

Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Rick Williams – Chef de Chemin de Fer



I would like to thank every Voyager who used their voice and vote to express their confidence in me to lead and represent them in this, the 99th year of this great organization. This is a responsibility that I do not take lightly and I, along with everyone of you, will endeavor to represent the Forty and Eight with the utmost boldness and diligence in the upcoming year.

I would like to take time to thank every Voyager and Dame who gave me encouragement, guidance, and support during my campaign, with special gratitude to the Voyagers of Locale 735 and the Grand du TN for their backing and encouragement.

I have a special and heartfelt thank you for my Voyager friends who opened my eyes to many new perspectives regarding this office. I am also grateful for such a fair and competitive campaign from the candidates who were running for the office with me.

In the upcoming year I charge each and every Voyager to “GET ONE AND BRING ONE” to your promenade for socializing with the other Voyagers and Dames, getting them interested in our programs and the people of our organization. Keep encouraging them to come to events that you hold, talk to them,



find out what their passions are, match it up with one of our programs, and give them a short history lesson on the program. If you do not know it, get someone who does or ask for some guidance from the Directeur of the program, and you both learn what it is about.

Our organization is dependent upon YOU. You are the ones that meet and talk about what we do and how we help others. Most of today's young veterans are into social media that is where we should be looking, and acting upon. Something else everyone can do-every place that you go, when you see someone wearing a service emblem, ask them if they served, if yes then thank them! Be proud of the clothing with

the 40 & 8 name or Emblem and wear the item in public. Think outside of the box on ways to meet other veterans. Speaking of advertising get your Public Relations Directors busy with some positive information about what your Locale and Grande are doing. There is free air time out there for public information, along with press space. Sign up with Nationale Public Relations and get some good ideas and articles to use in your local papers.

PUSH

PERSIST UNTIL SUCCESS HAPPENS

The Shamrock Wreck in Savannah Georgia for-filled its promise to be very successful. For the Forth year in a row, it is showing good growth. They are keeping their newest Voyagers Keith Fry, Dustin Strickland, Gregory Lucas, Charles Ceccacci, and Billy Cope active and in charge of the wrecking crew next year under the guidance of the experienced Voyagers.

I was welcomed and made to feel at home! Thank You Chef de Gare Jim Stauffiger, Voyagers Tommy Fordham, Art Peltier, Mike Ball, Jennifer Anderson, and all of the Voyagers and Dames of Voiture 567 and Cabane 567.

As a member of Voiture 735, I and the rest of the Voyagers wish to thank all who gave at Promenade Nationale To help us replace our equipment lost in the fire. Your generosity is unparalleled.

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Terry Sims- Acting Correspondant National

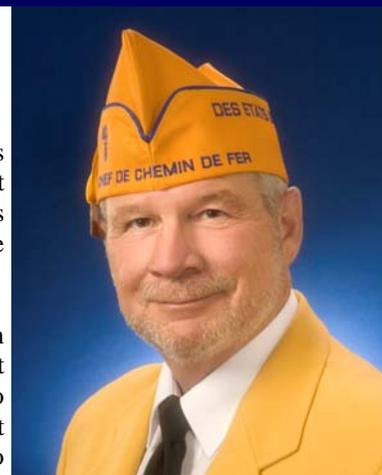
Sous Chef's Tidbits

A few comments about our Sous Chef's de Chemin de Fer, in alphabetical order, of course. I met Jim Coe in 2002 when Jackson, MI was having a slight problem hosting the Great Lakes Promenade. Jim, being from Lansing, took charge with his Voyageurs and made it a huge joint success and paved the way for future voiture locales to take a serious look at joint ventures. His leadership skills have propelled him through the chairs in Grande du Michigan to the high office that he now holds.

Chuck Graham is one of the hardest working and most polite Voyageurs that we will meet in LaSociete. Chuck was Northern Vice Commander of The American Legion for The Department of New York, achieving tremendous results in membership. Chuck, at the present time, is also the Grand Correspondant. He and his wife Kathy almost single handedly ram rodded the Great Lakes Promenade in the Thousand Islands area in upper New York State two different times to major successes. These achievements also possess excellent leadership skills.

I was introduced to Tom in the late 1990's during our time in the National Box Car Association. Tom not only became Directeur in 2003 but he was a glutton for punishment, so he was also appointed as Secretaire Treasurer. What a great job he performed for the Program. Over the years, Tom has been a motivator for membership in Grande de Wisconsin. Tom has held several dual positions as Grand Chef de Gare and Grand Correspondant. Tom, again, is holding down dual positions, Sous Chef Chemin de Fer and L'E-diteur . He is a disciplinarian, and as we know, it is much needed in our organization.

