



# ROLL CALL

HONORING THOSE WHO "SERVE AND PROTECT"



I hope everyone had joyous and wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas with family and friends! We now begin the launch of the Blue Chevaliers as a stand-alone Program of La Société at the Nationale Promenade this coming September.

There are a multitude of important steps in this process that need to be accomplished to make the inaugural year of 2025 a success.

We all know that any and all success for La Société begins and ends at the Locale level with our Voyageurs Militaire. So, I would ask that each Locale and Grande begin to organize their Program with the appointment of a Blue Chevaliers Directeur and Committee for 2025. This will be an all-important step in the Launch process and provide the Nationale Directeur with the contacts necessary for the success of the Program.

We on the Project Team under the guidance of the Directeur, Public Relations, Renny Keagle will be compiling the necessary documentation, procedures and recommendations for the Program.

Recommendations and suggestions from you are welcome.

## **Robert "OB1" Cearlock Project Manager**

As we end the 2024 calendar year, it is important to take a look back and see how well we are doing. We stand at 327 members with a large number becoming or joining as PUFL. PUFL significantly helps in our efforts to reach our annual goal of \$2,000 to present at Nationale to our Law Officer of the Year. All of our members are equally important, but sadly many of our 2022 charter members have not yet been renewed and with Blue Chevalier becoming a full program in 2025 - we do not desire to make any decision on keeping members or dropping them from the rolls. Renewals are only \$2.00 per year and many are renewing for five years @ \$10.00 for convenience. An important part of this past year is that many local law enforcement officers were recognized - which is at the heart of our purpose from the beginning. Recognizing our donors with certificates of appreciation began a few months ago and is well received - many go above and beyond to reach into their wallet to support Blue Chevalier and are worthy of special recognition.

So, a great year behind us and a better one ahead of us - stay the course with us as we start work very soon on setting up the Blue Chevalier Program - which means leadership will be needed at the National, Grand and Locale levels.



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Blessing to all, a great holiday season however you celebrate it, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at Blue Chevalier."

***Renslar "Renny" Keagle***

***Public Relations Directeur, Nationale***

As many of you are aware the Public Relations Program announced a new project at Promenade Nationale during the 2021 year in Springfield, Missouri called The Blue Chevaliers. Its sole purpose is to support Law Enforcement and provide recognition and positive public relations for the Forty and Eight. The name, Blue Chevaliers is a mixture of English and French, as is the tradition of La Société. Blue being the English term that commonly refers to law enforcement and Chevaliers is French for "Noble or Honored Knights." We felt this was a most appropriate description of our law enforcement personnel in America. We kicked off this project in January 2022 after a year of planning and organizing with offering memberships, soliciting donations, pin sales, and shirt sales to raise the funding to support law enforcement officers and their families and the Law Officer of the Year program that we offer through The Forty and Eight Special Awards Program. Every cent raised goes for those purposes and there was no financial commitment or participation from Voiture Nationale. All funding was done exclusively by the staff of The Blue Chevaliers selling memberships and collecting donations. Now, what some of you may not be aware of is that at the Promenade Nationale, General Session at the 2022 Promenade

Nationale in Green Bay, Wisconsin, The Blue Chevaliers project presented a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Forty and Eight Law Officer of the Year recipient, in addition to the plaque he received from La Société. We felt so honored to do this and it was made possible by the tremendous participation and support of the Voyagers and Dames in the inaugural year of this project. As it stands now, we plan to make this award annually at Promenade Nationale, just as we did again in 2023 in Sandusky, OH at Promenade Nationale this year. This can only be accomplished by the continued support of the Voyageurs of La Société and Dames of La Cabane. The Project Manager is Bob Cearlock and Advisors are Mike Wood, Frank Campo and Greg Hall. Please contact any one of these Voyageurs to join The Blue Chevaliers Posse. In addition to this award, we were able to recognize many Officers, Deputies and Sheriffs all over the country with awards and honors, many that the membership of La Société were not even aware of. We now offer a very attractive pin that is a one-time purchase, or included with your membership in The Blue Chevaliers, polo shirts, hats, patches and decals for your car. Achievement certificates are awarded for different levels of financial donations as well as memorial certificates. We have had an outstanding response to this the project and hope that we can match that participation in 2024. With all the support and hard work, we have now proven to La Société the benefit of making The Blue Chevaliers a full stand-alone program in The Forty and Eight. At

