



Boxcar Bulletin



“The Honor Society of American Veterans”

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Chef de Gare's Notes

News from our Chef de Gare is good. He is slowly recovering from his double knee surgery. He's doing well and is making some appearances at events.

From the Correspondant

Several times a year, Nationale sends out tickets for you to enter a drawing.

This is done to raise money to keep Nationale up and running. The only income they normally receive is from membership dues and emblem sales. Like all organizations, they need to have income so they can be there for you. The last drawing was for Nurses scholarships. It was won by Voiture 99 member Jesse Lingenfauller, one of our newer members. He pocketed \$3000.00. Congratulations. Will you be next to win? Only if you send in the tickets.

If you are getting your copy of the Boxcar News in the mail, it means we do not have your email address. Please – send me your email address. We are trying to conserve funds for our programs. Every penny counts.

The voting for the 2016-2017 officers is over and done with. This is the list of the officers:

- Chef de Gare George Golden
- Chef de Train Bob Kadow
- Garde de la Porte Marc Lacy
- Correspondant Phil Yasson
- Commissaire Intendant Karla Bean
- Commis Voyageur Tom Stillman
- Cheminot Ed Bogle and John Root
- Lampiste Jerry Schue
- Aumonier Jim Erixson
- Conducteur Jim Powers

These officers will be sworn in at the June Promenade and will take office at the September Promenade.

The committee chairs will be offering you chances to purchase gift items and tickets for dinners. The money they raise will be used to

finance their programs. Currently there is a Spaghetti dinner being held on 7 June 2016. Cost is \$10.00. On the same evening after the dinner, a bingo game for prizes will be held at a cost of \$10.00. This will be an enjoyable evening. The money is being raised for the Children and Youth program. Another ticket item for Youth Sports, Jonathan Edwards is selling tickets for a Thorn's game. The winner will get to sit in WINCO's Box, get a VIP parking pass and several other items. Perhaps you do not wish to attend these or other events. Please do not let that stop you that from donating to help out. These are your programs and badly need our support as Voyageurs.

Phil Yasson
Correspondant

Americanism

June 2016

The more you love what you are doing, the more successful it will be for you. (Jerry Gillies)

June is here. The fiscal year is winding down. Voyageurs are planning trips to National. Consolidated Reports are being prepared. Flags for First Graders projects and programs are under way. This is a busy month.

Many people may ask “What's the big deal about placing flags in the hands of first graders? Time is running out. Did you know that many schools have completely removed the American flag from their premises and the Pledge of Allegiance is no longer recited?

Recently I had the privilege of attending a Korean Honor Ceremony at a high school in Oregon. The school put on a pristine program, honoring the Korean Veterans. The Korean Ambassador spoke. Everyone stood up while the school band played The Star Spangled Banner and the Korean National anthem. It would have been perfect EXCEPT that there was no American Flag anywhere and no mention of the Pledge of Allegiance. I wondered how many of the Veterans must felt, when the flag they

fought under was missing.

This past weekend found Vancouver Washington Lions Clubs and Voiture 99 - 40 & 8 assembling the Flag for First Graders packets. Between them and the other State Voyageurs, more than 9,000 packets will be distributed. SO...what are you doing to teach and promote Patriotism?

Consolidated Reports are coming due. Encourage your people to turn in their hours. It all counts. Let's make Area-A shine.

Have you chosen the Americanism, Voyageur, City, Law Enforcement, Hero Award person? Recognizing these people and places strengthens the community. It is an excellent way to cement partnerships and relationships.

Deciding what not to do is as important as deciding what to do. (Steve Jobs)

REMEMBER: one child, one family, one community, one state = One Nation Under God.

Working Together We Can Make A Difference.

Dixie Lee Hotaling
Nationale Americanism Sous Directeur Area A

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Chateau Schedule for June 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

June 2nd (Thursday)

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

June 3rd (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Cost \$8.00

June 4th (Saturday)

Chateau opens 1:00 pm
Dinner: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Menu: *Steak Night (New York Strip)*
Cost \$16.00

June 6th (Monday)

V99 Prom /C99 Rendezvous

Dinner At 5:30 Pm
Meetings At 6:30 pm
Cost \$8.00
Menu: Taco Bar

June 9th (Thursday)

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

June 10th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Cost \$8.00
(Grande Promenade Shelton, Wa)

June 11th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Grill open all day
(Grande Promenade Shelton, Wa)

June 16th (Thursday)

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

June 17th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Cost \$8.00

June 18th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Grill open all day

June 20th (Monday)

S.A.L.T.

