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VOITURE 516 DONATES TO FIRE VICTIM FAMILY

The Marion County Voiture 516 in Centralia has assisted Elizabeth Walton's four young children, two boys and two girls ages 10, 9, 6, and 5, with the purchase of two new sets of bunkbeds and accessories following the fire that destroyed their residence in Centralia during the early afternoon of December 8, 2018. Elizabeth is a struggling single mother with a culinary arts degree working two part-time jobs in local restaurants. She is a highly motivated individual who is very well-liked and respected by her co-workers and patrons at the places of her employment. Her contacts with the local community are basically limited to her immediate family and places of employment.

Elizabeth was at work when the fire of her home started. The residence was a mobile home construction that was very quickly engulfed in flames. Her boyfriend was in charge of supervising the children that day. He knew the two younger girls were in the bedroom playing and he immediately rushed to get them to safety out of the

burning home. The two older boys had been in and out of the home that day and he did not know if they were inside. He immediately rushed back in to the burning home and looked in every room. By this time the structure was completely engulfed in smoke and fire. As he was coming out of the home the second time and not finding the boys in the home, he had been inhaling the smoke and the melting plastic had dripped on his head and arms causing skin burns to the top of his head, face, and arms. The boys very soon returned from a neighbor's home. His quick actions saved the lives of the girls. He was taken to the hospital for treatment of his burns and later transferred to a St. Louis hospital for further treatment. The fire resulted in the total loss of all the family's possessions estimated by the Fire Department valued at \$10,000.

There was media coverage by the local newspaper and radio station. Elizabeth's employers and patrons of the businesses spread the word of the family's need for assistance within the community which is how Voiture 516 became aware of the dire needs of the family. Many community service organizations and individuals came forward to provide much needed clothing, household supplies, food and money to assist with her relocation to a new residence. The children had very inadequate sleeping arrangements in their new residence with two make-shift beds con-

sisting of two old large mattresses placed on the floor. The family made their need for bunkbeds known to the community, but none were available from donors in the community. Voyageur Mary Hollingsead, a member of Voiture 516 and chairperson for the 40 & 8 Child Welfare Program reviewed the children's sleeping arrangements and determined that bunkbeds were the best possible solution. She worked with the Elizabeth and the Walmart Store in Centralia to purchase the needed bunkbeds and accessories. The purchase consisted of the bunkbeds, mattresses, mattress covers, sheets, pillowcases, blankets and comforters at a cost of \$906.16.

Pictured in the rear is Voyageur Mary Hollingsead, Elizabeth Walton, Trent Walton and in the front Victoria Walton, Trever Walton and Vally Henson after selecting the bunkbeds and accessories during a shopping trip to the Centralia Walmart Store on December 20th.

(Note: "Vally" is the correct spelling)

The bunkbeds are an important investment for the family since they not only provided an urgent immediate need for the four children, but also the beds will provide a permanent need for many years to come. If the children in the future are given separate or larger bedrooms, the bunkbeds can be broken down and used as individual twin beds.

The fire has had an emo-



tional, financial and exhaustion impact on Elizabeth and her children especially occurring just before Christmas. Since the fire, the children had not been sleeping well and many times waking up crying from nightmares caused by the trauma of the fire. A few days after the delivery of the bunkbeds, there was an improvement in the emotional states of the kids especially finding the bunkbeds as a new place to play on the top bunks.

Elizabeth is eternally grateful and appreciative of the generosity of the community, especially Voiture 516 for the purchase of the new bunkbeds and has publicly thanked the community for their generosity and concern.

Elizabeth is very proud of her 19-year-old brother, LCpl. Caleb Mansker who is currently serving in the US Marine Corps stationed at Camp Pendleton, California attached to the 7th Engineer Support Battalion.

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GRAND CHEF DE GARE MIKE VANCE



Welcome to 2019 and the New Year. I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas as well as a safe and Happy

New Year. The aims of the New Year are to look forward to new events as well as looking back on past events. In the way of reflections, in the past few months I have been to the Voiture#284 Promenade at Kirby Land in Farmer City, Voiture #391 Promenade in Granite City, a wreck for voyagers from our newest Voiture that was held in Dekalb and the Voiture # 812 Promenade in Canton. Many thanks to Frank Beierlotzer for putting on the Wreck in Dekalb.

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Looking forward the Spring Cheminot meeting will be here in no time at April 27th which means there are plenty of Petite Cheminot meetings to be conducted between now

and then. Grand Cheminots should get input from each of the Voiture in their district at the Petite Cheminot meetings. Also, on the horizon is the annual Lincoln birthday Pilgrimage in Springfield with events on February 11th & 12th.

Finally, of course, is membership where there is still much room for improvement. Maintaining the members that we already have is TOP PRIORITY but adding to our numbers is important as well.

I hope to see all the "Gang of Usual suspects" as well as a few new faces at the Spring Cheminot meeting in Dekalb.

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NEWEST GRAND D' ILLINOIS VOITURE

by Jerry (JT) Terando, Voiture 207 Chef de Gare

The Grundy County Voiture 1195 has been re-chartered. Many thanks to the Grand d' Illinois for their faith in five new Voyageurs, and Nationale for chartering us on October 31st.

Thanks to Robert Cearlock for his patience and tireless assistance to us in

all matters from adopting a Charter to incorporation.

Thanks to Frank Beierlotzer and DeKalb Voiture 207 for the initiation and welcome to the 40 & 8.

It has been challenging, as we did not step into a Voiture, but are building one. We aspire to prove ourselves worthy as we add

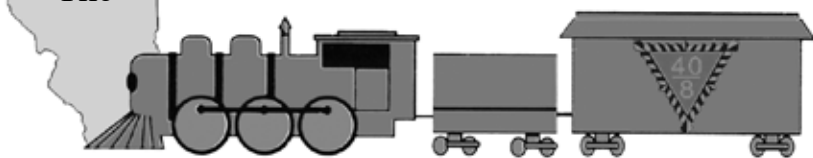
to our ranks and carry on the established good works of Le Société.

We gratefully accept all counsel, criticism, and assistance.

As we begin our voyage, we pray that all will enjoy a healthy, prosperous, and successful New Year.



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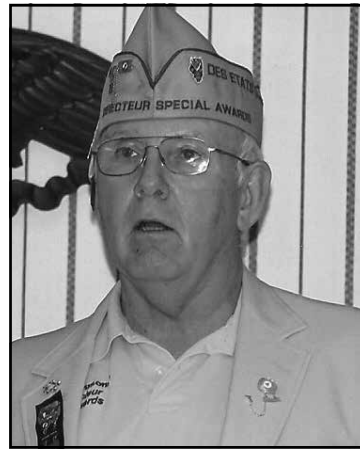
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GRAND SPECIAL AWARDS DIRECTEUR WALLY HAMMOND



Happy New Year and may this be the best Year ever to you and your families!

I am the Grand Directeur for Special Awards this year and would like for all of you to consider nominating a candid for our Special Awards.

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 Communique, 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 responsi-

bility 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.



V-594 HELP FOR CHILDREN VICTIMS OF FIRE



Pictured left to right; Voyageur George Orin, Jordan Duzan (3), Mona Duzan (Mother), Walmart Manager, William Watson (16), Voyageur Verlin Funkhouser, Kaydance Duzan (5), Malakhi Watson (9) and Voyageur Richard Williams.

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 is nearing a conclusion raising over \$800 so far. The drawing will be held at or before the Grand Spring Cheminot meeting in DeKalb.

Marion County Voiture 516 provided aid to a family of 4 minor children whose home and entire contents was destroyed by fire in December. [See news release in this edition]. Bravo Zulu V516!

I look forward to hearing about other Voitures utilization of the Program in their communities.



On the National front;

"The Minnesota Paul Bunyan Gavel is in the hands of the State of Texas chauffeured by Renslar "Renny" Keagle, Grand Chef de Gare du Texas. The gavel was presented and participated in the El Paso County Veterans Day Parade in downtown El Paso. Renny walked (ran) the entire three miles with the gavel, maneuvering around pot holes and having to run with the gavel to play catch up at times. \$31.00 was collected during the parade, children running up and putting in change and dollars. Took two pictures with veterans and gained \$10.00 more. Renny has decided all money collected this year will go to Child Welfare. The goal is \$100.00 per month."



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. As of this writing, Illinois has 14 out of the total of 56 National submittals. This is a start, but we need to reflect submittals from every Voiture in the Grand and these are from only six. Where are the other 30 plus?

2018-2019 ILLINOIS PR CONTACTS	
voit-num	Notes
GRAND	Several Illinois Voyageurs noted - Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Illinois Bicentennial Office announce, 'Honor 200' Recipients
GRAND	Illinois 40et8 News - Fall edition 2018
207	On Tuesday, September 25th at 1:00pm, a Surprise Welcome Home for a 100-year-old WWII veteran, 330 Grove Street, DeKalb, Illinois
207	24 Hour Veteran Vigil at the DeKalb County Courthouse in Sycamore, Illinois.
207	Voiture 207 October Newsletter
346	Marine Corps Ball photos
516	Press Release - Yanks Who Gave [Voiture donation]
516	News Release - Local 40 & 8 Voiture 516 Donates to Fire Victim Family
594	MARY FARRIS, FIRST LADY VOYAGEUR OF V-594 100TH BIRTHDAY
1100	BODY OF MCDONOUGH COUNTY MAN KILLED IN PEARL HARBOR ATTACK FOUND, funeral services planned. Voiture #1100 participation
1100	FLAGS FOR FIRST GRADERS AT WASHINGTON SCHOOL IN RUSHVILLE
1100	FLAG POSTING RUSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOR VETERANS DAY
1439	EFFINGHAM COUNTY FLAGS FOR FIRST GRADERS PRESENTATIONS
1439	Nursing Scholarship presentations

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. Draft input will be accepted 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.

Should District 4 pass then the rotation follows the order shown above beginning with District 5 and proceeding to 1,7,6,8,2, and 3. Intentions of the Districts to "PASS" need to be reported by the District Grand Cheminot at the Spring Grand Cheminot meeting as decided at their District Petite 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.

