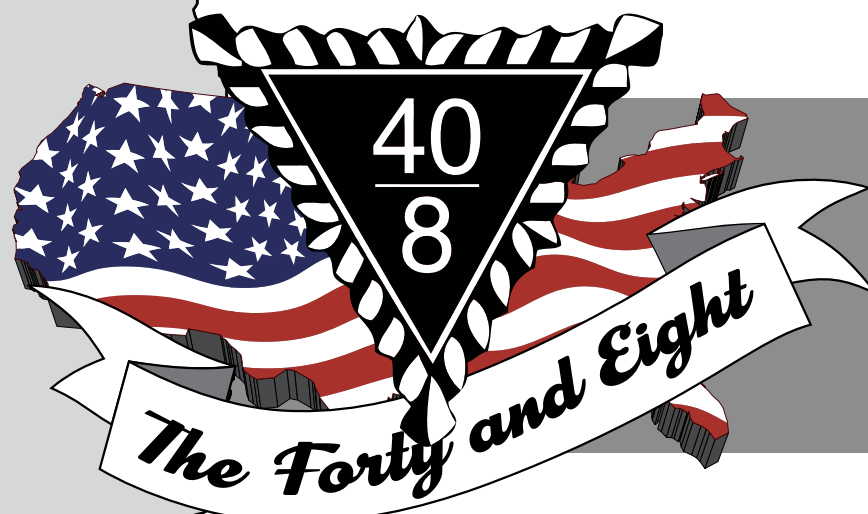


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FLAGS FOR FIRST GRADERS IN ALTAMONT V1439

During the last weeks of March, members of the Effingham County 40 & 8 made their annual trips to the First Graders of Effingham County with their program "Flags for First Graders".

While visiting with the students the 40 & 8's shared some information about the United States Flag.

Things like what the colors on the flag stand for, how to salute the flag during parades and such, what the stars on the flag mean and why veterans feel that the flag is very important. The students even discovered that the U.S. Flag has a birthday which is June 14th.

After the presentations, each student was presented their own 3"x5" flag and base for them to take home. There was even time to do the "Pledge Allegiance to the Flag". The students and the 40 & 8'ers had a great time.



T-town grade school; back row L-R: American Legion member Joe Thoele, 40 & 8 members John Burford, Steve Browning, Mike Funneman, Philip Mette & Jerry Goeckner.



far left is Sam Stumke and far right is Ralph Rounds, Chef de Gare



Seated far left: Philip Mette, Mike Funneman, standing: Jerry Goeckner, John Burford, Joe Thoele (American Legion) & Steve Browning



left (Ralph Rounds, Chef de Gare) and far right is ALIS first grade teacher Mrs. Mathias.



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VOITURE 594 40 ET 8 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



11 V594 Voyageurs were in attendance as well as the Grand Chef de Train, Paul Pardo and Grand Organizer North, Ted Canellos. Celebrating La Société's 100th birthday the cake was cut by the youngest Voyageur present, Pam Kelly who with the oldest Voyageur present Jim Larrance. Took the first bite.



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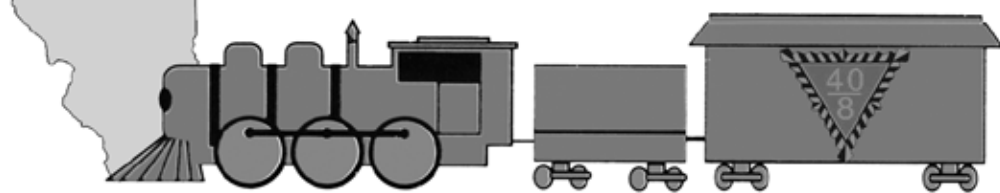
Illinois boxcar on display at the State Fairgrounds at Springfield in May of 1949. Photo courtesy of the Indiana University Archives, Charles W. Cushman Collection (P4363).

It is strongly believed that the Illinois Merci boxcar

was abandoned at the old Railroad Fairground in Chicago in 1950 and burned by workmen preparing the fairground site for the present-day McCormick Convention Center. No actual proof of this has yet come to light, however; any-

one having knowledge of documents that could prove this are encouraged to let us know about it through contacting this website's author (email address on home page). The fate of one of the Illinois Merci Train gifts is presented below.

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GRAND SPECIAL AWARDS DIRECTEUR WALLY HAMMOND



PLEASE consider nominating a candid for our Special Awards.

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL AWARDS TO ME IS 1 JUNE!

The four Awards are Hero of the Year, Law Officer of the Year, Voyageur of the Year and City/Town of the Year. The first step is to select a candidate to nominate, once you have determined a candidate, get started. Remind the Voyageurs in your Locale that candidates can be found in the news media, word of mouth at the local hang out or firsthand involvement. The City/Town nomination is how your Home Town honors Veterans and makes it a great place to live for you and your family etc. Once you decide on an Award nominee get started. First of all, get the guidelines from the Nationale website, select the Petite Communiqué, click on Special Awards and the mandatory forms, Nomination and Participation, and guidelines for each Award are there. Read these over and get started. I know in the past, I have had a corny acronym, PIE, to try to get involvement in Special Awards, The letters standing for Promote, Inform and Encourage, it is our responsibility to get as much activity

for the Special Awards as possible, sometimes we have to think outside the box! Get the Voyageurs attention, plant the seed and point them in the right direction by offering any or all the help they need to put a Nomination package together.

I have been involved in the Special Awards Program for a few years and believe me I'm still learning something new every year! Talk about the Program at your Locale Promenades. Get the message about Special Awards to the Membership! Serve up a big piece of PIE!

The membership in the General's Club is another way to help Special Awards. The dues paid are to help Nationale offset the cost of transportation and housing for the LOY at Nationale Promenade. Membership can only be offered to a Voyageur or Le Femme by a current member so make sure your dues in the General's club are paid and start recruiting new members!

While I'm talking about membership, have you recruited a new member in La Société this year? This or any other Program needs new members to keep the activities we have going and make them better in the future! Heck don't just get 1, sign up 2, and get an I GOT TWO pin for your Chapeau! You will be glad you did!

My e-mail is mrbear812@sbcglobal.net and phone # is 309-338-8332, if you have questions or comments or need answers, I will be glad to assist, we are all still learning, no matter how familiar we are to our endeavors! FYI, my new address is Wally Hammond, 1028 W. Hickory St. Canton, IL. 61520



V1170 JANUARY TURKEY SHOOT



During V1170 January Turkey Shoot Marlene Olt made a bullseye winning that game and being awarded V1170s infamous and exclusive Turkey Pin award. 1170 host Turkey Shoots the first full weekend of the month from October to April at the American Legion Post 1236, Tremont Illinois. Shoot begins at 11am usually lasting till about 2pm or so. 3 dollars a game, we

supply the shot shells, 410, 16, 20 and 12.

1170 Dames offer 50/50s, raffles, door prizes their awesome food table and bake goods.

Another winner, Robin Gardner showing off her wine and cheese basket she won. One of the many raffle baskets made by 1170 Cabane President Odie Ales.

