

Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS**Mike McGary - Chef de Chemin de Fer**

Here we are half way through the month of August and in another month, we will be in Springfield taking care of business. The most important part of that business is making sure everything we did for the year is reported. The greatest recruiting tool we have are the statistics telling these potential new members what we are all about, otherwise we are like the fisherman talking about the one that got away. We need to be impressive if we are to remain the best of the best. Those numbers can still be counted, get those reports in!

This month I was privileged to attend the Grand Promenade of the Grande du Michigan, in West Branch. One of the highlights was being part of a new program Michigan is doing with their Grande. Grand Chef Lonnie Haynes started honoring their first responders with Certificates of Appreciation and a goody basket that are second to none. All of which came together with the help of Lonnie's wife Carrie, LeFemmes President Lori Bolley-Majeske and Correspondant Lori Coe. Nice job to one and all. Another highlight was the installation of their new Grand Chef, Michael Brokenshire. We even drafted a couple of special Conducteurs, with 2004 Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe Joe Jannick and 2007 Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe Terry Sims, making sure he couldn't escape.



With this being my last briefs article there are a few personal things I need to say. We have had a very trying two years for everyone involved with this organization. The efforts, from Locale to Nationale, did not go unnoticed. This year saw us bounce back in a great attempt to get back to normal, we're not there yet but we're closing in on it. That being said, I'd like to extend a special thank you to our Nationale staff at headquarters. During the most crucial time, they worked from home, shifted duties where necessary. Under the guidance of our Nationale Correspondant, they became what was necessary to get the job done. Thank you for your continued excellence.

Next are my elected officers, especially the Sous Chef de Chemin de Fers. I could not have asked for a finer set of officers during those times. They stayed focused on the job at hand, membership. Although last year's numbers did not reflect their efforts, this year's showed a great improvement. They have been there whenever needed or called upon. We will be the only five to have served two years in office, a dubious honor at best. But I cannot think of a finer set of Sous Chef's that I would want to serve with, thank you.

Next are my appointed officers. The backbone of any organization is the workers. That's the definition of our Directeurs and Sous Directeurs. Although there were some minor changes during the two years, the vast majority were there for the duration. They're job was probably the toughest of all, after all their job is communication. Without any Promenades, fund raisers, wrecks, or any other things we do for our programs going on, getting the word out and instilling the needed enthusiasm was a monumental task. Thank you for all your efforts.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the Voyageurs and LeFemmes of the Grand du Indiana. Without them I would have never reached the pinnacle of this organization. Special thanks the Grande Chef Jim Maxwell, who was in charge of everything from campaign fund raiser to homecoming planner. The Dames were there whenever asked to help, and even a few times when I didn't even know I needed the help. I know I'm a little prejudice, but I but I believe Indiana has the best of both worlds. Thank you all for the memories.

I would be a little remiss if I didn't mention the membership for this past year. We finished with 16 Grandes at or above 100%. Congratulations and I thank you! We ended up 1091 members short of our goal and once again it was the renewals that held us back. Hopefully with life returning to a little bit of normalcy the Voiture Activities will come back and keep everyone interested and active and stop the problem of renewals. Let's everyone work on membership next year and stem the tide. Remember membership is the life blood of the organization, without it we have no life.

In closing I see where our President is sending troops back into harms way. Pray for their safe return. Thank you all for your service and may God bless you and yours.

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Terry Sims -Correspondant National

The Governor has not placed any mandatory restrictions in place for Promenade Nationale in Springfield, Missouri. Please feel free to take any precautionary measures you wish.

Due to Promenade Nationale being postponed for the 2020 year in

Sandusky, Ohio, Award winners for 2020 will be given recognition on the National Promenade floor by each individual Program Directeur.

The Convention Corporation Committee in Springfield is doing a tremendous job organizing an excellent Prom-

enade Nationale for you. They are working with the third crew from the hotel. Anyone that has been involved in organizing Cheminots, Promenades etc, know how frustrating this can be. Again, I say, in advance "Great Job" Missouri.

See you in Springfield.

Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month

VOYAGEUR MILITAIRE

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Grand du Ohio Law Officer of the Year



L to R: David K. Cook Sr. - Grand Correspondant, Ben Smith- 2021 Grand D Ohio Law Officer of the year (Union County Sheriffs Dept.) and Paul Wiehe- Chef de Gare Locale 857 Presenting the plaque to Deputy Smith.