A little blast from the past from Past National Avocat, Big Hank Kwiatkowski;

"While we're on the subject of states, lets toss in an information filler on the gender of our Grandes. It had long puzzled the writer why La Grande de la Louisiane was feminine in gender while Le Grand de Texas was considered masculine. Once the question arose in my mind, I began to notice some other states which considered themselves as masculine or feminine. In some cases, they apparently weren't sure and took the middle ground using both masculine and feminine forms of words and articles (le and la) At first I thought states with names of feminine sounding origin were indeed feminine until I remembered Louisiana was named after King Louis and not Lois Lane. Maryland was masculine and so were the Virgin Islands. So much for that theory! Louisiana is liberally blessed with French speaking natives though, so I took my question to the

streets. Surprisingly the question puzzled most of them as it did me. What does determine the gender of a state? When you're really in a bind on matters such as this, find someone whose name ends in an "x" and ask them. Grand Chef de Gare Breaux reports the final letter in a state's name determines its gender. States ending in vowels are feminine and states ending in consonants are considered masculine. This information will probably blow cold air up the skirts of Les Grandes who previously considered themselves macho but nonetheless, there you have it. The last letter in your name says it all. Of course, Voyageurs Breaux, Thibodeaux, Comeaux and Boudreaux knew this all along. And while we're at it, I was also informed the preposition "du" is improper when used in conjunction with state names. The form "de" or "d'" should only be used. States whose names begin with a vowel should use the d' form while consonant beginning states should use the "de" form; i.e. La Grande Voiture d'Alabama or Le Grand

Voiture de Kentucky. There should not be a Grand Voiture du Anything. Of course, my usual disclaimer applies here. I don't dream this stuff up folks; I just report it."

So, there you are, this first explanation that I have ever heard that made sense out of all the French confusion.

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

Grand Calendar Directeur

As Grand Calendar Directeur I would like to THANK all those who supported our 2018 Grand Calendar Program. Early returns for 2019 Grand Calendar Programs look GOOD. Please remember I need ALL 2019 Calendars, Stubs and Money by February 15, 2019. This will give me about two weeks to get everything ready, so we can have drawings for January and February 2019 on or about March 1st. After that we will have regular monthly drawings. Any questions please call me at my Home Number 815-372-2656. If I am not home when you call, leave a message. I have a Well-Trained Answering Machine. You can also e-mail at LPFD130@sbcglobal.net. Thanks for supporting the 40&8 Grand Calendar Program.

Ways and Means Directeur

It is that time of year again and I am happy to announce that our 2019 Calendar Program is Up and Running. We are off to a Great Start. Returns are already starting to come in. Several Voitures have asked for additional Calendars. Remember I MUST have ALL Calendars and Monies before February 15, 2019. End of February I want to have the drawings for January and February. Then there will be a Monthly Drawing for the rest of 2019. Any questions or comments call me at 815-372-2656 or e-mail at LPFD130@sbcglobal.net. Thanks, and keep up the Good Work in our Calendar Program.

Grand Commissaire Intendant

HELP! Please check your pockets, brief cases, etc. There are still Commission Checks for 2018 Calendars and Expense Checks for our Promenade that have NOT BEEN CASHED YET. It is easy to forget about these checks. However, I need to balance our check books every month. I would rather show as Cashed then having to deal with these checks every month as Unpaid. Thank you for your prompt attention to this most important matter.

Victor Martinka...Other Comments.

FALL Cheminot, SPRING Cheminot and End of Year Promenade are YOUR PROGRAMS. This is when the Grand d' Illinois meets. We conduct business that keeps us going. We Need your Input. The last several years attendance keeps going down. Even some of those that have accepted an office to serve the Grand do not show up. I am well aware that we have Not Adjusted Travel Reimbursement or

Room Reimbursement in many years. I am writing up some Resolutions to deal with these issues. They will be Presented at the Spring Cheminot. They will be Voted on for Acceptance at the Grand Promenade. While the price of gasoline is not too bad right now, Rooms are NO LONGER \$49 per night. Hopefully by increasing these amounts we can build up attendance again. These events are moved around the State of Illinois. While some may be too far for you to travel to, please try to attend one that is near you. Our Spring Cheminot is being scheduled at this time. Tentatively it will be in DeKalb, Illinois the end of April 2019.

Communications...

Please note that this is Fall of the Year 2018. SNAIL MAIL is no longer an effective means of communicating. Like it or not the computer with E-mail, and Texting are the ONLY way to go. If you have not already done so, please submit your e-mail address to Bob Cearlock (cearlock@aol.com) so he can add you to our list. This way you will know What is happening, when it is happening and where it is taking place. Your attendance and input is very important the keep the Grand d' Illinois Alive and Growing.

REMEMBER...The 40&8

is NOT a Last Man's Club. Every Veteran serving on Active Duty is Eligible for Membership. Also, every Veteran with an Honorable Discharge is Eligible for Membership. Look around, I am sure that if you really want to you can find an Eligible Veteran to Sign Up. Membership in the 40&8 is still by Invitation Only. So PLEASE go out and find a Veteran and ASK them to JOIN. You are a member of the 40&8 because somebody ASKED you to Join. Now it is your turn to ask A Fellow Veteran to Join.

Lastly...Don't wait until the last minute to act on this. This past year it took until almost the end of our Grande Promenade for someone to step forward. We ALL Know that we need Officers to Keep the Grand d' Illinois alive and growing. Think about this, ask around and write up a Resolution and become a Grand Officer Next Year. Then send this Resolution to Terry Bigham, Grand Resolutions Director.

From my wife Jan and I, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Also, anything else happening in your life between Now and our Next Newspaper.



A LITTLE HUMOR

END OF DRILL

As a group of soldiers stood in formation at an Army Base, the Drill Sergeant said, "All right! All you idiots fall out." As the rest of the squad wandered away, one soldier remained at attention.

The Drill Instructor walked over until he was eye to eye with him, and then raised a single eyebrow.

The soldier smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of 'em, huh, sir?"

WEDDING VOWS

During the wedding rehearsal, the groom approached the pastor with an unusual offer, "Look, I'll give you \$100 if you'll change the wedding vows. When you get to the part where I'm supposed to promise to 'love, honor and obey' and 'be faithful to her forever,' I'd appreciate it if you'd just leave that out."

He passed the minister a \$100 bill and walked away satisfied.

On the day of the wedding, when it came time for the groom's vows, the pastor looked the young man in the eye and said: "Will you promise to prostrate yourself before her, obey her every command and wish, serve her breakfast in bed every morning of your life, and swear eternally before God and your lovely wife that you will not ever even look at another woman, as long as you both shall live?" The groom gulped and looked around, and said in a tiny voice, "Yes." He then leaned toward the pastor and hissed: "I thought we had a deal."

The pastor put a \$100 bill into the groom's hand and whispered: "She made me a better offer."

VOICE IN THE DARK

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables; and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, "Jesus is watching you."

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score, then clicked the light on and began searching for more valuables.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, "Jesus is watching you."

Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

"Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot.

"Yep," the parrot confessed, and then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you."

The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?"

"Moses," replied the bird.

"Moses?" the burglar laughed.

"What kind of people would name a bird Moses?"

"The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus."



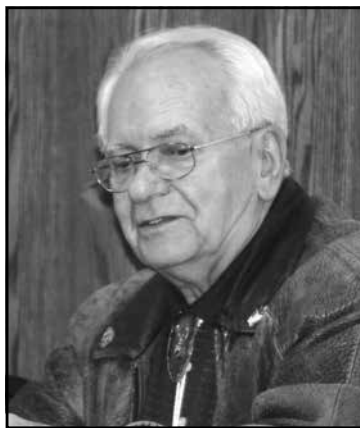
**DEAR VEGANS:
I killed this
cow because
it was eating
your food.**



You're welcome.



OPINION EDITORIAL BY ROBERT "OB1" CEARLOCK



I used to watch a lot of Cspan. Believe me it is not always an easy task unless you enjoy watching paint dry. However, in fairness, it is always boring, if not painful, to watch politicians try to figure out what you want to hear and present it to you in a fashion that makes you think they really believe it themselves. You can tell it is a hard job with a lot of frustration because most of them tend to lose their cool and decay off to name calling and poorly researched statements that show they are as confused as the rest of us (except we pay them well to not be). After listening to them intently for some ray of intelligent thought I have found that the best advice that most of them could heed would be; if you don't have something intelligent, coherent, or at least relevant to say then shut up and listen. It is said that when you talk, you teach and when you listen you learn.

Oh yes, and how about all these constant opinion polls. Have you ever been "polled"? I'm over seventy and I was polled once a few years back and I have hesitated to participate anymore. They didn't want my answer; they wanted me to pick one of theirs. It was evident that they didn't want my opinion or input, what they wanted was me to validate their opinion. For instance; "Do you think we should bring our troops home from Iraq?" Possible answers; yes, no, I don't know. Well, of course I know what I "think" so "I don't know" is not an answer. Yes, I think we should bring them home when the mission is complete, geez people, we didn't send them over there to become Iraqi citizens. No, I don't think they should come home before they have completed their mission. Ask any Vietnam Vet how that feels. So now tell me what this poll tells us about the opinions of America? I guess "I don't know" is a legit-

imate answer!

Opinions are important. The possibility of anyone not having an opinion on a topic that is important to them is ridiculous. The expression of opinions is important to coherent consideration of matters, but it is also important that the opinion expressed is based on knowledge of the facts and the situation and not emotion. With that in mind I offer my opinion of the future of Grand d' Illinois. In doing so, I extend an invitation to all Voyageurs Militaire of the Grand to offer their opinions in future issues of this paper.

I doubt that there are any of you that doesn't agree that our beloved Soci t  is on the decline. That is not an opinion, it is a fact. What is causing the decline is a matter of many different opinions. It is here that I will offer my opinion.

Pin pointing the causes of the decline of any organization must begin with a look at the Organizations purpose, structure, and commitment of its members.

Starting with the Organizations purpose; we have a clearly defined purpose in our Constitution, it appears the founders original clearly defined purpose has been lost in the pursuit of membership. No doubt and no disagreement that membership is the key to our future! But the founders clearly meant to define the word membership as more than simply a qualified Veteran. They sought to create an Organization of dedicated, qualified and fun-loving individuals who had been vetted by their comrades and were truly dedicated to a "Fun and Honor" division of the American Legion. A truly elite group of individuals with a demonstrated ability to lead and represent themselves as honorable. They were very wise in recognizing that "fun" is a main ingredient in the longevity of any pursuit. Those who best perform any function find it enjoyable (fun) to do so! When we lose that attribute, we also lose our heritage.

The structure of our organization was clearly built around the concept that members must be invited to join and be accepted by their Voiture. That is a practice that produced an amazing group of dedicated and enthusiastic individuals. That process is predicated by vetting nomi-

nees prior to inviting them to join us. Pressure to increase membership is not an excuse to ignore this necessity. If each present Voyageur nominated one new member and their Voiture followed this process, we would only increase our membership, but we would increase the quality and dedication of our membership.

The structure of our Organization is well defined in our National Constitution and further defined by Grand and Locale Constitutions and Bylaws. In furtherance of the development of organizational structure, La Soci t  has developed rituals that emphasize our purpose and honor our military background. I am dismayed that many of our Voitures do not follow our time-honored rituals. Yes, I am aware that many of our smaller Voitures do not have the members to conduct our rituals. But even in those smaller venues some adherence can and should be achieved if only in an abbreviated fashion. I have found Voitures that do not have a ritual manual and Voyageurs who have never experienced a Promenade conducted in accordance with ritual. We need a Manual that addresses these situations and gives guidance to smaller Voitures. I know that our rituals invoke pride in our organization and encourage participation.


