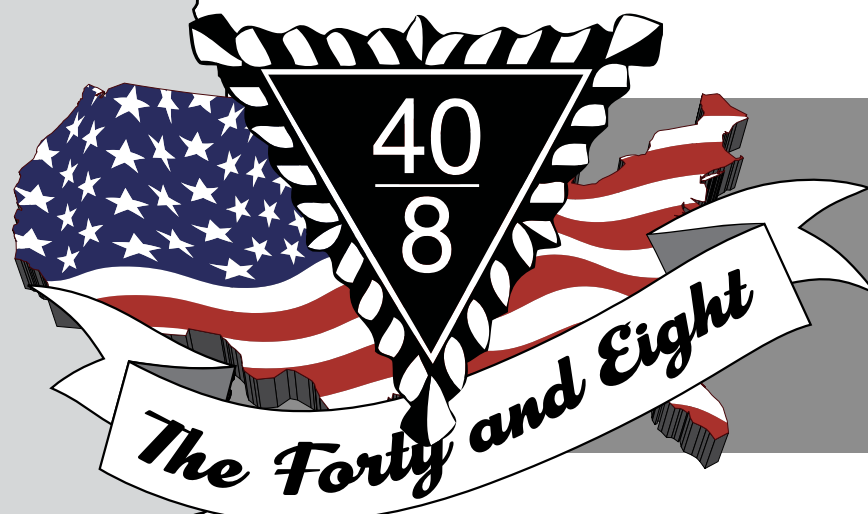


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## GRAND CHEF DE GARE PAUL PARDO



Once again I find myself against the clock. A note from Robert Cearlock on my 'puter telling me I'm overdue for a message to you. I'm sorry but sometimes with the lockdown and the pandemic hanging over our shoulders I tend to forget you are waiting for words from me.

Well it's that time of year again, the spooky critters have been out and about causing untold misery to those who enjoy

a quiet night at home watching their favorite program on TV, but fear not it is only the one night (I hope) and then things will get back to something resembling normal.

I have been hearing from several sources that what we have now is our new normal. I refuse to accept this as normal. And I hope you do too. To me normal is being able to go where and when I want without restrictions. To me normal is not having the governor telling me to rat out my neighbors if they are not adhering to his guidelines. (Why does that sound so much like communist Russa?) To me normal is full employment for all who want a job and who believe in the free will of the people. Those things (and others) are normal in my book and I hope they are in yours too.

The coming holidays will be (what will seem like the blink of an eye) here before we know it and I hope you are ready for it. Yes, it will be different this year, so I strongly suggest you

get your purchasing done well in advance. I have heard there are specials on masks (the Lone Ranger is jealous) and hand soap, and sanitizer, and space available on aircraft.

Some time ago I had to drive over the thanksgiving holiday. I would be driving from Norfolk, Nebraska, to (if I remember correctly) central Washington state, near Moses Lake, WA. This was, again not a trip I was looking forward to because of the holiday coming up and I'd missed plenty of them while in the service. Be that as it may, I left Norfolk NE and headed west across the seemingly endless prairie. As I was driving along, I had these thoughts as I watched families gathering to enjoy the specialness of the day.

### WHISPERINGS FROM THE ROAD

(A Teamsters Thanksgiving)

The harvest is done, all manner of crops in mill, silo, or bin, and the machines of husbandry sleep within their sheds await-

ing a new beginning. Beasts of field, stable, and paddock consume the last vestiges of summer's wealth. The lights of ranch, and home on either side blend in front of me, to become the lights of a city which shine and sparkle like the jewels of a ladies necklace.

The sun peeks thorough a break on the horizon and the orange glow upon the clouds, like the embers of a fire, warms the soul. Night descends upon the prairie with the quiet stillness of a whisper. My tires, running in the groves of the pavement sing to me: "When do we sleep? When do we sleep? When ....?"

In the falling light I see grasses reaching as tall as a horses haunch. Two, four, six teams of reins in my grasp, to pull the freight wagon upon which I sit. Within are goods for the pioneers of this land, settlers who will turn this emptiness into a bounty heretofore unknown. And they leave their mark upon the land where hoof and wheel dig trenches across the reaches.

Yet do my tires sing to me: When do we sleep? When do we sleep?

I wake from my sleepless dream to horses now caged within steel and plastic. Five hundred steeds pull my load effortlessly down a ribbon of concrete. We glide along into the deepening night; my touch on the wheel as soft and gentle, as a silk scarf brushing the bare shoulders of my love. Within the homes I pass families now sit to their meal, and give praise to their God, thankful for the bounty of the soil.

And the night wind whispers my name across the echoes of time: "Star Dancer," it calls, until at last, far to the west, I close my eyes to the darkness of the night.

Llance P.  
c/w 1 Nov 2005

My friends and fellow Voyagers be safe, be careful as you drive the nation's highways, and remember we have your back if you need us.

Yours in service.

## PRIVATE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE HONORS THE FALLEN IN CENTRALIA

May 25, 2020 | by Bruce Kropp

Those who lost their lives protecting our country were honored during a Memorial Day program held at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery north of Centralia on Monday.

Unlike the normal program where everyone is invited to remember the sacrifices of those before us, this time it was held privately due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mike Sutherland of Hillcrest Memorial Park and the Sutherland Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Center questioned if there was any place in the world where American blood had not been shed to keep us free.

"Even though it is small and private we could not and would not let this day go without doing something to show our 'thank you' for their service to all those who have been so good in keeping us free."

The guest speaker was Bill Adams, Commander, U.S. Navy, Retired.

"As we celebrate the selfless and untiring performances of the healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, it brings to mind the military medics, doctors, and nurses who sacrificed their lives while treating others on the battlefields."

Adams shared some of their stories and then noted heroes past and present in many fields who need to be remembered.

"Not all heroes working during the COVID-19 pandemic are in the health care industry. Grocers, first responders, delivery workers, and drive through restaurant employees are just a few of the many people that we rely on to provide vital services for society while risking their own safety. The military also has heroes in every occupational field. Truck drivers, cooks, administrative clerks have all paid the ultimate price. At sea,

on land, and in the air, military service requires great risk."

Departed comrades were then honored with a Three-Volley Salute followed by Don Beaty playing Taps.

The annual program is sponsored by the Hillcrest Memorial Park, Sutherland Garnier Funeral Home and all of the veteran organizations in Centralia including the American Legion, VFW, Vietnam Veterans of America, Egyptian Gateway Disabled American Veterans, Marion County 40 & 8, AMVETS, Daughters of the American Revolution and American War Mothers.



Bill Adams, Commander, U.S. Navy, Retired, is the guest speaker at the 2020 Memorial Day Program at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Centralia American Legion Commander Bill Helpingstine introduced Adams and is standing next to him. Photo by Pat Hodges.



Hundreds of U.S. Flags are placed out at Hillcrest Memorial Park to mark Memorial Day. Photo by Pat Hodges.

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# CHEF DE TRAIN PETE HIRT

## RENEW. RETAIN. RECRUIT



an deserves to become a grouchy old person, they have earned that right. I look forward to the time I can yell at the kids to get off the grass. But, when we're going about the process of the three "R's", perhaps trying to be amicable might be the solution.

Everyone has seen and heard this before. Lately, all three have become equally difficult to do.