Grande du Colorado Voyageur of the Year



Jerry Hedke Voiture 766 and Grande 'Voyageur of the year'

Grand Meritorious Service Award



Grand Meritorious Service Award presented to Carolyn Bogan correspondent for Voiture 364 by Past Chef de Gare Walter Logan.

Grande du Michigan



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Grande du Michigan



Lori Grande La
Presidente

Salute: **OUR Hero's**

FIRST RESPONDERS

HEALTHCARE

ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Grande du Michigan Grande Promenade West Branch MI

On August 6, Nationale Officers joined Grande du Michigan in their 3 of our final 6 stops of the Grand Chef project Salute OUR Hero's Project joined by the Grande La Presidente to present Hero Certificates and Goodie Baskets to First Responders, Healthcare & Essential Workers in West Branch. MI.

Other stops Grand Chef & Grande La Presidente were joined by Trains of V-746 & V-946. These stops included assisted living, VA Clinic's, Hospitals, Ambulance, Fire & Rescue, City, County and Sheriff's Department's, Post Offices, extraordinary individuals and many more.

At the end of Grand Chef Lonnie's Project there were **43 presentations** with thousands of miles traveled. The certificates, gift baskets and cash donations were **given in excess of \$6,375.**

On behalf of Lori and myself we would like to thank **Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike, Nationale Presidente Cheryl, Grande du Michigan** for allowing us to show others how great the **40 & 8** Organization is by Saluting these Worker's for the incredible service they perform **EVERY** day for Veterans, their families, and Our Communities.—Lonnie Haynes



Grand Chef de Train Mike Brokenshire (Now Grand Chef 21-22) reads the Hero Certificate that will be presented by Grand Chef de Gare Lonnie Haynes to: Ogemaw County Sheriff's Brian D. Gilbert

Hero Presentations

**Ogemaw CO Sheriff's Dept,
West Branch City,
Fire & Police Departments**

**Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary,
Correspondant National Terry Sims, Nationale
Presidente Cheryl Jammick with Nat'l Officers
join Grand Chef Lonnie Haynes, Grande La
President/Sous La Presidente Presidente Lori
Bolley and Grand Chef de Train
Mike Brokenshire**



Voiture 58 and the Young Dragsters



On July 9-10, 2021, Wichita Kansas hosted the Funny Car Dragster races at Wichita International Raceway. One of the sponsors was Scott Palmer a top 10 driver in the top fuel dragster division. Also on the card were fourteen young dragsters (ages nine to sixteen) from South Central Kansas. Wichita Voiture 58, led by Voyageur Bill Doll supplemented the races with \$700 out of our Youth Sports account. First Place went to Trista Shelton (\$300); Second Place to Brayden Lewis (\$200); Third and Fourth Place to Brogan Yates and Tyson Jarvis (\$100 each). All fourteen dragsters were outfitted with a Forty & Eight decal and American Flag decal. In addition each child attending the races received an American Flag.

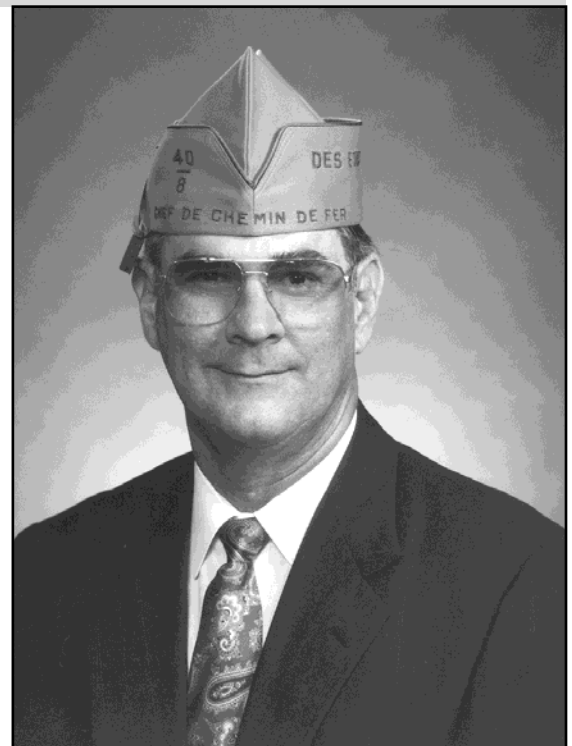
Voyageur Bill Doll was also interviewed on live national TV (FRO Racing TV) for five minutes telling the story of the Forty and Eight and its programs. Thus this one event supported Americanism, Youth Sports, Voiture Activity's, and Public Relations.