Commitment; the most important of the three. The invitation to join should be based on an individual's demonstrated commitment to the general purpose of La Soci t . As a Voyageur advances through the Locale and Grand offices the commitment must broaden to encompass the duties, they take an oath to perform. That red or white Chapeau is an honor bestowed by your fellow Voyageurs. Too often it is overlooked as a commitment to perform the duties of the office it represents. I will always remember the day I was sworn in as a Grand Cheminot and the Grand Avocat spoke to all of us. He said "If you are not committed to perform the duties of the office you are about to enter, then resign now. Resign now because that shiny new Chapeau is meant to show the confidence your comrades have in you. Don't make them regret their choice".

Well, that's my opinion. What's yours?

A very wise man once said;

"Political correctness is a doctrine, fostered by a delusional, illogical minority, and rabidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end."

R. J. Wiedemann LtCol. USMC Ret



GRAND LEGISLATIVE DIRECTEUR ROY WEBER

Fellow Voyageurs:

I trust you all had a Very Merry Christmas and brought the New Year in safely. There are several major changes in Veterans Administration benefit laws.

There was a change in the bronze Medallion for Veterans who purchased headstones for private cemeteries. Veterans who died since the start of WW I can now have their families order and receive the Medallion to place on the private headstones.

A law regarding contaminated water at Camp Lejeune was passed. Several types of cancer and Parkinson disease can now be considered service-connected in most cases.

Also, veterans can now get official pre-authorization to be buried in a Veterans Administration cemetery. This also includes their spouse.

As you may know, the veterans Administration has rolled out a new appeals program. It is called RAMP and is expected to shorten the wait time for appeals from the present 3 years to under six months. (Time will tell)

If by now some service-connected disabled veterans are not aware of the property tax reduction/exemption, here is what they receive based on their service-connected disability rating:

Veterans rated 30-40% \$2,500 reduction in assessed value

Those at 50-60% \$5,000 reduction in assessed value

Those at 70% or more NO PROPERTY TAXES!!

Question; due to a fire, flood robbery or tornado did you lose your discharge papers? If so, contact your VA service rep for a standard form 180 to get a replacement. Eventually you WILL need a certified copy. We are in the season of storms so keep this information in mind and pass the word.

The Veterans Administration's National Call Center (1-800-827-1000) has added staff. Wait times have been reduced from 45 minutes to around 2 minutes and they are open from 7:00 am till 8:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

The number one service-connected condition that gets filed and granted is Tinnitus.

Anew appeals program will start next month to help make a dent in the backlog. Currently there are over 500,000 appeals nationwide. Also 200 new attorneys and 8 judges have been hired.

Our Chicago office has a new Director Carolina Contreas who is also fluent in Spanish. She is available to help female veterans with their special claims such as Military Sexual Trauma. She can be contacted for an appointment at 1-312-980-4266.

Remember anyone that set foot in Vietnam even for only one day is eligible for use of the VA Health System.

Hope your 2019 in a safe and prosperous year

ACTING CORRESPONDANT NATIONAL TERRY SIMS



I sure hope you had the happiest of holidays and the Staff at Voiture Nationale wishes you a very prosperous 2019 year.

You may use the email account cornnat fortyandeight.org when contacting me for correspondence, Directeurs and Sous Directeur "Communication" letters, or just about anything you wish to talk about. My personal email is also still available.

There have been some changes made at Headquarters and we feel they will be for the benefit of La Société. One very important move that has been accomplished is that Holly's office has been moved downstairs where the "Staff Team" will be together, making a more comfortable and efficient atmosphere. Look for other changes in another article contained in this month's Brief's.

Voyageurs and Dames will once again be converging on Headquarters Monday January 14th to stuff the envelopes for the annual "Dues Notices" to be mailed this week. Many thanks to these Voyageurs and Dames taking time from their schedules and traveling many miles to donate their time and energy to La Société.

Bill will be adding a new heading to the website called "Policies". This section will include the protocol of sending a "Resolution" to Nationale, travel policy procedures and other policies of Voiture Nationale. Look for it in the near future.

Nationale Changes Summary

There have been some changes at Voiture Nationale that I am sure you are already aware of but let's summarize why they were made and the benefits they will produce, before the rumor mill has several different stories circulating.

The Correspondant Nationale will no longer be in the headquarters office in Indianapolis on a daily basis now

but on an "as needed" basis. This was not an overnight change, it had been tested and tweaked for the last four (4) months and proven to be successful. There will be of course, certain situations that will come up that have not been planned for and they will be dealt with and solved for future references. Nationale is fortunate enough to have a very experienced and dedicated Voyageur in Chef de Chemin de Fer 2007 Terry Sims that is willing to implement this change for future Correspondants.

They also are blessed with a 34-year employee in Office Manager Bill Beaumont that is more than capable of administrating the day to day office business at Voiture Nationale, he will continue to manage from the office on a daily basis. The Correspondant has been furnished with a laptop computer with all the Forty and Eight and Voiture Nationale programs downloaded to it and a cell phone, both of which he will have with him at all times. The staff at Voiture Nationale is very comfortable and satisfied with this system and as stated earlier it has functioned well for the last four (4) months. We all know that in this time of electronic communications anyone can be involved in communications within minutes, just as if they were in the office.

Now how do these changes benefit La Société? The most important effect is monetarily. The Correspondents' salary alone is roughly one third of what it was before. His expenditure and travel costs have been reduced dramatically as well, all while La Société is losing no efficiency in operations from headquarters. We have worked now for several years on trying to create a solution to our membership reduction problems and have made very little progress, and obviously the less members we have, the less income for Voiture Nationale and our programs. No one wants to predict or face an elimination of La Société, so other methods must be sought to insure our future. Other cost cutting moves have been made such as certain Nationale Committees re-scheduling their meetings to eliminate travel expenses and schedule them to be held at events that are already planned to be attended anyway, such as Promenade Nationale where additional meetings will be held. The

Nationale Finance Committee has worked very hard in trimming other expenses as well and it is now conservatively estimated that we are going to save tens of thousands per year.

Who do these changes benefit? That answer is very simple, it is for the benefit of the membership and longevity of La Société. Please do not believe that anyone is in the habit of working for less money or re-scheduling their lives just because they are nice people because we all know that would be a false statement. These money saving techniques are being done because they can be and that has been tested. It has been discussed for several years and now proven that we can conserve cost by properly managing our organization efficiently. Nothing changes as far as supplying the membership, the Grands or the Locales with any of the support and assistance just as we have in the past. Other than the Correspondents' physical schedule, you won't notice any changes that would affect you in a negative way. When a plan can be instituted that saves us money, ensures a future for our organization and operates just as efficiently as before, then that is a win - win situation for everyone.

We ask that you work with these changes and give this a real chance to help La Société, if for some reason it does not function properly, then we will try something else, of course the answer to many problems is building a larger membership.

Please do not subscribe to any rumors or unconfirmed comments that you may hear regarding these changes, if you have any questions just direct them to Voiture Nationale. These changes are in no way a precursor to selling the headquarters building, dissolving La Société or any other reason than what is stated here, it is quite the opposite, this is to insure a future for La Société. So don't be a victim of false statements. We hope that this brief summary will help all members understand the thinking behind this move because Nationale believes that the members should be aware of all matters in Nationale's operation. Every Voyageur has the right to be an informed Voyageur, it will be the only way we can ask for your support.

"Resistance to change is the greatest barrier to progress."

THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

Imagine that you had won the following *PRIZE* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 into your private account for your use.

This prize has rules, however.

The Set of Rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning, upon your awaking, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game, without warning, at any time. It can say, "Game Over!" and close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, this 'GAME' is real.

Shocked ???

YES!

Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE*....we just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is *TIME*

1. Each morning, upon waking, we receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of Life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is gone forever.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time without warning...

So, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day.

Start spending....

"DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD...!"
SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE!

GOD BLESS AMERICA

WILD PIGS

- A REMINDER FOR ALL

A thought to remember, Marx said, "Remove one freedom per generation and soon you will have no freedom, and no one would have noticed."

There was a chemistry professor in a large college that had some exchange students in the class.

One day while the class was in the lab, the professor noticed one young man, an exchange student, who kept rubbing his back and stretching as if his back hurt. The professor asked the young man what the matter was.

The student told him he had a bullet lodged in his back. He had been shot while fighting communists in his native country who were trying to overthrow his country's government and install a new communist regime.

In the midst of his story, he looked at the professor and asked a strange question.

He asked: "Do you know how to catch wild pigs?"

The professor thought it was a joke and asked for the punch line.

The young man said that it was no joke. "You catch wild pigs by finding a suitable place in the woods and putting corn on the ground. The pigs find it and begin to come every day to eat the free food.

"When they are used to coming every day, you put a fence down one side of the place where they are used to coming. When they get used to the fence, they begin to eat the corn again and you put up another side of the fence.

"They get used to that and start to eat again. You continue until you have all four sides of the fence up with a gate in the last side.

"The pigs, which are used to the free corn, start to come through the gate to eat that free corn again. You then slam the gate on them and catch the whole herd.

Suddenly the wild pigs have lost their freedom. They run around and around inside the fence, but they are caught. Soon they go back to eating the free corn. They are so used to it that they have forgotten how to forage in the woods for themselves, so they accept their captivity."

The young man then told the professor that is exactly what he sees happening in America. The government keeps pushing us toward Communism/Socialism and keeps spreading the free corn out in the form of programs such as supplemental income, tax credit for unearned income, tax exemptions, tobacco subsidies, dairy subsidies, payments not to plant crops (CRP), welfare entitlements, medicine, drugs, etc., while we continually lose our freedoms, just a little at a time.

One should always remember two truths:

There is no such thing as a free lunch, and you can never hire someone to provide a service for you cheaper than you can do it yourself.

If you see that all this wonderful government "help" is a problem confronting the future of democracy in America, you might want to share this with your friends.

If you think the free ride is essential to your way of life, then you will probably not share this.

BUT God help us all when the gate slams shut!
Think about this!



V-1100 GIFTS FOR YANKS WHO GAVE



On December 19, 2018 three V1100 Forty and Eight members / Post #4 members from Schuyler County took gifts from the Gifts for Yanks program to the Rushville Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Rushville to present

to five veterans that reside there. Pictured are L to R: Dick Bowers, Edith Roby, Hershel Anderson and Red Ambrosius. Not pictured: Gary Dupoy

Post #4 & Voiture #1100 members: Steve Bottorff, Terry Bigham and William Chancy

BODY OF MCDONOUGH COUNTY MAN KILLED IN PEARL HARBOR ATTACK FOUND, FUNERAL SERVICES PLANNED

.....from news3.wiu.com

September 26, 2018 Posted by - Andrew Ball

Robert Verdun Young was killed at the age of 23 on December 27 1941 while aboard the U.S.S. Oklahoma.