11:00 am in Box Car Room

June 21st (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

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

June 22nd (Wednesday)

Korean War Veterans Association

10:00 am in Box Car room

June 23rd (Thursday)

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

June 24th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Cost \$8.00

June 25th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Grill open all day

June 30th (Thursday)

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

July 1st (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
7:30 am to 9:00 am

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
Cost \$8.00

July 2nd (Saturday)

CLOSED, CLOSED, CLOSED

NOTE FROM MANAGER:

WE WILL BE SERVING FOOD FROM THE GRILL ALL DAY SATURDAY.

DINNER WILL BE STEAK NIGHT ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

VAVS

(Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service)

For Bingo on April 28th at the VA Hospital, we had 14 patients come play and 6 volunteers from Voiture 99 on hand to help out. We gave out \$260.00 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



Thanks to all of the voyageurs and dames for your donations to the La Femmes Used Book Sale. It was a success and fun was had by all of the dames who helped. Thanks to Judy Bailey and Mary Snyder for organizing the event. All of the funds will go to the La Femme's Nationale programs.

At the May Rendezvous the dames elected a new slate of officers for the 2016-17 year. They will be installed at the June Rendezvous and will take office in September. La Presidente: Barbara Yasson; La Sous Presidente: Patricia Running; La Correspondante: Elaine Meis; La Commis-saire Intendante: Roberta Giesler; La Avocate: Sharon Shattuck; La Conducteur: Caroline Ruhmshottel; La Aumonier: Judy Williams; La Historien: Linda Tarbell; La Drapeau: Ann Stillman; La Garde de la Porte: Gail Hankel; Cheminots: Judy Bailey, Jo Ann Strickland, Loydene Beer. In addition to the installation of officers we will have the pleasure of initiating a new Dame at the June Rendezvous.

The Dames of Cabane 99 are planning a Rum-mage Sale on July 8 and 9 in the Bingo Hall. We will set up on Wednesday and Thursday July 6 and 7 and hope to receive most of the sale items at that time. Contact Judy Bailey if you have questions about the Sale and storing items.

The Thursday morning Social meets in the Chateau starting around 7:30 a.m. You can depend on enjoying the company of other dames and the nourishment of all of that coffee and those delicious pastries.

Remember to attend the next Rendezvous on June 6. That will be the installation of officers and initiation of a new member. The next Cheminot will meet on June 21. 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.



Memorial Day

Beginnings - originally called Decoration Day. Started after the American Civil War to honor both Union and Confederate soldiers who died while serving in the armed forces. Before the war ended, women from both sides decorated the graves of fallen soldiers, but there was no official day for recognition.

Toward the end of the war, following the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln in April of 1865, there were many more ceremonies held to honor fallen soldiers. The first widely publicized commemoration was held in May of 1865 in Charleston, SC. But Boalsburg, PA claims to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, having started decorating soldiers' graves in 1864. By 1868, May 30 was selected as Decoration Day and ceremonies at hundreds of cemeteries were held across the United States..

By the end of World War II, the holiday expanded to honor all soldiers who died while serving in the United States' armed forces. Memorial Day was declared the official name in 1968, but it wasn't until 1971 that the law went into effect to move the holiday to the last Monday in May, resulting in a three-day weekend.

Flowers - From the beginning, flowers have been a symbol of Memorial Day.. Graves of soldiers were decorated with flowers to honor them. Though the first Memorial or Decoration ceremonies were held in April, Major General John Logan of the Union Army declared Decoration Day held on May 30 because, it is believed, that is when flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

Flags - For Memorial Day 1951, the Boy Scouts of America started the tradition of placing American flags on each of the 150,000 graves at the Jefferson National Barracks Cemetery in St. Louis, MO. The idea spread and since the late 1950s, flags have been placed at gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery every Memorial Day. All American flags are supposed to be flown at half-staff until noon when raised, but it's unclear of any symbolism of the gesture beyond tradition.