The qualifications and experience that our three Sous Chef's de Chemin de fer possess are some of the best in LaSociete. All we need to do is get behind them to make this a successful year for LaSociete. Remember: History is what YOU make it.



National Nurses Training Program

GRAND VOITURE the MONTH

September



In 1955 the Voyageurs Militaire of the 40/8 recognized the increasing shortage of Registered Nurses. As veterans of the world's past conflicts and fully understanding the importance of this vital profession, the honored members of "La Societe" committed themselves to finding a solution to this issue. The answer was our "National Nurse's Training Program".



Since the inception of this program the "George B. Boland Trust Fund" was established to provide financial assistance through scholarships for those students who enroll for Nurse's Training. The National Nurse Training Club was established to provide a venue for involving the "Voyageurs Militaire" of our "La Societe" to work together in support, raising funds through Pin Sales Program and other fund raising efforts. The rest of our success speaks for itself.

The support for Nurse's Training continues to provide excellent response to this effort as Pin Sales from Grand Voitures continue to be highly successful making it possible for us to make significant donations each year to the "Boland Trust". Through the efforts of the National Nurse Training Club for the Pin year 2018, we were able to donate \$9,000 to the Boland Trust Fund at Promenade Nationale.

"MERCİ BEAUCOUP", To all Fellow Voyageurs Militaire

We have set our Goal for the 2019 Pin Year to be just as successful and we are off to a Great Start. The top sales remitted for **September** was 175 Pins for \$525; **Grand du Oregon** ---- of the ---- Northwest Region of Sous Directeur Jim Vissers. These Voyageurs Militaire currently hold a \$2.63 Per Capita

"MERCİ, Fellow Voyageurs Militaire", National Secretaire/Treasurer, H.T. "Terry" Sharp

Voiture 1406 Welcome Home



On September 30, 2018, Voyageurs from Palomar Voiture 1406, Grand du California, gathered with 1000 patriotic citizens to meet and welcome home Veterans of WWII and the Korean conflict, who were due to land on an Honor Flight from Washington DC.

Pictured: is Cheminot Nationale Chuck "Pitbull" Camarato admiring the socks of a Returning WWII US Marine.

Voiture 899 POW/MIA



Voiture 899 Highlands County Florida celebrated POW/MIA Recognition Day. The Voiture set up a table of POW/MIA items for purchase as well as provided a flyer on the organization and Locale. Chef de Train, Don Wittenberg, manned the table at Amvets Post 21 along with Scottie-ann Murphy the Chef de Gare.

National Past Chef de Gare Club



At the 99th Promenade National in Louisville KY, two of the six newly elected National Past Chef de Gare Club (NPCC) Officers, Ed Jones and Danielle Duffaut, are hard at work taking new applications and renewals for NPCC membership.

Voiture 1390 Flags for First Graders



Presidential Biographies

The airborne terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the thwarted flight against the White House or Capitol on September 11, 2001, in which nearly 3,000 Americans were killed, transformed George W. Bush into a wartime president. The attacks put on hold many of Bush's hopes and plans, and Bush's father, George Bush, the 41st president, declared that his son "faced the greatest challenge of any president since Abraham Lincoln."

In response, Bush formed a new cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security, sent American forces into Afghanistan to break up the Taliban, a movement under Osama bin Laden that trained financed and exported terrorist teams. The Taliban was successfully disrupted but Bin Laden was not captured and was still on the loose as Bush began his second term. Following the attacks, the president also recast the nation's intelligence gathering and analysis services, and ordered reform of the military forces to meet the new enemy. At the same time he delivered major tax cuts which had been a campaign pledge. His most controversial act was the invasion of Iraq on the belief that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein posed a grave threat to the United States. Saddam was captured, but the disruption of Iraq and the killing of American servicemen and friendly Iraqis by insurgents became the challenge of Bush's government as he began his second term. President Bush pledged during his 2005 State of the Union Address that the United States would help the Iraqi people establish a fully democratic government



because the victory of freedom in Iraq would strengthen a new ally in the war on terror, bring hope to a troubled region, and lift a threat from the lives of future generations.

Bush was born in New Haven, Connecticut while his father was attending Yale University after service in World War II. The family moved to Midland, Texas, where the senior Bush entered the oil exploration business. The son spent formative years there, attended Midland public schools, and formed friendships that stayed with him into the White House. Bush graduated from Yale, received a business degree from Harvard, and then returned to Midland where he too got into the oil business. In Midland he met and married Laura Welch, a teacher and librarian. They had twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara,

now out of college and pursuing careers.