Young was born December 25, 1917 east of Good Hope, IL. He graduated from Bushnell High School in 1935 where he moved to Harvard, Nebraska to work as a farmhand.

On July 17, 1941, Young enlisted in the United States Navy in Omaha.

At the time of his death, Young was a Seaman First Class.

Young received the Purple Heart on January 27, 1944.

Earlier in 2018, Young's body was found and recovered from the U.S.S. Oklahoma.

The following is the media release from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency:

"Washington-The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, accounted-for from World War II, are being returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Robert V Young, 23, of Bushnell, Illinois, accounted for March 2, will be buried September 29 in Bardolph, Illinois. On Dec. 7, 1941, Young was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple tor-

pedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Young.

From December 1941 to June 1944, Navy personnel recovered the remains of the deceased crew, which were subsequently interred in the Halawa and Nu'uuanu Cemeteries.

In September 1947, tasked with recovering and identifying fallen U.S. personnel in the Pacific Theater, members of the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) disinterred the remains of U.S. casualties from the two cemeteries and transferred them to the Central Identification Laboratory at Schofield Barracks. The laboratory staff was only able to confirm the identifications of 35 men from the USS Oklahoma at that time. The AGRS subsequently buried the unidentified remains in 46 plots at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP), known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu. In October 1949, a military board classified those who could not be identified as non-recoverable, including Young.

In April 2015, the Deputy Secretary of Defense issued a policy memorandum directing the disinterment of unknowns associated with the USS Oklahoma. On June 15, 2015, DPAA personnel began exhuming the remains from the NMCP for analysis.

To identify Young's re-

mains, scientists from DPAA and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis, dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial and material evidence.

DPAA is grateful to the Department of Veterans Affairs for their partnership in this mission.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 died during the war. Currently there are 72,794 (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II. Young's name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Punchbowl along with the others who are missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil, find us on social media at www.facebook.com/dodpaa or call (703) 699-1420/1169"

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In attendance were members of the Honor Guard from Post #4, Voiture #1100, Post #6, Voiture #913 and the Honor Guard from Great Lakes Naval Station.

WISDOM AND ADVISE FROM THE PAST THAT WE ALWAYS SEEM TO IGNORE!

1. In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress. -- John Adams
2. If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. -- Mark Twain
3. Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself. -- Mark Twain
4. I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. --Winston Churchill
5. A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. -- George Bernard Shaw
6. Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. -- P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian
7. Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases:
 - If it moves, tax it.
 - If it keeps moving, regulate it.
 - And if it stops moving, subsidize it.
 Ronald Reagan (1986)
8. I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. -- Will Rogers
9. If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free! -- P. J. O'Rourke
10. Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you! -- Pericles (430 B.C.)
11. No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session. -- Mark Twain (1866)
12. Talk is cheap, except when Congress does it. - Anonymous
13. The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin. -- Mark Twain
14. What this country needs are more unemployed politicians --Edward Langley, Artist (1928-1995)
15. A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have. -- Thomas Jefferson
16. We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. -- Aesop

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL Voitures Locale must complete the following form and submit it to their District Grand Cheminot regardless of their attendance at their District Petite Cheminot. Listing of District Grand Cheminots follows the form.

Petite Cheminot Report Form

Report will be used by the Grand Cheminot to compile the District report at the Spring Cheminot and Grand Promenade

Date: _____
 District: _____ Voiture #: _____
 Chef de Gare: _____ Correspondant: _____
 Total Voyageurs: _____ Paid for Life Voyageurs: _____
 Number of Voyageurs Lost to Taps: _____ Number of New Voyageurs: _____
 How many new Voyageurs need to be Wrecked? _____
 Would your Voiture participate in another District Wreck? _____
 Would your Voiture host a District Wreck? _____
 Would your Voiture sponsor a Petite Cheminot? _____
 Does Voiture have Rolling Stock? _____
 Rolling Stock Activities this year: _____

Nominee for Grand Cheminot: _____
 Nominee for Sous Grand Cheminot: _____

Nominees for appointments:

[Make sure nominee is willing to serve and able attend Grand Promenade]

NAME:	OFFICE/TITLE	PHONE #

Active Voiture Programs: _____

Fund raising events: _____

Sponsorship of Grand Events: _____

Requests for help from District or Grand and response? _____

Suggestions for improvement of Grand participation [including membership recruiting] _____

Who will attend Petite Cheminot? _____

Use addition sheets if necessary.

Reports are to be submitted to the appropriate District Cheminot listed below.

Grand Cheminot District 1 Richard Longfellow 807 Washington Ave Dixon, IL 61021 dlongfel1776@gmail.com	Grand Cheminot District 2 Thomas Mlynek 14804 N. Van Dyke, Apt. 2343 Plainfield, IL. 60544 tmlynek@comcast.net	Grand Cheminot District 3 Chris Hinton 101 Thrush Ave Pekin, IL. 61554 chef4008@hotmail.com
Grand Cheminot District 4 Phil W. Travioli PO Box 165, 500 Railroad St. Vermilion, IL. 61955 pwtrav@yahoo.com	Grand Cheminot District 5 Jerry Surrells 21880 E. US Hwy 24 Lewistown, IL 61542 jerrysurrells@gmail.com	Grand Cheminot District 6 Jerome Stanford 24 Marilyn Cir. Fairview Heights, IL 62208 Phone 217-549-1982
Grand Cheminot District 7 Marvin Harris 3348 S. 1st St. Springfield, IL 62703-4602 Phone 217-529-3910	Grand Cheminot District 8 Eric Kennedy 718 Moonglow Rd. Walnut Hill, IL. 62893 bugsy_92124@yahoo.com	

The 2nd District Cheminot has been set for March 23rd. It will be held at American Legion Post 18 in Lockport, Il. Thomas A. Mlynek, 2nd District Sous Cheminot I will send out the usual notifications with details to attendees in early February.

The 5th District will hold their Cheminot meeting on March 17th at the Macomb American Legion Post 6. The SAL will be serving breakfast from 7 till 10 am prior to the meeting. If you are planning to attend, consider coming early and enjoying a real deal on breakfast.



2019 Spring Grand Cheminot & GRAND CHEF HOMECOMING



RED ROOF INN & SUITES
1212 W, LINCOLN HWY
DEKALB, IL. 60115
815-758-8661

Block of 40 rooms held until 2 weeks prior to the event

Block room rate is \$69.99 plus tax. RSVP to 815-755-8661 and mention 40&8

No breakfast but IHOP 3 blocks away gives 20% discount to Red Roof guests

No elevators – register early for lower level and Handicapped rooms

Registration - \$10

Banquet - \$ TBA

Banquet Location - TBA



Carville STAR



Hello, my name is Ethellynn Neville, and I had the privilege of being appointed as Carville STAR Nationale Chairperson for Trophy and Awards. I also have a Nationale Certificate for Carville STAR for Cabanes 20 or less. I was contacted at Nationale by the Voiture Nationale Directeur Tom Adams immediately asking for the Dames help and he has included me in all of the communications with his committees. So far Directeur Tom has moved a monument that the 40&8 funded and placed in the cemetery in 2009, where tree roots have caused the monument to lean to the point that it has the potential to completely fall, breaking or even worse potentially injuring an unsuspecting Carville visitor.

The best solution was to move the monument to level ground in the cemetery, still to be in a conspicuous place that honors the 125 patients buried elsewhere on the Carville grounds between 1894 and 1922, which has been done. His intent is to have meetings with the museum curator and grounds and facilities people to identify potential areas/projects where we may be of assistance to keep Carville - its museum, buildings, and grounds - a premier location for telling its history and our 40&8 involvement in radiating the truth about Hansen's Disease in past, present, and future. In a recent article written by Directeur Tom he wrote:

"While the Public Health service Hospital at Carville is no more, we are blessed to have a museum at Carville (The National Hansen's Disease Museum) to remind us of the negative and positive aspects of life as a Carville patient. It is the museum and the historic district surrounding the museum that the focus of much of the activity of 40&8's Carville STAR Program. Support for the museum is where most of the funds from donations and pin sales are directed. Though the museum is limited in floor space, La Société is honored by two prominent exhibits that tout our organization and inform visitors of our history at Carville. Visitors from all over the world find their way to the museum and through the two exhibits are introduced to the 40&8, its history, membership requirements, and programs."

The second initiative is to add 5 additional landscape panels to the Carville Historic District and the third initiative is a new museum brochure which would include a hand-drawn map by a patient, this map-side gives credit to 40&8 for providing the brochure. So, as you can see, Nationale Directeur Tom and his committee are working hard this year to protect and improve the Carville Museum. So, Dames we need to buy those pins, send in donations and also subscribe to the Carville STAR, and all help is appreciated. Also, please report all that you do on those reports at the end of the year. If you do the work report it.

Ethellynn Neville, PNP 2001
Trophy and Awards Carville STAR 2019



LA SOCIÉTÉ DES QUARANTE HOMMES ET HUIT CHEVAUX WHO ARE WE?



La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux is an independent, by invitation, honor organization of male and female U. S. veterans, more commonly known as the Forty & Eight.

- **The Forty & Eight** is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is to uphold and defend the United States Constitution, to promote the well being of veterans and their widows and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include programs that promote child welfare and nurse's training.

- The titles and symbols of the **Forty & Eight** reflect its First World War origins. Americans were transported to the battle front on French trains within boxcars stenciled with a "40/8", denoting its capacity to hold either forty men or eight horses. This uncomfortable mode of transportation was familiar to all who fought in the trenches; a common small misery among American soldiers who thereafter found "40/8" a lighthearted symbol of the deeper service, sacrifice and unspoken horrors of war that bind all who have borne the battle.
- **The Forty & Eight** was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France. Originally an arm of The American Legion, the **Forty & Eight** became an independent and separately incorporated veteran's organization in 1960. Membership is by invitation of honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces.

WE ARE ALL VETERANS WHO LOVE AND STILL WANT TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY, OUR VETERANS AND OUR COMMUNITY!

Child Welfare

- The Voyageurs Militaire (Military Travelers) founded a Child Welfare Program in 1923 to ease the pain and suffering of those children whose fathers never returned or who were unable to care for their needs after the "Big War." Today, this program has grown to include all children with emergent needs, and our efforts amount to over eight million dollars annually.

Youth Sports

- The Youth Sports Program was established in 1994. Through this program, the 40/8 provides financial assistance in the form of grants to individual athletes or teams who lack the funds required to attend and participate in amateur sports programs. This program encompasses all amateur sports programs for all youths from 7 to 20 years of age.

