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Grand Chef de Gare's Message

John Aasen



Greetings Voyageurs All: First and foremost, I hope this finds everyone healthy. 2020 has turned out to be a year that I'm sure none of us will forget and wish it had never happened!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support for Grand Chef de Gare. It is truly an honor to serve as your leader for the year 2020/2021. I sincerely hope that 2021 turns out to be a better year for all! I would especially like to thank everyone who made it to the Fall Cheminot and the Testimonial Dinner for Grand Cabane Presidente Jennifer Larson and myself. It was truly heartwarming to see so many of you there, especially during these pandemic times! My wife, Clarice, and I, were touched by the response and the gifts from the occasion!

As we venture into a new year in the 40&8, it is my hope that everyone stays healthy and this pandemic ends, so we can get back to a normal and successful year. We have work to do to grow our membership and keep up the programs of the 40&8. Remember membership for 2021 is due by December 31, 2020 or you are considered delinquent! Let's do our best to bring Grande de Wisconsin back to 100%! I know it's not easy to carry on our normal activities like our local promenades and pin

sales, but we must all put in a little extra effort to achieve our goals this year. At our last Voiture 260 Promenade, we voted not to meet again until after the new year!

I would also like to thank Monroe County Voiture 804 for hosting a Brown Collar Wreck where we were able to add 12 new Voyageurs into the 40&8. They always do a great job there and serve a delicious meal. The facility is perfect for this kind of activity and they always have plenty of help from their locale.

My wife, Clarice, and I are spending Thanksgiving with our family in Arizona! We are practicing all the rules for COVID-19. We are limiting our activities to outdoor, including Thanksgiving dinner, as the weather has been just beautiful here!

The 2021 Midwinter Cheminot in Appleton is scheduled for February 12 and 13, 2021. More details can be found elsewhere in this paper. In the meantime, stay healthy, and remember, Faith, Family, and 40&8!!!

Future Grande Promenades & Midwinter Petites

| YEAR | EVENT | LOCATION |
|------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2021 | Midwinter Cheminot | Appleton |
| 2021 | Great Lakes | College Park, PA. |
| 2021 | Grande Promenade | St. Croix Falls |
| 2021 | National Promenade | Springfield, MO. |
| 2022 | Midwinter Petite | Port Washington |
| 2022 | Great Lakes | Geneva, NY. |
| 2022 | Grande Promenade | Tomah – tentative |
| 2022 | National Promenade | Green Bay, WI |

99th Grand Mid-Winter Cheminot

February 13, 2021

Headquarters Hotel

La Quinta
By Wyndham Appleton

3800 W. College Avenue
Appleton, WI 54915
Phone: 920-734-7777

Mention the 40 & 8

Room Rate: \$80.00 plus tax (\$12.40)

Deadline for Reservation is January 11, 2021

Due to the pandemic, it was voted on at the Fall Cheminot to have a one day Midwinter Cheminot instead of a Midwinter Petite. There will not be a Saturday evening banquet. We are not inviting a National Guest either. The Saturday Cheminot will begin at 9:00 A.M.

On Friday the 12th of February there will be two Committee meetings at the La Quinta. Starting at 2:00 P. M. there will be a Committee on Committee meeting followed by a meeting for the purpose of having everything in order for hosting the 103rd 2022 National Promenade & Rendezvous in Green Bay. All meetings will be held in the Oak Room at the La Quinta.

Plenty of restaurants and supper clubs in the area for those of us who are staying! There will also be a hospitality room set up.

**Official Program
La Societe De Femme
Grande Cabane
De Wisconsin**



Mid-Winter Cheminot

Saturday, February 13, 2021

9:00 A.M. Mid-Winter Grande Cheminot

*This will be a one day morning event
Note the time to attend.*



GRAND VOITURE OFFICERS 2021

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Grand Chef de Gare | John Aasen | Whitehall |
| Grand Chef de Train | Larry Winger | Whitehall |
| Sous Grand Chef de Train | John Edelblute IV | Cudahy |
| Grand Conducteur | Dave Behling | Lake Mills |
| Grand Garde De La Porte | Ken Laatsch | Phillips |
| Grand Commis Voyageur | Melissa Guthmiller | Tomah |
| Grand Aumonier | Ray Kline | Onalaska |
| Grand Avocat | Dave Wegener | West Allis |
| Grand Historian | Dale Mitchell | Eagle |
| Grand Commissaire Intendant | Jim Vissers | Appleton |
| Grand Sous Commissaire Intendant | Al Johnson | Onalaska |
| Grand Sous Commissaire Intendant | Phil Nelson | Shawano |
| Cheminot National | Joe Story | Tomahawk |
| Alternate Cheminot National | Jim Bassett | Winneconne |
| Grand Correspondant | Tom Orval | Johnson Creek |
| Grand Sous Correspondant | John Edelblute IV | Cudahy |

GRAND CHEMINOT 2021

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|---------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1st District | Jim Schmidt | Burlington |
| 2nd District | Dave Behling | Lake Mills |
| 3rd District | Keith Lovell | Madison |
| 4th District | Ray Pasbrig | Racine |
| 6th District | Mike Woods | Oshkosh |
| 7th District | Melissa Guthmiller | Tomah |
| 8th District | Arien Herminath | New London |
| 9th District | Jim Vissers | Appleton |
| 10th District | John Helgeson | Hudson |
| 11th District | James Lynn | Eagle River |
| 12th District | Wayne Hancock | Dresser |



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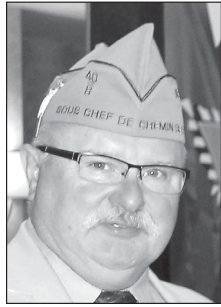
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GRAND CORRESPONDANT

Thomas J. Orval



Greetings and Happy Holidays from Grande Voiture de Wisconsin Headquarters! I'd like to begin with congratulating Ray Kline for accepting the position as Grand Aumonier! With Ken Laatsch moving up the ladder to becoming Grand Chef de Gare in a few years; it would not be feasible to hold down both positions.