Now - Parades are held across the country to observe the holiday, but Memorial Day weekend has transformed into the weekend to kickoff summer. Because the holiday has lost its original meaning for many, in 2000 The National Moment of Remembrance Act was signed into law. 3:00 p.m. local time was selected for people across the United States to stop what they're doing for a moment of silence to honor soldiers who died while on active duty.

Nurses Training Fundraiser

A Rummage Sale to benefit the Voiture 99 Nurses Training program will be held at the 40 et 8 Bingo Hall on Friday and Saturday July 8 and 9. Please keep this great program in mind and help the La Femmes raise the funds that help the nurses in training with their schooling.



VA Transplant Lodge

Here is a listing of items that are needed for the Transplant Lodge. Items may be deposited at the Chateau entry way in the barrel in the corner.

- Splenda for baking
- Sugar free jam
- Low cal salad dressing
- Canned Mushrooms
- Healthy heart soups
- Canned water pak tuna
- Canned chicken
- Catsup
- Dill pickles
- Zip lock bags qt and gal
- Scotch disinfectant spray cleaner
- Canned cream soups (any)

Perishables

- Fruit and Vegetables
- Non-fat yogurt
- Low fat sour cream
- Low fat cream cheese
- The list is always changing.
- There is also a barrel for a toy collection.

For perishables, call Norma Cooley at 360-687-4107 or 360-281-9141

Proposed Loci Schedule

June

15th **Beaches Cruise-in**
(George-)

18th **Winlock Egg Festival**
(Jim-)

July

4th **Vancouver Independence Day Parade**
(George-)

Ridgefield Independence Day Parade
(Jim-)

9th **Amboy Territorial Days**
(Marc-)

13th **Beaches Cruise-in**
(Marc-)

16th **Battleground Harvest Days**
(George/Marc)

23rd **Camas Fun Days**
(George/Marc)

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!



Event
Sponsors:

Community Military
Appreciation Committee

Waste
Connections

**Registration for the Grande Promenade
June 10/11/12, 2016**

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

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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:

Total Registration Fee: \$

_____ **Cabane#** _____

Title: _____

Make Check Payable to VOITURE 135
Mail to: ED VOGT
113 Cota ST
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

The Oregon Trail and Today's Mass Migrations
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Thursday, 16 June 2016
at the Marshall House

Sponsored by the Fort Vancouver National Trust
Presented by the Vancouver Barracks Military Association



Speaker: Colonel Bruce Mulkey (Retired)

For many Americans, the Oregon Trail conjures up images of heroic pioneers who faced privation and dangers to travel to the West Coast of the United States. The reward for the survivors would be land, and a chance to become greater than they were before. For other Americans, particularly Native Americans, the Oregon Trail represented an end to their traditional lifestyle, and the loss of their lands.

Today, the United States and other European countries face what they see as a migration crisis brought on by events in the Middle East, Africa, and Southwest Asia, as well as Central and Latin America. Bruce Mulkey will look at the phenomena of the Oregon Trail, as it compares to the current situation, its causes, events, and consequences; the physical realities; immigrant expectations, and the role of governments in meeting the realities of this situation.

The presentation will last about 60 minutes, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Marshall House, on Officer's Row. This 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.



FORT VANCOUVER
National Trust



Costco Heroes Night
June 25th

THE 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEROES NIGHT IN BENEFIT OF C.M.A.C.

Community Military  Appreciation Committee

PRESENTED BY
COLUMBIA CREDIT UNION



JUNE 6:30PM
TO
25TH 9:00PM

EAST VANCOUVER COSTCO
19610 SE 1ST ST
CAMAS, WA 98607

Join us in recognition of our local veterans, military,
and first responders that make our community thrive.

*Heroes Information Tables
*Donation Drive For Veteran
& Military Families in Need
*Car Show Starting at 4:30pm



*Everyone Invited to Shop
*Membership Promotions
*Family Friendly Activities
*Specials & Giveaways

Columbia Credit Union will be "Making Life Better"
Non-Costco Members may receive a one year
Costco Gift of Membership

For more information please go to, <http://www.cmac11.com>