Nurses Training

- In 1955, the Voyageurs Militaire, recognizing the shortage of Registered Nurses, adopted a program to provide financial assistance, in the form of scholarships, to those individuals who enrolled for this training. With 2,131 students receiving over \$1,100,000 in scholarships this past year, the Forty & Eight has granted in excess of \$35,000,000 and graduated over 35,000 Registered Nurses since the inception of this program.

Carville Star

- As one of their ongoing programs, the Voyageurs Militaire offer continuing support of the publication, "The Carville Star," which disseminates the information regarding the research into Hansen's Disease (Leprosy) taking place in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There they have been successful in isolating, controlling and soon, through their research, the development of a vaccine to prevent Hansen's disease. "The Star" is published at Greenfield, Indiana. This patient-published publication carries the research works of not only this center, but those of the rest of the world, and is translated into and forwarded to 128 countries in addition to a circulation of more than 60,000 in the United States.

Americanism

- By virtue of being veterans who have served their country in its time of greatest need, the fun-loving, hard-working Voyageurs Militaire maintain a strong commitment to the American way of life. Americanism projects, respect for the flag, Constitution, Law and Order and the proven willingness to defend these principles is evident in the day-to-day activities of members of our society.

(VAVS) Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service

- The Forty & Eight, as are most Veterans Organizations, is an active member and participant in the VAVS program. As part of this program, Voyageurs (called Deputy Representatives) visit the Veteran Administration Medical Centers on a regular basis, where they give comfort and assistance to, or just visit with, the hospitalized veterans. The Forty & Eight has adopted an additional program for these veterans, called "Keep Those Wheelchairs Rolling." Under this program, the VAVS Representative writes a brief letter outlining a "need" of the patients. These "needs" may cover a project, equipment or comfort and convenience items needed by the hospitalized veterans. The entries are then judged on the need and benefit to the patients, and those selected receive the item(s) requested, courtesy of the National Box Car Association.

National Box Car Association

- The National Box Car Association (NBCA) is an independent association within the Forty & Eight which raises funds by selling Crew or Associate Membership Cards. All funds raised by the Association are used within the year they are obtained. The National Box Car Association supports several special projects at Promenade Nationale (National Convention). Each year, a party for special children is planned at the host city. These special children and their escorts are treated to lunch, train rides and entertainment provided by HOBO Clowns and bands. The entire cost of this party is paid by the NBCA from the funds collected in their annual membership drive. Another project at Promenade Nationale is a monetary donation made to the local VAVS Hospital or Clinic. This contribution usually goes to the Patient Services area. The NBCA also contributes large amounts to the various programs of Voiture Nationale (National Headquarters), such as the Boland Nurses Training Trust Fund and the Charles Arderly Child Welfare Trust Fund. Monies are also given to the other programs which may require assistance, such as the Membership Committee, Forty & Eighter Magazine, Law Officer of the Year Program and many others.

POW/MIA Program

- The purpose of the National POW/MIA Program is to raise funds in Honor of the Servicemen & Women who were Prisoners of War, or are considered Missing in Action while serving in the defense of the United States of America, or its allies during times of armed conflict. The funds are raised to facilitate the formation and continuance of a Scholarship Trust Fund for the direct descendants of verifiable POW/MIA Servicemen and Women. Scholarships are limited to the Veteran, the Spouse of the veterans, children, and grandchildren of the veteran.

National Special Awards Program

Each year Voiture Nationale of the 40/8 recognizes special people and Cities or Towns from around the Nation. These awardees are selected and nominated by Local Voiture's like V346. National Awardees in each category are:

• HERO OF THE YEAR

- The Hero of the Year award was adopted by La Societe during 1991. The purpose of the award is to recognize and pay tribute to a person whom, without hesitation or regard for their own safety, did demonstrate an unselfish desire to aid others. The 40/8 feels it is of paramount importance to recognize and respect those who perform a heroic deed.

• VOYAGEUR OF THE YEAR

- The Voyageur of the Year was adopted by La Societe during 2001. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor Voyageurs who have performed outstanding service to La Societe. This service can be for something done for a particular program. Nurses Training, Child Welfare, Americanism or any of our named programs or for La Societe in general.

• LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR

- The Law officer of the Year award has been in existence for some time and has been well received by the Membership. The purpose of this award is to recognize and pay tribute to a Law Enforcement Officer who has done an outstanding job of performing his or her duties at the level of his employment, both past and present. Candidates for this award may be obtained by seeking recommendations from the agency chief executive (Superintendent, Sheriff, Chief, etc.) or directly by the Voiture Locale.

• CITY OR TOWN OF THE YEAR

- The City or Town of the Year was adopted by La Societe during 2001. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor a City or Town which has and/or is doing something significant for veterans in that City or Town. There are many cities and towns that meet this requirement. These cities and towns should be recognized and given publicity at all levels; Locale, Grande and Nationale. This recognition, hopefully, will encourage other cities and towns to do more for Veterans.

For more information check us out at <http://www.fortyandeight.org/> or <http://www.illfortyandeight.com/>

EXPENSE VOUCHER

Grande Voiture d' Illinois, La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

GRAND COMMISSAIRE INTENDANT COPY

Date: 27 April 20 19

Drawn to: _____ Official title: _____
 Street and number: _____ City, State _____ Zip: _____

Date:	Itemization of Expense:	Amount:
	TRANSPORTATION	
	From: _____ To: DeKalb, Il. _____ miles@\$0.15	
	From: DeKalb, Il. _____ To: _____ miles@\$0.15	
	HOTEL BILL	
	Hotel 1 Days @ \$ 20.00	
	TOTAL BILL	

The above expenses were incurred on Grande Voiture business account of 2019 Grand d' Illinois SPRING CHEMINOT as
Name of meeting, cause or nature of trip.

Authorized by the Official call of the Grand Chef de Gare. And are correct.

Approved: _____ Paid by Check No. _____ Signed: _____

NOTE: Checks for expenses cannot be originated until this form is completely filled out and signed by officer incurring expense.
 The Grand Correspondent will issue and mail check immediately upon approval of expense voucher.

Voyageur COPY

Date: 27 April 20 19

Drawn to: _____ Official title: _____
 Street and number: _____ City, State _____ Zip: _____

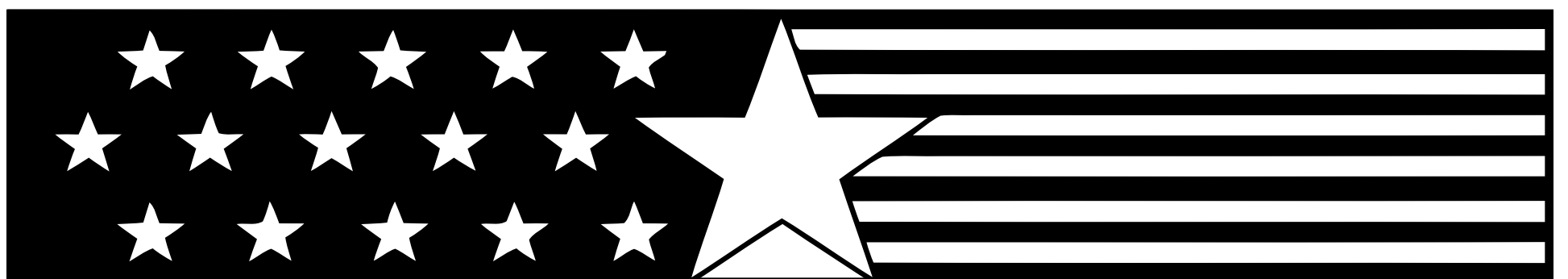
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	From: DeKalb, Il. _____ To: _____ miles@\$0.15	
	HOTEL BILL	
	Hotel 1 Days @ \$ 20.00	
	TOTAL BILL	

The above expenses were incurred on Grande Voiture business account of 2019 Grand d' Illinois SPRING CHEMINOT as
Name of meeting, cause or nature of trip.

Authorized by the Official call of the Grand Chef de Gare. And are correct.

Approved: _____ Paid by Check No. _____ Signed: _____

NOTE: Checks for expenses cannot be originated until this form is completely filled out and signed by officer incurring expense.
 The Grand Correspondent will issue and mail check immediately upon approval of expense voucher.



Call for Grand d' Illinois 2019 Spring Grand Cheminot



April 26 & 27 Friday & Saturday



Red Roof Inn & Suites

1212 W. Lincoln Highway • DeKalb, Illinois 60115

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

Michael Vance	Grand Chef de Gare
Paul Pardo	Chef de Train
Dwight Moss	Cheminot Nationale
Victor Martinka	Commissaire Intendant
Robert Harmon	Grand Correspondant
Richard Longfellow, Dist. 1	Grand Cheminot
Thomas Mlynek, Dist. 2	Grand Cheminot
Chris Hinton, Dist. 3	Grand Cheminot
Phil W. Travioli, Dist. 4	Grand Cheminot
Jerry Surrells, Dist. 5	Grand Cheminot
Jerome Stanford, Dist. 6	Grand Cheminot
Marvin Harris, Dist. 7	Grand Cheminot
Eric Kennedy, Dist. 8	Grand Cheminot
Alfonso Pizarro	Aide de Camp
Ralph Reed Jr.	Grand Gard de la Porte
Robert Przybylinski	Lampiste
Ted Canellos	Organizer North
James Taylor	Grand Organizer South
Casimir Noga Jr	Grand Conducteur

Richard Williams	Grand Aumonier
Robert Cearlock	Grand Avocat
Paul Frauenfelder	Grand Commis Voyageur
Victor Panaras	Grand Drapeau
Doug Babitzke	Grand Photographe
Verlin Funkhouser, Directeur	BUDGET WAYS and MEANS
James Watts, Directeur	VOITURE ACTIVITIES
Wally Hammond, Directeur	AMERICANISM & SPECIAL AWARDS
Robert Przybylinski	Audit Committee
Ted Lang	Audit Committee
Michael Mittelstaedt	Audit Committee
Peter Hirt, Directeur	Box Car Committee
Bernard Schwarz, DIRECTEUR	CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
Roy Weber, Directeur	LEGISLATIVE
Paul Pardo, Directeur	NURSES PROCUREMENT
Dave Moser, DIRECTEUR	POW/MIA
Terry Bigham, DIRECTEUR	RESOLUTIONS
William Frangquist	RITUAL DIRECTEUR

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

Those on official call and eligible for reimbursement may pick up their voucher at the registration table at the Red Roof Inn & Suites (Voiture Headquarters).