The Monroe County # 804 Brown Collar Wreck was another rousing success. Held on September 26th, we had twelve new Voyager's join our ranks that day! It was indeed an honor to again have been chosen to be the Wrecking Chef for the event. Grand Chef de Gare John Aasen assumed the duties of Chef de Train. Voiture # 804 has been doing a yearly Wreck for some years now and are considering making this an official annual event. As I'm on the subject of Wrecks; years ago the Grand Chef always set up a Grand Chefs Wreck. That has gone by the wayside and we do need to get it back on the schedule.

Before the initiation with Grand Chef de Gare Pass'e Carl Sjolander - 2002 performing the duties of Installing Officer, all Grand Voiture Officers were officially installed. Grand Chef Passe Jim Bassett was presented with his past Grand Chefs lapel for a job very well done.

On the 10th of October we had the Fall Cheminot in Black River Falls in conjunction with Grand Chef de Gare John's and Grande Cabane Presidente Jennifer's Homecoming. Normally there are reports from the National Promenade but being that it was cancelled due to the pandemic, all Grand Directeur's and Committee Chairpersons gave reports. Membership awards were presented that afternoon.

One item did come up and that was saluting the Grand Chef de Gare when entering or leaving the room and the Grand Chef returning your salute. Every Grand Voiture does this somewhat differently. HOWEVER the Grande Voiture de Wisconsin has always prided ourselves with following strict Ritual of the Manual of Ceremonies. So until it is changed, the Grand Chef de Gare will salute all entering and leaving the Promenade floor. Now we will need to think of something for the Grand Conducteur and Grand Sous Chef de Train to do during ant Grande functions.

I have new Ritual books for anyone who wishes to buy one. These are the new revised ones and sell for \$10.00 each.

Grand Chef Johns homecoming was under the circumstances very well attended. That evening Joe Story was presented with the Harald Kahlert Memorial Service award for his contributions to both La Societe and the American Legion. Cecil Groves won the 2020 Correspondant of the Year award. Larry Winger accepted the award for Cecil who was unable to attend the banquet. Chuck Cooney of Milwaukee # 410 was the recipient of the Grand Voiture de Wisconsin Voyageur of the Year award. Joe, Cecil and Chuck were all very deserving of the awards they received.

I'm sure everyone is aware by now that due to the pandemic, we have changed the Midwinter Petite format to a one day Cheminot. It will be held on February 13th at the La Quinta in Appleton. On Friday the 12th at 2:00 P.M. there will be two meetings. We'll have the Committee on Committee meeting and then the meeting concerning us hosting the 103rd or, if you will the, 2022 National Promenade & Rendezvous. There will not be a Saturday evening banquet but with all of the area restaurants and supper clubs, no one will go hungry.

One item we will need to vote on and that is a bid from Monroe County # 804 for the purpose of hosting the 2022 Grande Promenade & Rendezvous. Polk Burnett # 236 in St. Croix Falls has the 2021 Grande Promenade and Sheboygan County # 1080 is hosting the 2022 Midwinter Petite which will be held in Port Washington.

I've been getting a number of questions concerning who has their room paid for at Grande Voiture functions. At Midwinter Petites, the Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Correspondant and Grand Commissaire Intendant have their rooms paid for, for two nights. At the Grande Promenade it is for three nights. The Grand Chef and Grand Correspondant have their banquet meals paid for. Everyone except for the National guest pays for their registration.

My wife & I are planning on purchasing an infrared sauna that will be in our basement. We decided to go through all of the 40 et 8 and Cabane bins we have stored there and toss what is not needed in order to create more room in the storage area. There were 3 ring folders that were falling apart and many other folders that have not been touched in the 16 years I have been serving as Grand Correspondant. Many financial folders and binders that were over fifty years old! One item we did find was a collage of pictures in a frame from many years ago. One picture had both Norbert Lohuis and Ralph Ricker marching with the Grande Voiture Color Guard. The year was 1979. We're also tossing an antique adding machine that weighs a ton.

