



Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Mike McGary - Chef de Chemin de Fer



Happy Tax Day everyone. Oh, I guess they did move that cutoff date another month due to people not being able to cope and because the IRS didn't want to get processing our taxes for an extra month. With another stimulus check in the pipeline, we're not going to have anybody doing anything at all in the near future. I've even noticed that restaurants and businesses are cutting back their hours of operations because they can't get anybody to work. What I am sure of is these are not the building blocks that made America great. With a lot of people willing to sit on their minds and get paid for doing nothing and the Government willing to provide for the needs of those unwilling, has this country finally turned the corner to Socialism? WAKE UP AMERICA, before it's too late. How did it get this bad? This is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, and it's about time we start acting like it.

But I must admit that this kind of apathy is not only in our government but in our organization. I was looking so forward to attending the Nutcracker Wreck in Ocean Springs Mississippi, but it was cancelled a couple of weeks ago. Not because of COVID, but because of a lack of participation. ONLY 4 voyageurs had submitted reservations to this event, and the sad part of that is I believe the National Avocat and myself were two of those. How is this organiza-



tion going to survive without the participation of our members? The whole basis of the 40 & 8 is comradery, fellowship, participation, and community service. We need to quit hiding in the shadows. Most of our members have had one or both vaccine shots. So, what if we still wear a mask, we need to get out there and make some noise, even if it's among ourselves. We need to make sure this organization survives if only to past on what we have learned to the next generation of voyageurs.

And now as usual it's time for one of my favorite subjects - Membership. I'm happy to say that the Grand du New Mexico has joined the ranks of those at or above the 100% mark. That makes nine. With only 14 weeks to go I was really hoping for a dozen or more. Although I have to admit we are making progress, we are still behind last

year's pace, which wasn't anything to brag about. You have got to keep the faith and have the trust that in the end we are voyageurs and will do what is necessary to get the job done. Just remember all you Locale and Grande Correspondants, you have an army of individuals from Cheminot, Sous Membership Directeurs, Sous Chefs, Tammy Bennett, National Correspondant, and even myself to help with any questions or problems you may experience, - just ask!

The weekend of the 24th is the Southland Dixie in Myrtle Beach. If you didn't get enough of that place when National Promenade was there or would just like to reminisce, come on down and join the fun. Looking forward to my first travels since the beginning of March last year. It's been frustrating to say the least and a long time coming. Finally, it's time to break out and have some fun. The following weekend will be my three-day whirlwind tour of Indiana. Lafayette, Anderson, and Shelbyville for the Razzberry, Brass Hat, and an Active Wreck. What more could a voyageur ask for. Make one or make them all, a good time is in the works for all.

In closing I hope everyone was able to visit with family and friends over Easter weekend. Next month, on Mother's Day, if you're lucky enough to have your mom or mother-in-law still alive, make an effort to spend some time with them, even if it's a phone call. I really wish I could.

God bless those defending our freedom, those that have and everyone associated with the Forty et Eight.

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40 & 8 Memorial Day in Arlington National Cemetery



The Forty and Eight Memorial Day Ceremony is an annual event hosted by the 40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee. Planning for the weekend starts in October for the next year's Memorial Day Ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery. Saturday kicks off with comradery & fellowship in the hospitality room, and then Sunday morning we have a Memorial Service for all in attendance. Sunday afternoon the Chef de Chemin de Fer, Madam La Presidente, the Sous Chefs & Sous La Presidentes, along with the Nationale Drapeaus and anyone who wants to tag along, head to Arlington National Cemetery to lay flowers on the resting places of Joseph Breen, General John Pershing, and Sgt Younger. We do have a bigger bus for Sunday, so all those who want to go "should" be able to go to Arlington with the Chef de Chemin de Fer & La Presidente. Please mark on the Registration Form if you plan on going on Sunday, so we can have the appropriate bus on hand. To Register for the 40&8 Memorial Day in Arlington National Cemetery go to: <https://www.fortyandeight.org/events/>

Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



This months highlight is the 4 inch 40&8 Static Cling sticker. Part number 09STCK. Price: \$3.00 This item can be ordered at our emblem sales store online at

<http://store.fortyandeight.org/>

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THE WALK

We will be doing pre-orders this year for Promenade Nationale cost is \$25.00 includes shipping. We will ship orders out in plenty of time before Promenade so be sure to Pre-Order yours today! Orders will be taken until August 13th.

To the right is a picture of what The Walk shirt will look like but it will be on a red shirt. Send orders to:

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Voiture 605

Happy 101st Birthday La Societe



Above—At the March 13th V-605 Locale Promenade—using the Forty and Eight Birthday Ritual, the Locale celebrated the 101st birthday of La Societe. The half-sheet cake was totally consumed after the oldest and youngest Voyageurs Militaire present were presented the first and second pieces. VM George Lee was our oldest present and VM David Manalo our youngest. Conducteur Mike Hall also had duties as Chef de Cuisine. After the ritual ceremony, guests and all present were invited to enjoy the cake and company.