I have noticed, talking with fellow veterans, that many of the gray-beards want to emulate Andy Rooney. This beloved World War II veteran wrote articles about the Army Air Corps. Later, he became America's favorite curmudgeon. I believe that every veter-

The situation in the state poses some problems. I would suggest that miracle invention known as a telephone. When you call to check on the welfare of your friends, ask about a possible recruit they know. The telephone may be the best way to get three Voyageurs to sponsor the application, unless your Voiture actually does have Promenades.

Stay safe, stay strong!



# CHEMINOT NATIONAL MIKE VANCE



July after the Department of Illinois American Legion Convention.

During these times, it is more important than ever that we borrow from the American Legion and social media platforms the BUDDY CHECK to keep track of our membership the active members that we see on a regular basis as well as those that have not been seen or heard from in a while. Those members that have not been seen or heard from need a visit or a phone call at the very least. It is often heard and goes without saying that membership is the life blood of all our programs.

It was good to see everyone who was able to attend the socially distanced Fall Cheminot meeting in Effingham. It appears that with the COVID 19 pandemic ruling the landscape, the word normal may come with huge question marks for some time yet. There is an old expression that says, "If you want to make God laugh just tell HIM YOUR plans!" That is proving true for the 40 & 8 as well as most all the veterans and other organizations. However, plans are still being made for the best-case scenario for the Spring Cheminot meeting in Kewanee and the Grand Promenade in Raymond at the Magnuson Hotel. As soon as I contact the hotel, I will have more details but I'm looking at dates in late June after the Great Lakes Promenade or else the last 2 weeks of

Another vital aspect of any organization is communication. In some cases, the "I heard" network is seemingly faster and more reliable than through actual channels, but then there are always those who say, "I didn't know." We need to make sure that ALL the moving parts of our communication chain are connected to each other and the proverbial left hand knows what the right hand is doing.

I hope to see everyone down the road at the Spring Cheminot Meeting and Grand Promenade, Good Lord willing and COVID don't rise!!!



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# SCHUYLER CO VOITURE #1100



Schuyler Co Voiture #1100, Post #4 members and volunteers putting up flags in front of the courthouse and around the square in downtown Rushville to observe 'Smiles Day' (the date WW1 veterans came home).

Even though there was no parade or other festivities this year due to Covid, residents found other ways to honor veterans. Pic courtesy Rushville Times.

## GRAND AVOCAT BOB CEARLOCK



Cheminot for their District to gather and disseminate information, nominate candidates for office, both elected and appointed, and become familiar with the Voyageurs of their Districts. This must be completed at least thirty days prior to the Spring Grand Cheminot.

The shut down caused us to look long and hard at the National Constitution as well as all of the Grand Constitutions and Bylaws. That look revealed that there was no provision for a National or State disaster allowing the rescheduling or voting in any other manner than in person. Moreover, this cannot be corrected until we have Grand and Nationale Promenades to vote on the necessary changes.

So, what can we do to sustain La Société until we get through this mess?

I think there are several things;

- We can all vow to check on our fellow Voyageurs at least once a month or more if we find they are under the weather or have a hard time.
- Let's authorize our Locale Leaders to pay the Voiture dues and then collect them as the Voyageurs are able to return.
- Support the Programs by buying pins and donating to the Programs your Voiture has supported in the past.
- We need to communicate within our Locale and District to encourage, select and nominate new Officers for the Locale, District, and Grand.
- Keep up to date with what

is going on in the Grand and Nationale. Both have websites that will keep you informed.

• We need to review our Constitutions and Bylaws and get them in sync with Nationale.

• We need to come up with new ways to raise funds in this locked down mode of life.

• It is imperative that we determine venues for Grand events in sufficient advance to allow Voyageurs to plan to attend. Details of the events such as agendas and extracurricular activities can be added prior to the event.

In short, we have to plan ahead and be ready to hit the ground running when this over. Plans can be changed or tweaked as necessary, but it takes time to develop a plan, and last-minute plans usually are not successful.

The Child Welfare Eagle raffle still has tickets available. The drawing will not be held until all are sold. Contact Vic Martinka or me for further information.

The Public Relations report for Illinois is published elsewhere in this edition.

There are several distressed Voitures who have or are planning to surrender their Charters in Grand d' Illinois. Some are transferring members to other Voitures but unfortunately the majority are just walking away! If you know any of these Voyageurs call and ask to stay. Some have told me that they haven't heard from anyone in a couple of years.

## GRAND CORRESPONDANT WALLY HAMMOND



I hope all of you and your families are well and staying safe as this Pandemic continues to hang on, fueled by the regular Flu season, and no vaccine predicted to be available in the near future. Wear a mask, wash your hands and social distance, and we will get to fight another Day.

I want to thank Phillip Mette and Ralph Rounds, and the members of V-1439, for hosting the Fall Cheminot meeting on Sept. 26th. We had an outside venue and all went well. The hospitality was excellent and the attendance was good considering all we have to deal with these days. Great job V-1439!

The 2020 year is almost over and it seems like it just got started! Isn't it ironic that each day seems to drag by at a snail's pace, then BAM all of a sudden, we have a deadline or some other demand right in front of us. I think that is what they call procrastination!!

Membership is being reported at a slower pace than it should be. We have gotten into a "last minute" routine of collecting our members' dues! They are due starting August 1st. There are still some "GOOSE EGGS" in the Grand. Ask "OB 1" what he got for having a "GOOSE

EGG". Joking aside it is time to get rid of them and collect dues for 2021. Let's try and get-r-done by 12/31. That's the last day our members will be in good standing! Encourage members to consider a Life Membership, not a lot and never have to be bugged again. Wouldn't that be a relief!

It is never good news when we lose a Locale in our Grand. Another Locale has contacted us about turning in their Charter. They are not active and don't want to remain Voyageurs because of their ages. We are never too old to be a 40/8'er. Please consider transferring to another Locale if yours turns in your Charter. You are important!

The Grand Directeurs of our Programs should be encouraging you to get the Programs that you participate in started. I know we all have our Locale activities to do. Do you realize that what you do in your Locale, are also what the Grand Programs are all about? Keep track of the hours and money spent for an accounting at the years end. It will amaze you what you really do. Illinois received the Voitures Activity National Award for best report in 2020. Way to go "WOOLYBOOGER"! James F. Watts, Directeur 2020. We can do it again.

We all know Robert Cearlock is "Voyageur of the Year 2020". Congratulations "OB 1". This guy never stops!

I have rambled on enough. We need to stay safe and continue to keep Grand du Illinois going strong. We are the 3rd largest Grand in the National, Let's be the first in all we do!

Stay safe and enjoy the upcoming Holidays with your loved ones!



## AMERICANISM AND SPECIAL AWARDS

BY WALLY HAMMOND, GRAND DIR. AMERICANISM /SPECIAL AWARDS

This year will be another challenge for all Programs of La Société, just like 2020! We will have to think outside the box in order to do some of the things we have always done. Promenades, meetings and everyday activities are still limited by social distancing and/or capacities. Our Flags for First Graders Program is going to be limited because of remote learning and if the schools in your area are in house teaching, they won't let people in because of the CDC guidelines. They have the safety of their students in mind, and rightfully so. We don't want our kids or Grandkids getting exposed or exposing us! Do what you can.

Special Awards guidelines

are still basically the same as in years past. The nomination guidelines are on the Nationale website. Go to fortyandeight.org click on the Petite Communique and scroll to Special awards and all the Info is there. If I can be of assistance, contact me by e-mail, [mrbear812@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrbear812@sbcglobal.net) or my cell 309-338-8332. Let's have a candidate for each Special Award this year.