See You Around The State
 Faith - Family - Forty & Eight
 And Stay Safe

Grand Voiture Membership 2021

NOVEMBER 25, 2020

| VOITURE | COUNTY | DISTRICT | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 236 | POLK-BURNETT | 12 | 31 | 29 |
| 260 | TREMPEALEAU | 10 | 40 | 29 |
| 410 | KENOSHA | 1 | 13 | 12 |
| 497 | RACINE | 1 | 13 | 0 |
| 525 | EAU CLAIRE | 10 | 9 | 9* |
| 526 | WALWORTH | 1 | 7 | 3 |
| 652 | SAUK | 7 | 27 | 0 |
| 683 | DANE | 3 | 42 | 21 |
| 750 | JEFFERSON | 2 | 58 | 40 |
| 751 | WINNEBAGO | 6 | 23 | 15 |
| 774 | BROWN-KEWAUNEE | 9 | 38 | 16 |
| 804 | MONROE | 7 | 54 | 32 |
| 821 | CLARK | 7 | 20 | 18 |
| 830 | LA CROSSE | 7 | 98 | 43 |
| 831 | PORTAGE | 8 | 23 | 19 |
| 840 | COLUMBIA | 2 | 8 | 8* |
| 844 | ROCK | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| 856 | DODGE | 2 | 43 | 22 |
| 898 | WASHINGTON | 2 | 23 | 18 |
| 904 | PIERCE | 10 | 45 | 26 |
| 986 | SHAWANO | 8 | 41 | 23 |
| 1080 | SHEBOYGAN | 2 | 15 | 8 |
| 1121 | GREEN | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| 1139 | WOOD | 8 | 7 | 5 |
| 1140 | OUTAGAMIE | 9 | 19 | 18 |
| 1156 | VILAS-ONEIDA | 11 | 23 | 17 |
| | LINCOLN | | | |
| 1204 | LANGLADE | 9 | 49 | 31 |
| 1268 | RICHLAND | 3 | 47 | 22 |
| 1323 | JUNEAU | 7 | 39 | 33 |
| 1372 | GRANT | 3 | 8 | 8* |
| 1434 | CALUMET | 6 | 12 | 12* |
| 1455 | IOWA | 3 | 10 | 10* |
| 1485 | ST. CROIX | 10 | 8 | 1 |
| 1519 | MILWAUKEE | 4 | 42 | 32 |

TOTAL 949 589
****OVER THE TOP * 100%**

AREA STANDINGS

| | 2020 | 2021 | Percent |
|---------------------------|------|------|--------------------------|
| AREA 1 - 2nd Place | | | John Edelblute IV |
| 1st District | 43 | 24 | 55.81% |
| 4th District | 42 | 32 | 76.19% |
| 6th District | 35 | 27 | 77.14% |
| TOTALS | 120 | 83 | 69.16% |

| | 2020 | 2021 | Percent |
|---------------------------|------|------|---------------------|
| AREA 2 - 3rd Place | | | Dave Behling |
| 2nd District | 145 | 96 | 66.20% |
| 8th District | 71 | 47 | 66.19% |
| 9th District | 106 | 65 | 61.32% |
| TOTALS | 322 | 208 | 64.59% |

| | 2020 | 2021 | Percent |
|---------------------------|------|------|--------------------|
| AREA 3 - 1st Place | | | Ken Laatsch |
| 10th District | 102 | 65 | 63.72% |
| 11th District | 23 | 17 | 73.91% |
| 12th District | 31 | 29 | 93.55% |
| TOTALS | 156 | 111 | 71.15% |

| | 2020 | 2021 | Percent |
|---------------------------|------|------|---------------------------|
| AREA 4 - 4th Place | | | Melissa Guthmiller |
| 3rd District | 111 | 61 | 54.95% |
| 7th District | 238 | 126 | 52.94% |
| TOTALS | 349 | 187 | 53.58% |

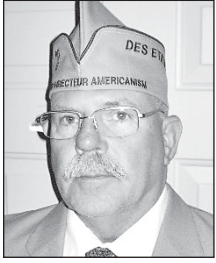
GRAND TOTAL 949 589 62.07%
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 Chef de Gare **Donald Hilbig**
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GRAND VOITURE GARDE DE LA PORTE

Ken Laatsch



Grand Voiture Garde de la Porte They finally talked me into it! I have stepped on the first rung of the ladder to the top of the Grande Voiture de Wisconsin, that is, I have accepted the position of Garde de La Porte.

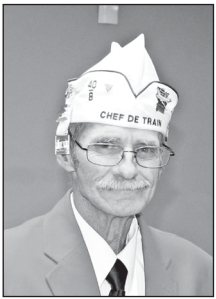
A bit about me, I have been a member of La Societe de Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux since 1976, when my new father-in-law, Hugo Ludtke, invited me to join. I was wrecked in the traditional manner, and by that, I mean it wasn't pretty. But I survived, and held many offices in Voiture Locale 526, including about ten years as Chef de Gare. My wife Beth and I started attending Grande Functions and I soon found myself as Grand Directeur Americanism, a position I have held on and off for many years now. Beth fearlessly jumped in and climbed the Cabane ladder to become Grande Presidente, but I was always perfectly content with just a directorship.

Well, all the sweet-talk and cajoling (by my fellow Voyageurs, not my wife) finally paid off so here I am. I'll be sitting at the door this year, and then go on to the next level, eventually to hold the esteemed position of Grand Chef de Gare.

If I make it that far.

MEMBERSHIP

Larry Winger, Grand Chef de Train



As of November 25th, membership in Wisconsin stands at 589 with another 360 to go for 100%. During these trying times I realize that paying your dues is not quite a priority but in order for the Forty et Eight to be a viable asset to the Veterans community, we need everyone to renew their dues.

