

Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Mike McGary - Chef de Chemin de Fer



We're off to the races. And so, another year begins for this illustrious organization. All of the old and new officers are beginning their communication, with their respective Grandes. I ask only one thing from those of you that receive those communications, and that is if you're asked to share the information with the Locales in your Grand, PLEASE do so. It takes so little effort but can produce massive results. With the pandemic still lingering on, Voiture Activities are still not up to speed, so getting the information spread out is imperative. Our members still take great pride in making a difference with our programs. They will continue to make them a success only if they know what's going on. That's where this communication comes into play and it's up to everyone to spread the word. WE can do this, even if you have to pretend and treat the information like a rumor. Those always spread like wildfire.

Now is also the time to be hitting the membership. I can't believe we are behind last year's numbers at this time. I would like to congratulate the Grande du France, Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia for reaching 100%. Keep up the good work. I expect this year to be the come back of the century after last year. We have a new Directeur, in Terry Chatfield, and several new Sous Directeurs, all of which are working hard to make this organization great again. For all you Locale Corre-



spondants that have snowbirds on your membership roster, it's time to get them before they take off for warmer weather. It's just that much less you'll have to worry about in May and June of next year.

I would like to welcome Cheryl Jamnick as the new Nationale Presidente. I look forward to seeing her and pack mule Joe on the road once again. I would also like to thank PNP Penny Haigler for the time we spent together. The bottom fell out of our year in March but the events we did get to attend were very enjoyable. Thanks again.

This next item is a matter of great importance. All of us have served this country to maintain our way of life and the freedoms we cherish. We still have the responsibility to continue that by voting in our elections. I really don't care what side of

the issues you are on, it's our responsibility to be a part of the selection process. Our vote is the only voice we have in the direction this country will take in the future. The only thing I ask is to spend some time to research the issues. I can't believe individuals that rely on friends, the internet, or other unreliable information to make their choices. Serve your country again by taking this responsibility as seriously as you did in your military service.

We have several holidays in the next couple of months. Don't forget you fellow veterans that are in need of our help. It can be as simple as spending some time with a shut in and sharing a cup of coffee and some conversation. Or maybe picking them for a promenade and a meal, everyone needs to feel wanted and appreciated. How about selling a tip board at your Promenade to pay the dues of a member whose fallen on some hard times. Sometimes I think if we wouldn't be better off with a little more public relations in our own Locales and Grandes. An old mentor of mine always said that a Forty and Eighter wore his heart on his sleeve and had a had in his pocket ready to help those in need. Let's make sure we don't forget our own.

In closing I hope everyone stays safe and healthy. I want to wish my photographer, Larry Butts, a speedy recovery. Larry suffered another stroke the other day and is back in the hospital. God bless all of you and God Bless the U.S.A.

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Terry Sims -Correspondant National

GREETINGS AMERICANS

Many years ago I had a tremendous mentor in the 40/8. His name was Bob Ford a Grand Chef de Gare passe du Indiana. The following is parts of a speech that he would give at schools around Memorial and Veterans Day. I have added some of my own material when I would do the same during my speeches at the schools and 40/8 events.

I am an American. A 100% red-blooded American. I am motherhood and apple pie, baseball and hot dogs, and John Wayne all wrapped up in one semi-fat ball. I still believe that over here anyone, no matter how humble his beginnings, can go as far as his heart and guts will let him go. I am Ben Franklin with his wonderful practicality, and I am Abraham Lincoln with his humanitarianism. I am John Paul Jones who had not yet begun to fight, and I am Elliot Ness who had. I am General Patton with his blood and guts, and I am Billy Graham with his humility, I am Storman Norman with his dedication, and I am Nat king Cole with his soothing voice. I am the man in the street and the genius in his ivory tower, I am Charley Brown and Funkie Winkerbean. I made the first bloody footprints in the snow at Valley Forge, and I took the giant leap for mankind on the moon. I still tingle all over when I hear the Star spangled Banner, and my eyes get misty when I see Old Glory flying proudly in a parade. I would rather work all day on any farm in the United States Of America than spend even one summer on the French Riviera. I would rather rent the smallest cottage in the smallest village on this side of the Atlantic than own the largest castle in Europe.