I hope all of you are safe and healthy. Veteran's Day is over by now, it is a time to honor all Veteran's for their service. The Holidays are coming up and I wish all of you Best Wishes from our home to yours!

Stay Safe and we will get through this together!

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# FUNNY OBSERVATIONS

## - 2020 HUMOR -

The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.

2. I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.

2019: Stay away from negative people.

2020: Stay away from positive people.

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!

This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house & told my cat. We laughed a lot.

Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?

This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars & keep men at home!

I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!

I need to practice social distancing from the refrigerator.

I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.

Appropriate analogy. "The curve is flattening so we can start lifting restrictions now" is like saying "The parachute has slowed our rate of descent, so we can take it off now."

Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & asking for money.

The spread of COVID-19 is based on 2 things:

1. How dense the population is.
2. How dense the population is.

## DID HE REALLY SAY IT?

Isoroku Yamamoto (4 April 1884 - 18 April 1943) was a Fleet Admiral and Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Navy (IJN) during World War II. He was a graduate of the Imperial Japanese Naval Academy and an alumnus of the U.S. Naval War College and Harvard University. He died during an inspection tour of forward positions in the Solomon Islands when his transport aircraft was ambushed by American P-38 Lightning fighter planes. His death was a major blow to Japanese military morale during World War II.

*You cannot invade the mainland United States. There would be a rifle behind every blade of grass.*

• Some have declared this attribution is "unsubstantiated" even though it has been repeated thousands of times in various Internet postings. The quote is supposed to be in a letter, but the letter hasn't been found or no longer exists. There is no record found yet of the commander in chief of Japan's wartime fleet ever saying it. The jury is still out on this.

Is this the real question? Regardless of whether or not the Admiral made the statement, the real question is "is it a realistic analysis" of what would happen?"

Think about it. With the 2nd Amendment of our Constitution in force we have a right to be there when our Nation faces the worst-case scenario in any Americans imagination; the invasion of our homeland by a foreign force!

I cannot imagine any red blooded American, especially a Veteran, regardless of age, color or creed that would not take up arms and fight to save this Country. Even those of us who are too old to be called to service would take up the cause as a huge civilian militia and be the worst nightmare any invading force has ever imagined.

THIS IS THE NECESSITY AND THE BEAUTY OF THE 2ND AMENDMENT!

## FULTON COUNTY V-812 PARTICIPATES IN TRUNK-OR-TREAT EVENT



Fulton Co. v-812 Voyageurs "fell out" in force to participate in a Halloween Trunk-or-Treat event on 10-31-2020. The event was sponsored by the American Legion Post 16 and was held in the parking lot. There were approximately 300 kids and adults that showed up to get the goodies offered by our Veterans. V-812 decorated the Locomotive with lights, skeletons and other spooky things to add to

the creepy atmosphere. The "candy cannon" was a big hit with the kids (and adults). We made it from a cardboard from a carpet roll, free from Crawford's Carpets, here in Canton. Leave it to a Voyageur to come up with something fun and still social distance! I think some kids went thru the line 2 or 3 times just to catch the "ammo" we fired! It will help our numbers on the Child Welfare report this year also.



## PETE FULKS, 75-YEAR MEMBER IN AMERICAN LEGION POST #4



Schuyler Post #4 Legionnaires & Voiture #1100 honoring Pete Fulks, Rushville for 75 years continuous membership in Schuyler Post #4. Post Commander, Steve Bottorff presenting the certificate with Honor Guard in the background. Fulks was a member of U. S. Army Air Corps during WW2. Fulks was shot down over Yugoslavia and repatriated to the United States in 1944.



# HISTORY OF AN HONORED CEMETERY



Arlington National Cemetery occupies land once owned by George Washington Parke Custis, the adopted grandson of Martha and George Washington. He built the Arlington House as a memorial to the nation's first president. In 1857, the property was bequeathed to his daughter Mary Anna Randolph Custis who had married Robert E. Lee 26 years earlier. With the secession of Virginia from the Union, the family evacuated the property. Federal troops incorporated the land into their defensive fortifications around Washington. Part of the property was used as a Freedman's Village where former slaves received assistance after their liberation.

As the number of casualties climbed during the Civil War, the federal government needed additional cemetery space to inter the dead. To meet this demand, 200 acres of the plantation was set aside as a cemetery. In May 1864, Private William Christman was the first military casualty to be buried in the newly created graveyard. The following month, the War Department designated the space as a national cemetery. After the war, George Washington Custis Lee sued the federal government for return of the land, which he argued had been seized illegally. In 1882, the Supreme Court ruled in his favor and the federal government paid Lee \$150,000 for the property, which is equivalent to \$3.2 million in 2016. Further along the landmark's timeline, President Herbert Hoover oversaw the first Memorial Day ceremony on May 30, 1929.

## THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Despite the many distinguished and revered war heroes and two former U.S. Presidents buried there, there is nowhere within the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery that is more frequented by visitors than The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Located on a hill on high ground at almost the perfect geographic center of the cemetery, the tomb exemplifies valor and honor by remembering those who died committing brave and selfless acts with no one to bear witness to them. What is it about this place that so intrigues the many who visit it every year? What's the story behind it and what does it take to become one of the select few to stand watch over it?

### THE FIRST, BUT NOT THE LAST

On August 3, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill into law whose purpose was to select and pay tribute to the fallen unknown soldiers of the Korean War and World War II (WWII) by interring them with honors in a specially designated area in Arlington National Cemetery. The idea of the tomb itself was initially inspired by the multitudes of unknown dead that had amassed by the end of World War I (WWI). It was in Great Britain, however, where the idea of honoring these forgotten warriors first took root in 1920. The following year, a burial ceremony was planned in the United States for an American unknown who died in Europe during the First World War. On Memorial Day, 1921, four unknowns were exhumed from an American cemetery in France. The four were placed in identical caskets and placed before a highly decorated WWI veteran tasked with selecting one of the caskets for burial in Arlington National Cemetery. That person was U.S. Army Sergeant Edward F. Younger.

After the ceremonial selection was made, the body was to lie in state in the Capitol rotunda until midnight on November 10, 1921. On the following day, Armistice Day, the casket was placed in a caisson and transported to Arlington National Cemetery. During the procession, the casket was escorted by members of the military, President Warren G. Harding, Vice President Coolidge, Chief Justice Taft, and the remaining justices of the Supreme Court. Members of the Cabinet, Senate, and House along with several hand-picked Generals were also on hand to witness the presenting of the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross to the unknown dead. Also honored were unknowns each from Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, and Romania which marked the only time these medals were issued to foreign combatants. Years later after the end of the Second World War, the selection process for the next unknown soldier from that war had to be postponed with the outbreak of war on the Korean Peninsula.

### WWII & KOREA

At the conclusion of the Korean War, four new candidates from that war were selected for burial at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier from the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. These four flag-draped coffins were placed in the stead of Master Sergeant Ned Lyle for the important task of selecting one for burial at Arlington. Eleven days later, the selection for the unknown from WWII was made aboard the U.S.S. Canberra by Navy Hospital Corpsman 1st Class William R. Charette. Unlike in previous selection processes, two were chosen in this case from both the European and Pacific theaters.