Another item I am asking for and that is for everyone to ask at least one Veteran about becoming a member of La Societe! We not only need to achieve 100% renewals, but to grow as an organization. Wisconsin has approximately 500,000 Veterans and we have less than 1,000 in the Grande Voiture.

Eau Claire # 525, Columbia # 840, Grant # 1372, Calumet # 1434 and Iowa # 1455 have all achieved 100% for 2021. Congratulations to each of you and don't stop there! Would really like to see each of you add new members to your roster!

If any Locale is in need of assistance in securing renewals, remember all you need to do is ask. Grand Officers and District Cheminot are at your disposal for helping you out. Any Locale that is in need of renewal notices, check with Grand Correspondant Tom Orval and he'll get them made up for you.

Wisconsin has not been at or above 100% in membership since Lloyd Granberg was our Grand Chef de Gare in 2014. Lloyd is from Trempealeau # 260. Our current Grand Chef John Aasen is also from # 260. Wouldn't it be great for John to duplicate this feat.

Lest We Forget DECEMBER - JANUARY - FEBRUARY

VOYAGEURS

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| HAROLD KIRKPATRICK | V- 260 |
| RAYMOND LOPEZ | V- 260 |
| ROMAN V. KERKMAN | V- 497 |
| GERALD J. DIFFERT | V- 750 |
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| LYLE KURTZ | V- 856 |
| DENNIS REIBLE | V- 856 |
| EDWIN URLACKER | V- 898 |
| WILLIAM L. NELSON | V-1268 |
| DON KOBBERVIG | V-1455 |
| RICHARD BARRINGTON | V-1519 |
| MARVIN BROZINSKI | V-1519 |

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE

NATIONAL SOUS VAVS

John Edelbute, Sous Chef de Train



Greetings Voyageurs, All,

It seem like it has been a long time since I have seen many if any of my fellow Voyageurs of the great Grande de WI. I have been keeping myself busy working from home and learning how to walk again.

Believe me when I say it is a wonder what medical technology has come up with.

I hope that all the Voiture's in our Grande are keeping track on their memberships. It was once said to me that all good Veterans pay their dues by Veterans Day. Whether that is the case or not I for one am not to say. If you have not paid your annual dues yet please make arrangements to do so, it keeps you from hearing this recording over and over.

As far as for the VAVS programs going on at the moment, all of the VAVS areas in our Grande and around the good US of A are looking for donations from individuals to purchase gifts for the Veterans that will be hospitalized over Christmas. If your Voiture can possibly afford through these hard times I would suggest the Almighty \$ instead of items. Items donated need to go through a quarantine period just like people, in this case anyway. Please contact your perspective VAVS in the VA center closest to you if you would like to help out.

Once again the Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling campaign is in full swing. I have received a wish list from the Zablocki VA on what their needs are. It is a fairly large list with a lot of cost analysis that needs to be done by yours truly.

I hope to see most of you in February at our Midwinter Petite .Until then please have A Safe and Blessed Christmas and New Year's.

Voiture Locale 804
Monroe County

Promenades Held Every Third Wednesday of Each month @ The Tomah American Legion 1900hrs

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Chef de Gare | Correspondant |
| David Linenberg | Melissa Guthmiller |

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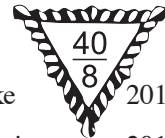
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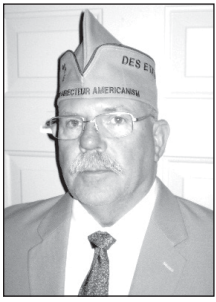
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Correspondant Dave Wegener
Commissaire Intendant Mark Baldwin



AMERICANISM

Ken Laatsch



“Food insecurity” is what it’s being called. The term is new to me, and reading the news, it sounds like it’s a pandemic of its own. With so many people out of work right now, food banks are being stretched to the limit. The holiday season is upon us, but what should be a joyous time of celebration will instead

for many people be sad and desperate.

Many Voitures have suspended in-person promenades, but there is no reason why you cannot communicate in other ways; technology has made that not only possible, but simple. Your Voiture can authorize a donation of money to your local food pantry so groceries can be bought for those less fortunate. What a great Christmas gift that would be, and a way to show your community spirit!

I have the 2021 Americanism pins for sale. Some were distributed at Fall Cheminot and I will again have them at Midwinter, but if you would be missing those events, you can contact me and I will send pins to you. They’re \$3.00 each, as usual. My phone number is 715-332-5288, email knb4575@pctcnet.net.

Please have a happy, and healthy holiday season.

CHILD WELFARE

Eric Diekmann, Grande Directeur

Winter is officially here; we may be called upon to help more this year than in the past. The increase in lockdowns and unemployment could mean there may be greater need for the Child Welfare Program this year.

As of this writing I have not been given any reports of assistance to families, of course this is a good, but the winters are long. IF your Locale has assisted a family please send a brief report to me @ ericdiekmann@hotmail.com; be sure to include Voiture Locale & County, number of children affected, nature of event, and how much money was spent. Remember that we are allowed to spend up to \$300 per child and \$1,000 per family. Please keep in mind that you can only purchase necessities. By that I mean no designer jeans or expensive name brand clothing.

I still have pins for sale, please contact me so we can all help get them sold for this much needed program.

