



Boxcar Bulletin



“The Honor Society of American Veterans”

www.voiture-99.com

Chef de Gare’s Notes

No news from our Chef de Gare. He’s in the recovery stage of a double knee surgery. Hopefully he’s doing well and will be back soon.

From the Correspondant

The Cheminot voted in a new proposal that will make some Voyageur a very happy person. Starting with the receipt of the 2017 membership cards, all members who renew their 2017 dues on or before Veterans Day, November 11th, 2016 will have their name entered into a drawing. The lucky name drawn will be honored with a Paid-up-for Life (PUFL) membership. The next years membership cards generally arrive about the middle of July while the 2016 cards are still good until December 31st, 2016, the 2017 membership cards are available until December 31st. Not renewing by that date puts you into a situation where you are not allowed to attend any meetings. The Nationale constitution of 2014 changed the dates for the membership year. Please note that the Voiture does not send out renewal notices. The information is printed in the boxcar and sent via email. When you get a notice from the Voiture, you know you dropped the ball.

Nominations for the 2016-2017 membership year are still being accepted. See Jerry Keen to get on the list. Some of the positions require very little effort on the nominee’s part. We also have nine Nationale programs that we are required to maintain committees for. Starting out as Sous (Second or vice chairman) is a good way to become familiar with the various programs. When the new Chef takes over the day after Labor Day, (September 6), he will announce his selections for Committee Directors. Listen for the program you want to get involved with and make your wishes known to that director.

Something to keep in mind: there are no Promenades in July and August. Only the Cheminots (Business meetings) are held on the 3rd Tuesday in July and August. Also keep in mind that on

September 6th we have the Prom and Cheminot on the same day because the Cheminot would normally be held during the Nationale Prom and many of our members will be attending the Nationale Prom in Perryville, Ohio.

There is still time to register for the Grande du Washington Grande Prom being held in Shelton on June 10th and 11th. The chef has already selected the 15 delegates but we have alternate delegate slots vacant. Normally, only the delegates receive some compensation.

Phil Yasson
Correspondant

Americanism

May 2016

From the desk of Dixie Lee Hotaling – National Americanism Sous Directeur Area – A

Life is a play. It is not its length, but it’s performance that counts. Seneca

Spring has finally sprung herein the Northwest. Weed and Feed covers the lawns. A variety of flower bulbs have buds. The sun reminds us of the seasonal change. Americanism projects fall into place.

The school year is winding down. Spring lends an opportunity to share flags, coloring books and stories with the younger generation. Whatever your branch of service – everyone has a story to share. We veterans are the historians of the past. We offer first-hand experiences to promote a better understanding of American’s military history. Our Korean War and Vietnam Veterans speak at the middle schools and high schools. Students are eager to learn. Some will share family life from their perspective. They have had to live and support combat veterans returning home. We are the mentors and support system for them. What schools? What groups?

Who will you speak to? Young combat veterans are seeking help as they try to fit back into the family and communities. Will you be that listening ear, the person, who offers safety and encouragement to them?

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On a personal note: May 7th will find me attending the wedding of one of my daughter’s. This is the first time most of my girls and I will be together. It is generational. Daughter, grand daughter and great grand- daughters will be together. Needless to say – my mind and attention will be on family, however, each child will leave with a flag and Pledge of Allegiance coloring book.

Community Hours – The time crunch is coming. Remind voyageurs of the importance of turning in the community hours. You have worked hard. Share you numbers.

Americanism Awards – Have you identified the persons you want to honor? Time is running out. Remember, first the locale voyageurs select and vote, then your Grande votes. The final step is to submit them to National. These are the highest honors the 40 & 8 offers. Let’s honor our unsung heroes.

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If you get the a chance, check out the new Bingo Parlor Website at:

<http://40et8bingo.org/>

Chateau Schedule for May 2016

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast. Saturday the Chateau is open to voyageurs and guests. Thursday morning coffee & doughnuts at the Chateau at 8:00 am.
Chateau Manager - John Clapp (360)574-3872

May 2nd (Monday)

V99 Prom /C99 Rendezvous

Dinner At 5:30 Pm Cost \$8.00
Fried/Baked Chicken With Potato Salad

May 5th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am To 10:00 am

May 6th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Breakfast Off The Grill And Eggs To Order
7:30 am To 9:00 am

May 7th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm
Dinner: 5:00 pm To 6:30 pm

Steak Night

Menu: (New York Strip)
Cosr: \$16.00

May 11th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am To 10:00 am

May 12th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Breakfast Off The Grill And Eggs To Order
7:30 am To 9:00 am

May 14th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm To 7:00 pm
Grill Open All Day

May 16th (Monday)

S.A.L.T.