Business Session Saturday at 1:00 pm at the Red Roof Inn & Suites
Dress code for the business meeting is business casual

No Sunday Session

Grand Correspondant [acting]
Robert Cearlock

Grand Chef de Gare
Mike Vance

AGENDA

Saturday April 27, 2019

10:00 AM

Audit Committee meeting

Followed by

Budget, Ways & Means Committee meeting

Room TBA

1:00 PM

CHEMINOT MEETING

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 Gare – Mike Vance
 Welcome - Chef de Gare V-207

Grand Chef - Introduction of Guests, Visitors, Etc.
 Roll Call of Grand Officers- Acting Grand Correspondant Robert Cearlock
 Grand Chef De Gare Mike Vance
 Grand Chef De Train- Paul Pardo
 Cheminot Nationale – Victor Martinka
 Grand Avocat – Robert Cearlock
 Grand Commissaire Intendant - Victor Martinka
 Grand Aumonier – Richard Williams
 Acting Grand Correspondant- Robert Cearlock

Grand Cheminots

Richard Longfellow
 Thomas Mlynek
 Chris Hinton
 Phil W. Travioli
 Jerry Surrells
 Jerome Stanford
 Marvin Harris
 Eric Kennedy

1st District

2nd District
 3rd District
 4th District
 5th District
 6th District
 7th District
 8th District

Sous Cheminots

[open]
 Victor Panaras
 Paul King
 Verlin Funkhouser
 Harold Rose
 [open]
 Phillip Drum
 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)	John York (13)	Dwight Moss (18)

NOTION: To dispense with the reading of the Official Call

Approved: Non:

NOTION: To dispense with the reading of Minutes from Fall Cheminot.

Approved: Non:

NOTION: To approve expenses of 2019 Spring Grand Cheminot Meeting.

Approved: Non:

Resolution or pass for Grand Chef de Train per rotation from **District 7.**

Next in rotation is **District 6.** Then comes 8, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1

District Grand Cheminot Reports- [TBA from 4-25-19 Membership report]

	District;	Percentage
1		
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Grand Organizer North- Ted Canellos
 Sous Grand Organizer South – Robert Cearlock
 Grand Chef de Train – Paul Pardo
 Audit Report- Wally Hammond
 Budget Ways and Means- Verlin Funkhouser
 Program Directeurs

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Selection of Delegates to the Great Lakes Promenade.

The Grand Chef de Gare and Grand Correspondant are automatic Delegates.

DELEGATES

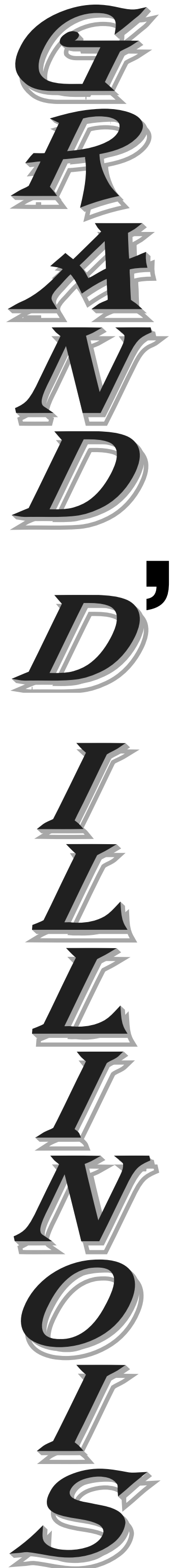
ALTERNATES

	DELEGATES		ALTERNATES
1	Grand Chef de Gare – Mike Vance	6	
2	Grand Correspondant – Bob Cearlock	8	
3		8	
4		9	
5		10	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Lakes Promenade – June 6, 7, 8 2019 Akron, Ohio
 FORTY AND EIGHT MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM –Information on National website
 Grand du Illinois Grand Promenade
 Grand du Illinois Fall Cheminot, TBA

Close of Spring Grand Cheminot by Grand Chef de Gare



Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Illinois Bicentennial Office announce, 'Honor 200' Recipients

Honor 200 Illinois Veterans on December 3, 2018

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Illinois Bicentennial Office announced the recipients of Bicentennial HONOR 200 today, honoring the work of 200 veterans who continue to make extraordinary contributions to the people of Illinois. "America is the greatest nation on earth because of the sacrifice of our veterans," said Governor Bruce Rauner. "We are proud to honor these 200 men and women as part of our Bicentennial celebration. Their service didn't stop when they took off their uniforms. They continue to be heroes among us by going above and beyond the call of duty to take care of the people in their communities."

"The Bicentennial HONOR 200 campaign is one of the most important commemorations of the yearlong Bicentennial Celebration," said Stuart Layne, Executive Director of the Bicentennial Commission. "These 200 Illinois veterans truly make us Illinois Proud."

All the Honor 200 recipients have been invited to attend the state's official 200th birthday celebration at the United Center in Chicago on December 3, 2018.

"Honor 200 provides us with an opportunity to showcase our veterans and the values they have when it comes to serving our communities," said IDVA Director Stephen Curda, Ph.D.

The recipients represent more than 50 counties across the state of Illinois. Nominees were evaluated based on their achievements, and on the extent to which their contributions have aided, benefited and provided inspiration to their community at large. In addition, nominees must have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. military and reside in Illinois. The IDVA and the Illinois Bicentennial Office are thankful for the support of Boeing, Walgreens, Peoples Gas and ComED, who are helping honor the 200 veterans at the Bicentennial birthday party.

For information on the Bicentennial go to www.illinois200.gov.

The Honor 200 recipients are:

First Name	Last Name	City
Daniel L	Acosta	Joliet
Robert M	Adams	Winfield
Jose	Alferez	Naperville
Ronald Steven (Steve)	Allen	Newman
Loyal (Andy)	Anderson	Mt. Carmel
Ronald	Archibald	Aurora
Robert A.	Arciola	Bartlett
Damon T.	Arnold	Chicago
James A	Balcer	Chicago
Stanley D	Banash	Chicago
Barry	Baron	Bourbonnais
Charles "Red"	Becker	Evansville
William R.	Beiersdorf	Arlington Hts.
Terrence J.	Benshoff	Glen Ellyn
Rex K.	Berry	Springfield
AC Homer Lee	Bizzle, III	Bellwood
Steve B.	Blinn	Orland Park
Stoy	Bliss	Maroa
Ethan	Blumhorst	Carbondale
John	Borling	Rockford
Patrick Walker	Brannan	Jacksonville
Andrew J "Doc"	Brown	Chicago
Bill	Browne	Hazel Crest
Sharon	Buchanan	Chicago
David "Scott"	Buennemeyer	Marseilles
Delmar	Buske	Litchfield
Patricia A.	Caire	Chicago
Stanley	Campbell	Rockford
Joe L.	Cherry, Jr.	Plainfield
Josue E.	Cordova	New Lenox
Mario	Cornelio	Shorewood
Brad	Cox	Springfield
Rochelle	Crump	Hazelcrest
Carlos Enrique	Cruz	Oswego
Robert M	Davis	South Holland
Thomas J.	Day	Berwyn
John Henry "Dutch"	DeGroot	Mt. Prospect
Daren S.	Dietmeier	Aledo
Stacey	Dixon	Chicago
Gardner T.	Douglas	Chicago
Thomas Michael	Dubelbeis	Orland Park
Charlie	Dukes	Georgetown
Patrick John	Dunham	Lindenhurst
Gary	Eisenhower, Sr.	Freeport
John	Espinoza	Rock Falls
Craig A.	Essick	Elgin
William Joseph	Fanning	Fowler
Edward M.	Farmer	Chicago
Felipe	Ferrer	Elk Grove Village
Rodney J.	Fink	Macomb
Beverly A.	Fitch	Calumet City
Steven	Fixler	Wheaton
Jorge	Fonseca	Bolingbrook
Dr. Clarice R.	Ford	Springfield
Thomas	Ford	Mt. Carmel
Candy	Gann	Havana
Joan H.	Garvert	Springfield
Sharon	Gaston	Burnham
Thomas Green	Gilder, Jr.	Lake Barrington
Bradley P.	Gould	Rantoul
Michael P.	Graffis	Tinley Park
Ernest	Gregory	Meredosia
SFC Frank	Gutierrez	Chicago
William	Haine	Alton
Lawrence W.	Hallstrom, LTC	Dunlap
Daryl	Hancock	Collinsville
Thomas	Harness	Carterville
Major Gen. David	Harris	Arlington Hts.
Derrick K.	Harris	Chicago
Michael M.	Hartman	Mendota
James	Harvey	Elgin
Robert M	Healy	Schaumburg
Julius	Hegler	Danville
David M.	Helfrich	Freeburg
Gary Charles	Henning	Freeburg
Paul Joseph	Hettich	Antioch
James	Hobson	Chicago
Eugene L.	Hollaway	Chester
Michael	Holub	Berwyn
Joshua	Huey	Streator
Dona Carol	Huffman	Chandlerville
Dale H.	Hunter	Springfield
Robert	Iverson, III	Broadview
William T	Jackson	Forsyth
Raymond P.	Jakubiak	Naperville
Tyler	Janiak	Princeton
Donald Lee	Jennings	Waverly
Tommy "Tom" Lee	Jones	Pingree Grove
Arleigh	Jones	Tuscola
David	Kamppwerth	Highland
Gregory	Kelm	Belvidere
James	Kerr, Sr.	Rock Island
John	Kowalski	Scheller
Michael Edward	Lake	Des Plaines
Frank Robert	Langenhorst	Germantown
Jimmie D.	Lansford	Streator
Clifford	Lauderdale	Shorewood
Matthew Lee	Lawson	Winchester
Art	Leach	Odell
David D	Lewis	Girard
Col. Anthony P.	Libri, Jr.	New Berlin
Vincent R	Long	Beason
Alberto	Lopez	Elgin
Dale H.	Lovekamp	Beardstown