### REST IN POWER

When the procession entered the cemetery grounds, a squadron of 20 fighter planes flew overhead with one plane missing from each formation to symbolize a fallen or missing brother-in-arms. The Marine Band played the National Anthem and a bugler sounded attention three times. After a long moment of silence, President Eisenhower placed a Medal of Honor on each casket. Many years later, in 1984, the final unknown soldier from the Vietnam War was laid to rest; however, because of advances in genetic science and DNA technology, the body was exhumed in 1998 and tested. The body was identified as that of Air Force 1st Lieutenant Michael Joseph Blassie, who was shot down near An Loc, Vietnam in 1972. It was decided that the crypt that contained the remains of the Vietnam Unknown will remain vacant. The crypt cover has been replaced with one that has the inscription, "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen, 1958-1975."

### DECODING THE TOMB

The sarcophagus built above the tomb of the soldier who served in WWI sits in front of the three marble slabs that identify the crypts of the soldiers from WWII, Korea and Vietnam. It was constructed in 1931 out of seven large marble panels collectively weighing 79 tons. On one side, is a relief of three Greek figures each representing Peace, Valor, and Victory. On the other side, there are sculpted six inverted wreaths each representing a major campaign from WWI.

### TOMB SENTINELS

The U.S. Army regiment entrusted with tending to and guarding not just the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier but the coordination and execution of any and all burials that take place in Arlington National Cemetery falls to the 3rd Infantry, affectionately known as the 'Old Guard.' For those select few that answer the sacred call to become a Tomb Sentinel, it is a responsibility that is taken with the utmost grace. It is a role fraught with pomp and circumstance of the highest order. For those in training to become full-fledged Sentinels, the rigors are many. From 5-5:30 am, there is a daily inspection of living quarters after which the prospects themselves are evaluated. Uniforms are inspected with a fine-tooth comb to ensure that the garment is immaculate down to the prescribed distances between medals and other parts of the uniform jacket. The regiment's motto, it can be said, is taken from the Sentinel's Creed: "My standard will remain perfection."



### CHANGING OF THE GUARD

If there is one reason, besides paying their respects and the historical significance of the place, that visitors from all over the world visit Arlington National Cemetery is to witness the iconic changing of the guard. Since April 6, 1948, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has been guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with zero exception. Every hour during winter and every half hour during the summer and daylight hours, one guard relieves another from their post in a ceremony with the precision of a Swiss watch. While on duty, the Tomb Sentinel marches 21 steps across a black mat passing the grave markers of each of the unknowns. He then turns 90-degrees and faces east for exactly 21 seconds.

Afterward, he then turns north for another 21 seconds which is followed by a crisp shoulder arms movement where the guard places his rifle on the shoulder nearest to the spectators to symbolize that he stands between the tomb and any outside threat. The guard then paces 21 steps to the north, turns, and repeats the entire process until he is relieved. When that moment arrives, the new guard makes his way to the plaza alongside a commanding officer who makes a formal announcement to the attendees that the changing of the guard ceremony is to commence. In another elaborate military ballet, the commanding officer inspects the new guard's weapon and uniform with extreme

scrutiny. If all is in order, the relieved guard calmly makes his way back to quarters as his replacement makes his way to the center of the plaza to begin his watch.

### EPILOGUE

Arlington National Cemetery is not just a relic but a fully operational cemetery that performs an average of four funerals daily. These are also performed by the 3rd Infantry's Caisson Platoon with the stoicism and respect that the Tomb Sentinels display in the carrying out of their duties. No matter your political beliefs or your feelings about how countries like the United States make the critical decision to sacrifice the lives of those in military service when they are sent to war in the name of an ideal or national security, a visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and Arlington National Cemetery as a whole, can be a life-changing event.

## OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

Arlington National Cemetery contains several well-known burial sites and memorials, including the resting places of President John F. Kennedy and his wife Jacqueline as well as his brothers Robert and Edward. Other notable sites include Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, boxing legend Joe Louis and Audie Murphy, the most highly decorated soldier from World War II. Charles L'Enfant, who designed the city of Washington, D.C., several Tuskegee airmen and the seven Space Shuttle Challenger astronauts are also interred here.

The official tour includes a stop at Arlington House, a Greek Revival-style mansion set on a hill overlooking the Potomac River. The permanent memorial to Robert E. Lee is appointed with period furnishings from the early 19th century. Completed in 1921 from Imperial Danby marble, the Memorial Amphitheater hosts state funerals and other special events during the year. The Temple of Fame, the Civil War Unknowns Monument and the Spanish-American War Nurses Memorial and several other large monuments and memorials are dispersed throughout the park. The Women in Military Service for America Memorial is adjacent to the park's ceremonial entrance.



## EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is guarded 24 hours a day by members of a special detail from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard). The sentinel does not wear any rank insignia, which ensures that the guard is junior in rank to whoever is buried in the tomb. A Changing of the Guard Ceremony takes place every half-hour from April 1 to September 30 when the park is open. The guard is changed every hour from October 1 to March 31. The symbolic guard change is conducted in accordance with Army regulations.

The two major holidays formally observed at Arlington National Cemetery are Memorial Day and Veterans Day. On these two occasions, the president of the United States or another high-ranking dignitary will lay a memorial wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Just before Memorial Day, members of the Old Guard adorn the cemetery with over a quarter of a million small American flags. One flag is placed at each headstone as well as the bottom of each niche row. Known as "Flags In," the decades-old ceremony is accomplished in four hours.



# A LITTLE HUMOR

## COLLEGE FRESHMAN

The huge college freshman figured he'd try out for the football team. "Can you tackle?" asked the coach.  
 "Watch this," said the freshman, who proceeded to run smack into a telephone pole, shattering it to splinters.  
 "Wow," said the coach. "I'm impressed. Can you run?"  
 "Of course, I can run," said the freshman. He was off like a shot, and, in just over nine seconds, he had run a hundred-yard dash.  
 "Great!" enthused the coach. "But can you pass a football?"  
 The freshman rolled his eyes, hesitated for a few seconds. "Well, sir," he said, "if I can swallow it, I can probably pass it."

## IMPATIENT SHOPPER

A woman was waiting in the checkout line at a shopping center. Her arms were laden with a mop and broom and other cleaning supplies. By her hard glances and deep sighs, it was obvious she was in hurry and not a happy camper about the slowness of the line.  
 When the cashier called for a price check on a box of soap, the woman remarked indignantly, "Well, I'll be lucky to get out of here and home before Christmas!"  
 "Don't worry, ma'am," replied the clerk. "With a good tail wind and that brand new broom you have there, you'll be home in no time."

## STRONG MAN

Ted walks into a bar and shouts out, "So, who's the strongest guy in here?"  
 The toughest guy looks at him and says, "I am the strongest person around these parts! Why?"  
 Ted smiles politely and asks, "Can you help me push my car to the gas station?"

## IMPRESSING THE GIRL

An old guy was working out at the gym when he spotted a young hot blonde girl walking in. He asked the trainer standing next to him, "What machine should I use to impress that girl over there?"  
 The trainer looked him up and down and said, "I would recommend the ATM in the lobby."

## LOST IN SERVICE

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque.  
 It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it.  
 The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up; stood beside the little boy; and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."  
 "Good morning, Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?"  
 The pastor replied, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."  
 Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.  
 Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, "Which service, the 8:00 or the 10:30?"