CHILD WELFARE DIRECTEUR, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTEUR, GRAND AVOCAT, EDITEUR ILLINOIS 40ET8 NEWS ROBERT "OB1" CEARLOCK



CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM

The Grand d' Illinois Child Welfare Program is alive and well for 2018-2019. All pins have been sold and monies paid to National. This year's raffle of the Flag Stand Eagle raised \$865.00 and the proceeds have been forwarded to National. Thanks to all who participated.

The winner of the Eagle was Juliana M. Umstatt of C-344 and Grande Cabane Aumonier. Congratulations!

GRAND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Serving as both the Grand Directeur and National Directeur has given me insight into how Grand d' Illinois stacks up against the rest of the Grands. In my National monthly letter, I provide a listing of all submittals for all La Société. I send the Letter to everyone on my distribution list so please share the information AND if your Voiture has no submittals listed please do so.

GRAND AVOCAT

Grand d' Illinois last updated our Constitution & Bylaws in 2012. This year we are incorporating the minor changes and corrections from the last four years and will incorporate any changes approved at this year's Grand Promenade. No additional input was provided at the Spring Cheminot.

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

At the Grand Promenade held in Decatur, Illinois 1987, the "Rotation System for Grand Chef de Gare was changed to a "one on one" turn. The Rotation is 7-6-8-2-3-4-5-1. This year the District is district 4 having first option for nomination of Grand Chef de Train. Unfortunately, no one has submitted a resolution of intent to run for Grand Chef De Train or Grand Correspondant as of the Spring Cheminot.

In order to run for Grand elective Office, a candidate must have a supporting resolution from their Voiture Locale. If you wish to put your name forward, make sure you have your Locale forward your resolution to the Grand Resolutions Directeur a minimum of 30 days prior to the Grand Promenade and much sooner if possible.

EDITEUR

As most of you know, 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 cannot feel comfortable as Grand Correspondant and I sincerely hope that you all understand. I can however still perform the duties as Editeur of the paper unless someone wishes to take over that responsibility. It is important to maintain the paper as it provides our best full circulation communication as well as an important financial boost to the Grand.

ACTING GRAND CORRESPONDANT

As announced at the Spring Cheminot, it is my distasteful duty to revoke the Charters of three Voitures, all in the 2nd District. Unfortunately, it appears that another Voiture is also on the brink in District 8. Fortunately, the District 8 Voiture will not have to be decertified this year.

Kudos and great thanks go to Wally Hammond for obtaining and selling 100 Nurses Training Pins, 100 Boxcar Pins and cards at the Spring Cheminot!



GRAND CALENDAR DIRECTEUR, WAYS AND MEANS DIRECTEUR, GRAND COMMISSAIRE INTENDANT VIC MARTINKA



Hopefully we all survived another Illinois Winter.

A real Big THANK YOU to the Voitures and Voyagers that participated in this year's Grand Calendar Program. I am happy to report that the Grand du Illinois received donations for almost 1,200 Calendars. Above average and one of our better years. Winning numbers will be pulled on a monthly basis. Winners information will be posted on our Grand Website.

At the Spring Cheminot in DeKalb, Procedure Resolutions were submitted to the Grand for Change in how we handle Reimbursements for the Fall and Spring Cheminots, as well as the Grand Promenade. Another Resolution dealt with formula used for compensation for Grand Correspondant. Finally, a Resolution for change in confirming reservations for dinners at Fall and Spring Cheminots, as well as Grand Promenade. These Resolutions are very important to guide the Grand du Illinois in housekeeping matters. PLEASE try to attend the upcoming Grand Promenade when these Resolutions will be discussed and voted on. WE NEED YOUR IMPUT.

I am proud to announce that at the recent 2nd District Petite Cheminot, a Cheminot

and a Sous Cheminot were selected for the 2019-2020 year. Hopefully the other 7 Districts will have their selections made BEFORE arriving at the upcoming Grand Promenade. Speaking of selections, PLEASE do not wait until late Saturday Afternoon (like we did last year) for a Hard-Working Dedicated Voyager to come forward and accept the Nomination for Grand Chef de Train. Yes, it is work on your part. It does take up your time. However, the REWARD and SATISFACTION of serving as Grand Chef de Train and Grand Chef de Gare far out way the effort put into serving in these positions.

CALLING ALL VOYAGERS! For health reasons, Grand Chef de Gare Passé Bob Harmon had to step down from his duties as Grand Correspondant. Grand Chef de Gare Passé Bob Cearlock came to our rescue and is finishing out this year. Again, we need a Hard Working and Dedicated Voyager to step forward and accept the position of Grand Correspondant. It is a three-year commitment but very rewarding for doing a good job.

There is still time to obtain our goal of 100% in membership. The 40 & 8 should NOT be treated as a Last Mans Club. Ask around, there are many deserving veterans who would make excellent Voyagers if only ASKED TO JOIN. You are receiving this newspaper because you are a member. You are a member because somebody ASKED YOU TO JOIN. Now it is YOUR OBLIGATION to go out and ASK A WORTHY VETERAN TO JOIN the 40&8.

Wish everyone a Happy Spring. Look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Grand Promenade.

VA RECOMMENDS DROPPING BLUE WATER NAVY LEGAL BATTLE

VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said during congressional testimony Tuesday that

he would recommend that the Justice Department not contest a recent federal court ruling that will pave the way for the return of earned disability benefits

for some 90,000 so-called Blue Water Navy veterans.

In Procopio v. Wilkie, the VA secretary was sued by Navy veteran Alfred Procopio Jr., a Life member of VFW Post 6587 in Spring Lake Park, Minn., who was denied service connection for prostate cancer and diabetes mellitus -- both illnesses are among the 14 presumptive diseases associated with Agent Orange

exposure - because he was assigned aboard an aircraft carrier inside Vietnam's 12-mile territorial waters but never on dry land or within Vietnam's inland waterways.

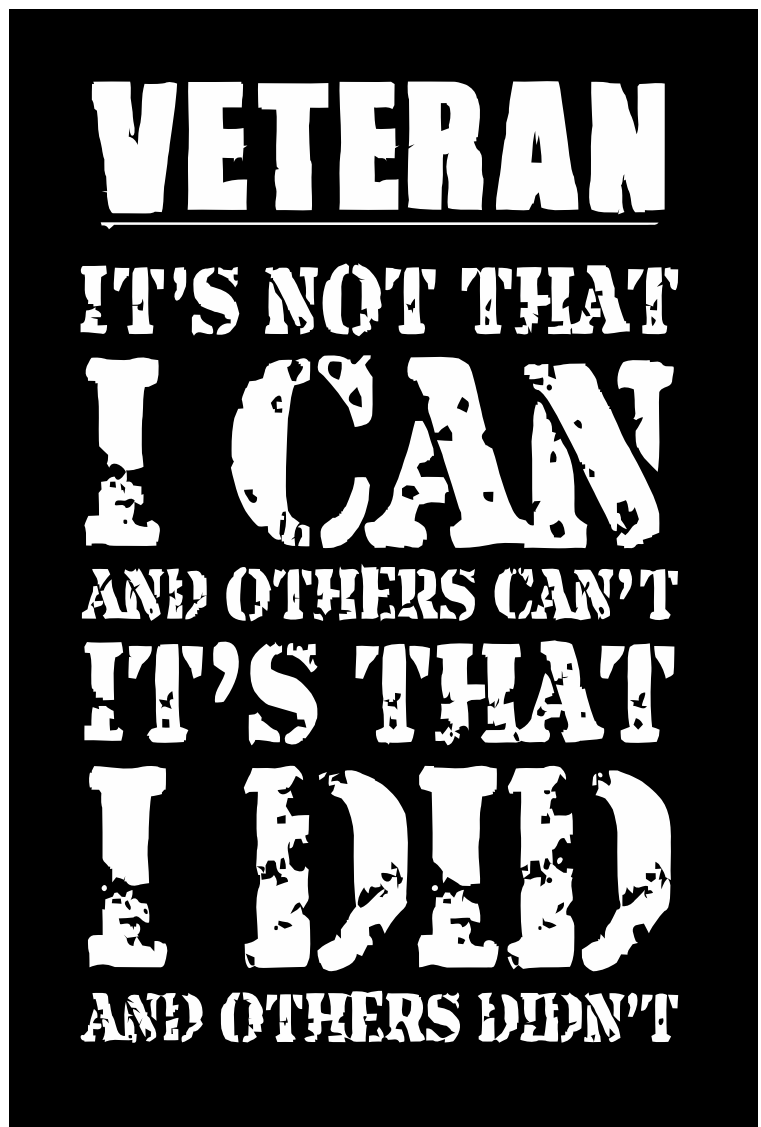
The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit focused on the intent of the 1991 Agent Orange Act, which was to grant a presumption of service connection for certain diseases to veterans who "served in the Republic of Vietnam." At issue was whether service within territorial waters constituted service "in the Republic of Vietnam." By a 9-2 decision, the court ruled it did.

