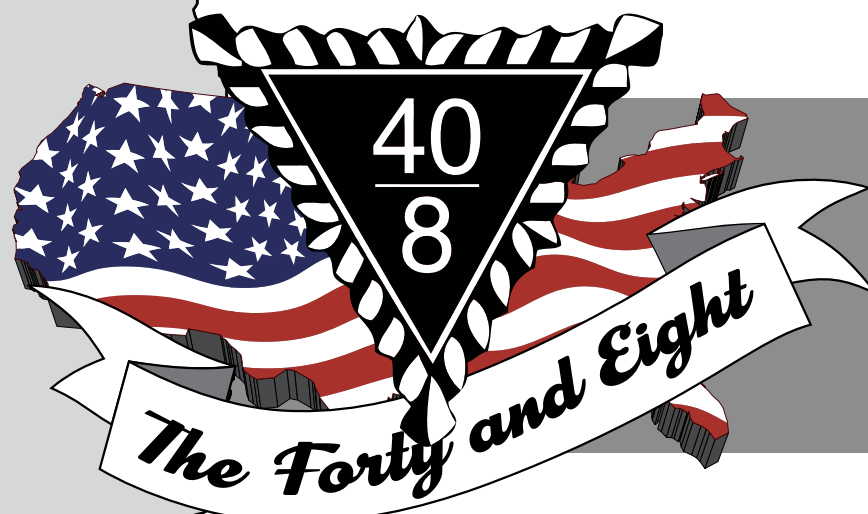


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MORRIS REMEMBERS ITS FALLEN ON MEMORIAL DAY

By Michael Urbanec

A crowd of more than 100 people stood on Monday morning between the war memorials on the Grundy County Courthouse Lawn in Morris for a ceremony hosted by the John Martin Steele VFW Post 6049 to remember and celebrate the lives of those who died serving their country.

This crowd included multiple Gold Star families, who each laid their wreaths on the memorials, sharing memories of those they lost.

Jerry Terando lost his son on Nov. 10, 2005, in Iraq, when he volunteered himself to climb up a 60-foot ladder to check on a potential sniper's nest.

"This day isn't just remembering the fallen," Terando said. "Remember those who still carry a heavy burden within them that we deal with on a daily basis. It's

up to us to be supportive of them because we all sacrificed. Today, during the barbecue, take a deep breath. It feels like freedom."

Jeannie Terando said she went with Jerry to the new Gold Star Monument in Naperville, where they were welcomed as Gold Star parents. There, they heard the stories from the families and friends of those who passed.

"I'm sitting here watching and listening to them, my heart gets so heavy," Jeannie said. "Sometimes, you get so stuck in your own pain."

Jeannie watched as person after person came up to share the names of who they lost.

Then she shared a story from visiting her son at the cemetery on Sunday.

"There were two young women gathered at a stone, sitting there, not saying much to each other at first," Jeannie said. "Then you heard a little laugh as one was talking to the other. They were siblings there to spend the day with their brother."

Morris High School graduate Joy Dudley, the winner of the VFW's annual scholarship, shared her scholarship-winning essay.

"Growing up, I never thought too hard about the Pledge of Allegiance," Dudley said. "I knew the words, but I never took the time to actually consider what they meant. As I grew up, the lessons we have on 9/11, Veterans Day, and many other American dates of importance got more detailed."

Dudley said she began to have a greater comprehension of why the flag and the national anthem are important, and a greater appreciation of her grandfather's service in Vietnam. She said her grandfather didn't discuss his service much, but he was happy to be thanked for

his service. When she asked about his time serving, he was happy to hear her curiosity.

"Through middle school, we learned about the Constitution leading to the Constitution Test, leading me to learn more about what our veterans sacrificed their everyday lives to protect," Dudley said. "Understanding how our country came to be and how unique our constitution is caused me to gain more respect for our veterans."

American Legion Commander Ken Buck said whether a death happened an hour ago or a century ago, it's important to never forget the sacrifices made.

Buck shared the stories of many war heroes, like Angus Nelson MacLean and James Frost, who were posthumously awarded World War I Purple Heart Medals back in March.

MacLean was a fireman and Frost was a first lieutenant. They died when the Coast Guard Cutter Tampa was torpedoed and sunk by a German U-Boat in the Bristol Channel near Wales.

"We are here today for people like Fireman MacLean and First Lieutenant Frost," Buck said. "People who have given all that they can give us so that others can enjoy freedom."