## RUSSIAN MILITARY LECTURE

The commanding officer at the Russian military academy (the equivalent of a 4-star general in the U.S.) gave a lecture on potential problems and military strategy. At the end of the lecture, he asked if there were any questions.  
 An officer stood up and asked, "Will there be a third world war? And will Russia take part in it?"  
 The general answered both questions in the affirmative.  
 Another officer asked, "Who will be the enemy?"  
 The general replied, "All indications point to China."  
 Everyone in the audience was shocked. A third officer remarked, "General, we are a nation of only 150 million, compared to the 1.5 billion Chinese. Can we win at all, or even survive?"  
 The general answered, "Just think about this for a moment: In modern warfare, it is not the number of soldiers that matters but the quality of an army's capabilities. For example, in the Middle East, we have had a few wars recently where 5 million Jews fought against 150 million Arabs, and Israel was always victorious."  
 After a small pause, an officer from the back of the auditorium asked, "Do we have enough Jews?"

## IS DAD HOME?

A farmer drove to a neighbor's farmhouse and knocked at the door. A boy, about 9, opened the door.  
 "Is your dad or mom home?" said the farmer.  
 "No, they went to town."  
 "How about your brother, Howard? Is he here?"  
 "No, he went with Mom and Dad."  
 The farmer stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other, and mumbling to himself.  
 "I know where all the tools are, if you want to borrow one, or I can give Dad a message."  
 "Well," said the farmer uncomfortably, "I really wanted to talk to your Dad. It's about your brother Howard getting my daughter Suzy pregnant!!"  
 The boy thought for a moment.  
 "You would have to talk to Dad about that. I know he charges \$500 for the bull and \$50 for the boar, but I don't know how much he charges for Howard."



# GRAND D' ILLINOIS 2021 PIN SALES

POW/MIA  
PIN= \$3.00  
PIN & DANGLE=\$5.00  
DANGLES= \$3.00



BOXCAR  
PIN = \$3.00



NURSES TRAINING  
PIN = \$3.00



CARVILLE STAR  
PIN = \$3.00



YOUTH SPORTS  
PIN = \$3.00



CHILD WELFARE  
PIN = \$3.00



AMERICANISM  
PIN = \$3.00



This year we are doing things a little different. Normally the 7 Chairmen have their different Pins available for sale when we meet. The National Promenade never happened. The Grand Fall Cheminot is over. Therefore, the majority of Pin Sales will have to be by MAIL.

As Commissaire Intendant I ordered the different Program Pins for 2021. I have available for any Voiture that wants them the following 2021 Pins.

Contact me and I will get them to you. ONLY EXCEPTION is AMERICASIM which you will have to get from Wally Hammond.

Questions or Orders please contact me at 815-372-2656. If I am not available, please leave a message. Thank You

Vic Martinka  
Grand Commisaire Intendant

# FULTON CO. V-812 AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 16 FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY



Fulton Co. V-812 and American Legion Post 16 held a Flag retirement ceremony on October 12th, 2020. The Flag Code of the United States requires that our Nations Flag must be honored in retirement as well as in service. When our Nations Flag becomes unserviceable from standing tall 24/7 from the elements of wind, sun and inclement weather, including fading and tearing, it should be honored by ceremoniously and solemn retirement.

We have a collection box at 550 S. 4th Ave. in Canton IL. that members of the community can deposit their unserviceable Flags. We try to schedule the retirement ceremony on June 14th each year. This year, due to the

pandemic and weather, we had to postpone it. There were several hundred flags collected and because of storage space available, we needed to schedule the event. With the help of the Voyageurs, Legion and SAL members, we prepared the flags and performed the retirement.

The Canton Park District allows us to use an area by the Veterans Memorial to hold the ceremony and the Canton Fire Department was on hand to safeguard the area.

This is a service to the Community as well as an obligation to us as Veterans to retire our Flag with dignity and honor. Make sure the Flags in your Community are retired properly.



# WWII AND KOREAN WAR HERO AND EXTRAORDINARY VOYAGEUR MILITAIRE LAID TO REST AT ARLINGTON AUGUST 6, 2020



Roy Aarons' final resting place at Arlington National Cemetery. Family members in attendance from left to right: William Aarons, Andrew Aarons, Melissa Bass, Mark Bass, Col. Mace Carpenter, Ret. (friend of the family), Anggraini Aarons, Robert Aarons, Jacalyn Jimenez, Natalie Aarons, Jamey Lees, Dana Lees, and CJ Lees.



Folding of Roy Aarons' Flag by the U.S. Marine Ceremonial Guard during the Military Rites Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia on August 6, 2020.

Voyageur Roy Aarons served as a decorated U.S. Marine combat infantryman during World War II and the Korean War. He passed away on January 15, 2020 at his home in Centralia, Illinois under the care of his family at the age of 90. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on the 75th Anniversary of the Hiroshima atomic bombing attack on August 6, 2020 with full-military honors accorded by the U.S. Marine Ceremonial Guard and Navy Chaplain. His Flag was accepted by his daughter, Jacalyn Jimenez of California with other family members in attendance. Roy is survived by his wife of 41 years, Lori, who was unable to attend the services, his 7 children, 17 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild and 2 brothers. The Centralia veterans service organizations 40&8, American Legion, and VFW were represented at the ceremony by Col. Mace Carpenter, Ret.

ing the Japanese surrender in September 1945, rather than accept a discharge from the military, he volunteered for occupation duty in Japan under the leadership of General Douglas MacArthur. Over the years, the enormity of being wounded but surviving the battle when so many other Marines perished weighed heavily on Roy. He stated "I didn't want to go home because I had enlisted with seven other guys. One of them got out during boot camp because he was the only son in the family to carry on the family name, so they discharged him.

Roy Aarons served as a U.S. Marine 7 years from July 30, 1944 to December 31, 1951. He was a high school student in Des Moines, Iowa when all of his friends were joining the military to serve during WWII. So, Roy left high school while in the 10th grade and volunteered for the Marines in July 1944. He completed basic, rifle, and combat training in December 1944. He was deployed to Guam in January 1945 with the 3rd Marine Division for combat duty in Southeast Asia.

The other five were with me in the 3rd Marine Division. They all died at Iwo Jima. I didn't want to go home when they demobilized the 3rd Marine Division, so I signed into the Regulars and assigned to the 1st Marine Division." Following his service in Japan, Roy later saw duty in China and the Philippines before being shipped back to Long Beach, California for discharge in September 1948. He immediately reenlisted in the Marine Reserves and was reactivated by in July 1950 to be deployed to Pusan, Korea in March 1951 for service in the Korean War. He served in Korea through November 1951. The Marines released the Reservists from active duty based on points. His points from WWII permitted him to be one of the first to be released and returned to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for discharge in December 1951. This concluded his nearly five years of active combat military service.

His Marine unit landed the beaches of Iwo Jima on February 21, 1945. Roy was severely wounded on the beach by enemy fire within about 15 minutes of departing the landing craft. He awoke on the USS Samaritan Medical Ship for emergency treatment and subsequently taken to Saipan and Guam for recuperation. He trained in June 1945 for an expected invasion of the Japanese mainland. Follow-

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Private First-Class Roy Aarons upon completing basic, rifle and combat training in December 1944.



Presentation of Roy Aarons' folded Flag to his daughter, Jacalyn Jimenez at Arlington National Cemetery on August 6, 2020.