Every day of my life I thank God for the miracle of my birth. I thank him for the priviledge of having been born free, here between the two great oceans. I can't imagine how it would feel not to have been born free. I can't imagine how it would feel to have to serve Lenin, Stalin, Hitler, Castro, Sadaam Hussien or be served up as lunch to Idi Amin. I can't imagine how it would feel to have my voice, no matter how small, stilled for even an instant.

Some years ago many people thought that the United States would cease to be the number one country in the world, and they had several reasons to believe this. We had given away our Panama Canal, we had pardoned the Draft Dodger, and had granted amnesty to the deserter. We decided to go with an all-volunteer Army and had few new weapons, none of which had been battle-tested. We still had our anti-nuke demonstrations and our peace marches. We had our commentators and several movie people telling us we were the aggressors and we had only to disarm to bring about world peace. Tell that to the ones that lost their loved ones September 11, 2001, and in the mountains of Afghanistan and the sand piles of Iraq or any other war that our men and women sacrificed their lives and fortunes to keep free our liberty. America will ALWAYS be the number one country in the world. Let us get into a real emergency and see what happens.

That's when you will see those 100% brave, red-blooded Americans come forward to defend our freedoms.

Our Veterans are the ones who have kept this dream of a free America alive. They speak out for her. They have shown the world we are a free country and we intend to REMAIN free. To be free requires a lot of faith, a constant vigil, and a strong right arm. A quote from Abraham Lincoln, "All the combined armies of Europe, Asia and Africa, with Bonaparte for a commander, in a million years, could not by force, take one sip from the Missouri or make one track on the Blue Ridge. If destruction is to be our lot, we ourselves must be its author and its creator". If we lose our civilization the way we know it, it's our fault. We don't have to be hawks or doves, but we certainly have to be eagles. Our veterans go out and tell the story of America, the loving, caring, compassionate America, the one we know and love. Never before in history has one nation poured out so much of its heart and wealth to foreign lands as we have. We have sent more care packages over seas and built more bridges and hospitals for foreign countries than has any nation in history. We have been the

first on the scene at any natural or man-made catastrophe on earth. We have attempted to bring some peace to this chaotic world only to catch hell both abroad and at home, fail and repeatedly try again. It is true that every year we waste billions of dollars on foreign nations who do nothing but criticize us; but when the chips are down, when the going gets really rough, whom do they still turn to? These Great United States Of America.

Every time you get a chance to speak out for this great land, tell how it began with a bunch of Indians, a flock of turkeys, and a few religious nuts shivering on the New England shore to become the greatest nation on the face of the earth. Our Veterans have made this possible.

The bold colors of "Old Glory"- Red, White and Blue, paint a portrait of patriotism, pride and gratitude in our hearts and our minds. These are the colors that our fallen comrades, who are the defenders of our freedoms- the defenders of our faith and the defenders of our great American way of life--- so gallantly fought and died for. Yes, we are at war today. Our men and women are fighting to stop the tennicles of terrorism from choking our future generations.

We will lose more American men and women through the travesties of war, and we will again bury our dead with dignity, as they gave the "Supreme Sacrifice", and this great country will continue to breed future Veterans.

We still have the same "Idiots and Morons" that still want to desecrate our Flag. They don't see the blood and guts left behind on faraway battle fields- the severely wounded (physically and mentally) returning home- wishing they could return to their comrades to fight for Democracy. The American soldier is part of the best fighting machine in the world- the machine that fights for Freedom. God Bless Them All !!!



From the L'Editeur

The following are the deadline dates for submitting an article or picture for the Forty et Eight magazine this fiscal year.

10-22-2020

01-22-2021

04-23-2021

07-23-2021

The definition for **DEADLINE** is the latest time or date for something to be completed. Over the last five years I have had to change layouts of the publication due to articles or pictures being late.

Due to many events being cancelled this past year I am in need of more pictures and articles more than ever. Can always surf the internet for interesting articles pertaining to the Veterans of La Societe but would rather have our membership submit articles or pictures.

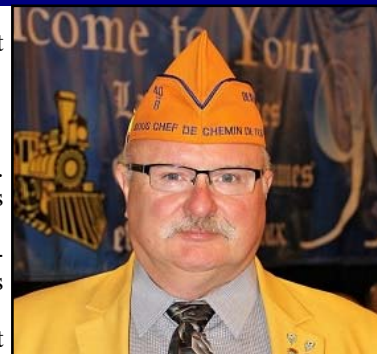
This is my sixth year as your National L'editeur. Started something completely different this last year and that is I do the complete layout from my basement office and send the completed publication to Kamrex Publishing for final adjustments. Strange word to use but they do an **extraction** of my completed PDF layout; add page numbers along with other lines and send the completed publication back to National Correspondant Terry Sims, Bill Beaumont and myself for final approval. It's also sent to National Avocat Mike Wood and National Aumonier John Murphy for more proof reading. The more eyes going over it the better!