Jerry Zeborowski, Commander of the VFW, said there are over 82,000 service members remaining unaccounted for, with that number representing service members classified as killed-in-action and missing from World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam War.

38,000 of those killed are recoverable, although Zeborowski said the task is daunting and slow.

The memorial finished with a 21 Gun Salute from the Morris Color Guard and concluded with the playing of taps.



Wreaths honoring those lost lay with the war memorial on the lawn at the Grundy County Courthouse. (Michael Urbanec)



Jerry Terando addresses the crowd Monday morning at the Grundy County Courthouse. (Michael Urbanec)

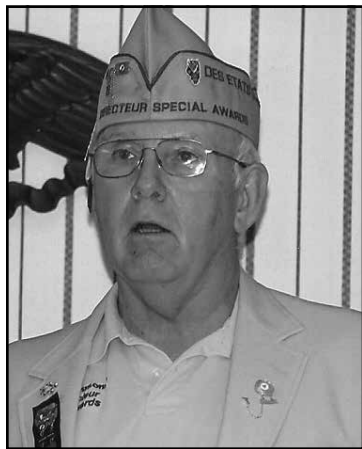


The Morris Color Guard displays the flag Monday morning at the Grundy County Courthouse in Morris. (Michael Urbanec)

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GRANDE CORRESPONDANTE WALLY HAMMOND



members or reinstatements. We only need 65 for 100%. Look at your rosters and see if there is a member you might have not contacted yet and try and get his or her dues. we have 28 days till the close of books for 2023.

I am sad to report that we have 4 Locales who have decided to revoke their Charters. If you know any members from these Locales, transfer them to yours. Don't let them drop out or go to V-2000, Nationale.

Make sure you are registered for the Grand Promenade in Bloomington July 28th, 29th and 30th. Rooms are blocked till the 14th at \$99. Make your reservations today!

It's not to late to register for the Promenade Nationale! I am attaching a registration form and if you want to go to Sandusky Ohio is September, fill it out and send to Nationale. It will be a great time!

I hope you all have a happy and safe 4th of July celebration. We are celebrating 247 years of Independence. Our Independence has been challenged and we have succeeded to protect it, and always will!

Stay safe and healthy
Yours in service,
Wally Hammond (HA#1)
Grand Correspondant

I hope all of you are well and healthy. Summer is officially here and so is the smoke from the Canadian wild fires. It ain't good for us old guys, kids and people with respiratory problems. It looks like a smog in LA. I hope you all are ok.

It has been a good week for some areas, weather wise. We got some much needed rain in Fulton County, but McDonough County, just west of us had wind, and as of last night Voyageurs in Macomb didn't have power, yet! The Voyageurs in Edgar County, just got power yesterday! The city of Paris, (IL not France) got widespread damage and clean up is on going! Pray for all our Voyageurs in distress from these storms.

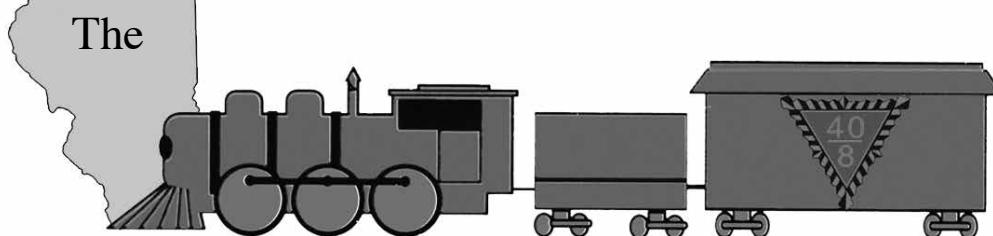
This is the 4th week we haven't had any renewals, new

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VOYAGEUR OF THE YEAR



At the May Promenade of Voiture 1195, the Voyager of the Year was selected by balloting. Chef de Train Steve (Hooty) Huettemann receives the pin and a firm congratulations from Chef de Gare Jerry (JT) Terando.

FLAGS FOR FIRST GRADERS EFFINGHAM COUNTY 2023

This March and April the 40 & 8 of Effingham County made their regular visits to Effingham County First Grade classrooms to do their "Flags for First Graders" program. The Effingham County 40 & 8 has presented U.S. Flags to students in the county for several years. Each year it just as enjoyable as the last. The veterans enjoy talking with the students and the students enjoy their time with the veterans.