Voiture Everlasting

Paul Larry Landry
December 10, 1941 – July 17, 2021
Chef Chemin de Fer 1992

Elton – Paul Larry Landry passed away July 17, 2021. Paul married the love of his life Mrs. Desdemona “Des” Deshotel Landry on February 22nd, 1964, together they shared 54 years of marriage. Paul was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Born to parents Preston and Trunie Landry, Paul was a native to Elton, LA and a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Elton, LA. He was a Vietnam Navy Veteran and proud of his service, he was a proud Past Post National Commander for the 40 and 8 from 1992 – 1993. Paul was a member of the American Society of Safety Engineering and served on the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors. Mr. Landry is preceded in death by his wife Desdemona “Des” Deshotel Landry, two children, Velinda Gale Fruge and Kenneth Craig Landry Sr.: and two granddaughters, Miranda Nicole Richer and Paige Fruge. Survivors left to cherish his memory are two children, Ricky Dale Landry and wife Patricia of Port Allen, Vicky Landry Richer, and husband John of Elton: 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. A graveside service was held Friday, July 23, 2021, at 10 AM at St. Paul Cemetery in Elton, LA, with Deacon Mike Guillory officiating.



Building Donation Challenge Total \$190,744.21
August 2021



<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOITURE</u>	<u>GR</u>	<u>AMT</u>
Voiture 993	993	AZ	\$ 67.50
Voiture 145	145	IN	\$ 67.00
Voiture 646	646	VT	\$ 50.00
Voiture 891	891	OR	\$ 36.55
Voiture 620	620	NC	\$ 22.00
Voiture 1067	1067	SC	\$ 20.00
Voiture 903	903	PA	\$ 14.60
Voiture 122	122	MD	\$ 11.00
Voiture 534	534	NY	\$ 11.00
Voiture 567	567	GA	\$ 10.00
Voiture 1120	1120	GA	\$ 5.00
Voiture 1223	1223	FL	\$ 5.00

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Vice Presidential History

Harry S. Truman (May 8, 1884 – December 26, 1972) was the 33rd president of the United States, serving from 1945 to 1953, succeeding upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt after serving as the 34th vice president in early 1945. He implemented the Marshall Plan to rebuild the economy of Western Europe and established the Truman Doctrine and NATO to contain communist expansion. He proposed numerous liberal domestic reforms, but few were enacted by the Conservative Coalition that dominated Congress.

Truman grew up in Independence, Missouri, and during World War I fought in France as a captain in the Field Artillery. Returning home, he opened a haberdashery in Kansas City, Missouri, and was later elected as a Jackson County official in 1922. Truman was elected to the United States Senate from Missouri in 1934 and gained national prominence as chairman of the Truman Committee, which was aimed at reducing waste and inefficiency in wartime contracts. Soon after succeeding to the presidency, he authorized the first and only use of nuclear weapons in war. Truman's administra-



tion engaged in an internationalist foreign policy and renounced isolationism. He rallied his New Deal coalition during the 1948 presidential election and won a surprise victory that secured his own presidential term.

After the onset of the Cold War, Truman oversaw the Berlin Airlift and Marshall Plan in 1948. When North Korea invaded

South Korea in 1950, he gained United Nations approval to intervene in the Korean War. He did not ask for Congressional approval, and as the war stalemated his popularity fell. His administration successfully guided the U.S. economy through the postwar economic challenges; the expected postwar depression never happened. In 1948, he submitted the first comprehensive civil rights legislation. It did not pass, so he instead issued Executive Orders 9980 and 9981 to begin racial equality in federal agencies and the military.

Corruption in the Truman administration became a central campaign issue in the 1952 presidential election. He was eligible for reelection in 1952, but with weak polls he decided not to run. Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower attacked Truman's record and won easily. Truman went into what has long been thought to be a financially difficult retirement marked by the founding of his presidential library and the publication of his memoirs. When he left office, Truman's presidency was heavily criticized, though critical reassessment of his tenure has been favorable.