Have an interesting article or picture you would like to have in the magazine! Just email it to me in word form to wigrandvoiture@tds.net

National Program Directeur's have all been notified as to when they are asked to submit an article for publication. All are requested to send in two articles a year except National Membership Directeur Terry Chatfield who will have an article submitted for every issue along with Big Chef Mike McGary and National Presidente Cheryl Jamnick.

Remember this is your magazine, not mine and with everyone's assistance we'll make this publication even more informational and for new members motivational with even more communication among our ranks.

Stay Safe – Tom Orval **Faith Family Forty et Eight**



National Nurses Training Program

GRAND VOITURE of 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".

"MERCI BEAUCOUP"

In recognition of Pin Consignment sales for the 2021 Nurse Training Pin year: Nurse Training Club's

**GRAND VOITURE of the Month for SEPTEMBER
"GRAND du VERMONT"**

Northeast Region of Sous Directeur Kevin Owens posted earned sales to-date of 20 Pins for \$60 and a member per-capita of \$ 1.71

"MERCI, Fellow Voyageurs Militaire", National Secretaire/Treasurer Nurse Training, H.T. "Terry" Sharp



We are selling 2020 Promenade Nationale pins (Kalahari). The pins were ordered before we had to cancel the Promenade. The price is \$1.25 each with a minimum order of 10. The process for ordering is as follows: Email your order to Correspondant Nationale Terry Sims- corrnat@fortyandeight.org and send your check to Voiture Nationale c/o Tammy- 250 E 38th St, Indianapolis, IN 46205

Why should I support the National Box Car Association?

This will be my first article for this year. And the question is. Why? should I support the National Box Car Association? I, will now tell you of a program who benefitted from The National Box Car Association, as well as VA Hospital and VA Clinic visiting Veterans.

In this article, which, I will call the continuing education of the National Box Car Association. I will zero in on one particular program who solely relies on the Box Car Association for funding. A contest within the VAVS program titled "Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling". This contest is funded solely by the National Box Car Association. This contest was derived and established to create competition amongst VAVS Representatives and Deputy Representatives, and a direction to compete for monies from Nationale donated for VA Healthcare and State Homes. Example, The Ohio Veterans Homes in Sandusky and Georgetown, along with the various VA Hospitals throughout each state.

These facilities put together a "Needs List". The purpose of creating these lists was to off-set monetary short-falls of a Facility and to give the various Veterans Service Organizations a way of donating funds to better the overall experience of the Veteran at any given Facility. Items included but not limited to, would be something as little as coffee to wheelchairs, along with other of items of comfort.

To obtain these items the Representative or Deputy Representative of either the State Home or VA Facility simply review the aforementioned "Needs List" for their specific facility and chose items of need. What they would then do is submit in writing a description of how the item or items would benefit the Veterans of their Facility. Also required in their communication would be the cost of those items and the total amount needed. Once the letters are completed, they are either e-mailed or regular mailed to the VAVS National Directeur. The National Directeur will then keep them on file until March 31st of that year. After which all requests are reviewed and winners then selected. Checks would then be sent to the winners by Nationale, and those checks then presented to the winning facilities on the behalf of Nationale.

Another item of information is the VAVS Program also maintains an "Emergency Fund". The purpose of this fund is to provide assistance to Veterans being served during that year. The monies used here are over and above the contest monies.

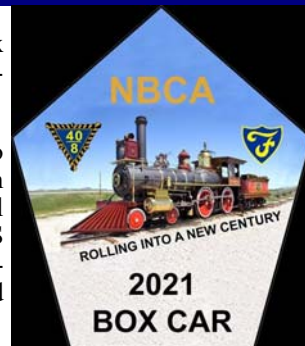
As you can see the National Box Car Association is an important program, and why your support is not only appreciated but, needed for the betterment of all of Nationales Programs.

I know anyone receiving anything from the VA cherishes anything associated with the VAVS. If you need a reminder just ask National VAVS Directeur Ron Rolfes Jr. and he will enlighten you.