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Promenade Nationale 2023 in Sandusky, OH, the membership overwhelmingly voted to make The Blue Chevaliers a full stand-alone PROGRAM as of 2025. The 2024 year was needed to create a Committee with a Nationale Directeur and Sous Directeurs and incorporate the funding and banking of the program to conform with the Forty and Eight Federal tax-exempt status. **Join us now and support this program and demonstrate the world that The Blue Chevaliers and The Forty and Eight make a great TEAM in supporting law and order in America.**

***Mike Wood***

***Project Advisor***

### BLUE CHEVALIERS

Check your Membership Card. If it says 2023 you are no longer an active member. Please renew ASAP!

You are able to read the "Roll Call", latest Membership reports and catalog items online at

<http://www.illfortyandeight.com/>

(SELECT THE BLUE CHEVALIERS tab)

Forms for membership renewal in the Blue Chevaliers and P.A.L.S. are available on the Nationale website at

<https://www.fortyandeight.org/public-relations/>

**AGAIN, A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERS WHO HAVE MADE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE BLUE CHEVALIERS!  
IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR DUES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE DONATIONS and MERCHANDISE SALES ARE ENORMOUSLY IMPORTANT!**





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## 2023 CITATIONS

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CITATION OF APPRECIATION  
 This citation is gratefully presented to

**Deputy Kasey Kurtz**  
**Brown County Sheriff's Dept.**

In recognition of Deputy Kurtz's demonstration of the highest standard of "Protect and Serve" when he rescued a young girl from cold flood waters on June 22, 2022. The young lady had been swept away by the current and had pulled responding to her father from the shore. Deputy Kurtz arrived on scene and was shuttled down stream on a UTV by a Volunteer Firefighter where he entered the water and walked then swam to her rescue. This quick action by Deputy Kurtz and those who assisted him saved the young lady from a terrible fate.

**Robert Cearlock**      **Ron Krogman**  
 Robert Cearlock      Ron Krogman  
 Blue Chevaliers Project Manager      Blue Chevaliers Project Representative

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 This citation is gratefully presented to

**Officer Lorenzo Olivas**  
**El Paso Police Dept.**

In recognition of Officer Olivas's continued demonstration of the highest standard of "Protect and Serve." Officer Olivas was traveling on the 8700 block of Castner when he observed an overturned ATV in an empty dirt lot. He stopped his unmarked unit and located a male pinned under the ATV. He was able to call out to dispatch to request medical personnel to the scene. He and a passerby were able to pull the ATV off the male who was conscious but unable to move. Officer Olivas continued to the male and stabilized him until medical personnel arrive on scene. Medical personnel were able to get the male to a local hospital where he was admitted for his injuries.

If not for Officer Olivas's actions and visual perception of the area, it is unknown how long the male would have been pinned under the ATV, or if anyone would have noticed an overturned ATV in a dirt lot with limited lighting. Officer Olivas's actions in not saving this male's life, saved him from sustained serious bodily injury.

**Renslar Keagle**      **Robert Cearlock**  
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**Tactical Officer Alan Blanco**  
**El Paso Police Dept.**

In recognition of Officer Blanco's continued demonstration of the highest standard of "Protect and Serve" as he participates in many several community groups and associations and coaches little league baseball while participating in several difficult and dangerous rescues in the El Paso area Franklin Mountain and other remote areas. Officer Blanco exhibits the commitment and diligence required of an excellent Law Enforcement Officer as shown by his numerous commendations and awards.