In Box Car Room
11:00 am

May 17th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

Dinner At 5:30 pm
Meetings At 6:30 pm
Cost: \$8.00

May 20th (Wednesday)

Korean War Veterans Association

In Box Car Room
10:00 am

May 19th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am To 10:00 am

May 20th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Breakfast Off The Grill And Eggs To Order
7:30 am To 9:00 am
Cost: \$8.00

May 23rd (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm To 7:00 pm
Grill Open All Day

May 26th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am To 10:00 am

May 27th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Breakfast Off The Grill And Eggs To Order
7:30 am To 9:00 am

May 29th (Saturday)

CLOSED, CLOSED, CLOSED

May 30th (Monday)

MEMORIAL DAY

Note From Manager:

*We Will Be Serving Food
From The Grill
All Day Saturdays.*

*Dinner Will Be Steak Night On The First
Saturday Of Each Month*

Americanism (Continued)

Membership – Now is a good time to invite new people in. As our Women Veterans Connect Organization grows, so does the 40 & 8. Every woman is introduced to our Voiture. We share common values and service. Again, how many ‘caps’ pass you by – sporting veteran colors, who know nothing about the 40 & 8? Encourage the voyageurs to educate these people.

Remember: One child, one Family, one Community, one State = ONE NATION UNDER GOD.

Have a great May.

Dixie Hotaling
Sous Americanism Directeur - Area A

Welcome to Voiture-99

On Saturday April 23rd we Wrecked in 4 new members. Please welcome in Pamela Libby, Dan Matthews, Bill Cason, and Yvette Brown-Wahler and her service dog Eve.

May Trivia:

How is the 3rd U.S. Infantry associated with Memorial dDy?

Answer on page 3

VAVS

(Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service)

For Bingo on March 24th, at the VA Hospital, we had 19 patients come play and 8 volunteers from Voiture 99 on hand to help out. We gave out \$265.00 in prizes to the game winners. If you would like to join the group contact John Landahl for more information like date, time and location.

LA FEMMES USED BOOK SALE

Thousands of Books
VCR's, DVD's & CD's
Nothing over \$1.00

May 20th 9am to 4pm
May 21st 9am to 3pm



May Trivia:

Answer: Since the late 1950's on the Thursday just before the Memorial day, around 1200 soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 grave-stones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. In 1951, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of St. Louis began placing flags on the 150,000 graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery as an annual Good Turn, a practice that continues to this day. More recently, beginning in 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of approximately 15,300 grave sites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park on Marye's Heights (the Luminaria Program).

La Femmes

The Nominating Committee has announced candidates for the May election. All positions have been filled for the election of officers. The nominees are: La Presidente – Barbara Yasson, La Sous Presidente – Patricia Running, La Comissaire Intendante – Roberta Giesler, La Correspondante – Elaine Meis, La Avocat – Sharon Shattuck, La Conducteur – Caroline Ruhmshotel, La Aumonier – Judy Williams, La Historien – Linda Tarbell, La Drapeau – Ann Stillman, La Garde de la Porte – Gail Hankel, Cheminot – Judy Bailey, Cheminot – Jo Ann Strickland – Cheminot – Loydene Beer. The newly-elected officers will be installed at the June Rendezvous, and will take office after Rendezvous Nationale in September. Between June and September La Presidente Barbara and the newly elected officers will be working to fill the committee openings. They want as many of the Dames of Cabane 99 as possible to become involved with the committee of their choice. Let's all make our 5th year the best yet.

Roberta Giesler is collecting books for the La Femmes' Book sale. Leave your book donations in the Chateau entry or contact Roberta to arrange the book drop.