Roy Aarons' Marine Flag and 3rd Marine Division Flag.

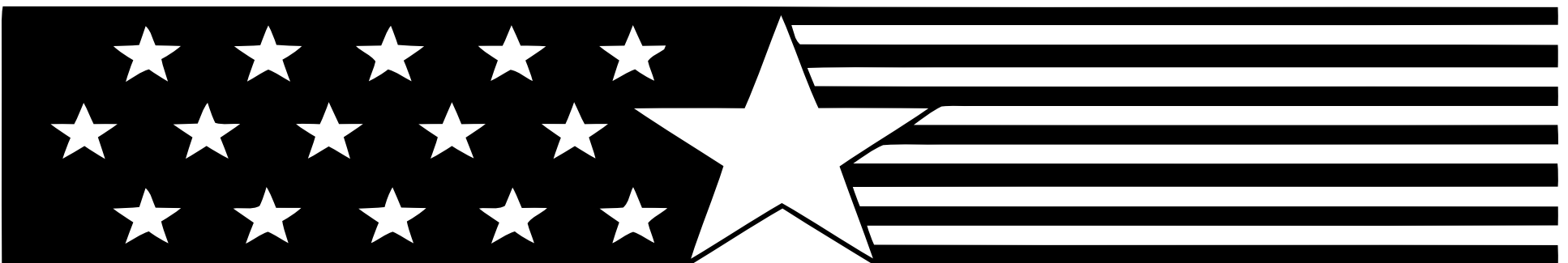


Corporal Roy Aarons' military service medals, rank insignia, military identification tags ("Dog Tags"), and shoulder patches.

Roy held several leadership offices in the Centralia VFW, American Legion, and 40 & 8 including serving as the Commander of both the VFW Post 2055 and American Legion Post 466 and Chef de Gare of Grand d' Illinois Voiture Locale 516. He drove the Disabled American Veterans van transporting veterans from

the Centralia area to the VA Hospital in Marion for daytime outpatient visits for several years. He served as a charter member of the following: as the Master of Ceremonies for the Annual Kaskaskia College Enduring Freedom Appreciation Breakfast and Veterans Day Program, Kaskaskia College Veterans Memorial Tribute Planning Committee, City

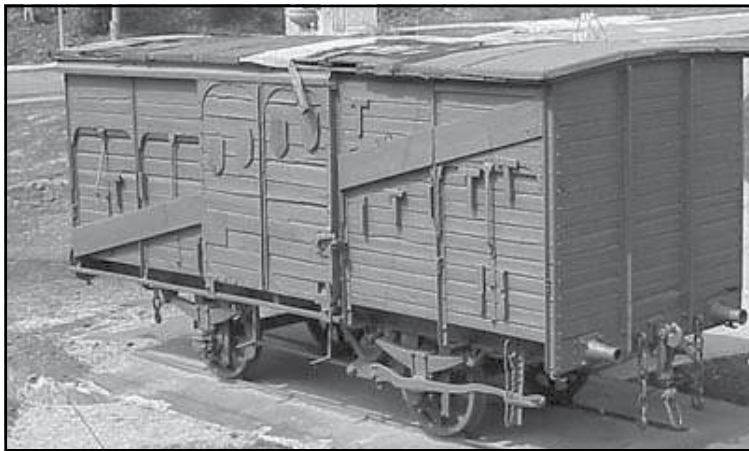
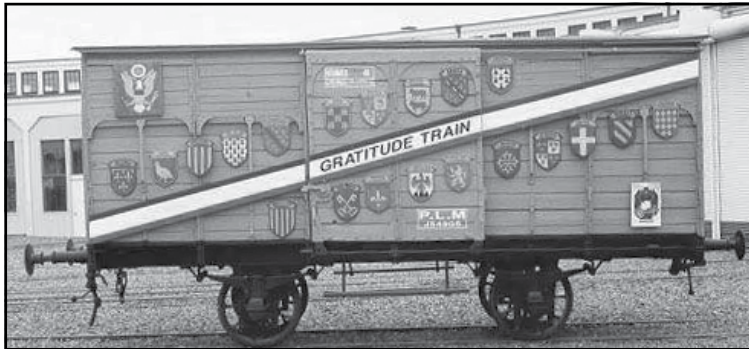
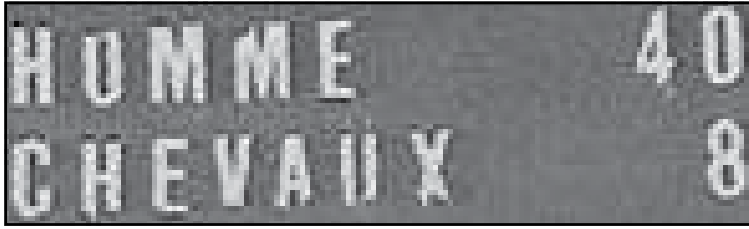
of Centralia Veterans Affairs Committee, and the Planning Committee for the Annual Centralia 4th of July Veterans Parade. He continued to serve on these committees in leadership capacities until his deteriorating health in 2018 didn't permit him to serve any longer. Roy was a patriot, a loving father, and a great American.



# FORTY AND EIGHT BOXCAR

The "Forty and Eight" draws its origin from World War I, when the United States had young Americans in France to fight "The War To End All Wars." About the first thing they ran into was a droll bit of French humor known as a Voiture boxcar. The narrow gauge railroads of France had box cars that carried little more than half the capacity of American boxcars and these were used to transport the soldiers to and from the fighting fronts. Each boxcar carried 40 men or 8 horses (40 hommes et 8 chevaux). The cars were stubby, only 20.5 feet long and 8.5 feet wide. Although memories of riding in them were not always pleasant, the cars nonetheless gave their name to a fraternity formed within the American Legion — La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux — in 1920. These infamous boxcars were also used during WW II to transport troops to and from the front. In 1945, many American troops (including POWs) were transported from Germany to France for return to the States in a rough-riding 40 and 8, especially in November and December. Veterans' memories of travel in the rickety, unheated cars are pretty vivid; some men even resorted to building fires inside them to keep warm on the long, slow trips. BOXCAR SIGN (9 K) For years after the end of World War II, much of Europe remained in ruins. In 1947, an American newspaper columnist named Drew Pearson began asking for donations of food and clothing that could be sent to help the people of France and Italy. Public response was overwhelming and \$40 million in food and supplies were collected and shipped to Europe aboard the 700-car American Friendship Train. A French veteran of WW I and rail worker named André Picard suggested that France respond by sending a single boxcar full of gifts to America as a way of saying thank you. Tens of thousands of French citizens donated objects to be sent to the United States and it was decided, after the French War Veterans Association got involved, that since the outpouring of goods was so great, that one boxcar would be sent to each state with one being shared between the District of Columbia and the Territory of Hawaii. All of the items were to be loaded in "Forty and Eight"-type boxcars, named after the sign painted on them which stated that 40 men or 8 horses could be loaded inside (see above photo). Each car was to be adorned with the coats of arms of all of the provinces of France.