**Robert Cearlock**      **Renslar Keagle**  
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 This citation is gratefully presented to

**Sgt. Steve Huettemann**  
**Morris Police Dept.**

UPON RETIREMENT AND IN RECOGNITION OF 27 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE MORRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND YOUR SERVICE IN THE U. S. ARMY MILITARY POLICE (1985-91) AND DUTY IN OPERATION DESERT STORM, WE EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE FOR PROVIDING SECURITY AND SAFETY TO OUR COMMUNITY AND NATION. GOD SPEED!

**Robert Cearlock**      **Gerald Terando**  
 Robert Cearlock      Jerry Terando  
 National Director, Public Relations      Blue Chevaliers Project Representative  
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**Officer Joel Martinez**  
**El Paso Police Dept.**

In recognition of Officer Martinez's continued demonstration of the highest standard of "Protect and Serve." In 2021 Officer Martinez volunteered to oversee the Mission Valley area Bear Runs and Retail Theft initiatives, along with the reversion of Theft of Catalytic Converters. Prior to taking over Bear Runs and Retail Theft, the solvability ratio in these types of cases was under 1%. These cases had little to no resolution and many were going unassigned, leaving countless victims with no justice. Officer Martinez spearheaded the task to address these types of cases, even though he is not a detective (detectives are usually the ones to investigate these crimes) and, from the onset, was assigned 635 cases. To date he has cleared 170 cases by arrest, citation, or other positive means. Officer Martinez has single-handedly raised the 1% solvability rate to 26.5%. Further, his exceptional work has inspired a new approach to these crimes and other tactical units are now handling bear runs and retail thefts effectively. In addition, Officer Martinez was selected by his peers and supervisors as the Mission Valley Tactical Unit Officer of the year for 2021.

**Renslar Keagle**      **Robert Cearlock**  
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**Officer Caleb Mitchell**  
**Morris Police Dept.**

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 and arrest instructor, and rapid deployment instructor. His drive and accomplishments reflects well on both him and the Morris Police Department.

**Robert Cearlock**      **Gerald Terando**  
 Robert Cearlock      Gerald Terando  
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CITATION OF APPRECIATION  
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**Deputy Tyler Post**  
**Grundy County Sheriffs Dept.**

In recognition of the tenacity and bravery displayed during the events of 7 October 2021. His actions, and the gunshot wound he sustained in the performance of his duties reflect the highest standards of Law Enforcement and his dedication to the safety of his community.

**Robert Cearlock**      **Gerald Terando**  
 Robert Cearlock      Jerry Terando  
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 This citation is presented in sincere gratitude to

**Sgt. Michael Rossitor**  
**Alexandria, VA. Police Dept.**

In recognition of Sergeant Rossitor's continued demonstration of the highest standard of "Protect and Serve" as he participates in several community groups and associations and interacts with the Communities Youth while exhibiting the commitment and diligence required of an excellent Law Enforcement Officer.

**Robert Cearlock**      **Mace Carpenter**  
 Robert Cearlock      Mace Carpenter, Voyager Militaire  
 Blue Chevaliers Project Manager      Blue Chevaliers Project Representative

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CITATION OF APPRECIATION  
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**Officer Alexis Callaway**  
**Senola Police Department**

In recognition of Officer Callaway's continued demonstration of the highest standard of "Protect and Serve." On December 19, 2022 Officer Alexis Callaway and Sgt. Justin Forrester of the Senola Police Department responded to a 911 call about a 1 month old infant that was not breathing. The infant was in his Grandmother's arms unresponsive. Officer Callaway grabbed the child flipped him on his back and began back thrusts to open his airway. All the while Sgt. Forrester was talking with 911 and keeping the family calm. In a few seconds the baby spit up liquid and began breathing. It turned out that the Grandmother had given the baby grape water, an over the counter remedy for colic that caused the reaction. The child had regained his color and began to loudly cry, to the relief of everyone. Officer Callaway's extensive CPR training resulted in her immediate action and response to rescue the child. She has been in law enforcement for 4 years. Officer Callaway was awarded the Life Saving Award at the Senola City Council Meeting on March 6, 2023.