The Thursday morning Social meets in the Chateau at 9:00 a.m. It is a fun way to start the day, particularly in the good company of the dames of Cabane 99. Coffee and donuts are also present. The Social now includes the Early Birds who have started meeting at 7:30 a.m. and always stay to meet the 9:00 a.m. regulars. When your spouse comes early to coffee, then you can carpool and help start our Social at 7:30 a.m.

Remember to attend the next Rendezvous on May 2. The next Cheminot will meet on May 17. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room for both. Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

If you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99 contact La Presidente Marsha Keen at 907-0424 or La Sous Presidente Barbara Yasson at 574-1152.

kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks. 'Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?'

She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.' They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.' 'No,' she said. 'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still, no desks were in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early afternoon television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her classroom.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the deskless classroom. Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Armed Services Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedoms you have. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, and to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story (<http://www.snopes.com/glurge/nodesks.asp>).

And this teacher was awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year for the State of Arkansas in 2006. She is the daughter of a WWII POW.

Loci News

Proposed Loci Schedule for 2016

May

1st **Long Beach Loyalty Days**

(Jim/Marc)

14th **St. John's Parade**

(George-)

15th **Birthday**

(Jim-)

21st **Hazel Dell Parade**

(Marc-)

28th **Hockinson Fun Days**

(Marc-)

30th **Memorial Day**

(George-)

June

15th **Beaches Cruise-in**

(George-)

18th **Winlock Egg Festival**

(Jim-)

NOW SHE IS A TEACHER!!!

In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a History teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period



Gone but not forgotten

Everett Johnson

You will be missed



Changing Army Culture, A Female Perspective 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Thursday, 19 May 2016, at the Marshall House

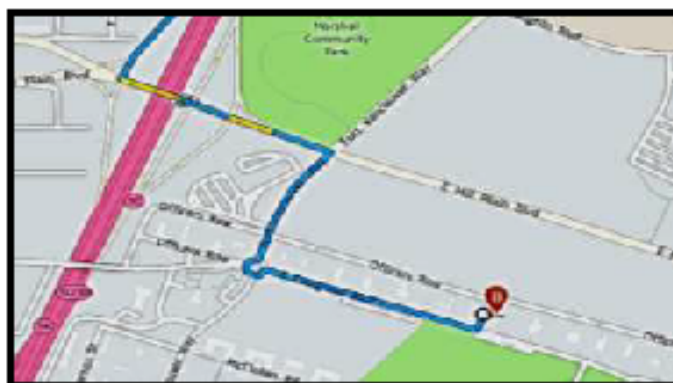


Sponsored by the Fort Vancouver National Trust, presented by the Vancouver Barracks Military Association, SGM Kelly Jones US Army (Ret.).

In a career that spanned 20+ years in the US Army, Sergeant Major Kelly Jones saw many changes in the role of women in the Army, as well as changes in attitudes, practices, and culture of the men and women who served with her. She will share that perspective.

The presentation will last about 60 minutes, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Marshall House, on Officer's Row. There is no admission fee.

The Marshall House is located at 1301 Officer's Row, Vancouver, WA 98661. To get there from Interstate 5, take Exit 1c. Head east on Mill Plain Blvd to the first light, then go south (right) on Fort Vancouver Way to the traffic circle. Take the third exit, east on Evergreen Blvd to the second parking lot. The Marshall House is opposite this parking lot. To let us know you are coming, please email: president@VBMA.us. For directions to the Marshall House, their phone number is: 360 693-3103.



FORT VANCOUVER
National Trust



2016 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE COMMUNITY EVENT

Monday, May 30 at 11 AM

LOCATION:

The Bandstand (Gazebo)

Fort Vancouver National
Historic Site, just west of
1501 Evergreen Blvd,
Vancouver WA 98661



Parking available at Hudson's Bay High School: C-Tran will be providing transportation between Hudson's Bay and the event site!



Visit the National Park
Service Soldier's Bivouac at
Fort Vancouver after the
Memorial Day Service.

