayed after its original use?

There are no provisions in the Flag Code to suggest otherwise. It would be a fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased veteran and his or her service to a grateful nation if the casket flag is displayed.

Can the U.S. flag be displayed in inclement weather?

The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, with the exception of an all-weather (nylon or other non-absorbent material) flag. However, most flags are made of all-weather materials.

What is the significance of displaying the flag at half-staff?

This gesture is a sign to indicate the nation mourns the death of an individual(s), such as death of the president or former president, vice president, Supreme Court justice, member of Congress, secretary of an executive or military department, etc. Only the president or a state governor may order the flag to be displayed at half-staff. The honor and reverence accorded this solemn act is quickly becoming eroded by those individuals and agencies that display the flag at half-staff on inappropriate occasions without proper authority to do so.

When the flag is not flown from a staff, how should it be displayed?

It should be displayed vertically, whether indoors or out, and suspended so that its folds fall free as though the flag were staffed. The stripes may be displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, and the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right (that is, to the observer's left). When displayed in a window of a home or a place of business, the flag should be displayed in the same way (that is, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street).

How are unserviceable flags destroyed?

The Flag Code suggests that when a flag has served its useful purpose, "it should be destroyed, preferably by burning." For individual citizens, this should be done discreetly so the act of destruction is not perceived as a protest or desecration. Many American Le-

gion posts conduct disposal of unserviceable flag ceremonies on June 14, Flag Day. Such ceremonies are particularly dignified and solemn occasions for the retirement of unserviceable flags.

Can the flag be washed or dry-cleaned?

Yes. No provisions of the Flag Code prohibit such care. The decision to wash or dry-clean would depend on the material.

Are you required to destroy the flag if it touches the ground?

The Flag Code states that the flag should not touch anything beneath it, including the ground. This is stated to indicate that care should be exercised in the handling of the flag, to protect it from becoming soiled or damaged. You are not required to destroy the flag when this happens. As long as the flag remains suitable for display, even if washing or dry-cleaning is required, you may continue to display the flag as a symbol of our great country.

What is the proper method for folding the flag?

The Flag Code does not require any specific method. However, a tradition of folding has developed over time that produces a triangular-shaped form, like that of a three-corner hat with only the blue union showing.

May a person, other than a veteran, have his or her casket draped with the flag of the United States?

Yes. Although this honor is usually reserved for veterans or highly regarded state and national figures, the Flag Code does not prohibit this use.

What is the significance of the gold fringe seen on some U.S. flags?

Records indicate that fringe was first used on the flag as early as 1835. It was not until 1895 it was officially added to the national flag for all Army regiments. For civilian use, fringe is not required as an integral part of the flag, nor can its use be said to constitute an unauthorized addition to the design prescribed by statute. Fringe is used as an honorable enrichment only.

What is meant by the flag's own right?

The "right" as the position

of honor developed from the time when the right hand was the "weapon hand" or "point of danger." The right hand, raised without a weapon, was a sign of peace. The right hand, to any observer, is the observer's left. Therefore, as used in the Flag Code, the flag and/or blue field is displayed to the observer's left, which is the flag's "own right."

Is it proper to fly the U.S. flag at night?

The Flag Code states it is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The American Legion interprets "proper illumination" as a light specifically placed to illuminate the flag (preferred) or having a light source sufficient to illuminate the flag so it is recognizable as such by the casual observer.

What should be the position of the flag when displayed from a staff in a church, public auditorium or other public meeting place, whether indoors or outdoors, on platform, or on the floor at ground level?

When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church, public auditorium or meeting place, the flag should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Prior to the Flag Code changes in 1976, the display procedure was somewhat different. Now, the staffed flag should always be placed to the right of the speaker (observer's left) without regard to a platform or floor level.

What are the penalties for the physical desecration of the flag?

There are currently no penalties for the physical desecration of the flag. The American Legion and other members of the Citizens Flag Alliance continue working toward securing a constitutional amendment to protect the flag from physical desecration.