The members of the 40 & 8 who are veterans of various eras explained to the students about the Colors of the Flag, some Flag etiquette, Flag Day and even which star belongs to Illinois. The students enjoyed the program. After the program, each student receives their own U.S. Flag and base as a gift from the 40 & 8. This year the Voyageurs were able to give nearly 500 flags and bases and each of the schools received a Certificate of Participation for taking part in the "Flags for First Graders" program.

The 40 & 8 members are called Voyager (traveler) or Voyageurs Militaire (military travelers). This is because of their journeys in the armed forces. Their post is called Voiture or Boxcar. The reason is from World War I when our forces traveled in boxcars in France. That is the reason for their name 40 & 8 too. The boxcars could transport 40 troops or eight horses.



Beecher City G.S.: Effingham D.A.V. members Dave Althoff (L) & Tony Koester (R) assists 40 & 8'er Bill Copple (center)



Southside G.S.: Effingham D.A.V. & American Legion members assists 40 & 8'er Bill Copple



Teutopolis G.S.: 40 & 8ers Aaron, Krista and Philip Mette with students Avery(L) and Cyrus(R) Mette



Altamont L.I.S. G.S.: 40&8er Ralph Rounds with students



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & NURSE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Memorial Day was started with the traditional parade down Liberty Street, led by the Morris Color (with five V-1195 Voyager members), and ending at the Courthouse steps.

The Colors were posted and speeches by Post Commanders Chef de Gare Jerry Terando. Jerry's speech regarded that death of his son in Iraq in 2005.

As Voiture 1195 Directeurs of the POW-MIA program he laid a wreath at the Korea-VietNam Memorial.

After the ceremony, there was an opportunity to take a photo with the two winners of the Nurse Scholarship who were in attendance.

Left to Right: Chef de Train Steve Huettemann (who is Directeurs of the program); Madelyn Rose Rushing (enrolled at Marquette U); Sophie Hopes (enrolled at Illinois State University; Cheminot Ken Buck (Commander of American Legion Post 294); Chef de Gare Jerry Terando.

We wish them success in their studies and chosen careers.



Altamont G.S.: 40 & 8er Ralph Rounds (back row R) & 1st grade teacher Sally Zimmerman (L). This is Mrs. Zimmerman's last year and last Flags for 1st Graders Program.



OFFICERS OF VOITURE 1195



The newly elected Officers of Voiture 1195 we're installed at the Juin 26th Promenade. A celebratory meal was held after the Promenade.

Those in attendance were (L to R): Mike Ebert (Commissary

Intendant); Larry Johnson (Correspondant); Jerry Terando (Chef de Gare passe & Garde de la Porte); Rob Dettmann (Chef de Gare); Steve Huettemann (Chef de Train); and Ken Buck (Cheminot).



V-1439 WRECK 2023



Front: Philip Mette, Alternate National Cheminot. Back row: Grand Aumonier Ralph Rounds, Voyageurs: Tom Johnson, Josh Hoelscher and Tim Hodge.

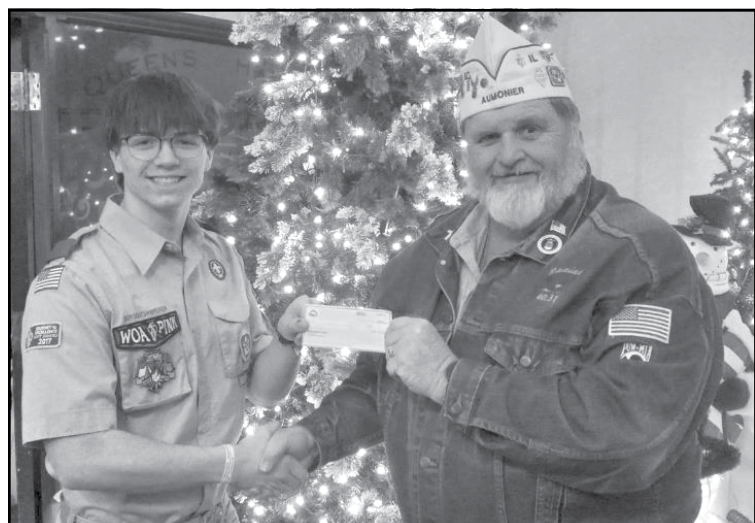
Effingham Co, IL 40 & 8, V-1439 back in April 2023 held a Wreck to bring in three new Voyageurs. The event was well attended and there was also a meal prior to the Wreck.