"The VFW salutes Secretary Wilkie for his support to move forward and take care of this group of forgot-

ten Vietnam veterans, said VFW National Commander B.J. Lawrence. "We also support his recommendation that some type of historical research division be created within the Department of the Navy to ensure that all such

ships are fully accounted-for in the VA's list of exposed ships. After a half-century, we need to get this done to reinforce to tens of thousands of Vietnam veterans that our nation is willing to provide them the care and benefits they have earned and deserve,

and we urge Congress to pass H.R. 299, the Blue Water Veterans Act of 2019, to ensure the VA can never again arbitrarily strip veterans of their earned benefits.





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FLYING THE AMERICAN FLAG AT HALF STAFF

When should the flag be flown at half-staff?



An easy way to remember when to fly the United States flag at half-staff is to consider when the whole nation is in mourning. These periods of mourning are proclaimed either by the president of the United States, for national remembrance, or the governor of a state or territory, for local remembrance, in the event of a death of a member or former member of the federal, state or territorial government or judiciary. The heads of departments and agencies of the federal government may also order that the flag be flown at half-staff on buildings, grounds and naval vessels under their jurisdiction.

On Memorial Day the flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon only, then raised briskly to the top of the staff until sunset, in honor of the nation's battle heroes.

In the early days of our country, no regulations existed for flying the flag at half-staff and, as a result, there were many conflicting policies. But on March 1, 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower issued a proclamation on the proper times.

The flag should fly at half-staff for 30 days at all federal buildings, grounds, and naval vessels throughout the United States and its ter-

ritories and possessions after the death of the president or a former president. It is to fly 10 days at half-staff after the death of the vice president, the chief justice of the United States Supreme Court, or the speaker of the House of Representatives. For an associate justice of the Supreme Court, a member of the Cabinet, a former vice president, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, or the minority leader of the House of Representatives the flag is to be displayed at half-staff from the day of death until interment.

The flag is to be flown at half-staff at all federal buildings, grounds and naval vessels in the Washington, D.C., area on the day and day after the death of a United States senator, representative, territorial delegate, or the resident commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. It should also be flown at half-staff on all federal facilities in the state, congressional district, territory, or commonwealth of these officials.

Upon the death of the governor of a state, territory or possession, the flag should be flown at half-staff on all federal facilities in that governor's state, territory or possession from the day of death until interment.

The president may order the flag to be flown at half-staff to mark the death of other officials, former officials, or foreign dignitaries. In addition to these occasions, the president may order half-staff display of the flag after other tragic events.

The flag should be briskly run up to the top of the staff before being lowered slowly to the half-staff position.

FLAGS FOR 1ST GRADERS PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF VOITURE 594



On Monday, March 11 members of the Forty & Eight veterans group presented the K-2 students of South Elementary School in Marshall with a program about the U.S. flag.

The veterans helping with the program were John Yeley, George Orin, Bob Montgomery and Richard Williams.

"The local members of the 40 & 8 of the Marshall area believe that the extra cost and time is worthwhile to present the flag program to the entire South School," commented Richard Williams.

The veterans tested the students' knowledge of the flag and shared some of its history. They even showed a



replica of the original flag with thirteen stars and thirteen stripes.

George Orin and Bob Montgomery played several patriotic songs on their trum-

pets. The students enjoyed singing and clapping to the music.

The veterans also supplied each student with their own American flag.



THE REAL MISS AMERICA

There's a Proud Papa out there somewhere.

This 19-year-old ex-cheerleader now an Air Force Security Forces Sniper, was watching a road in Pakistan that led to a NATO military base when she observed a man digging by the road. She engaged the target (she shot him).

It turned out he was a bomb maker for the Taliban, and he was burying an IED that was to be detonated when a U.S. patrol walked by 30 minutes later. It would have certainly killed and wounded several soldiers.

The interesting fact of this story is the shot was measured at 725 yards. She shot him as he was bent over burying the bomb. The shot went through his rectum and into the bomb which detonated; he was blown to pieces. The Air Force made a motivational poster of her. (Folks, that's a shot 25 yards longer than seven football fields) and the last thing that came out of his mouth ... was his a**!



Vanessa Dobos is a gunner on a USAF AC-130 gunship. She has seen action in Iraq and Afghanistan. She likes long walks on the beach, men who aren't afraid to cry, and puppies. Her dislikes are feed tray stoppages, tracer flareout of her NVGs and premature fixed-wing strikes scattering her high-value targets.



V-594 NURSES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ON "LETS MAKE A DEAL"

Chrisman resident, Sheyenne Craig was recently a contestant on CBS "Lets Make a Deal" game show. She appeared on the episode airing Wednesday, February 13th. In the photo, Craig, left, shakes hands with the show's host Wayne Brady, right.

When introduced, she said that she was an ICU travel Nurse and that was why she was in California. Sheyenne was a Nursing Student sponsored by Voiture 594's Nursing scholarship program.



V-812 FIRST 2019 TRIP



V-812 made the first 2019 trip with their Locomotive on April 26th! The Head start school contacted us and requested us to give the kids a ride on our Loci. We made two trips with 17 kids and 3 teachers. The trip included Ingersoll Airport and Lakeland. Lakeland is part of the Canton Park District and is made up of 5 strip mine lakes and the Veterans Memorial. It also has a playground dedicated to Steve Nagel, the 100th Astronaut in space. He was the Commander of the Space Shuttle on that Launch. Commander Nagel was also a member of V-812! He passed to Voiture everlasting 4 years ago, RIP. V-812 is always available to give rides and or show off our Loci! It is a toss-up who has more fun, us or the kids!

Ha Ha Ha!