When George W. Bush, at the age of 54, became the 43rd president of the United States, it was only the second time in American history that a president's son went on to the White House. John Quincy Adams, elected the sixth president in 1824, was the son of John Adams, the second president. While John Adams had groomed his son to be president, George Bush, the 41st president, insisted he was surprised when the eldest of his six children became interested in politics, became governor of Texas, and then went on to the White House.

During the early part of the 2000 campaign for the White House, Bush enjoyed a double-digit lead in the polls over his opponent Vice President Al Gore Jr. But the gap closed as the election approached and though Gore

finally won the popular vote by 543,895 votes, victory or loss of the presidency hinged on Florida's electoral votes. That struggle through recounts and lawsuits worked its way to the Supreme Court. In the end Bush won the electoral count 271 to 266. His new administration was focused on "compassionate conservatism," which embraced excellence in education, tax relief and volunteerism among faith-based and community organizations.

Bush was challenged in his re-election bid in 2004 by Massachusetts Democratic Senator John Kerry. The election was a good contest, but Bush's contention that the invasion of Iraq had made the world more secure against terrorism won the national political debate. Bush was re-elected with 51 percent to 48 percent.

On the inaugural stand, George W. Bush set the theme for his second term: "At this second gathering, our duties are defined not by the words I use, but by the history we have seen together. For half a century, America defended our own freedom by standing watch on distant borders. After the shipwreck of communism came years of relative quiet- and then there came a day of fire. There is only one force of history that can break the reign of hatred and resentment, and expose the pretensions of tyrants, and reward the hopes of the decent and tolerant, and that is the force of human freedom - tested but not weary... we are ready for the greatest achievements in the history of freedom."

Building Donation Challenge Grand Total \$164,300.22
September 2018



<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOITURE</u>	<u>GR</u>	<u>AMT</u>
Americanism Fund	National		\$ 2,100.00
Bernie Sampson	534	NY	\$ 662.56
Voiture 1068	1068	NE	\$ 264.50
Grand du TN	Grand	TN	\$ 166.50
Voiture 1425	1425	MI	\$ 140.00
Voiture 502	502	NY	\$ 60.00
Voiture 616	616	OK	\$ 53.50
Voiture 646	646	VT	\$ 50.00
Voiture 25	25	OR	\$ 47.50
Voiture 1539	1539	AK	\$ 40.00
Voiture 29	29	OH	\$ 36.00
Voiture 306	306	NV	\$ 28.50
Voiture 1323	1323	WI	\$ 27.50
Voiture 439	439	AZ	\$ 21.00
Voiture 883	883	VA	\$ 15.00
Voiture 663	663	MI	\$ 12.00
Voiture 926	926	IL	\$ 7.00
Voiture 1437	1437	WY	\$ 5.50
Voiture 91	91	WA	\$ 2.50

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The National Box Car Association



Hello All. Attached is the breakdown of all monies distributed at Louisville Promenade Nationale. A second attachment is the Thank You letter to The National Box Car Association from the Louisville VA Hospital for our Donation when we visited the facility. Also this year we have a new item which is NOT consignable however was a big hit at Nationale. We now have wooden train whistles for just \$ 10.00 each.....*Frank Kronen, Secretaire/Treasurer Box Car*

National Box Car Association 2018 Donations:

Hero of the Year Mark Dallas	\$ 800.00
Membership	\$ 3,500.00
Law Officer of the Year John Coffey	\$ 800.00
VAVS	\$ 7,000.00
VAVS Emergency Fund	\$.00
40 & 8 er Magazine	\$ 100.00
Historian	\$ 250.00
Merci Box Car Maintenance	\$ 1,650.00
Local School Included in HOBO'S Donation	
Pal's Magazine Renslar Keagle	\$ 100.00
HOBO'S	\$ 800.00
Photographer Robert Gilmore	\$ 1,000.00
Local VA Facility	\$ 750.00



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In Reply Refer To: 603/135

Forty and Eight - La Societe Des Quarante
 6903 Chapel Lane
 North Ridgeville, OH 44039-2944

Dear Friends:

I wish to extend my personal thanks to you on behalf of the Louisville-Robley Rex VAMC patients and staff for your recent donation of \$750.00, check number 1269. A receipt is enclosed.

As requested, this donation has been deposited in the following General Post Fund account(s):

500 General Patient Needs	\$750.00
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One hundred percent of your donation will be used to supplement the excellent care and services provided to our Veteran patients and their families. We are very grateful for your generosity and support of our Nation's Veterans.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Harrett
 Suzanne Harrett, Chief, Voluntary Service