This year, VAVS received for Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling from National Box Car \$ 3,000.00 Just for this particular part of the VAVS Program.

Anyone wanting any Box Car Association items, I encourage you to contact your Grand Box Car Directeur or myself at fwkron@gmail.com or 216-210-1898.

Yours in Service to La Societe and National Box Car Association
Frank W. Kronen
Secretaire/Treasurer National Box Car Association
Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Area 1



WISCONSIN BROWN COLLAR WRECK

Twelve new Voyageurs joined the ranks of La Societe on September 26th in Tomah, WI. A large crowd of Voyageurs were on hand to welcome in these new members. They are seated in the front row along with Grand Chef de Gare John Aasen (center) and Wrecking Chef Tom Orval (far left). A Brown Collar Wreck is something between an Active Wreck and a White Collar Wreck. Both fun for the PG's and Voyageurs.



"Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling" Contest "2021"



The "Keep the Wheel Chairs Rolling" Contest is our annual contest by which the facilities and our Veterans you serve may benefit.

Entry is simple - Compose a short letter of 200 words or less stating what it is our veteran patients need most.

Include – What the item is, unit cost, how many, total amount requested and intended use of the project or equipment.

Entries must be received NLT March 31, 2021

Remember ALL VA and State Facilities has a needs list!

Entries should be e-mailed (preferred) or mailed to the following address:

Ron Rolfes, Nat'l Director VAVS/SVH, 7701 Willow Brook Ct., Hudson, FL 34667, rolfesr@hotmail.com

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me @ (727) 267-0371 or e-mail rolfesr@hotmail.com.

Americanism



2010 Chef de Chemin de Fer Jerry Brady presents the Americanism Award to Dr. Rosen.

--Dan Evers Directeur Americanism Nationale

Building Donation Challenge Total \$186,861.89

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*May you pray to have
eyes that see the best in people,
A heart that forgives the worst,
A mind that forgets the bad,
And a soul that never
loses faith in God*

NAME	VOITURE	GR	AMT
VOITURE 395	395	CA	\$ 188.00
VOITURE 930	930	NC	\$ 50.00
VOITURE 1277	1277	AR	\$ 36.50
VOITURE 1539	1539	AK	\$ 25.00
VOITURE 1523	1523	CO	\$ 20.50
VOITURE 388	388	NY	\$ 19.00
VOITURE 306	306	NV	\$ 18.00
VOITURE 419	419	AZ	\$ 10.00
VOITURE 203	203	OH	\$ 9.00
VOITURE 40	40	NJ	\$ 3.00

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Vice Presidential History

Garret Augustus Hobart (June 3, 1844 – November 21, 1899) was an American politician who served as the 24th vice president of the United States, from 1897 until his death. He was the sixth American vice president to die in office. Prior to serving as vice president, Hobart was an influential New Jersey politician and political operative.

Hobart was born in Long Branch, New Jersey, on the Jersey Shore, and grew up in nearby Marlboro. After attending Rutgers College, Hobart read law with prominent Paterson attorney Socrates Tuttle. Hobart both studied with Tuttle and married his daughter, Jennie. Although he rarely set foot in a courtroom, Hobart became wealthy as a corporate lawyer.

Hobart served in local governmental positions, and then successfully ran for office as a Republican, serving in both the New Jersey General Assembly, ending his time there by becoming Speaker, and the New Jersey Senate, where he



became its president. Hobart was a long-time party official, and New Jersey delegates went to the 1896 Republican National Convention determined to nominate him for vice president. Hobart's political views were similar to those of McKinley, who was the presumptive Republican presiden-

tial candidate. With New Jersey a key state in the upcoming election, McKinley and his close adviser, future senator Mark Hanna, decided to have the convention select Hobart. The vice-presidential candidate emulated his running mate with a front porch campaign, though spending much time at the campaign's New York City office. McKinley and Hobart were elected.

As vice president, Hobart proved a popular figure in Washington and was a close adviser to McKinley. Hobart's tact and good humor were valuable to the President, as in mid-1899 when Secretary of War Russell Alger failed to understand that McKinley wanted him to leave office. Hobart invited Alger to his New Jersey summer home and broke the news to the secretary, who submitted his resignation to McKinley on his return to Washington. Hobart died on November 21, 1899 of heart disease at age 55; his place on the Republican ticket in 1900 was taken by New York Governor Theodore Roosevelt.