A LITTLE HUMOR



Little League

At the Little League meet up, the coach calls over little Charlie, bends down and looks him straight in the eyes. "Look, Charlie," the coach says, "you know the principles of good sportsmanship, correct? You know the Little League doesn't allow temper tantrums, shouting at the umpire, or abusive language."

"Yes sir, I understand."

"Good, Charlie. Now, would you go and explain that to your father?"

Jumping Drunk

Two men were sitting at the bar on the top floor of the Empire State Building. One man says to the other, "You know, if you jump out the window here, the force of the wind will blow you back in through the window on the 90th floor." The other man says "Get outta here, you're joking aren't you?"

The first man says "No, here, I'll prove it!" He stands on the window ledge, jumps out and comes back in through the 90th floor window.

The other man says. "That was just a one off. Do it again!" So the first man does it again and comes through on the 90th floor. He runs back up and says "See, I'm telling the truth!"

The second man says, "Wow, I'm gonna do it too then." He stands on the window ledge, jumps out and falls to his death.

The barman, who just caught the end of this says to the first man, "You know, Superman, you're a real jerk when you're drunk!"

Highway 3

There was a young fellow who was quite inventive and was always trying out new things. One day he thought he'd see just how fast a bicycle could go before it became uncontrollable. He asked his friend, who owned an old Mustang, if he could tie his bike to the bumper of his car to test his theory. His friend said, "Sure."

So the young man tied his bike to the back of the car and said to his friend:

"I'll ring my bike bell once if I want you to go faster, twice if I want you maintain speed, and repeatedly if I want you to slow down."

With that, off they went. Things were going pretty well, with the car driver slowly speeding up to well over 60 mph. The young fellow on the bike was handling the speed just fine. But, all of sudden, a black Corvette came up beside them and before you knew it the fellow driving the Mustang forgot all about the fellow on the bike and took to drag racing the Corvette.

A little further down the road sat Officer John in his police cruiser, radar gun at the ready. He heard the two cars before his radar flashed 105 mph.

He called into headquarters on his radio: "Hey, you guys aren't going to believe this, but there's a Corvette and a Mustang racing out here on Highway 3, and there's a guy on a bike ringing his bell and waving his arms trying to pass them!"

Traffic Camera

I was driving down College Road the other day. As I went past one of the traffic cameras I saw it flash.

Now, I knew I wasn't speeding and laughed that it took my picture. I turned around and drove past it again, almost 10MPH under the speed limit, it flashed at me again.

I did this repeatedly and the last time I was at a crawl, laughing my butt off that it took my picture again, how funny was this.

Two weeks later I got 6 tickets in the mail for not wearing a seat belt.

Singing Frog

A man walks into a bar and asks the bartender, "If I show you a really good trick, will you give me a free drink?" The bartender considers it, then agrees. The man reaches into his pocket and pulls out a tiny rat. He reaches into his other pocket and pulls out a tiny piano. The rat stretches, cracks his knuckles, and proceeds to play the blues.

After the man finished his drink, he asked the bartender, "If I show you an even better trick, will you give me free drinks for the rest of the evening?" The bartender agrees, thinking that no trick could possibly be better than the first. The man reaches into another pocket and pulls out a small bullfrog, who begins to sing along with the rat's music.

While the man is enjoying his beverages, a stranger confronts him and offers him \$1,000 for the bullfrog. "Sorry," the man replies, "he's not for sale." The stranger increases the offer to \$3,000 cash up front. "No," he insists, "he's not for sale." The stranger again increases the offer, this time to \$5,000 cash. The man finally agrees, and turns the frog over to the stranger in exchange for the money.

"Are you insane?" the bartender demanded. "That frog could have been worth millions to you, and you let him go for a mere \$5,000!" "Don't worry about it," the man answered. "The frog was really nothing special. You see, the rat's a ventriloquist."

Two Sons

The family had two twin boys whose only resemblance to each other were their looks. If one felt it was too hot, the other thought it was too cold. If one said the TV was too loud, the other claimed the volume was too low. Opposite in every way, one was an eternal optimist, the other a doom and gloom pessimist.

Just to see what would happen, on the twins' birthday, the father loaded the pessimist's room with every imaginable toy and game. The optimist's room he loaded with horse manure.

That night, the father passed by the pessimist's room and found him sitting amid his new gifts crying bitterly. "Why are you crying?" the father asked. "Because my friends will be jealous, I'll have to read all these instructions before I can do anything with this stuff, I'll constantly need batteries and my toys will eventually get broken," answered the pessimist twin.

Passing the optimist twin's room, the father found him dancing for joy in the pile of manure. "What are you so happy about?" he asked. To which his optimist twin replied, "With all this manure, there's got to be a pony in here somewhere."

Air Sick

A little guy gets on a plane and sits next to the window.

A few minutes later, a big, heavy, strong, mean-looking, hulking guy plops down in the seat next to him and immediately falls asleep.

The little guy starts to feel a little airsick, but he's afraid to wake the big guy up to ask if he can move aside to let him go to the bathroom. He knows he can't climb over him, and so the little guy is sitting there, looking at the big guy, trying to decide what to do.

Suddenly, the plane hits an air pocket and an uncontrollable wave of nausea passes through the little guy. He can't hold it in any longer and hurls all over the big guy's chest.

About five minutes later the big guy wakes up, looks down, and sees the vomit all over him.

"So," says the little guy, "are you feeling any better now?"

Painless Childbirth

A married couple went to the hospital to have their baby delivered. Upon their arrival, the doctor said he had invented a new machine that would transfer a portion of the mother's pain to the baby's father. He asked if they were willing to try it out. They were both very much in favor of it.

The doctor set the pain transfer to 10%, for starters, explaining that even 10% was probably more pain the father had ever experienced before. However, as the labor progressed, the husband felt fine and asked the doctor to go ahead and "kick it up a notch."

The doctor then adjusted the machine to 20% pain transfer. The husband was still feeling fine. The doctor checked the husband's blood pressure and was amazed at how well he was doing at this point, they decided to try for 50%. The husband continued to feel quite well.

Since the pain transfer was obviously helping out the wife considerably, the husband encouraged the doctor to transfer ALL the pain to him. The wife delivered a healthy baby boy with virtually no pain. She and her husband were ecstatic.

When they got home, the mail man was dead on the porch!

Talking Too Much

Eight-year-old Nina brought her report card home from school. Her marks were good, mostly A's and a couple of B's. However, her teacher had written across the bottom: "Nina is a smart little girl, but she has one fault. She talks too much in school. I have an idea I am going to try, which I think may break her of the habit."

Nina's dad signed her report card, putting a note on the back: "Please let me know if your idea works on Nina because I would like to try it out on her mother."

Complete vs. Finished

No dictionary has ever been able to define the difference between "complete" and "finished." However, in a linguistic conference, held in London some years ago, and attended by some of the best linguists in the world, a Guyanese named Samsundar Balgobin, was the clever winner.

His final challenge was this: Some say there is no difference between "complete" and "finished." Please explain the difference in a way that is easy to understand.

His response was:

"When you marry the right woman, you are 'complete.'

If you marry the wrong woman, you are 'finished.'

And, when the right woman catches you with the wrong woman, you are 'completely finished.'"

Sarcastic AI Says:

Somewhere an elderly lady reads a book on how to use the internet, while a young boy googles "how to read a book".

and

College is the opposite of kidnapping. They demand \$100,000 from you or they'll send your kid back.