Event
Sponsors:



Community Military
Appreciation Committee



Waste
Connections

Voiture 135
Mason County



FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH

REGISTRATION 3:30 PM TO 5:30 PM
DINNER 5:30 - 7:30PM MENU: CAJUN CATFISH OR FRIED CHICKEN. ROLL AND VEGETABLE \$10.00
PERPARED & SERVED BY THE SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION
GRAND CHEMINOT MEETING 7:30 - 8:30PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH

CHATEAU OPENS @ 9,00AM
REGISTRATION @ CHATEAU 9:00 -11:30AM
GRAND PROM BEGINS @ 10:00AM
NO HOST COCKTAILS AT 5:00PM
DINNER 5:30 - 7:00PM MENU: PRIME RIB W / BAKED POTATO. VEGGIES. SALAD & ROLL
PREPARED BY KITCHEN STAFF
DINNER BY REGISTRATION ONLY - FORM BELOW MUST RSVPI NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH

EYE-OPENER 8:00AM - 2:00PM. BLODDY MARY'S \$3.00
BREAKFAST AVAILABLE 9:00 - 11:00AM (PRICES PER MENU)

REGISTRATION:

Voyageurs: \$35.00 (Registration Fee includes Saturday Night Dinner)
LaFemmes/Spouse/ Guest \$15.00 for Saturday Night Dinner
YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY DINNERS!

MOTELS: PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION

Shelton Inn 360-4264468 or 1-800-451-4560 (7 blocks from Chateau)
Super 8 360-426-1654 or 1-800-843-1991 (1-1/2 miles from Chateau)
City Center Motel 360-426-3397 (6 blocks from Chateau)
RV Parking is available at the Shelton ELKs 741 Craig Rd 360-426-2322



REGISTRATION FORM

(MUST BE RETURNED BY : MAY 25th)

NOTE: Dinners will ONLY be Guaranteed by Pre-Registered Guest

Name: _____ **Voiture #** _____ **Registration:** \$35.00 _____

Address: _____ **Guest Banquet:** \$15.00 _____

_____ **Friday Dinner:** \$10.00 _____

Title: _____ **Fish** _____ **Chicken** _____

LaFemme/ Spouse / Guest:

_____ **Cabane#** _____ **Total Registration Fee:** \$ _____

Title: _____

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Shelton, WA 98584

Flag Day Celebration

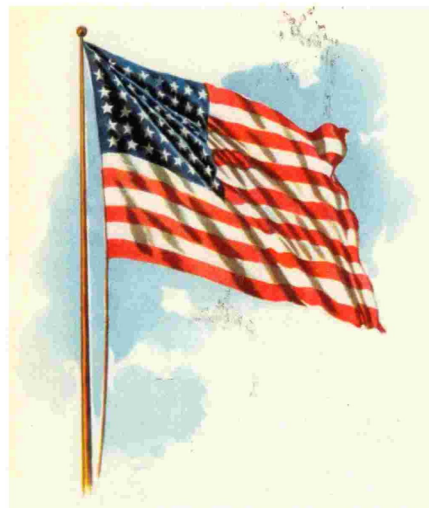
2016

June 11th at the Kiggins Bowl

800 E. 40th Street

Parade of Flags and program to begin at 11:30 am

Join the Vancouver Elks Lodge #823 on June 11th in honoring our nation's flag. Our current Symbol of Freedom has flown over this nation for over 55 years and the B.P.O.Elks a distinctively American Fraternal Organization proudly honors our flag with a simple but appropriate ceremony each year.



The event is free to all, and families are encouraged to attend.

All Fraternal, Veteran, Scout, Civic, Public and Private groups are encouraged to join the Elks in a Parade of Flags. Bring your American Flag along with your unit flag or banner. Assembly will begin at 10:30am on the road leading to the Kiggins Bowl

For more information or to confirm your participation contact the Vancouver Elks Lodge #823
360-253-0823 or email the lodge @elks823.com



1st Annual Golf Tournament June 12, 2016

Team
and
Individual
Playing
Prizes

First Tee Time 11:00 AM Three Rivers Golf Course
Cost: \$50 walking \$60 Riding. Includes dinner back at 40 et 8 (Beef brisket or chicken) at 6:00 PM. Bar opens at 4:00 PM.

Format: 4 person scramble with handicaps assigned based upon team members average score. You may sign up as an individual, in pairs, or foursomes.

Mulligans available.

Contact: John Treosti, 360-574-5746 jtpfp@comcast.net