Chef de Gare Ralph Rounds (Grand Aumonier) was assisted by his Chef de Train Krista Mette and Commissaire Intendant Aaron Mette to

carry out the Wreck. The three new Voyageurs were Tom Johnson, Josh Hoelscher and Tim Hodge. The families of the Voyageurs were also invited to the dinner. In attendance was Philip Mette who recruited the new Voyageurs. Philip serves as V-1439's Correspondant and is currently Grand du Illinois Alternate National Cheminot.



40 & 8 CONTRIBUTES TO EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



L-R Layne Spencer and Ralph Rounds, Chef de Gare V-1439 40 & 8 Effingham County.

Beecher City - Back in Nov 2022 the 40 & 8 learned of Layne Jones and his Eagle Scout Project. He decided that he would work on Operation Christmas Child.

The purpose of the program is: Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S. (As

per their webpage at: (<https://www.samaritanpurse.org/>)

The Effingham County 40 & 8 learned of the project and decided to be part of the large group to provide financial assistance to Layne. They thought it was a perfect example of helping children in need and sharing positive ideals. With all of the funds that Layne collected he was able to send out 179 gifts.

Layne is the son of Carmen Spencer. He is currently a Junior at Beecher City High School where he plays basketball, baseball and competes in Scholastic Bowl plus he is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America. Layne's plans for after high school is to attend the University of Illinois and go into engineering.

MARION COUNTY VOITURE 516 CORRESPONDANT HONORED TWICE



Voiture 516 Correspondant, Tom Ballagh was the first recipient of the Dean Gollieher Award in recognition of his exemplary performance as the V516 Correspondant. Tom has long been recognized as one of the best Correspondants in the Grand as meticulous record

keeping generates the all of the Voitures annual reports in amazing detail.

Upon returning to Centralia after the Spring Cheminot meeting Tom was informed by Jackie "Butch" Mathus, of the Centralia Veterans Affairs Committee, that he had been

selected as the Grand Marshal of the Fourth of July parade. Mathus told Tom, "you are not the type of person, I know, that grandstands....You are always behind the scenes, without any fanfare, but it is noticeable". "We thank for what you do". He added.



VOITURE #1195 NURSE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



Chef de Train Steve Huettemann was present at the Morris Community High School Awards Day and

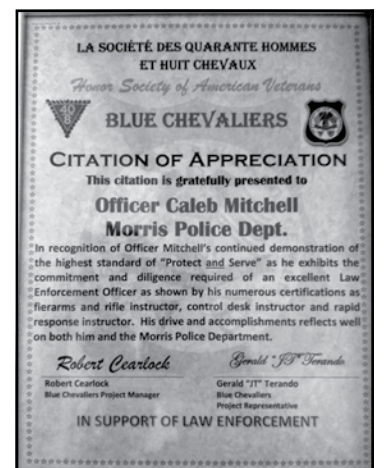
present two \$500 Nurse Scholarships to graduating Seniors.

left to right: Sophie Hipes

and Madelynn Rushing. We wish them success in pursuing their Nurse careers.



40&8 VOITURE 1195 CITE OFFICER CALEB MITCHELL



In the presence of his peers, Morris Police Dept. Officer Caleb Mitchell was cited by the Morris 40&8 Voiture 1195 Blue Chevaliers.

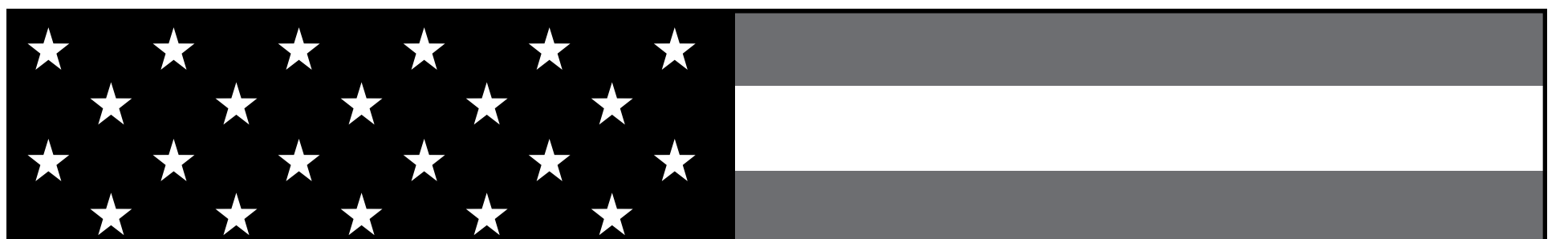
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chaveaux (The Societe of 40 Men and 8 Horses), was established by WWI Veterans in 1920. The Blue Chevaliers became a project on Jan.