Thank you and I will see you at the Midwinter.

Eric Diekmann ericdiekmann@hotmail.com
608-343-2464

LIST OF WINNING TICKETS
LA CROSSE COUNTY VOITURE 830
2020 LOKEY SWEEPSTAKES

| PLACE | PRIZE | TICKET # | NAME |
|-------|--------|----------|---------------------|
| 1ST | \$300. | 25 | DOUGLAS M. SCHALLER |
| 2ND | \$200. | 257 | RAY KLINE |
| 3RD | \$100. | 1216 | WES FECHNER |
| 4TH | \$50. | 746 | TOM GARBERS |
| 5TH | \$50. | 148 | R.J. HENKER |
| 6TH | \$25. | 229 | LILLY STARK |
| 7TH | \$25. | 445 | FARLEY FAIT |
| 8TH | \$25. | 485 | DOUGLAS M. SCHALLER |
| 9TH | \$25. | 862 | NIKKI VIDAL |

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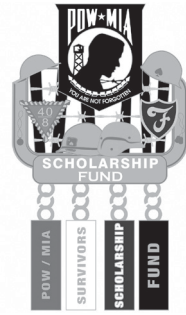
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POW/MIA SCHOLARSHIP

Jim Basset, Grande Directeur POW/MIA program



Greeting fellow Voyageurs and Dames, hope all of you are staying safe, healthy, and COVID free. As the virus continues to gain strength, we are restricted on all activities. This is a war we cannot afford to lose. All citizens are urged to do their part. As National Cabane Direceur Barbara Dotzauer pointed out in the last Forty and Eighter, our POWs endured much harsher conditions than masks, hand washing, social distancing, and just staying home in our warm cozy homes with running water and electronic entertainment. We ask all not to forget our POWs, MIAs, and their descendants. We can show our support by supporting the Forty and Eight’s POW/MIA Survivors Scholarship Fund.

In September, 2020, the Scholarship Fund sent out checks for \$650 to 17 qualified applicants and the colleges they attend. The amount of the checks is determined by the revenues of the fund which come from merchandise sales and donations. The merchandise available includes pins (\$3) from previous years including 2020, danglers (\$5 per pair) for 2021 to attach to the 2020 pins, earrings (\$3), necklaces (\$3), and red eagles (\$1). Remember to retain your 2020 pin or purchase a new one to attach the 2021 danglers for this year and the ones for next year.

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or
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7161 Clarks Point Rd
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Donation checks should also be sent to the above address.

Please make checks payable to The POW/MIA Survivor Scholarship Fund.

For those who have 2021 dangler pairs, they attach to last years pin (2020) with the red (POW/MIA) dangler in the left most position while facing the pin and the white (survivors) dangler next to it. When the 2022 danglers become available next year, the blue one will attach to the right of white one and the black one will attach in the right most position. The four danglers will read POW/MIA Survivors Scholarship Fund.

Anyone in need of a scholarship application can obtain them from the national web-site: fortyandeight.org.

Stay safe, keep the faith, and support the Forty and Eight.

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VOITURE ACTIVITIES

Ken Kozubek, Grand Directeur Activities



Fellow Voyageurs,
Well with this COVID-19 pandemic, I guess Voiture Activities for the year 2020 will be somewhat of a bust, hopefully, not a complete bust.

It is with high hopes that you are keeping a log of the activities that your Locale is having, whether a lot or just a few.

Just remember that any activity sponsored by the Voiture Locale is a reportable activity. Also, any activity of two or more Voyageurs is reportable.

Last year, of the 34 Locales in this Grand, I received only 13 reports. Please, if you are reading this article, and are the person in your Locale that fills out these reports, pay somewhat close attention to what you are doing. Last year, I received a report from a Locale that reported over two hundred Voyageurs and La Femmes taking part in over twenty events, but did not report a single Promenade, which is the number one question on the form. With that being said, stay healthy and safe.

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Washington County # 898 Promenade



Numerous Voyageurs from both Washington and Jefferson counties attend the December 1st Promenade in Allenton. The significance of this particular Promenade was that a record was set in fines levied. Insolently at Washington County Promenades they are not called fines; they are called nardellis in honor of their Chef de Gare Mike Nardelli.

Monroe County Donation



Monroe County Voiture 804 has given a \$400 payment to the Tomah Schools Trap Team as part of our Youth Sports Program. The team is comprised of 6th - 12th grade boys and girls. The schools do not fund any part of this great program and rely on donations. Without support several members would not be able to have the opportunity to participate. The focus of the program is safety, marksmanship, and fun.

CABANE CHILD WELFARE Judy Pfalzgraf

Dames, I know that during this COVID-19 pandemic time, most of us have not been meeting. But that doesn't mean we should stop trying to do good things for children. There are still many ways that Dames and Cabanes can help out in their counties.

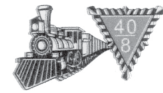
Because of the pandemic many people are out of work and many parents will have tough choices to make this Christmas. What's more important: putting food on the table or gifts under the tree? Your Cabane can adopt a family in need and offer to buy groceries and Christmas gifts for them. You can find these families by contacting your local police departments, churches and schools. Many grocery stores put up giving trees that you can take names from. You can also donate food that children like and need to local food pantries. Just look closely or ask around in your community, I am sure you will find a way to help some children in need.