Guillotine

One day, they're leading a priest, a drunkard, and an engineer to the guillotine. They ask the priest if he wants to face up or down when he meets his fate.

The priest says that he would like to face up, so he will be looking at heaven when he dies. They raise the blade of the guillotine and release it. It comes speeding down and suddenly stops just inches from his neck. The authorities take this as divine intervention and release the priest.

The drunkard comes up to the guillotine next. He also decides to die face up, hoping that he will be as fortunate as the priest. They raise the blade of the guillotine and release it. It comes speeding down, but suddenly stops just inches from his neck. Again, the authorities take this as a sign of divine intervention, and they release the drunkard as well.

Next is the engineer. He too decides to die facing up. As they slowly raise the blade of the guillotine the engineer suddenly says, "Hey! I see what your problem is..."

Perfect Sales Pitch

Airman Jones was assigned to the induction center, where he advised new recruits about their government benefits. He also sold them their optional GI insurance.

It wasn't long before Captain Smith noticed that Airman Jones had almost a 100% record for insurance sales. This had never happened before. Rather than ask, the Captain did a "random walk" and stood in the back of the room and listened to Jones's sales pitch. It went something like this:

Jones explained the basics of the GI Insurance to the new recruits, and then said: "If you have GI Insurance and go into battle and are killed, the government has to pay \$200,000 to your beneficiaries. If you don't have GI insurance, and you go into battle and get killed, the government only has to pay a maximum of \$6,000." "Now," he concluded, "which bunch do you think they are going to send into battle first?"

Armed Lady

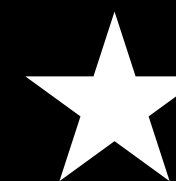
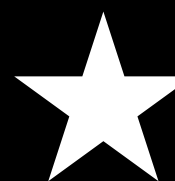
A state trooper in Kansas made a traffic stop of an elderly lady for speeding on U.S. 166 just East of Sedan, KS. He asked for her driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance. The lady took out the required information and handed it to him.

In with the cards, he was somewhat surprised (due to her advanced age) to see she had a concealed carry permit. He looked at her and asked if she had a weapon in her possession at this time. She responded that she indeed had a .45 automatic in her glove box.

Something, body language, or the way she said it, made him want to ask if she had any other firearms. She did admit to also having a 9mm Glock in her center console. Now he had to ask one more time if that was all. She responded once again that she did have just one more, a .38 special in her purse.

He then asked her "Ma'am, you sure carry a lot of guns. What are you so afraid of?"

She looked him right in the eye and said, "Not a damn thing!"



GRAND Voiture d' Illinois Promenade

August 9, 10 & 11, 2019

Red Roof Inn, 1212 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb, Illinois 60115
(815-758-8661) (FAX 815-758-0001) (\$69.99 plus tax) (Check in 3:00pm) (Check out 11:00am)
Red Roof Inn does not have breakfast available but IHOP, about 4 blocks away, offers a discount.
If you plan to arrive before Friday, August 9th, let them know you are with the 40&8 to get the same room price.
(No elevators, so register early if you must have a lower level room, otherwise order a 2nd floor room)

(Register ASAP but no later than July 26, 2019, Block of 40 rooms, 35 lower level & 5 upper level)

Friday 2:00pm – 7:00pm 40&8 registration (\$10.00) will be in the Hospitality Room.

Friday Dinner will be on your own.

Friday, 7:00pm - 11:30pm DeKalb County V207 & Grundy County V1195
Hospitality Beer Bust (Everybody is asked to bring a dish to pass)

Saturday, 9:00am – Noon 40&8 registration (\$10.00) in the Hospitality Room.

Saturday 10:00am – 11:30am, DeKalb County V207 & Grundy County V1195, Hospitality Beer Bust

Saturday Lunch will be on your own.

Saturday, 1:00pm, Opening Ceremony with 40&8 and La Femmes.

Saturday, 1:30pm to as needed, 40&8 Grande Promenade.

Saturday, 1:30pm to as needed, La Femmes meeting in the Illinois Room.

Saturday, 5:00pm – 6:00pm, Social Hour (TBD - Send your ideas ASAP)

Saturday, 6:00pm – Buffet Dinner (TBD - Send your ideas ASAP)

Saturday, 9:00pm - 11:30pm, DeKalb County Voiture 207 and Grundy County V1195, Hospitality Beer Bust

For more information contact,
Frank Beierlotzer, 1384 Omega Circle Drive, DeKalb, Il. 60115.
E-mail ffb66@juno.com Home Phone 815-758-5788 Cell Phone 815-901-3834

V812 FLAGS FOR 1ST GRADERS



February 24th V-812 presented the Flags for 1st Graders program at Westview Elementary school. Members from V-812 that helped were Jim Watts, Harold Rose, Dave Ferris, Gerald Smith and Wally Hammond, AKA HA#! This program is always a really fun time for the kids and Voyageurs alike. If your Locale hasn't ever done a Flags for 1st Graders presentation, you should start. It is really simple. First of all, you need to get 4x6 flags, the ones with the round safety ball on

top are best because they present less chance of injury, there is a chance a kid might use the pointed ones to poke a classmate! You coordinate with the School officials to get permission and there is a script you can get from National from the Americanism Program. We need to educate our youth at the earliest age to honor and respect our Flag. Believe me there is not a more fun way to do that, than the Flags first Graders presentation! Plan on it soon! You will be glad you did!



RAISING MONEY FOR NURSES TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

Voiture 1170 and Tazewell County Cabane 1170 work together raise money for the Nurses Training Scholarship Program at the 40et8 Turkey Shoot every year. We have a blast raising money while running the best shoot in the area. It all takes place the first weekends of the month October thru April every year. We shoot from 11:00 a.m. till we are done both days. You can win meat by buying a slice of a pie for \$3.00 or you can also win by shooting in the shoot for just \$3.00 per shoot. It's great fun for the entire fam-

ily. The Dames have a great time with basket raffles, tons of door prizes, 50/50s, bake sales, great food, and more! Aprils shoot was full of Easter bunnies and happy shooters and the menu for the month was chili, hot dogs, nachos, and tacos. Odie keeps the menu fresh every month. Our Nursing Scholarship Program is funded solely by the Turkey Shoots. We are already looking forward to next October and hope to see some of our fellow 40et8'ers and Dames come on out and play. Keep the scholarships going!



A Poem for Remembrance Day

"The inquisitive mind of a child"

Why are they selling poppies,
Mummy?
Selling poppies in town today.
The poppies, child, are flowers of love.
For the men who marched away.



But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?
Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child.
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black,
Mummy.
Why does it have to be black?
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.
For the men who never came back.



But why, Mummy are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain.
My tears are my fears for you my child.
For the world is forgetting again.

Author Unknown

EFFINGHAM CO. - VOITURE 1439 LA SOCIETE DES QUARANTE HOMMES ET HUIT CHEVAUX GRAND DU ILLINOIS

During the month of May 2019, Effingham County 40 & 8 V-1439 presented two scholarships for Nurse's Training. One was presented at Altamont Community High School and the other was Beecher City Community High School.

Chef de Gare (Commander) Ralph Rounds presented the scholarships valued at \$1,200 each.