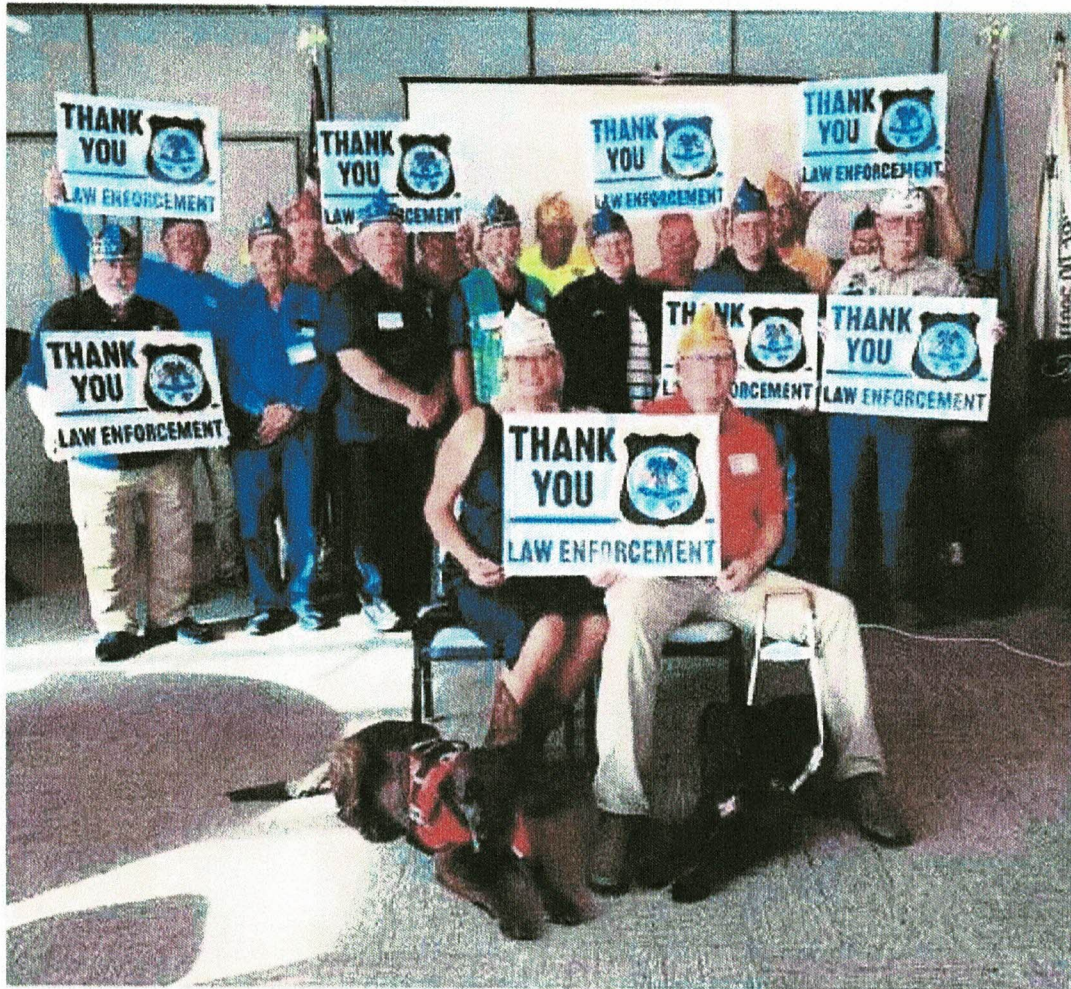
**Renslar Keagle**      **Michael S. Wood**  
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November 3, 2023  
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## BRAVO ZULU GRAND DU SOUTH DAKOTA!

The Fall Cheminot in Grande du South Dakota proved to be a resounding success thanks to the implementation of various team building events. Under the leadership of Chef de Gare Sean Johnson and his project, the Blue Chevalier, participants engaged in a poker walk that added a unique twist to the event. Each establishment involved was provided with a Blue Chevalier lawn sign, and the objective was to enter these establishments, locate a veteran or law enforcement personnel, and treat them to a beverage. This activity not only fostered a sense of camaraderie among the participants but also honored those who have served their country or community.