



THE BADGERLAND EXPRESS  
**JEFFERSON COUNTY VOITURE LOCALE # 750**  
 August - September  
 2021



## CHILD WELFARE

FUTURE PROMENADES & EVENTS	
August 12th Promenade	6:00 P. M.
Jefferson American Legion # 164	
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August 5th - 8th	
Grande Promenade	St. Croix Falls, WI
August 14th	Johnson Creek
Brat Fry at Pernats Meats	
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P. M.	
September 13th - 17th	
National Promenade	Springfield, MO
October 23rd	
Fall Cheminot	Manitowoc, WI

This past year there have been (4) house fires in Jefferson involving children. The one in Oakland township, the family never got back to us with the fire report from the Cambridge Fire Department. The fire between Whitewater and Fort Atkinson, the family was contacted but I don't believe they actually believed that we were there to assist the children and declined the offer to have the three children clothed. A third fire in Johnson Creek that happened the middle of April, one of the kids contacted covid-19 and everything was put on hold. They also never bothered to get back to us.

The 4th fire in Fort Atkinson involving a young child, we have stayed away from because it's under a criminal investigation due to a homicide in the home at the time of the fire.

A total of nine children could have been assisted using the Charles W. Ardery Memorial Child Welfare Trust Fund. Unfortunately we were unable to help any of them.

## 2021 NATIONAL PROMENADE GREEN BAY

Next year the National Promenade will take place in Green Bay. If anyone is interested in volunteering, we always need assistance at the registration table. As the head of the registration table; I hope to have different crews for the days it is open.

Assisting with the **Early Bird Party** on Tuesday afternoon Or even helping those arrivals get carts or even selling raffle tickets if we hold a raffle.

In 2015 we had 391 at our Early Bird Party. Don't expect that number again but do hope to come close.



## Brat Fry For Locomotive

On August 14th at the Pernats Meats parking lot in Johnson Creek, our Locale will be sponsoring a brat sale for the purpose of raising funds for the Voiture locomotive.

With the cost of insurance at approximately \$437 for a year, Voyageurs Dale Mitchell and L. Day Becker came up with the idea to host one of these events in the hope of raising enough money to cover the insurance and a little more for maintenance.

The Locale will also be selling hamburger, soda and other munchies.

If you are unable to work, try stopping down and have a bite to eat.

Serving time is approximately 10:00 A. M. until 2:30 P. M. and the locomotive will be on hand.



# JEFFERSON COUNTY COUNCIL AMERICAN LEGION MEETING



August 19th                      Waterloo Post # 233  
**FLAG RETIREMENT IN WATERLOO 6:30 P. M.**  
All meetings begin at 7:00 P. M.  
Dale Mitchell - Jefferson County Commander  
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262-495-2638                      262-949-3150

**DON'T FORGET  
THE NEXT PROMENADE IS  
AUGUST 12TH - 6:00 P. M.  
JEFFERSON AMERICAN LEGION**

## LONGEVITY

Both Russell Schultz of Cedar Falls, Iowa and William Schultz of Murfreesboro, Tennessee are entering their 64th consecutive year in the Jefferson County Voiture.  
Bob Sleaver is beginning his 60th year in La Societe with Kurt Troemel and Eugene Burrow reaching the 50 year mark this year. Kent Kiesling is beginning his 47 consecutive year with Tom Orval at 45 years in and Rick Hotchkiss is right behind with 40 years.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL**

Chef de Gare Dave Behling will be elected to the position of Grand Sous Chef de Train this August in St. Croix Falls. If memory is correct Dave was just reelected as our Chef de Gare for a record 10th consecutive year.  
Do you know of a Youth Sports team that can use some financial assistance. If so then we can help through the National Youth Sports program. Filling out the proper paperwork, the Locale can donate up to \$200.00 and get reimbursed through the National Program.  
Voyageurs Mitchell, Kozubek, Orval, Sukowski, and Behling are all representing # 750 at the Grande Promenade in a few weeks in St. Croix Falls.

# MEMBERSHIP 2022

The new membership cards for 2022 have just arrived. Enclosed you'll find the form for renewing your membership dues. Included in the form is a place to donate to the Nurses Training, Child Welfare, Flags for 1st Graders or the Locomotive fund. Our National Box Car Association Crew or Associate membership cards sell for \$1.00 each. Only Voyageurs can purchase Crew cards but anyone or anything can have an Associate card purchased.

Membership in Jefferson County is \$25.00 per year which is cheaper than any other organization I happen to belong to.

Now as I'm on the subject of membership; new members. With this pandemic and unrest in the world today; I'm sure joining a Veterans organization is not a priority on most Veterans minds these days.

What I am asking is for everyone to think outside the box in recruiting new membership in La Societe.

Don't just tell them about the outstanding programs we have in La Societe, let them know about all the fun we enjoy with our fellow members! Be it riding in the locomotive in parades, the good times we have at Promenades, our other events such as 40 et 8 Days at Camp, the fall Cheminot, Midwinter Petites or the Grande Promenade. Just enjoying the company of our fellow Voyageurs. There is something to be said about the camaraderie one has whenever we are with fellow Voyageurs.

The fighting and bickering or one individual thinking they are more powerful or in control does not exist in the Forty et Eight.

Membership in La Societe is open to any honorably discharged Veteran or active duty man or woman serving our Country at present time.

I am asking for every Voyageur reading this to actively reach out to at least one Veteran/ military personal about becoming a member of La Societe this coming year.