At Altamont H.S. on 1 May, Tinley Mette received her scholarship in memory of John W. Brooks. Mr. Brooks was a veteran of the Vietnam War who served in the U.S. Army and National Guard. John was a valued member of Effingham County 40 & 8 for many years. He served as Commissaire Intendant (Finance Officer).

Miss Mette is planning

on attending Southern Illinois University Edwardsville for her education. She is the daughter of Tina Mette of Altamont and Anthony Mette of Effingham

On 11 May at Beecher City H.S., Renee Buzzard received her scholarship in memory of Daniel M. Howser Jr. Mr. Howser also served in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War. Dan was a member of the Richland County 40 & 8 for many years. There he was Chef de Gare (Commander). He was active in the organization and served in offices at the Local, State and National levels. Dan and his wife Alexis worked with the Effingham Co. 40 & 8 on many occasions.

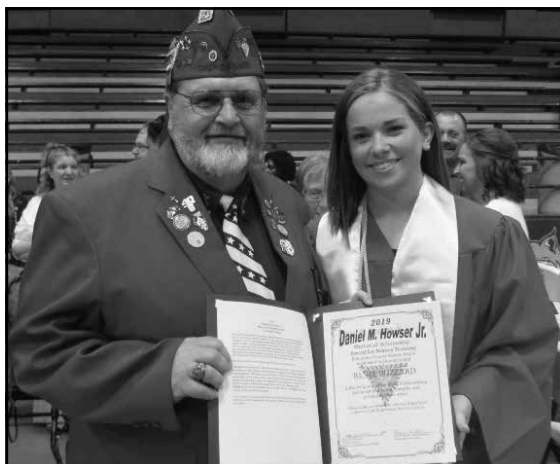
Miss Buzzard is planning on attending the University of Southern Indiana for her edu-

cation. She is the daughter of Brent & Allison Buzzard of Beecher City.

Miss Buzzard and Miss Mette are the 107th & 108th recipients of the scholarships.

Each year the 40 & 8 tries to present at least two scholarships for Nurse's Training. These scholarships are in most cases named in memory of a 40 & 8er that has passed. The Effingham County 40 & 8 has been presenting their Nurse's Training Scholarship for 65 years with a combined amount of \$55,000.

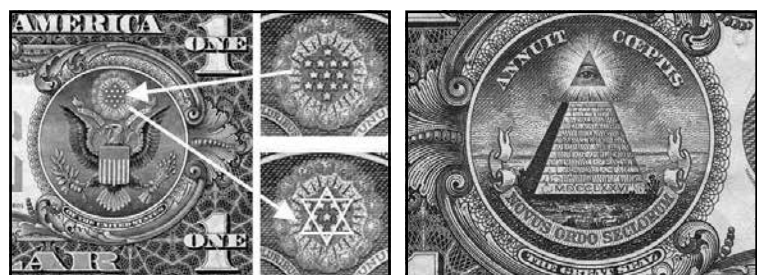
The Effingham County 40 & 8 wishes great success to our scholarship recipients. Ralph W. Rounds II, Chairman 40 & 8 Nurses Training Memorial Scholarship Program



WHO WAS HAYM SOLOMON?

Do your children know this? – Do their teachers? – Do you?

By Howard Franklin Golightly Jr.



Read this fascinating history of the \$1 bill all the way to the bottom to know about Haym Solomon. You may be in for quite a surprise!

On the rear of the One Dollar bill, you'll see two circles. Together, they comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved. If you look at the left-hand circle, you'll see a Pyramid.

Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We hadn't begun to explore the west or decide what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we weren't even close to being finished. Inside the Capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything.

"IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency.

The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking."

The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, "a new order has begun."

At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776. (MDCCLXXVI)

If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you'll learn that it's on every National Cemetery in the United States. It's also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments.

Slightly modified, it's the seal of the President of the United States, and it's always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons:

First, he isn't afraid of a storm; he's strong, and he's smart enough to soar above it.

Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England.

Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own.

At the top of the shield there's a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation.

In the Eagle's beak you read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM" meaning, "from many - one."

Above the Eagle, we have the thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one.

Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

An (untrue) old-fashioned belief says that the number 13 is an unlucky number which is almost a worldwide belief. You'll almost never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this:

America, which relies on God (not a number) to direct and lead, boldly chose:

- 13 original colonies,
- 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence ,
- 13 stripes on our flag,
- 13 steps on the pyramid,
- 13 letters in "Annuet Coeptis,"
- 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum,"
- 13 stars above the eagle,
- 13 bars on that shield,
- 13 leaves on the olive branch,
- 13 fruits,
- and if you look closely,
- 13 arrows.

And finally, notice the arrangement of the 13 stars in the right-hand circle. You'll see that they are arranged as a Star of David. This was ordered by George Washington who, when he asked Haym Solomon, a wealthy Philadelphia Jew, what he would like as a personal reward for his services to the Continental Army. Solomon said he wanted nothing for himself, but he would like something for his people. The Star of David was the result. Few people know it was Solomon who saved the Army through his financial contributions ... then died a pauper. Haym Solomon gave \$25 million to save the Continental Army, money that was sorely needed to help realize America's and our freedom and independence from England.

Therein lies America's Judeo-Christian beginning.

Most American children do NOT know any of this. They aren't taught because their history teachers do NOT know this. (They were not taught!)

On America's Freedom:

Too many veterans gave up too much to let the meaning fade. Many veterans came home to an America that did not care. Too many veterans never came home at all. They served, they died for you and for me. I hope you will share this with many so they can learn about the UNITED STATES DOLLAR BILL, and what it stands for.

WALGREENS HERO PROGRAM TO HIRE 5,000 VETERANS



Posted on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 10:33 am Posted in #VetResources, Employment, Vets Experience by Brett Robbins 4k views

Walgreens recently announced a commitment to hire 5,000 Veterans over the course of five years through their Helping Veterans with Educational and Retail Opportunities Program (HERO). Walgreens established the HERO program for Veterans to transition the leadership skills learned through military service into a retail management career such as assistant store manager trainee and shift lead.

Participants in the program will have the opportunity to work towards a bachelor's degree with tuition assistance and discounts available. Also, the GI Bill paired through Southern New Hampshire University provides a guaranteed 80-90% coverage of tuition costs to achieve a bachelor's degree.

Benefits to the program include:

- On the job mentorship
- New team member and program support
- New student support through Southern New Hampshire University
- LEAP Program Retail Management Training - Plus more!

Walgreens is an Employer Support of Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and has pledged to recognize, honor and enforce the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, and to ensure Walgreens managers and supervisors have the tools they need to effectively manage team members who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. Walgreens' is also proud to offer Military Leave and Military Bridge Pay to eligible team members and employee store discounts are extended to spouses and eligible dependents.

To search for a career in the HERO program visit <https://jobs.walgreens.com/search-jobs/HERO/1242-19097/1>

The Prairie Press

Paris Beacon-News

THREE GENERATIONS, ONE VOITURE



Verlin Funkhouser, right, places the chapeau signifying membership in a 40 & 8 Voiture on the head of his grandson, Derek Funkhouser. The younger man is a captain in the National Guard and he joined the Paris American Legion Post, and subsequently the 40 & 8, while on active duty with Army. Because his Army duties kept him away from the area the official installation into the 40 & 8 was delayed until he was available.