1st, 2022. Their motto is: In Support of Law Enforcement.

Caleb had been recently named Officer of the Year by the Morris Police Department.

His citation reads: In recognition of Officer Mitchell's continued demonstration of the highest standard of Protect and Serve as he exhibits the commitment and diligence

required of an excellent Law Enforcement Officer as shown by his numerous certifications as firearms and rifle instructor, control tactics instructor, motor officer, and rapid response instructor. His drive and accomplishments reflect well on both him and the Morris Police Department.



VOITURE #1439 NURSE'S TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

by Ralph W. Rounds II
Chairman 40 & 8 Nurses Training Memorial Scholarship Program



L-R: Courtney Brummer, Chef de Gare Rounds & Chelsea Tegeler

Every year the Effingham County 40 & 8, V-1439 presents Nurse's Training Scholarships to selected Effingham County High School Seniors. This year Dieterich High School Seniors Chelsea Tegeler and Courtney Brummer. The scholarships were presented by Chef de Gare (Commander) Ralph Rounds. The scholarships are valued at \$3,000 each.

The scholarships were named as a "Memorial Scholarship" to honor members of the Effingham Co 40 & 8 who have passed away. The scholarship for Miss Tegeler was named for Fred Schaefer. Fred served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne. After his service a few years later, he

went to the Illinois State Police Academy and was assigned as a Trooper to District 12. After his many years with ISP, he retired.

The scholarship for Miss Brummer was named for Edward (V.P.) Vasquez-Perez. V.P. served with the U.S. Marine Corp during the Vietnam Era. During his service he achieved the rank of Sergeant. Mr. Perez was also a retired Parole Officer for the Illinois Dept of Corrections.

Both Mr. Schafer and Mr. Vasquez-Perez were valued members of the 40 & 8. Their service is greatly appreciated will be missed. Combined they had over 40 years of service to the 40 & 8.

This year the 40 & 8 was able to present two \$3,000 scholarships because of a generous donation from the Effingham County Marine Corps League.

Chelsea is planning on attending Lakeland Community College and is the daughter of Natasha & Brock. Courtney is planning on attending Greenville University and is the daughter of Scott and Tracy Brummer. Courtney and Chelsea are the 115th and 116th scholarship recipients of the Nurse's Training Scholarship. The members of V-1439 offer their best wishes to Madilyn and Talia for a great success.

V-1100 POSTING COLORS AT RUSHVILLE-INDUSTRY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



L to R: Steve Bottorff, Dustin Cox, Gene Ralston & Terry Bigham



V-1439 EFFINGHAM OFFICER INSTALLATION DINNER



Front row: Alt Cheminot Nat'l Philip Mette, 2022 Nurse's Training: Talia Coburn. Back row L-R: Michael Funneman, Ralph Rounds, Grand Chef Peter Hirt, Aaron Mette and Christa Mette

Effingham - Back in October V-1439 Effingham held their Officer Installation Dinner at Golden Coral in Effingham. The guest at the dinner included Grand Chef Peter Hirt and 2022 Nurse's Training Scholarship recipient Talia Coburn.

After everyone had their dinner Chef Hirt installed the officers of V-1439 that were present and that included: Chef de Gare: Ralph Rounds,

Chef de Train: Krista Mette, Correspondant: Philip Mette, Commissaire Intendant: Aaron Mette and Cheminot: Michael Funneman.

It was a great time of fellowship and camaraderie. Talia gave an update on school but she did suffer a mild set back while playing volleyball and hurting her knee. Grand Chef Pete had a great time meeting some of the other members of V-1439 and their families.



MORRIS COLOR GUARD'S PRESENTS THE COLORS



Morris Color Guard's presents the Colors at the beginning of the ceremony at the Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run, in Marseilles.

Holding the American Flag is MCG Commander, and 40&8 Grand Garde de la Porte Rob Dettmann. Holding the POW-MIA flag is MCG Vice-Commander, and Voiture 1195 Correspondant Larry Johnson. The National Anthem was followed by a flyover featuring the Missing Man Formation.

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