Voyageurs,

As you all know we are now in our 100th year anniversary of La Société and we should celebrate our centennial to the fullest. I am addressing this message to the main programs that I think can get the reminder out to all of our members. Those programs being Public Relations, Ritual and Voiture Activities. I ask that each of you request your Sous Directeurs to make a point in their communications to remind their assigned areas about the Forty and Eight Birthday (Anniversary) Celebration. Our founding date is recognized as being on March 15th and I cannot think of a more important anniversary that every Grand and Locale should participate in. My belief is that if we start reminding the members now and continue until March, and maybe, just maybe, we can get overwhelming participation. The

Birthday Ritual is on the Nationale website and it would be a great asset if your Sous Directeurs were to download it and send copies to their areas. I will also be sending this message to Bill for the Voyageur Briefs and Tom Orval for the Forty and Eight Magazine asked for them to insert a reminder in issues from now to March as well. I believe this can help La Société in membership recruiting, possibly getting our story out to other public sources and paying the proper respect and honor to all those Voyageurs that built this amazing organization.

In closing I hope that each of you agree with me and it is our responsibility in leadership positions of La Société to insure that we get the most "Band for our Buck" out of any accomplishment and I cannot think of many more greater than 100 years of continuous service to our veterans and the wonderful programs we support. Let's do a little banging our own drum and be damn proud of it.

I hope you all agree with me and will enthusiastically participate in my request.

En Service
Mike Wood
Avocat Nationale

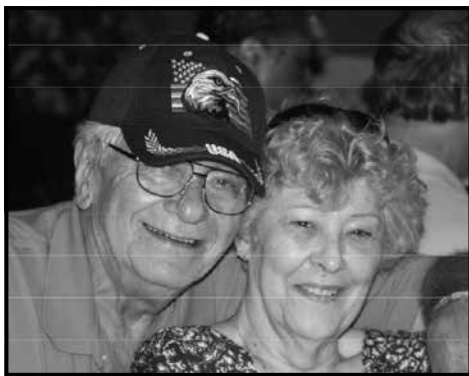


MYRTLE BEACH

2019 NATIONAL PROMENADE



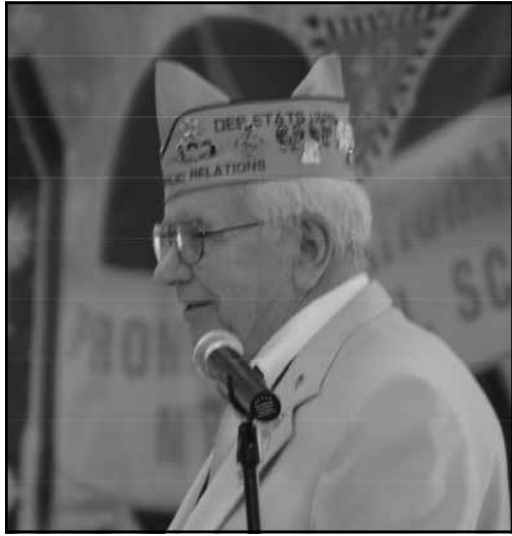
EARLY BIRDS



BOXCAR HOBOS



ON THE PROMENADE FLOOR



OUR NEW CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FER! MIKE MCGARY

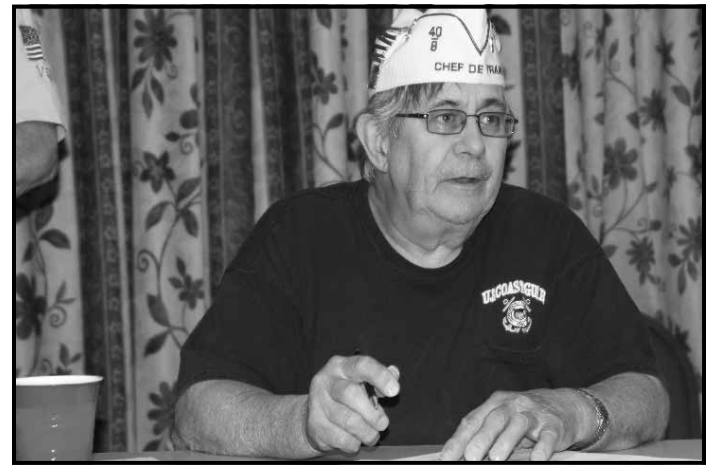


Chef McGary is a thirty-two-year member of Voiture 37 in Fort Wayne, IN and has served his Grand (State), and the National Organization of the Forty & Eight in multiple high offices working for the betterment of the organization. Mike is both proud and humbled to be leading the Forty and Eight into its 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.