Three generations of service to the country and to the 40 & 8 veterans organization is represented by the Funkhouser family. Verlin Funkhouser, center, served in the Navy 1962-1966. His son, Rob Funkhouser, left, served in the Air Force 1985-1989, and grandson Derek Funkhouser, right, is a captain in the National Guard, following a period of active duty in the Army. The blue chapeaus denote membership in a local voiture and the yellow chapeau indicates the holder of a national officer. Verlin Funkhouser said he is unaware of any other active grandfather, son and grandson membership trio in the 40 & 8.

Service is multigenerational

Captain Derek Funkhouser is continuing a tradition started by his grandfather Verlin Funkhouser and maintained by his father Rob Funkhouser.

The younger man recently went through the formal installation into the 40 & 8 during a meeting at the Paris American Legion Post. As part of the program, he received his official chapeau designating his membership in Voiture 594 serving Edgar, Clark and Cumberland counties.

"I know of some father and son members, but this is the first three-generation family membership that I'm aware of," said Verlin Funkhouser.

The 40 & 8 is an honor society for veterans of American military service and membership is by invitation only. Verlin Funkhouser said the invitation is offered in recognition of service to the American Legion or its programs. He noted at one time membership in the American Legion was a prerequisite but now only military service, not Legion membership, is required.

Approaching 100 years of service, the 40 & 8 was founded in 1920 by American Legion members who served during World War I. The name comes from the experience soldiers had in France of being transported to the front line by narrow gauge railroad. The

boxcars, called voitures, were labeled to indicate the cargo capacity as quarante hommes et huit chevaux, which translates as 40 men or eight horses. A French theme pervades all aspects of the organization with national officers known as Grand Chef de Gare, Chef de Train, Cheminot Nationale with meetings known as promenade and the national convention as promenade nationale.

Originally conceived as a fun and honor society for WW I veterans in the American Legion, the 40 & 8 expanded to accept members who served during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and the ongoing War on Terror. Members still have fun with their activities but early on they recognized social needs that resulted from the war. The Voyageurs Militaire (military travelers) created a child welfare program in 1923 to help the orphans of men who died during WW I. The child welfare program now budgets more than \$8 million annually and includes all children with emergent needs.

Recognizing a national shortage of registered nurses, the 40 & 8 created a nursing scholarship in 1955 that today has granted more than \$20 million and graduated more than 23,000 registered nurses.



Captain Derek Funkhouser, center, with the National Guard takes the oath at his recent installation into Voiture 594 of the 40 & 8 during a promenade at the Paris American Legion. Ted Lang, the 2009 Chef de Chemin de Fer (national commander) of the 40 & 8, officiates at the swearing in. Standing behind the new member is his grandfather Verlin Funkhouser.

Other programs include supporting youth sporting activities; financial assistance for "The Carville Star," which provides information about Hansen's Disease (leprosy) and the advances in progress to create a vaccine; promoting Americanism; volunteering at veterans hospitals; national disaster relief; administering a child welfare trust fund; and raising funds to honor men and women held as prisoners of war or considered missing in action.

Verlin Funkhouser served in the U.S. Navy from 1962 to 1966. He said upon returning home he got a job

where there were many employees who were also Legion members.

"They hooked onto me right away," he said. "There was no doubt I was going to join the Legion. A year later I was asked to join the 40 & 8"

After 37 years, Verlin Funkhouser remains active with both the Paris Legion and the 40 & 8, where he has served many years as a national officer.

Rob Funkhouser followed his father into the 40 & 8 after serving with the U.S. Air Force from 1985 to 1989.

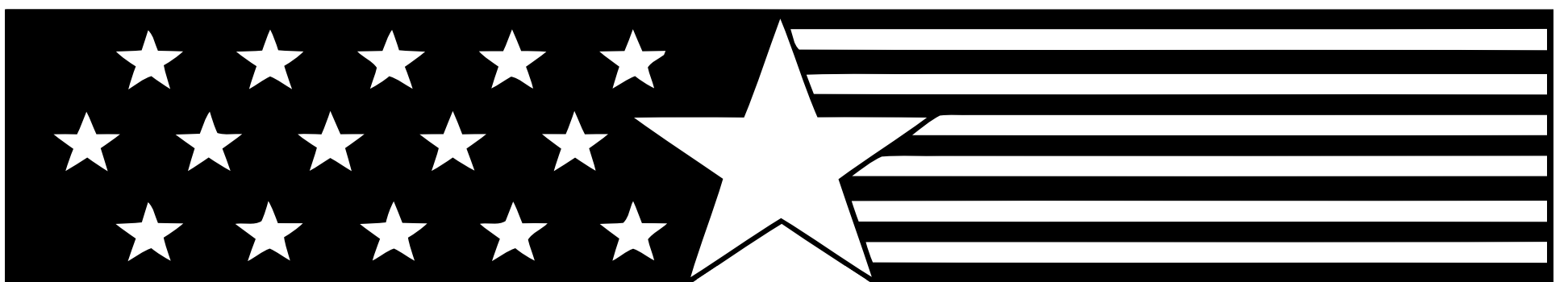
"Dad was a member, and I support what they do," said

Rob Funkhouser.

Grandson Derek Funkhouser was still on active duty when he joined the Paris Legion. He entered the 40 & 8 about a year later but his formal induction had to wait until he was back in this area.

The youngest Funkhouser has since transferred to the National Guard and is no longer on full-time duty with the Army.

"I wanted to continue the tradition," Derek Funkhouser said. "I grew up with all of the events Grandpa was in, and I played Legion Ball. It (joining the Legion and 40 & 8) was a way to give back."





Grand d' Illinois Grand Promenade August 9, 10 & 11, 2019



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Those on official call and eligible for reimbursement may pick up their voucher at the registration table at the Hotel.
Committee meeting schedule will be posted at the registration desk by Directeurs.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

[Casual attire]

Friday August 9th, 2019

3:00 P.M

CHEMINOT MEETING

[Casual attire]

Friday August 9th, 2019

4:00 P.M

CALL TO ORDER BY GRAND CHEF DE GARE Mike Vance

Opening Ceremony

Salute to the Colors

Opening Prayer – Grand Aumonier, Richard Williams

Opening remarks-Grand Chef Mike Vance

Introduction of Guests & Dignitaries

National Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer – Chuck Graham (NY)

National Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Passé – Ted Lang (IL)

Others-

Welcome by Chef de Gare V207

Roll Call of Grand Officers- Acting Grand Correspondant Bob Cearlock

Grand Chef de Gare – Mike Vance

Grand Chef de Train- Paul Pardo

Cheminot Nationale – Victor Martinka

Grand Avocat - Dan Longeville

Grand Commissaire Intendant – Victor Martinka

Grand Aumonier – Richard Williams

Acting Grand Correspondant- Bob Cearlock

Grand Cheminots

District	Grand Cheminot	Sous Cheminot
1st District	Richard Longfellow	OPEN
2 nd District	Peter Hirt	Ron Allan

3 rd District	Paul Pardo	Dave Moser
4 th District	Phil W. Travioli	Richard Williams
5 th District	Harold Rose	Jerry Surrells
6 th District	Michael Vance	Jerome Stanford
7 th District	OPEN	Phillip Drum
8 th District	Eric Kennedy	Robert Cearlock