MERCI BOXCAR (45 K) In all, 52,000 gifts were collected, ranging from worn wooden shoes to a jeweled Legion of Honor medal that belonged



to Napoleon. The collection also included a Louis XV carriage, children's drawings, and tree seedlings. They were gathered throughout 1948 and crammed into the railroad cars. The 50-car train (at that time, there were only 49 states in the Union, plus one car to be shared between Washington, D.C and Hawaii, which was not yet a state) was shipped to America from the port of LeHavre aboard an ore carrier, the Magellan, which sailed into New York Harbor on February 3, 1949 amidst a fleet of small boats with Air Force planes flying overhead while thousands of New Yorkers watched from the shore. A huge sign on the side of the Magellan read simply "Thank You, America." Congress had passed a resolution allowing the gifts to enter the country duty-free, and longshoremen volunteered their services to bring the cars ashore. Of too narrow a gauge for American rails, the cars were loaded onto flatcars in New Jersey for delivery, at no charge, by the nation's railroads to state capitals across the country. On reaching their destinations, the cars were greeted by dignitaries at special ceremonies. Their contents, after

being displayed for a time, were distributed in a variety of ways. Many were sold at auction, with the proceeds going to charity, while some especially significant items went to public institutions.

Today, there are 39 cars from the "Merci" ("Gratitude") Train still on display nationwide, however, the train's mission is now largely forgotten, a curious relic of two incredible displays of goodwill which followed the horrors of World War II. Unfortunately, few of the gifts lovingly placed in the cars by the citizens of France can be traced today. But, those cars that have survived vandalism and the ravages of time testify to a great expression of friendship and caring between the peoples of France and the United States who fought side by side for a common goal half a century ago.

Information on the current status of Merci Train boxcars can be found at the Railway Preservation News web site. (<http://www.rypn.org/>) A list of preserved cars can be found here. (<http://www.rypn.org/Database/Merci/list.htm>)

## QUOTES THAT RING TRUE!

"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools."

- Plato

"The good citizen will demand liberty for himself, and as a matter of pride he will see to it that others receive the liberty which he thus claims as his own. Probably the best test of true love of liberty in any country is the way in which minorities are treated in that country. Not only should there be complete liberty in matters of religion and opinion, but complete liberty for each man to lead his life as he desires, provided only that in so doing he does not wrong his neighbor."

- Theodore Roosevelt 26th president of US (1858 - 1919)

"When they call the roll in the Senate, the Senators do not know whether to answer 'Present' or 'Not guilty'."

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"A goal without a plan is just a wish".

- Antoine de Saint-Exupery French writer (1900 - 1944)

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up".

- Thomas A. Edison US inventor (1847 - 1931)

"An expert is a person who has made all the mistakes that can be made in a very narrow field".

- Niels Bohr Danish physicist (1885 - 1962)

"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards".

- Vernon Sanders Law

Before God we are all equally wise - and equally foolish.

- Albert Einstein US (German-born) physicist (1879 - 1955)

"If all economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion".

- George Bernard Shaw Irish dramatist & socialist (1856 - 1950)

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a BIG difference."

- Winston Churchill

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts."

- Winston Churchill

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity, an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

- Winston Churchill

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, it's also what it takes to sit down and listen."

- Winston Churchill

"Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential."

- Winston Churchill

"Worrying is like Paying A Debt You don't owe."

- Mark Twain

"A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours."

- Milton Berle



# Thank You For Your Service





# HISTORY OF AN HONORED CEMETERY V J DAY OBSERVANCE IN CANTON, ILLINOIS



V J Day, Victory over Japan, the signing of the Treaty that ended WW 2, was observed in Canton IL. On Sept 2, 2020. Many people remember December 7th 1941 as the day Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and the United States officially entered WW 2, but don't remember the day that the Japanese officially surrendered and ended WW 2.

The combined Veterans Organizations in Canton presented a program to honor the surviving WW 2 Veterans in our community. Gerald Smith had a local business design and make a medal to present to the WW 2 Veterans and presented them to the 5

Veterans that were able to attend. There were several that could not attend because they are in care facilities, so we delivered their medals to them. The Medals had the Veterans name and branch of Service on the back side. These Veterans are referred to as "The Greatest Generation" and we were honored to recognize their service.

The observance was well attended by the Community and the news media was present.

The combined Veterans Organizations were Fulton Co. Voiture 812, American Legion Post 16 and VFW Post 1984.



# 40&8 PRESENTS TWO NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS



St. Anthony High School senior Allison Niebrugge is presented a scholarship by Ralph Rounds, Chef de Gare with the Effingham County 40&8. The scholarship was presented at the Effingham County Veterans Memorial.



Beecher City High School senior Hallie Wallace is presented a scholarship by Ralph Rounds, Chef de Gare with the Effingham County 40&8. The scholarship was presented at the Effingham County Veterans Memorial.

Every year the Effingham County 40 & 8, V-1439 presents Nurse's Training Scholarships to a qualified Effingham County High School Senior. This year St Anthony High School Senior Allison Grace Niebrugge and Beecher City Community High School Senior Hallie Lynn Wallace were presented scholarships by Chef de Gare (Commander) Ralph Rounds. The scholarships are valued at \$1,200.

The scholarship presented to Miss Niebrugge was a Memorial Scholarship named in honor of former U.S. Marine Lawrence "Buddy" E. Steele. Buddy was a member of the 40 & 8 for many years. He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War Era from 1952 to 1954. Buddy also strongly supported the many programs of the 40 & 8 and his service is greatly missed.

Allison is planning on attending Sothern Illinois University in Edwardsville. She is the daughter

of Anthony Niebrugge of Effingham and Nikki Jennings (deceased).

The scholarship presented to Miss Wallace was a Memorial Scholarship named in honor of former Beecher City resident and 48 & 8 member Brett R. Schoenfeld. Brett was a member of the 40 & 8 for many years. He served in the Marine Corps achieving the rank of Sergeant. His era of service was during operations in Panama and Grenada. Brett strongly supported the many programs of the 40 & 8 and his service is greatly missed.

Hallie is planning on attending Lake Land College in Mattoon. She is the daughter of Shelley Bowlin and Brent Wallace.

The scholarships are the 109th and 110th that the Effingham County 40 & 8 has presented. The members of V-1439 offer their best wishes to these students for great success.



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## 40 & 8 PRESS RELEASE: GIFTS TO THE YANKS WHO GAVE



Veteran Mike Stachowski, Chairman, left, accepts a \$300 donation to the Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave from Voyageur Tom Ballagh, Correspondant, representing the Marion County 40 & 8 Voiture 516 in Centralia.

The Marion County Voiture 516 contributed \$300 to the long-standing Illinois program Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave. The program shows appreciation during the Christmas holiday season to those infirmed veterans who have served our nation. The Illinois State Department of American Legion

has sponsored this program throughout Illinois since 1944 for area American Legion Posts.

Voiture 516's contribution is one of many coming from local veteran service organizations that support the Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave Committee to reach their goal of \$3,000 for the Centralia area. Voyageur Mike Stachowski of Voiture 516 is also a member of the American Legion Post 446 in Centralia and serves as the chairman of the committee for Post 446. Each year, Veteran Stachowski visits the two nursing homes in Centralia to obtain the number of residents who are infirmed veterans. He also contacts other veterans in the Centralia area who are homebound. Each infirmed veteran is offered their choice of either a blanket, jogging suit, robe, or gift pack. The gifts are distributed in December.

### 40ET8 VOITURE 1195 ANNOUNCES ITS INAUGURAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, MISS ANJA HUETTEMANN



Nursing Scholarship award winner, Miss Anja Huettemann is a Senior at Morris Community High School. She participates in band and choir and in both capacities has performed at Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies.