First Name	Last Name	City
Herschel L.	Luckinbill	Montgomery
Allen	Lynch	Gurnee
Gerald L.	Mahr	Mt. Auburn
Albert	Mampre	Skokie
Marie	Marcotte	Washington
James R.	Marshall	Topeka
Victor	Martinka	Plainfield
Lisa Ann	Mattingly	Winfield
William D	Maune	Park Forest
John L.	McCorkle	Jacksonville
Terrence J.	McDonald	Markham
Joseph P.	McKeown	Elgin
Philip H.	Mette	Effingham
John Albert	Metzger	Benton
John Joseph	Micetich	Coal City
Maryna	Misiewicz	Freeport
James H	Mukoyama, Jr.	Glenview
Eric	Murphy	Chatham
Louis	Myers, Jr.	Petersburg
Virginia A.	Narsete	Lisle
Larry E.	Nazimek	Chicago
William L.	Neuman	Waverly
Dennis, L	Nilsson	Niles
William J	Nissen	Lake Bluff
Christopher J.	O'Donnell	Winnetka
Stanley	Olenjack	Bradley
Anthony	O'Neal	Girard
Timothy George	O'Neil	Roselle
Greg	Padovani	Arlington Heights
Ralph	Pechanio	Elmhurst
Leo Walter	Penkala	Wheaton
Larry	Perrine	Quincy
Frederick (Fritz)	Pfister	Chatham
John	Picciolo	Lockport
Kathie	Powless	Blue Mound
John C.	Preston	Redbud
Jennifer	Pritzker	Chicago
Robert W	Reichert	Woodridge
Sam	Rice	Toulon
Diane Leslee	Richardson	Belleville
Ned B.	Ricks	Gurnee
Ernest	Rinella	Marion
Wilbert	Rolves	Carlyle
Thomas F.	Root	Princeton
Dustin	Row	Columbia
Alan W.	Rowe	Ottawa
Mallory D.	Russell	Lawrenceville
James	Sabella	O'Fallon
Benjamin Drew	Sanders	Joliet
Oscar Harrison	Sanders, Jr.	Anna
Roy Brown	Sartin	Chicago
Lawrence J.	Sassorossi	Highland Park
Joseph S.	Schaler	Lincoln
Blake	Schroedter	Effingham
John	Schwan	So. Barrington
Roger	Schwengel	Quincy
John Williams	Scifers	Hainesville
Delbert Leon	Seaton	Streamwood
Nick D.	Seefeld	Aledo
John Walter	Shaw	Naperville
Ronald	Singer	Geneva
Lt. Col. Sarah D.	Smith	Edwardsville
C.O.	Smith	Jacksonville
Kevin	Smith	Orland Park
Victor A.	Somoza	Crystal Lake
Robert	Spears	Knoxville
Vincent J	Speranza	Auburn
J.D. "Butch"	Spindler	Robinson
Cheri L.	Stanton (Clayton)	Monmouth
Robert	Statam	Chicago
Dennis	Thompson	Alsip
Eugene Kenneth	Thompson	Marseilles
Aaron P	Thorpe	Macomb
Dennis	Tipword	East Peoria
Raymond E.	Torres	Sterling
Lauralee A.	Treece	Waverly
Darrel	Tucker	Clinton
Angela Denise	Tyler	Chicago
Richard J.	Van Pelt	Manteno
Rogelio	Villa	Chicago
Bruce David	Voges	St. Joseph
Michael E.	Walton	Springfield
Rodney	Wangelin	LaSalle
Craig	Warner	Vernon Hills
Dawn Renee	Whitcomb	Quincy
Earl M.	White	Salem
Thomas P	Wilczak	Romeoville
Eli	Williamson	Chicago
Derrick	Winding	Chicago
William	Wolff	Bloomington
Winston	Woodard, III	Oak Lawn
Chad T.	Woodburn	El Paso
James Hector	Word	Steeleville
Frank	Wozniak	Lemont
Edward N	Wright	Jacksonville
Roy E.	Ziegler	Taylorville

MILITARY SECRETS

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A lot of life's problems can be explained by the applications of the common sense from these recently declassified Military Secrets

'Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you.'

Q: What's the difference between a copilot and a jet engine?
A: The jet engine stops whining when the plane shuts down.

USAF Heritage Formation, Edwards AFB, 2005; F-117 Stealth Fighter, F-16D Fighting Falcons (Vipers), F-22A Raptor

'There are bold pilots, and old pilots, but very few old bold pilots.'

- 1930s Army Air Corps Sign

C-17A Globemaster III

'There is no reason to jump out of a perfectly good airplane.'

- Sign at Pope AFB C-130 Squadron that supports Fort Bragg Airborne

F/A-18F Super Hornet going transonic

'Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do.'

- Unknown Marine Recruit

'Don't draw fire, it irritates the people around you.'

Advice to new guy

A-10 Thunderbolt II (Warthog)

'If your attack is going well, you have walked into an ambush.'

- Vietnam era Army Training Guide

'If the enemy is in range, so are you.'

- Infantry Journal

'Tracers work both ways.'

- Army Ordnance Manual

'Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid.'

- Col. David Hackworth

A good landing is when you can walk away from the plane. A great landing is when you can reuse the plane.

- On the wall of the student pilots rest room Columbus AFB MS, 1974

RAAF F-111 Switchblade (Aardvark)

'Don't ever be the first, don't ever be the last, and don't ever volunteer for anything.'

US Navy

'If something hasn't broken on your helicopter, it's about to.'

CH-53 Super Stallion

- Sign over Carrier Group Operations Desk

CH-47 Chinook

'The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.'

C-130 Hercules, AKA "Blue Angel Fat Albert" JATO rocket assist

'Flashlights are tubular metal containers kept in a flight bag for the purpose of storing dead batteries.'

When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten.'

- Infantry Journal

'Five second grenade fuses last about three seconds.'

- Infantry Journal

Blue Angels flying Line Abreast, F/A-18C Hornet

BASIC FLYING RULES. Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, and trees. It is much more difficult to fly there.'

- WWII Undergraduate Pilot Training Sign

Nothing is so good for the morale of the troops as to occasionally see a dead general.

- Field Marshal Slim

USN Blue Angels F/A-18C Hornet

If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible.

- Bob Hoover, renowned aerobatic & test pilot

'Friendly fire - isn't.'

'Radios will fall as soon as you desperately need fire support.'

F/A-18C Hornet Carrier Take-off

Aim towards the Enemy.

- Instruction printed on US Rocket Launcher

'Airspeed, altitude, and brains. Two of these are always necessary to successfully complete the mission. The three most useless things in aviation are: Fuel in the bowser; Runway behind you; and Air above you.'

- Basic Flight Training Manual

A-7 Corsair II

'If it's stupid but it works, it isn't stupid.'

- Naval Ops Manual

C-130J Super Hercules

'Things that must be together to work, usually can't be shipped together.'

- Supply Training Manual

'No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection.'

- Joe Gay

'No inspection-ready unit has done well in combat.'

- Annon

Having lost sight of our objectives we need to redouble our efforts.

USS Theodore Roosevelt

'Any ship can be a minesweeper. Once.'

- Naval Ops Manual

'The easy way is always mined.'

- Army Special Ops Manual

RNAP C-130 Hercules

'What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots? If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies; but if ATC screws up ... the pilot dies.'

- Sign over Control Tower Door

'If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up with him.'

- Infantry Journal

C-130 Hercules

'Anything you do can get you shot, including doing nothing'

- Ranger Manual

'Flying the airplane is more important than radioing your "plight" to a person on the ground incapable of understanding or doing anything about it.'

- Emergency Checklist

'Teamwork is essential, it gives them someone else to shoot at.'

- Squadron Officers School Class Theme

B-52H Stratofortress (BUFF) bomber

'Cluster bombing from B-52s is very, very accurate. The bombs always hit the ground'

- US Air Force

a real mechanic

Pilots, please taxi up close when stumping your fuel cell. You may have lower manifold pressure and shorter exhaust stacks than you realized.'

- Sign over men's urinal, Casey Jones Flying Service, Ontario OR 1968

'The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you.'

- Attributed to Max Stanley (Northrop test pilot)

AH-64 Apache

'Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword, obviously never encountered automatic weapons.'

- General MacArthur

Canadian T-33 Jet Trainer test ejection

'If you hear me yell: "Eject, Eject, Eject!", the last two will be echos. If you stop to ask "Why?", you'll be talking to yourself, because by then you'll be the pilot.'

- Pre-flight briefing from an F-15 Pilot

Canadian T-33 Jet Trainer test ejection

'A Purple Heart just proves that were you smart enough to think of a plan, stupid enough to try it, and lucky enough to survive.'

Sukhoi SU-27 Fencer Eject test

Just remember, if you crash because of weather, your funeral will be held on a sunny day.'

'It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed.'

- US Air Force Manual



DECLASSIFIED

USAF HC-130 King Bird & USMC CH-53E Super Stallion

"An airplane is built to inherently want to fly. A helicopter is a compromised design that inherently wants to thrash itself apart." - 939 Rescue Wing Squadron lounge sign for HC-130 and HH-60 pilots

F-16C Fighting Falcon From Moody AFB GA, in Iraq

"If you find yourself in a fair fight, you didn't plan your mission properly." - David Hackworth
When you're short of everything but the enemy, you're in combat.

F-22 Raptor

"Never trade luck for skill."
"Without ammunition, the Air Force is just an expensive flying club."

RAF Harrier Jump Jet

Everyone wants peace - and they will fight the most terrible war to get it. - Miles Kingston

SR-71 Blackbird (Sleed)

"You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3." - Paul F. Crickmore (SR-71 test pilot)

SR-71 Blackbird, the fastest operational aircraft in the world

"There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime." - Sign over Squadron Ops Desk at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ.

SR-71 Blackbird

"Yea, Though I Fly Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I Shall Fear No Evil, for I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing." - Sign over SR-71 Wing Ops

CH-46D Sea Knight

"If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage it has to be a helicopter and therefore, unsafe." - Fixed Wing Pilot

B-1B - Lancer (Bone)

We are not retreating, we are advancing in another direction.

F-4E Phantom II Osan AFB Republic of Korea

You don't win a war by dying for your country. You win a war by making the other son-of-a-bitch die for his. - Gen George S. Patton
Make it tough enough for the enemy to get in and you won't be able to get out. - WWII Infantry Manual

B-2 Spirit & C-130 Hercules

"When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane, you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash." - Multi-Engine Training Manual

A-10 Thunderbolt II

"When in doubt, empty the magazine." - Korean War Advice
As a test pilot climbs out of an experimental plane having crashed tearing off the wings and tail, crash trucks arrive. A rescuer asks bloodied pilot, "What happened?" The pilot replies, "I don't know, I just got here myself!"

CV-22 Osprey

"Flexibility is the key to tactical success. Indecision is the key to flexibility"

C-40B (737-700) Combat Commander Transport

If an airplane is still in one piece, don't cheat on it; ride the bastard down. - Ernest K. Gann, author & aviator
"Now I know what a dog feels like watching TV." - AF C-9 (DC-9) copilot attempting to check out in a 'glass cockpit' C-40 (Boeing 737)

F-16C Fighting Falcon

"You know that your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the terminal." - Lead-in Fighter Training Manual

F-16C Fighting Falcon

"Mankind has a perfect record in aviation - we have never left one up there!" - Unknown Author
"Sometimes I think war is God's way of teaching us geography." - Paul Rodriguez

Blue Angels F-18Cs fly over Liberty Island and The Statue Of Liberty

There are more planes in the ocean than submarines in the sky. - Blue water Navy truism
Coffee tastes better if the latrines are dug downstream from an encampment. - US Army Field Regulations, 1961

USAF Thunderbird Demonstration Team F-16C Fighting Falcon

The three most common military aviation expressions (or famous last words) are: "Did you feel that?", "What's that noise?" and "Oh Shit!"