INTRODUCTION OF PAST GRAND CHEF'S DE GARE

Daniel Longeville (82)	Wally Hammond (06)	Chris Hinton (14)
Verlin Funkhouser (00)	Marvin Harris (08)	Robert Harmon (15)
T. J. Jackson (01)	James Taylor (09)	Victor Martinka (16)
Ted Canellos (04)	Robert Cearlock (12)	Frank Beierlotzer (17)
Ted Lang (05) Chef de Chemin de Fer Passé	John York (13)	Dwight Moss (18)

REPORTS: DISTRICT GRAND CHEMINOTS

[Reports by standing in final membership report included in Credentials report]

Grand Organizer North - Ted Canellos Grand Organizer South – Robert Cearlock for James Taylor
Grand Chef de Train Paul Pardo

CLOSING CEREMONY -GRAND CHEF DE GARE

Grand Promenade

Saturday August 10th, 2019

0900

[Business attire]

CALL TO ORDER BY GRAND CHEF DE GARE Mike Vance

Opening Ceremony

Salute to the Colors

Opening Prayer – Grand Aumonier, Richard Williams

Welcome & Opening Remarks-Grand Chef Mike Vance

Introduction of Guests & Dignitaries

National Guest: National Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer – Chuck Graham (NY)

National Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Passé – Ted Lang (IL)

Roll Call of Grand Officers- Grand Correspondant Bob Cearlock

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Cheminot Nationale – Dwight Moss

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Grand Commissaire Intendant - Victor Martinka

Grand Aumonier – Richard Williams

Acting Grand Correspondant- Robert Cearlock

Grand Cheminots

District 1 - Richard Longfellow

District 2 - Peter Hirt

District 3 - Paul Pardo

District 4 - Phil W. Travioli

District 5 - Harold Rose

District 6 - Michael Vance

District 7 - Phillip Drum [SOUS]

District 8 - Eric Kennedy

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NOTION: To dispense with the reading of the Official Call

Oui: Non:

NOTION: To dispense with the reading of Minutes from Spring Cheminot Meeting

Oui: Non:

NOTION: To approve expenses of 2019 Grand Promenade

Oui: Non:

REPORTS:

Grand Correspondant & Credentials – Robert Cearlock
 Grand Chef de Gare – Mike Vance
 Grand Chef de Train – Paul Pardo [Membership]
 Audit Directeur- Wally Hammond, Audit Directeur
 Grand Commissaire Intendant – Victor Martinka
 Budget Ways and Means- Verlin Funkhouser, Directeur
 Resolutions – Terry Bigham, Directeur (vote on resolutions presented)

GRAND PROGRAM DIRECTEURS:

Americanism & Special Awards - Wally Hammond, Directeur
 Blood Donor – Paul King, Directeur
 Box Car – John Albers, Directeur
 Child Welfare – Jeffery Cox, Directeur
 Legislative - Roy Weber, Directeur
 Nurses Procurement – Paul Pardo, Directeur
 Ritual – William Frangquist, Directeur
 Carville Star - Douglas Babitzke
 Grand Avocat/Public Relations/Publiste/Grand Editeur – Robert Cearlock

RECESS – [Grand Chef's discretion]

MEMORIAL SERVICE 1:30 PM [Ladies invited]

Note: Grand Promenade back in session following Memorial Service.

Grand Promenade continues:

Caucus of Grand Cheminots: Each Grand Cheminot to announce location time and location of their respective caucus.

Grand Candidates make the rounds to caucuses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Banquet at 6:00 PM

RECESS – [Grand Chef's discretion]

Grand promenade reconvenes Sunday August 11th at 0900 {if Necessary}

[Casual attire]

Sunday August 11th, 2019, 0900 Grand Promenade reconvenes.

[Casual attire]

CALL TO ORDER BY GRAND CHEF DE GARE Mike Vance

Salute to the Colors

Opening Prayer – Grand Aumonier, Richard Williams

Committee Reports [continued if required]

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS Conducted by Grand Correspondant

Grand Chef de Gare – {call for nominations from the floor}

Grand Chef de Train – {call for nominations from the floor}

Cheminot Nationale – {call for nominations from the floor}

Grand Correspondant for 3-year term – {call for nominations from the floor}

8 Grand Cheminots and Sous Cheminots

District	Grand Cheminot	Sous Cheminot
1st District	_____	_____
2 nd District	_____	_____
3 rd District	_____	_____
4 th District	_____	_____
5 th District	_____	_____
6 th District	_____	_____
7 th District	_____	_____
8 th District	_____	_____

Vote to approve 2019-2020 Grand Cheminots.

Election of Delegates to National Promenade;



Note: Article IV of the Grand constitution & By-Laws: DELEGATES: The Grand Chef de Gare [retiring], Cheminot National [retiring] and Grand Correspondant [retiring] are automatic Delegates.

Delegate rotation for 2019 is Districts 4 & 5.

	Delegates		Alternates
1	Grand Chef de Gare – Mike Vance [V-207]	1	
2	Grand Correspondant – Bob Cearlock [V-516]	2	
3	Cheminot National – Dwight Moss [V-409]	3	
4	At Large -	4	
5	At Large -	5	

Alternates will replace delegates where needed by drawing from alternates names in the Chef's Chapeaux.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

(Ladies invited)

Installing Officers:

Grand Chef de Gare installed by **Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer – Chuck Graham**

Grand Officers installed by _____

Presentation of pin to retiring Grand Chef de Gare, Mike Vance by **Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer – Chuck Graham**

Remarks by newly installed Grand Chef de Gare.

CLOSING CEREMONY Conducted by new Grand Chef de Gare

Closing Remarks by new Grand Chef de Gare

Announcements:

- Illinois State Fair Veterans Day – August 11th, 2019
- 100th Promenade Nationale – Sept. 10 -14 2019 – Myrtle Beach, SC
- Fall Cheminot – TBA

Closing Prayer- Grand Aumonier – Richard Williams

Salute to the Colors

30-minute Break before 2019-2020 first Grand Cheminot Meeting.

Call to order for 2019-2020 first Grand Cheminot Meeting.

Remarks by Grand Chef de Gare

Announcement of 2019-2020 appointments

Instructions to new Grand Officers, Committees & Program Directeurs

Adjournment by Grand Chef de Gare

TRAVEL HOME SAFELY!

ANNOUNCEMENT!

After several years of exemplary service as the Grand Webmaster, Ron Scalf will be retiring this coming December. If you are qualified to do the work and are interested or you know someone who is interested please contact the Acting Grand Correspondant, Bob Cearlock at 618-214-0182 or cearlock@aol.com as soon as possible.

ALSO

The Acting Grand Correspondant is retiring at the end of the Promenade Nationale. Great job, low pay, many unhappy constituents. Don't wait, get your name in the hat NOW!

2019 GREAT LAKES PROMENADE AKON, OHIO



Chef de Chemin de Fer with the Great Lakes Chefs de Gare



Preparing for the Memorial Toast



Murph, how come Ohio is the only Grand spelled out and Illinois is ILL?



They told me they had just solved all the world's problems!



These two Guys must know something that they are not sharing!



The Grand d' Illinois crew in attendance. [You could have hidden better Wally!]