Voiture 245 VAVS

Last month Wilmington NC V245's Commissair Intendant, Gary Crowden, who also serves as Point man for a large number of Brunswick County veterans, was contacted by a veteran who was in dire need of assistance. He was on the verge of homelessness. Voitures Crowden and Steve Muir partnered with several area American Legion Service Officers and certainly did answer the call. To say this vet was overwhelmed by the support rendered by the Wilmington, NC 40&8 V245 and local American Legion post would be an understatement. "Buddy checks" will continue to ensure this veteran moves in a positive direction and never has to worry about his future. V245 works the VA/VS program in other ways assisting veterans in the local VA Clinics.

Para phasing verbiage written in our 40&8 ritual, "To be ready to extend a helping hand whenever there is an opportunity to answer the sign of distress and do whatever possible to assist."

-Harold Davis, Correspondant V245,NC



Pictured L-R; Commissair Intendant Gary Crowden, Voiture Steve Muir, Lane Adrian, George Freeman, Jenny Clemmons, Richard Fry, John Hacker, Lou Tranzillo, and Sous Chef de Train Don Eisenman



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration



Choose VA

Are you still on the fence about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine? The vaccines developed to fight COVID-19 have been shown to be both safe and highly effective at preventing the disease. You may have heard some inaccurate information about them. The Veterans Health System wants to set the record straight and help YOU “get off the fence” about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

• **MYTH:** “You can get COVID-19 from receiving the vaccine.”

FACT: *No*, you cannot get COVID-19 from receiving the vaccine because the COVID-19 vaccines do not contain the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The vaccines work by telling your immune system to make a protein that teaches your body to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19.

• **MYTH:** “COVID-19 vaccines are unsafe because they were developed so quickly.”

FACT: *No*, COVID-19 vaccines were authorized under the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). An EUA includes the same steps taken in full-term clinical trials—including testing the vaccine on thousands of human participants—only with a consolidated timeline.

• **MYTH:** “Vaccines were not tested on minorities in the clinical trials.”

FACT: *False*, In clinical trials, each vaccine was tested and effective in diverse groups of people across all age, gender, racial and ethnic backgrounds. About 30% of U.S. participants were Hispanic, Black, Asian, or Native American, and about half were older adults. There were no significant safety concerns identified in these or any other group.

It’s time to “get off the fence” and schedule your COVID-19 vaccine today. Contact your local facility today for more information. **Still have questions?** Call your VA health care provider today or visit VA’s COVID-19 Vaccine web page:

<https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine>.



102nd Promenade Nationale

To Register for the 102nd Promenade Nationale in Springfield, Missouri go to;

<https://www.fortvandeight.org/promenade-nationale/>

For the Promenade Nationale Agenda go to;

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Vice Presidential History

Charles Gates Dawes (August 27, 1865 – April 23, 1951) was an American banker, general, diplomat, composer, and Republican politician who was the 30th vice president of the United States from 1925 to 1929. For his work on the Dawes Plan for World War I reparations, he was a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1925.

Born in Marietta, Ohio, Dawes attended Cincinnati Law School before beginning a legal career in Lincoln, Nebraska. After serving as a gas plant executive, he managed William McKinley's 1896 presidential campaign in Illinois. After the election, McKinley appointed Dawes as the Comptroller of the Currency, and he remained in that position until 1901 before forming the Central Trust Company of Illinois. Dawes served as a general during World War I and was the chairman of the general purchasing board for the American Expeditionary Forces. In 1921, President Warren G. Harding appointed Dawes as the first



Director of the Bureau of the Budget. Dawes also served on the Allied Reparations Commission, where he helped formulate the Dawes Plan to aid the struggling German economy, though the plan was eventually replaced by the Young Plan.

The 1924 Republican National Convention nominated President Calvin Coolidge without opposition. After Frank Lowden declined the vice-presidential nomination, the convention chose Dawes as Coolidge's running mate. The Republican ticket won the 1924 presidential election, and Dawes was sworn in as vice president in 1925. Dawes helped pass the McNary–Haugen Farm Relief Bill in Congress, but President Coolidge vetoed it. Dawes was a candidate for renomination at the 1928 Republican National Convention, but Coolidge's opposition to Dawes helped ensure that Charles Curtis was nominated instead. In 1929, President Herbert Hoover appointed Dawes to be the Ambassador to the United Kingdom. Dawes also briefly led the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which organized a government response to the Great Depression. He resigned from that position in 1932 to return to banking, and he died in 1951 of coronary thrombosis.