Thunderbird ejection prior to crash - pilot failed to set altimeter correctly before airshow

"A good battle plan that you act on today can be better than a perfect one tomorrow." - Gen George S. Patton

F/A-18C Hornet - carrier landing approach

"The three best things in life are: A good landing, a good orgasm, and, a good bowel movement. The night carrier landing is one of the few opportunities in life where you get to experience all three at the same time!" - Ready room sign, USS Enterprise, 1969, Gulf of Tonkin

F-16C Fighting Falcon Misawa Japan

Tower received a call from a crew asking, "What time is it please?" Tower responded, "Who is calling?" The crew replied, "What difference does it make?" Tower replied "It makes a lot of difference. If it is an American Airlines flight, it is 3 o'clock. If it is an Air Force plane, it is 1500 hours. If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells. If it is an Army aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3. If it is a Marine corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon and 120 minutes to "Happy Hour."
"When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend." - USMC

A-10 Thunderbolt II (Warthog) strafing with a 30 mm GAU-8 six barrel Gatling gun cannon

"Incoming fire has the right of way." - Marine adage
"No man is a leader until his appointment is ratified in the minds and hearts of his men" - Anonymous, "The Infantry Journal"

Military Secrets

The End
CO-PILOT CHECKLIST
I DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING
I KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT



2018 Grand Calendar Winners

Date	Prize	Number	Name	Voiture	Seller
1/5/18	\$50	1230	Darrell Geiling	V-287	Lanny Flemming
1/12/18	50	120	Mary Ann Burt	V-405	Ralph Reed
1/19/18	50	172	A.L. Post # 13	V-796	Ron Alan
1/26/18	100	907	Mike Barney	V-409	Ernie Rocket
2/2/18	50	1071	Jerry Surrells	V-812	Jerry Surrells
2/9/18	50	43	Jennifer Mechling	V-287	Curt Clough
2/16/18	50	872	Ray Panaras	V-220	Vic Panaras
2/23/18	100	27	V-405	V-405	Ralph Reed
3/2/18	50	803	CodyOgle	V-524	Verlin Funmkhouser
3/9/18	50	1303	Dave Scott Sr.	v-1170	Chris Hinton
3/16/18	50	622	Juan Soliz	V-220	Vic Panaras
3/23/18	50	114	Owen Martin	V-405	Ralph Reed
3/30/18	100	604	Bill Franquist	V=604	Bill Franquist
4/6/18	50	1092	Norma Schalk	V-1439	Roy Weber
4/13/18	50	433	LaChatau V-433	V-433	V-433
4/20/18	50	673	Pat Banks	V-409	Ernie Rocket
4/27/18	100	692	Kriss Schrader	V-207	Frank Berierlotzer
5/4/18	50	1236	Marty Conatser	V-238	Bob Henderson
5/11/18	50	989	Kathryn Rein	V-985	V-985
5/18/18	50	1427	Roxann Richardson	V-812	Jim Watts
5/25/18	100	365	Charles A Slockeney	V=812	Robert Blue
5/28/18	100	863	Gerald Vance	V-860	Mike Vance
6/1/18	50	1030	Dave Moser	V-433	Paul King
6/8/18	50	417	Michael Shaw	V-409	Ernie Rocket
6/14/18	100	1307	Don L Meyer Sr	V-1170	V-1170
6/15/18	50	1469	Don Ludwig	V-409	Richard Longfellow
6/22/18	50	10	Jay Funkhouser	V-594	Verlin Funkhoiser
6/29/18	100	1227	Linda Curran	V-287	Curt Clough
7/4/18	100	977	Linda Alumbaugh	V-287	Curt Clough
7/6/18	50	1085	Kipp O'Connell	V-220	Al Pizzarro
7/13/18	50	237	Peter Chinnici	V-796	Vic Martinka
7/20/18	50	114	Owen Martin	V-405	Ralph Reed
7/27/18	100	240	George Colclasure	V-234	Bob Henderson
8/3/18	50	1304	John Draminski	V-1170	V-1170
8/10/18	50	674	Doug Hoyle	V-409	Ernie Rocket
8/17/18	50	1451	Dotti Bourgart	V-220	Peter Hirt
8/24/18	50	1060	Larry Furry	V-594	Verlin Funkhouser
8/31/18	100	397	Ed Robeert	V-391	Jim Taylor
9/7/18	50	1075	Jerry Surrells	V-812	Jerry Surrells
9/14/18	50	937	Charlie Flood	V-220	Charlie Flood
9/21/18	50	236	Carmen Iacullo	V-796	Vic Martinka
9/28/18	100	1052	Phoebe Johnson	V-594	Verlin Funkhouser
10/5/18	50	425	Larry Soberg	V-594	Larry nSoberg
10/12/18	50	1258	Maria V Gutierrez	V-220	Peter Hirt
10/19/18	50	1426	Nataleigh Richardson	V-812	Jim Watts
10/26/18	100	871	Daiva Panaras	V-220	Vic Panaras
11/2/18	50	418	Bobbie Jo Alvarado	V-409	Ernie Rocket
11/9/18	50	93	Kim Burman	V-860	Michael Vance
11/11/18	100	431	Louise Canellos	V-433	Cabane V-433
11/16/18	50	571	Lyle Wright	V-405	John Wright
11/23/18	50	208	John Chatellier	V-207	Frank Beierlotzer
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12/28/18	50	676	Dennis Howard	V-409	Ernie Rocket

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THE BACK NINE

I FIRST STARTED READING THIS EMAIL & WAS READING FAST TIL I REACHED THE THIRD SENTENCE. I STOPPED AND STARTED OVER READING SLOWER AND THINKING ABOUT EVERY WORD. THIS EMAIL IS VERY THOUGHT PROVOKING. MAKES YOU STOP AND THINK.

READ SLOWLY!

You know .. Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is.. The back nine of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than I...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant..but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will.. I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's over for here. A new and better adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done.

It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the back nine yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life....so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY ! HAVE A GREAT DAY ! Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

LASTLY, CONSIDER THIS:

- Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect!
- Going out is good.. Coming home is better!
- You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV 'ON' than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".
- You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..
- You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"...???
- You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS !!

Stay well, "OLDER FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Older Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!! It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN; YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS



Forty & Eight Memorial Day Committee

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December 28, 2018

TO: All Concerned

SUBJECT: Memorial Day 2019

Dear Voyageurs and Dames:

Each year, the Forty & Eight Memorial Day Committee hosts Memorial Day weekend events, culminating in a wreath-laying by the Chef de Chemin de Fer and La Presidente Nationale at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

The weekend is truly one to remember, and open to all who would like to attend. The events are largely financed through the Program Book, so even if you cannot attend, please consider buying an ad or becoming a booster.

One tradition started a few years ago was handing out flags to all who enter the Amphitheater at Arlington Cemetery. This is only done by the 40&8ers who attend, and requires about 10,000 flags. Can you imagine the sense of pride we feel, looking out over the full amphitheater and watching the sea of red, white, and blue as the Armed Forces band plays God Bless America and other patriotic songs? Anyone who can help this effort by making a donation will have his name listed in the program book. (The 40&8 Magazine will contain a Registration Form, as well as information for Ad, Booster, and Flag support; we are enclosing a copy of the information here as well.)

We hope to see you this Memorial Day Weekend!

For the Good of La Societe,

Dick George

Dick George
President, 40&8 Memorial Day Committee

FORTY AND EIGHT MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

LA SOCIETE DES QUARANTE HOMMES ET HUIT CHEVAUX

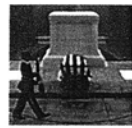
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Make checks payable to "Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee" and mail to Alvin R George Jr, 3384 Monarch Lane, Annandale, VA. 22003, so as to be received no later than 10 May 2019.

Money collected at _____ (place/event) Date: _____

MEMORIAL DAY IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



The Forty and Eight Memorial Day Ceremony is an annual event hosted by the 40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee. Planning for the weekend starts in October for the next year's Memorial Day Ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery. The Sunday evening banquet includes the Calvin Kain Memorial Service. Monday is a solemn occasion when we attend and participate in the National Memorial Day Ceremony at the Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery. At this event, Voiture Nationale and Cabane Nationale Drapeaux are marched into the Amphitheater. After Memorial Day addresses are given by the President of the United States and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chef de Chemin de Fer and La Presidente Nationale are invited to present a wreath at the tomb of the Unknowns. This is the only time that the 40 & 8 and La Femme leaders are recognized publicly by the US Government.

In 2001 we started a tradition of giving a US Flag to everyone entering the amphitheater. Because this requires about 10,000 flags, the committee requests donations. If you can help, please send your contribution to the Committee (as shown on the registration form). All donors will be listed in the Program Book. This is truly a weekend to remember and it is OPEN to everyone who would like to attend. Because of limited space, we recommend you register early.

The weekend is largely financed by the Memorial Day Program Book, so even if you are unable to attend, please consider purchasing an ad or being a booster.

Alvin R. "Dick" George, President
Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee



FORTY AND EIGHT MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM
May 25th - May 27th 2019

REGISTRATION & RESERVATION
(Please Print or Type)



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IF REGISTERING FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON, PLEASE LIST NAMES BELOW WITH CURRENT TITLE

Table with columns: Event, Cost Per, How Many, Total. Rows include Registration (\$25.00), Banquet (\$30.00), Donation for Flags, Program Ads, Boosters, and TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED.

Attendees must make their own hotel reservations prior to April 24, 2019. Room rates are \$109.00, Holiday Inn Express; 8180 Silverbrook Road; Lorton, VA 22079. Call 1-703-643-3100, mention 40&8/American Legion. Make checks payable to: Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee, and mail to: Alvin R. George, Jr.; 3384 Monarch Lane; Annandale, VA 22003 Phone: 703-403-1972 E-Mail ads should be in Word Document Format.



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Those Who
Have Served and
Have Perished

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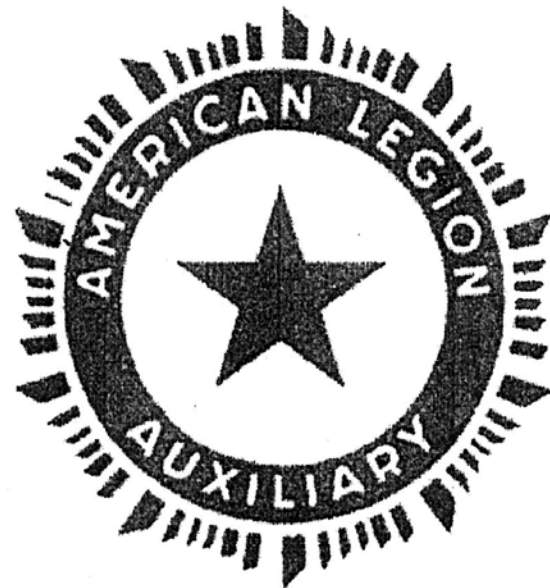
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