Another thing our Cabane did this year was donate money to our county's toy bank. Some Dames have been knitting and crocheting hats, mittens and scarves, for which there is always a need during the winter months.

I ask you to try to do something for our children during this difficult time. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please, all of you, stay safe.

Sheboygan County Voiture/Cabane 1080

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I hope this article finds all Voyageurs Militaire in good health, wearing masks and social distancing. Voyageurs have told me how well their Promenades have worked out when all Voyageurs wear masks and practice social distancing. We need to be mindful of our Voyageurs and work to keep them safe. Cheminot's and Mid-Winter Promenades are coming up in the next few months. This is a great opportunity to use your new blue Ritual and Manual of Ceremonies. For all Promenades at the Locale or Grand level, we should all be using the same Ritual. This is the same Ritual that is used at Promenade Nationale. After all is said and done, it is our Ritual that makes the 40 et 8 different from other Veterans Organizations. According to the Ritual and Manual of Ceremonies, each Voiture of La Societe shall, at least once each year, carry to completion a Memorial Ceremony in respectful memory of those veterans who have passed to the great beyond during the preceding year. Our Ritual has five different Memorial Services, each for a different purpose. Check them out and plan on conducting one this year. May I suggest the Calvin Kane Memorial Service. It is a stand alone service and is not to be conducted during a Promenade. It can be conducted independently of a Promenade or before or after a Promenade. During this pandemic, I hope you and your family will be safe during the upcoming holidays. stevepkst@gmail.com 715-216-0776 233 Park Street, Antigo, WI 54409-2663.

GRAND AVOCAT

Dave Wegner

Our Grand Constitution and By-Laws are finally up to date as all the house cleaning is done. If you wish a copy to use as a guideline to make up yours and when done send me a copy to check to make sure they do not conflict with the Grand's or Nationale's. Send a request to dcwegas@hotmail.com. The Avocat, whether it be Locale, Grand or Nationale is your chief legal officer of La Societe who is there to advise the Chef de Gare, Commissaire Intendant and Correspondant, whether it be Locale, Grand or Nationale upon all legal matters affecting La Societe in their duties as officers. He and or she is appointed each year by the Chef de Gare. The Avocat shall be the parliamentarian of the Promenade whether it be Locale, Grand or Nationale. This also goes for any Cheminot meeting's that are held in the Grand or at Nationale.

The Avocat's duties in the Grand are to examine Locale Constitutions and By-Laws. Recommendations for changes will be made and sent to the Locale to make those changes at their Promenade. Changes are then sent to the Grand to be approved. Changes to the Grand or Nationale Constitution can only be made at the Grand or Nationale Promenade with the recommendations from the Constitution and By-Law committee at their annual meeting at the Grand or Nationale Promenade. Other duties are performed by the Avocate as determined by the Chef de Gare's orders. The Avocat does not know everything as there are times something comes up and research has to be done to come to a conclusion that is legal.

From time to time serious legal matters come up like as to remove a Voyageur from office for behavior unbecoming of a Voyageur, dishonesty, disloyalty, neglect of duty, etc. Trials are held and the Avocat is not involved at times. The accused is judged by the Cheminots as the jury in the Grand or Nationale and the Judge is the Chef de Gare. This is not always the case. There are times when attorneys do get involved and most Avocat's are not practicing attorneys.

GRANDE PRESIDENTE

Jennifer Larson



I was very much honored to be installed as the Grande President in October at the Fall Cheminot and testimonial dinner at Black River Falls.

It was to my surprise and excitement to see all my family there. I have missed all of you and understand why some were not able to come, but you were there in my heart.

I want to encourage you to keep doing what you can to support all our wonderful programs.

All your hard works matters and especially in these tough times it is appreciated.

I would like to encourage you Dames to get all your membership sent in before the deadline of December 31. Let's make Grande de Wisconsin great at 100% in membership.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and we will be seeing you in the New Year of 2021. I hope everyone is happy, healthy and safe this holiday season.

We will see you all on February 13, 2021 at Appleton for our Mid-Winter. Until then, you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Best to you all.

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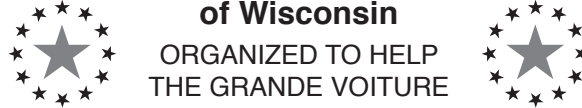
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GRANDE CABANE CORRESPONDANTE

Mary Orval



I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is hard to believe the holidays are here and then we will be getting ready for the incoming New Year 2021.

Membership: Now we need to get back to our programs and membership. It is time to make sure we are getting all our memberships into

Nationale. Remember as of December 31, 2020 Dames who have not paid their dues are delinquent as of that date. Congratulations!!! To Cabane 683-Dane, Cabane 856-Dodge, Cabane 1080-Sheboygan and Cabane 1372-Grant for their 100% in membership.

Membership states:

| Cabane Number | 2020 | Renewal | Nationale | Percentage |
|---------------|------|---------|-----------|------------|
| | | | Goal | Goal |
| 526 | 9 | 0 | 10 | 0.00% |
| 683 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 100.00% |
| 830 | 25 | 12 | 26 | 46.15% |
| 856 | 27 | 26 | 27 | 100.00% |
| 986 | 18 | 13 | 19 | 73.68% |
| 1080 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 100.00% |
| 1323-Disband | 18 | | 19 | 0.00% |
| 1372 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 100.00% |
| Nationale | 132 | 87 | 138 | 63.04% |

Let us get to work on our membership to have Grande de Wisconsin 100% in membership for all of us.