Anja will attend St. Francis

University in Joliet pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Her mother, Lisa is a Nurse at Morris Hospital. She was raised as a Navy Brat, her father retiring as a Master Chief after 31 years of service.

Anja's father is Morris police department sergeant,

Steve Huettemann, who served in the Army as an MP in Desert Storm. He is a member of Voiture 1195, the American Legion, VFW and is the bugler for the Morris Color Guard.

We all wish Anja success in her educational endeavors and Nursing career.

### GRAND D' ILLINOIS FULTON COUNTY V-812 PARKING LOT PARADE



Fulton County V-812 Du Illinois received a call from one of its members asking if we would be willing to participate in a "parking lot" Parade at the Loft nursing facility on May the 9th 2020. We are always ready and willing to participate in any Community event when asked. True to our commitment, we got our Loci out of the winter mothballs and were proud to participate in the drive by! Residents that were able lined the sidewalk

and waved with a big smile on their face. I am sure seeing our Loci, among the dozens of cars, helped them enjoy their day! Voyageurs on the Loci are Jon Johnson, Gerald Smith, John Smith, Dave Ferris, and Wally Hammond. The Loft provided PPE for all participants. Thank you!

Even in this time of social distancing, the 40/8 is willing to step up and help people have a Happy Day!



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# BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND VOITURE D' ILLINOIS

## La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

### ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF OFFICERS



GRAND CHEF DE GARE  
PAUL PARDO

#### **SECTION 1:** - GRAND CHEF DE GARE

The Grand Chef de Gare shall preside at all meetings of the Grande Voiture. He shall perform the usual duties of a presiding officer and have general control of all business arising between meetings, subject to the approval of the Grande Cheminot. He shall appoint such committees as are necessary and perform such other duties as are, from time to time, approved or ordered by the Grande Voiture. He shall vote only when necessary to break a tie vote. He shall have the power to require the presence of any Grand Officer or Voyageur where the presence of either is deemed necessary, or advisable at any meeting of the Grand Cheminot.



GRAND CHEF DE TRAIN  
PETE HIRT

#### **SECTION 2:** - GRAND CHEF DE TRAIN

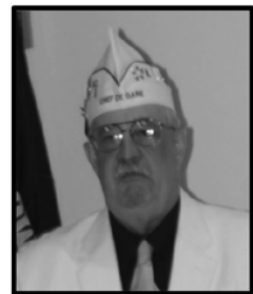
The Grand Chef de Train shall assist the Grand Chef de Gare and shall assume and discharge duties of the office of the Grand Chef de Gare in the absence or inability of, or when called upon by the Grand Chef de Gare. He shall also perform other such duties as the Grand Chef de Gare may from time to time, assign to him.



GRAND COMMISSAIRE  
INTENDANT  
VIC MARTINKA

#### **SECTION 3:** - GRAND COMMISSAIRE INTENDANT

The Grand Commissaire Intendant shall receive, hold and expend under the direction of the Grands Cheminot, all monies of the Grande Voiture, keep an accurate account of receipts and expenditures, with voucher for the latter, and submit a financial record to the Grande Cheminot at each regular meeting and whenever required by the Grand Chef de Gare. He shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, execute a bond in the amount of at least twice the receipts of the previous year, but in no case less than one thousand (1,000) dollars with a surety company, surety to be approved by the Grand Avocat and the bond delivered to the Grand Chef de Gare. **The Grand Commissaire Intendant shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of the Grand Chef de Gare in the absence or inability to act of the Grand Chef de Gare, provided the Grand Chef de Train is also absent or unable to act.**



CHEMINOT NATIONALE  
MIKE VANCE

#### **SECTION 11:** - CHEMINOT NATIONALE

The Cheminot National shall act as the representative of the Grande Voiture d' Illinois at all meetings of Voiture Nationale with the exception of the Promenade Nationale. He shall report his activities to the Grand Cheminot in writing following each meeting of the Cheminot Nationaux. He shall carry instructions as contained in the National Constitution, and as given to him by the Grande Voiture and Grands Cheminot. **The Cheminot Nationale shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of the Grand Chef de Gare in the absence or inability to act of the Grand Chef de Gare, provided the Grand Chef de Train and the Grand Commissaire Intendant are also absent or unable to act.**



GRAND CORRESPONDANT  
WALLY HAMMOND

#### **SECTION 4:** - GRAND CORRESPONDANT

The Grand Correspondant shall act as Secretary of the Grande Voiture. He shall keep all records, books, membership rolls, etc., with the exception of those of the Grand Commissaire Intendant. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Grande Voiture and of the Grande Cheminot, and a true record of all correspondence relative to Grande Voiture. He shall keep the files of the organization. He shall also execute and deliver an approved surety bond in the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars to the Grand Chef de Gare. He shall account to Voiture Nationale within ten (10) days for all monies received by him for Voiture Nationale. He shall deliver to the Grand Commissaire Intendant within ten (10) days; receipt of all monies received by him for the Grande Voiture and performs such other duties as the Grand Chef de Gare may from time to time assign him. A Sous Grand Correspondant shall be his assistant, as appointed and approved by the Grand Cheminot.



GRAND AVOOCAT  
ROBERT "OB1" CEARLOCK

#### **SECTION 8:** - GRAND AVOCAT

The Grand Avocat shall be the legal advisor of the Grande Voiture d' Illinois and shall interpret the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grande Voiture d' Illinois. He shall perform the duties of the Judge Advocate and such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Grand Chef de Gare.



GRAND AMONIER  
CELESTE LATHAM

#### **SECTION 7:** - GRAND AUMONIER

The Grand Aumonier shall perform such spiritual duties as may be deemed desirable from time to time.

#### **SECTION 13:** - GRANDS CHEMINOT

The Grands Cheminot shall be the executive committee and advisors of the Grand Chef de Gare. They shall attend all meetings of the Grande Voiture, and of the Grande Cheminot. They shall be responsible for the welfare of the various Voitures Locale in their respective Districts and shall act as organizers in their respective Districts. They shall familiarize themselves with the Voitures Locale under their jurisdiction and furnish such information in reference thereto as the Grande Voiture may desire or require.

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**As of this publication dates and venues for many events are still tentative, and you are advised to check the Grand website at least once a week for updates or changes.**

**The State and Federal requirements on assembly are very much in question and may remain so for some time.**

Bob "OB!" Cearlock  
 La Societe 40 et 8

*Illegitimus non carborundum est!*

**NATIONALE, GRAND & DISTRICT EVENT VENUES AND SCHEDULE**

40 8	<b>Grand d' Illinois</b> 2021 District Petite Cheminots 30 days prior to Spring Cheminot! DATES TBA District 1? District 2? District 3? District 4? District 5? District 6? February 21 <sup>st</sup> 2 PM Post #554, Carlinville District 7? District 8 Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM Post 141, Mt. Vernon	40 8
40 8	<b>Grand d' Illinois</b> 2021 Spring Cheminot Grand Chef Homecoming April [details to follow] Sponsored by Voiture 433	40 8
40 8	<b>Grand d' Illinois</b> 2021 Grand Promenade July 23-24-25 Hotel: Magnuson Hotel Details to follow.	40 8

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Select one meal for each person:	<b>Additional forms available on-line at <a href="http://www.fortyandeight.org">www.fortyandeight.org</a></b>	
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