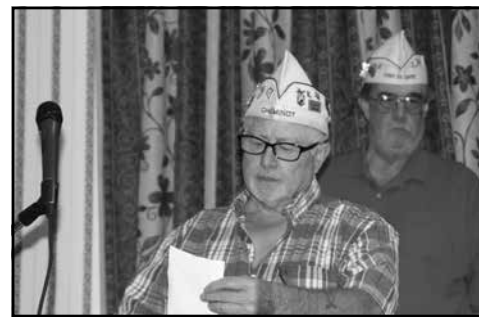
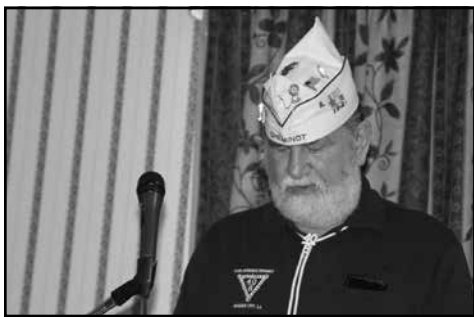
Grand d' Illinois wishes you congratulations and best wishes for an outstanding year!

2019 GRAND D' ILLINOIS GRAND PROMENADE

FINAL GRAND CHEMINOT REPORTS



NATIONALE GUEST, SOUS CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FER CHUCK GRAHM OBSERVES AS THE GRAND DIRECTEURS & CHEMINOTS REPORT



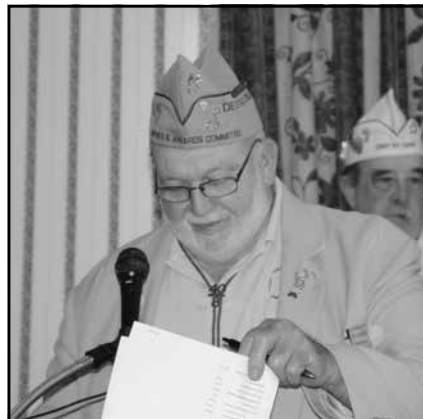
THE GRAND PROMENADE



CHEF DE GARES OF CO-SPONSORING VOITURES 207 & 1195 WELCOMING THE GRAND PROMENADE TO DEKALB

ROLL CALL!

REPORTING, DISCUSSING AND VOTING



THE WATCHFUL EYE!

SWEARING IN THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS

AND ON TO THE EVENING FESTIVITIES



GRAND AND NATIONAL HERO OF THE YEAR



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR TRAVEL EXPENSE TO NATIONAL PROMENADE FROM GRAND D' ILLINOIS 7 VOITURE 207

THE EQUINE POSTERiors



THERE WERE FOUR AND THEN THERE WAS THIS AND NOW THERE ARE FIVE AND THEY ALL LOOK ALIKE!
AND THEN THERE WAS THE CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FER PASSE, TED LANG, AMAZING GIFTS



AND THEN THE CALENDAR DRAWINGS



KATHY GRAHAM MAKES THE FIRST DRAW



Volume 6, Issue 10

Voiture 1411 Dream Program



The Forty & Eight Tigers Flag Football Team

Gulf Coast Voiture 1411 sponsored The Tigers, one of the DREAM Program's flag football teams for the Fall 2019 season. (Tom Adams, V-1411 and Pat Adams, Cabane 1411 are team coaches.) The DREAM Program provides activities in athletics, art, and music to Coast residents ten and older with varying lev-

els of disabilities due to Down Syndrome, intellectual difficulties, cerebral palsy, autism, and other physical or developmental challenges. There is never a charge for the participants. Voiture 1411 and La Société's Youth Sports Program have been faithful supporters of the DREAM Program where "Dreams become Realities." Athlete and coach don the flag football "jerseys" funded by V-1411 and Youth Sports.



John C. Murphy - Aumonier National

... "leadership starts with a simple promise: only knowing yourself can you become an effective leader" ~ Vince Lombardi Jr.



The Lord be with you, let us pray; Loving Lord as we begin this Centennial of La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, it brings new Officers for the 2019 – 2020 year. We bring before You the many new and experience leaders of La Société, and many of those in high positions knowing that the nation whose God is the Lord is a blessed nation indeed.