We are a strong, hardworking, dedicated group of Dames!! All Locale Cabanes have received an updated list of members. If there are any changes regarding your membership lists, please let me know.

Directeurs: Updates are being mailed out to you. In the updates there will be: List of Officer, Directeurs, Locale Presidentes and Correspondantes and a new information booklet.

Locale Reports: I will sending out Locale reports for each Locale by the first of the year. Keep track of miles, hours and itemize what you have done. Under the circumstances regarding the virus, I know we are not able to have the events like we would normally be having or be active in. Please do your best in filling out the reports.

The deadline will be: June 16, 2021 to be mailed back to me. Or if you attend Camp American Legion Days you will be able to give me your reports there, instead of mailing them.

Reminders: Check the Voiture and Cabane Nationale website; fortyandeight.org for just about anything you need to know. Wisconsin has its own website; wifortyandeight.com. This website has all the updated forms. Thank you, Dale Mitchell.

Dates to Newsletters are:

- Fall Edition — September-October-November
- Winter Edition — December-January-February
- Spring Edition — March-April-May
- Summer Edition — June-July-August

All Dames news articles are to be emailed to Beth Laatsch. She is doing all the proofreading for the Dames. Watch for your email from Grand Correspondant-Tom Orval regarding when your articles is due.

Our Fall Cheminot was held on October 9-10, 2020 in Black River Falls, WI at the Sure Stay Hotel by Best Western (Orange Moose). The banquet that evening was the Testimonial Dinner for our Grande Chef, John Aasen and La Grande Presidente, Jennifer Larson at the hotel. The Dame of the Year was Mary Schaller-Cabane 830 – Congratulations! A very fun and relaxing weekend had by all.

Dates to Remember:

Mid-Winter-Appleton-February 13, 2021. **One day event.** If you would like to make reservation to stay at the hotel: La Quinta (920) 734-7777. See details in the Badger 40 & 8er edition.

Grande-St. Croix Falls-August 6-8, 2021 Holiday Inn Express (715) 483-5775.

A very heartfelt thank you to everyone.

CAMP AMERICAN LEGION – RAINBOW FLOWAGE

Tom Orval, Camp Days Chairman



At the corner of Highway D and E just northeast of Lake Tomahawk happens to be one of the most picturesque and peaceful areas in Wisconsin. The Rainbow Flowage area! Thirty two years ago the 40 et 8 built a pavilion there. This last year a new metal roof was installed. We are now planning on having a metal roof installed on the other building and outside patio where

the cooking is done every year. The American Legion Finance Committee was not able to meet and start the process of giving us permission on this matter due to the meeting in Portage having to be canceled due to the pandemic. However with Finance Committee Chairman Jim Chapin overseeing matters, receiving permission should not be a problem.

Much work has gone into the Flowage in getting it cleaned up. We would like to thank a few of those who took it upon themselves to make that area something to be proud of. George and Kathy Heck, Jim Vissers, John Vissers, Doug

Schaller, Ken Laatsch and Rene Naranjo!

Sometime this spring there will be another work detail for the purpose of raking up the foliage (leaves), cutting up some of the rotted branches and general cleanup. A date will be selected at the Midwinter Cheminot.

Camp American Legion is looking for volunteers for the upcoming year. They are also in need of a Head Chef and Assistant Chef. Some of the items they can use for the coming year are gift cards, cleaning supplies, kitchen supplies and miscellaneous items.

At the State American Legion Midwinter Conference at Ho Chunk in Baraboo on Friday, January 15 at 10:00 A.M. in the Lower Dells room A, the Camp American Legion Committee will be meeting. It's always very interesting and enjoyable to hear the progress being made on the buildings and grounds at Camp. That is of course if there will be a Midwinter Conference this coming year.

Forty et Eight Days at Camp are June 24 – 27. If you wish to make Hotel reservations at the Rustic Manor in St. Germain call 715-479-9776 and mention the 40 et 8 when doing so.

Battle of Guadalcanal



The World War II Battle of Guadalcanal was the first major offensive and a decisive victory for the Allies in the Pacific theater. With Japanese troops stationed in this section of the Solomon Islands, U.S. Marines launched a surprise attack in August 1942 and took control of an air base under construction. Reinforcements were funneled to the island as a series of land and sea clashes unfolded, and both sides endured heavy losses to their warship contingents. However, the Japanese suffered a far greater toll of casualties, forcing their withdrawal from Guadalcanal by February 1943.

When Japanese troops arrived on Guadalcanal on June 8, 1942, to construct an air base, and then American Marines landed two months later to take it away from them, few people outside of the South Pacific had ever heard of that 2,500-square-mile speck of jungle in the Solomon Islands. But the ensuing six-month Guadalcanal campaign proved to be the turning point of the Pacific war.

Strategically, possession of a Guadalcanal air base was important to control of the sea lines of communication between the United States and Australia. Operationally, the Battle of Guadalcanal was notable for the interrelationship of a complex series of engagements on the ground, at sea, and in the air. Tactically, what stood out was the resolve and resourcefulness of the U.S. Marines, whose tenacious defense of the air base dubbed Henderson Field enabled the Americans to secure air superiority.

By the end of the battle on February 9, 1943, the Japanese had lost two-thirds of the 31,400 army troops committed to the island, whereas the U.S. Marines and the U.S. Army had lost less than 2,000 soldiers of about 60,000 deployed. The ship losses on both sides were heavy. But by far the most significant loss for the Japanese was the decimation of their elite group of naval aviators. Japan after Guadalcanal no longer had a realistic hope of withstanding the counteroffensive of an increasingly powerful United States.

When the Allied forces landed on Guadalcanal and the other islands they quickly overwhelmed the Japanese forces and captured the islands of Tulagi and Florida together with an airport that the Japanese had under construction. The landing was supported by considerable U.S. naval forces.

Taken by surprise by this offensive the Japanese tried to retake the airport that was now renamed to Henderson Field. The islands in question here had no value by themselves, but they were strategically important for both sides of the conflict. If the Americans could gain control of them they would be able to protect the transport between Australia and the U.S. and it would give them a place from where they could launch an attack on the Japanese forces in the Pacific. In Japan not everyone agreed on the strategic value of these small islands. Many senior officials thought it would be best to get their army, which was already stretched too thin to defend what they already had. It was decided

that backing down would only be seen a sign of weakness. After that the Japanese launched an attack on the Solomon islands with the goal of establishing an army and naval base there and by May 1942 the Japanese landed at Guadalcanal.

US Admiral Ernest King wanted to launch a full-scale attack and his plan seemed to be simple enough. The 1st division of the US Marines would get to Guadalcanal and secure a beach there for the other US forces. The problem was that the 1st division had a lot of officers with no combat experience. When they finally arrived they didn't get any chance to work with the naval force that would accompany them into action and to make matters worse they didn't have reliable tie charts, maps and so on. Because of this the attack was postponed several times.

Finally on the 7th of August the American attack on Guadalcanal began. It was quite an impressive ensemble. It was the most powerful amphibious force ever, up to the battle of Guadalcanal. There were 3 carriers giving air support, with the support of 25 other ships for protection of the carriers.

To the Japanese the attack was a complete surprise. When the Marines arrived at Red Beach they were expecting to find major defenses but there wasn't anything of the sort. When the Americans started going inland towards the airfield under construction they discovered another huge problem. The hot and humid jungle, the Americans were carrying a lot of equipment and the climate quickly took it's toll on them but in the first 24 hours of the landing there was no actual fighting between the Americans and the Japanese.

The Marines that landed on the islands of Tulagi, Guvutu and Tanabogo but the Marines that landed north of Guadalcanal weren't so lucky. Very quickly the Marines found strong Japanese resistance and it took them 24 hours to secure Tulagi. American paratroopers had similar experiences when they landed on Gavutu and they actually needed help from nearby naval ships to secure the island.

The Japanese sent more and more troops and even a ship but all of them were defeated at the hands of the Americans. When this news reached Tokyo they simply refused to believe that they could lose time after time so they sent more and more men to the battle of Guadalcanal. In November 1942 U.S. planes destroyed Japanese ships that were bringing reinforcements to Guadalcanal. Of the 11 transport ships that the Japanese sent to Guadalcanal six were destroyed and four were beached.

Finally, in December 1942 the emperor ordered the Japanese troops to withdraw from Guadalcanal. The soldiers were being withdrawn from January to February of 1943 but there was another lesson to be learned, Japanese don't become any softer when defeated. The American victory in the battle of Guadalcanal was important to the war effort, because it secured the safety of Australia from Japanese invasion. This would once again protect the sea route from America to Australia.

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| PRESIDENTE Chris Schaefer | CORRESPONDANTE Sandy Lovell |

2020 Fall Cheminot & Homecoming



On October 10th at Black River Falls during the 2020 Fall Cheminot and Homecoming LEFT: Grande Cabane Presidente Jennifer Larson and the Grande Cabane Officers. RIGHT: Voyageurs who were presented with some of the 2020 membership awards.



Joe Story was the recipient of the Harald Kahler Meritorious Service award. Grand Chef de Gare John Aasen did the presentations.



Chuck Cooney won the 2020 Grande Voiture Voyageur of the Year award.



Grand Chef John receiving one of his gifts from Jim Vissers.



Mary Schaller receives the 2020 Grande Cabane Dame of the year from Grande Cabane Correspondante Mary Orval.



Award winners. Barb Dotzauer accepts the runner up beanbag trophy for her son Tony. Chuck Cooney accepted the beanbag championship trophy for Ray Pasbrig. Mary Schaller. Larry Winger accepting the 2020 Correspondant of the Year award for Cecil Groves of Richland County # 1268 and Joe Story.

Monroe County # 804 Brown Collar Wreck



ABOVE LEFT: A dozen new Voyageurs are welcomed into the ranks of La Societe.

ABOVE RIGHT: Grand Chef de Gare John Aasen being installed in Tomah.

FAR LEFT: Another great turnout by the Voyageurs of Monroe County # 804 who sponsored the initiation.

LEFT: The lady Voyageurs welcome Becky Fitzpatrick and Jelora Coman into the Forty et Eight.