We pray for not only our National leaders but those Locale and Grande around the world, who are seeking to abide by the truth of Your law and we pray that they may be tools, used by You, to maintain justice and righteousness in their positions and duties.

We particularly lift up those men and women whom You have called to take leadership positions this year and pray that they will give You first place in their lives and seek You diligently in prayer when they are called upon to make difficult decisions that affect the lives of so many Voyageurs and those we serve and support.

Lead and guide them into all truth and guard them from the ridicule that leaders of La Société inevitably have to face in a world that has pre-dominantly abandoned the truth of Scripture.

Lord we lift up all in high positions and pray that You will bring many to faith in the Lord Jesus, so that we may live peaceably in this world into which You have placed us.

Lord protect La Société and it's members as we go into this Centennial year continuing to serve God and Country and serving those through our many programs such as Nurses Training, Child Welfare, Americanism and our concerns for our POW/MIA's to only name a few. O Lord we pray, and bring us back to a nation whose God is the Lord, "In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" now and forever more Amen.

Murph, Aumonier Nat'l.

Page 5

Voiture Nationale 40&8

Building Donation Challenge Grand Total \$176,727.70
September 2019



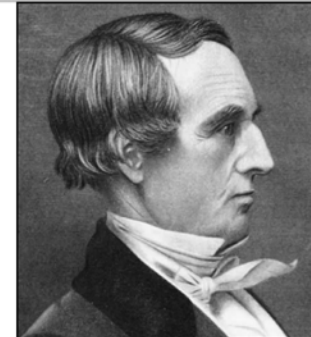
NAME	VOITURE	GR	AMT
Grand du Illinois	GRAND	IL	\$ 5,000.00
Nat. Americanism Fund	National	Americanism	\$ 2,100.00
Bernie Sampson	534	NY	\$ 749.84
Tom Adams	1411	MS	\$ 200.00
Voiture 850	850	IN	\$ 100.00
Voiture 260	260	WI	\$ 89.00
Voiture 360	360	ND	\$ 87.00
Voiture 915	915	NC	\$ 55.00
Terry Bigham	1100	IL	\$ 39.84
Voiture 721	721	MI	\$ 33.00
Voiture 1031	1031	TX	\$ 30.00
Voiture 717	717	IL	\$ 25.00
Voiture 439	439	AZ	\$ 21.00
Voiture 1539	1539	AK	\$ 20.00
Voiture 1539	1539	AK	\$ 20.00
Voiture 83	83	WA	\$ 16.00
Voiture 44	44	MN	\$ 14.00
Voiture 620	620	NC	\$ 5.50
Voiture 926	926	IL	\$ 5.50
Voiture 773	773	SD	\$ 5.00



Voiture Nationale 40&8
250 E 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205
Phone: 317-634-1804
Fax: 317-632-9365
E-mail: voiturenationale@msn.com

Vice Presidential History

William Rufus King (April 7, 1786 – April 18, 1853) was the 13th vice president of the United States for six weeks in 1853 before his death. Earlier he had been elected as a U.S. representative from North Carolina and a senator from Alabama. He also served as minister to France during the reign of King Louis Philippe I.



King was born in Sampson County, North Carolina, to William King and Margaret deVane. His family was large, wealthy and well-connected. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1803, where he was also a member of the Philanthropic Society. Admitted to the bar in 1806 after reading the law with Judge William Duffy of Fayetteville, North Carolina, he began practice in Clinton. King was an ardent Freemason, and was a member of Fayetteville's Phoenix Lodge No. 8.

A Democrat, he was a Unionist and his contemporaries considered him to be a moderate on the issues of sectionalism, slavery and westward expansion, which contributed to the American Civil War. He helped draft the Compromise of 1850. He is the only United States executive official to take the oath of office on foreign soil; he was inaugurated in Havana, Cuba, due to poor health. King died of tuberculosis after 45 days in office. With the

exceptions of John Tyler and Andrew Johnson—both of whom succeeded to the presidency—he is the shortest serving vice president.

King was the only U.S. vice president from the state of Alabama and held the highest political office of any Alabamian in American history. He was the third vice president to die in office.

Page 6

