



From the Chef de Gare

Voyageurs,

With the Holidays coming to a close, I would like to wish all Voyageurs A happy and prosperous New Year. 2014 was an eventful year filled with financial woes and the loss of many of our brothers. I would like to continuously keep in our prayers those who have lost loved ones and those who have experienced difficulties of all kinds. Contrary to popular belief, "We are Our Brothers Keepers."

In the past, I have discussed the financial situation of the Voiture and what we need to do to combat the deficiencies brought on by a weak economy. I continue to stress fund raising options that will meet the needs of our programs during austere times. We can no longer depend on the income from our Bingo operation to fully fund events that I feel are very important to Voiture 99 and the community at large. So let's be creative and come up with some original ideas to offset these financial shortfalls.

Recruiting efforts are working. We are above 80%, but still need 60+ renewals to reach that 100% target. Renewals, coupled with seeking out new "qualified" members, will aid in that effort.

I look forward to the challenging experiences and the "fun" times ahead in 2015.

In your Service,
Jerry Keen
Chef de Gare

From the Correspondant

I hope everyone has had a joyful and fulfilling Holiday season. With the coming of the New Year, many will be making resolutions to do this or that. Let me add one more to your list. To nominate at least one qualified candidate for membership into the Voiture. Our goal this year is 373 Voyageurs. With the passing of so many good friends this past year; and with those who have failed to renew their membership for one reason or another, it is imperative that we look to ensure the future

of the Voiture by inviting in younger members who can be groomed for future leadership rolls. This is the responsibility of all Voyageurs Militaire.

This year will bring change to many in the form of addresses, phone numbers and Email addresses. Please remember to include your Voiture so we have a means of keeping in touch with you.

Interested in doing away with your yearly membership renewals. Become a PUFL, as a Paid Up For Life member, your annual membership card will be mailed to you by National in July of each year. Contact the Correspondant for additional information and the cost to you based on your age. It's a simple process and requires only a few minutes to complete.

Frank Falbee
Correspondant

Attention La Femmes

Welcome to 2015. I hope the new year treats you kindly.

Thanks to each of the Dames who helped serve dinners during the holidays, and thanks to Mary Snyder for providing the leadership for the Dames who served the meals. All of the guests appreciate your excellent service.

For those of you who have not paid your 2014-2015 dues, they are now past due. Dues are \$25.00 for the year. The easiest way to pay dues is to bring them with you to the next Rendezvous or Cheminot. Another option is to mail them to the Chateau to the attention of Cabane 99, or to Elaine Meis or Roberta Giesler at their addresses on the membership roster.

Be sure to attend the next Rendezvous on Monday January 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room. In addition to our usual business we will initiate two new members. Please join us to welcome our newest members.

Remember the next Cheminot on Tuesday January 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar

Room. If you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99 contact La Presidente Judy Bailey at 798-5166 or La Sous Presidente Marsha Keen at 907-0424.

Barbara Yasson

House Committee Report

As most of you have seen, the area between the Bingo Parlor and the chateau is all cleaned up. We will start at our next work party (January 13, 2015) to clean up the swale between the Bingo Parlor and 78th Street.

The county has been talking to Gene Sorenson, and they have to approve any cleaning up that we do. Anyone that wants to volunteer for the next work party let Gene know.

We have a new bookkeeper and she comes with some really impressive credentials. Marlis has agreed to come back and help her get familiar with our bookkeeping system

The Bingo Parlor is closed until January. As you know we have a General Manager, John Clapp, and that has taken some of the responsibilities from the House Committee Chairman and they are taken care of by the General Manager. It really does make the whole operation run smoothly.

We also have three new board members, Bob Perrin, Dave Shattuck, and Teno.

Wednesday, December 17, 2014 we had a Christmas party for our employees. It was a pot-luck. There was some really good food. Our new bookkeeper attended with her husband. It was great that she was able to meet the employees.

The House Committee wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Service
Bob Kadow

Chateau Schedule for January 2015

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

SWEET HEARTS BALL

ON FEBRUARY 14

TREAT YOUR FAVORITE LADY (GUY)

ONLY \$20 per PERSON

PRIME RIB DINNER & MUSIC

ONLY HAVE ROOM FOR FIRST 88

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RSVP CHATEAU MANAGER
(360) (936-5505)

January 1st (Thursday)

CLOSED
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



January 20th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

House Committee at 4:00 pm

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Meeting at 6:30 pm

Cost \$6.00

January 21st (Wednesday)

Korean War Veterans - 10:00 am

January 22nd (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

January 23rd (Friday)

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

Cost \$8.00

OREGON WINTER PROM

January 24th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm

Grill Hours 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

OREGON WINTER PROM

January 29th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

January 30th (Friday)

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

Cost \$8.00

January 31st (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm

(POT LUCK)

January 2nd (Friday)

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill /Egg Casserole

Cost \$8.00

January 3rd (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm

Grill Hours 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

January 5th (Monday)

V99 Prom / C99 Rendezvous

Chateau opens 4:00 pm

Dinner 5:30 pm

Prom 6:30 pm

Menu: Soup/ Goulash and salad Bar

Cost \$6.00

January 8th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

January 9th (Friday)

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

Cost \$8.00

January 10th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm

Grill Hours 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

January 15th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

January 16th (Friday)

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

Cost \$8.00

January 17th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm

Grill Hours 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Set aside the date of 8 January. We all remember Bill Bailey. A former Chef and a 20 + year Vouageur. His sudden death was a shock and a great loss to all.

There will be a Service at the Salmon Creek Methodist Church located at 12217 N.E. Highway 99 here in Vancouver on Thursday, the 8th of January at 1 PM. A Celebration of Life will follow the service at the 40/8 in the Boxcar Room. Make time in your busy schedule to stop by and say farewell to our brother and friend.

V-99

Correspondant

The Finale Salute

This year like all of the past years, we lose members to the Finale Salute given by the member. This year is no different. We have lost members, their deeds are not known to the general public but limited to family, close friends and fellow Veterans. Some that may have served with them in their military career. These Veterans served during World War II and all Wars and Actions with every Branch of the Military involved.

These members may have caused us to get angry because they did not see things the way we saw them. That is ok, because it made us think and soon the anger left and the two of us marched together and got the job done.

The member has caused us to smile, laugh at something and mostly laugh at our self.

When the members leave us it is not without the sadness that brings the tears of friendship of one Veteran to another.

During our meetings we say a prayer and Salute the Flag of our Country, to show the respect for our Country and those who have given their Finale Salute.

We never know when we will give our Final Salute so we do our best, when we give each and every Salute.

Those that have given The Finale Salute, will have their reward in Life Ever Lasting.

READY - SALUTE

Bob Brennan
passe Chef De Gare

Gone but not forgotten

you will be missed

William (Bill) Bailey - 25
years (1989)
(Past Chef de Gare - 1998)





A good time was had by all at the Passe' Chef's Banquet.

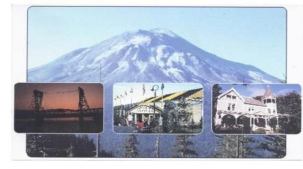


Chef de Gare Jerry Keen presents Bob Perrin with a certificate for his selection as Voiture-99 Voyageure of the year as well as dinner for himself and his wife (pictured).



Chef de Gare Keen and POW/MIA Director Dan Tarbell congratulate Dixie Hoteling on receiving a \$7,000 dollar grant for "Flags for First Graders" from Umpqua Bank.

Great Western and Grande du Washington registration form. Cutout and return to address listed below. More forms available at the Chateau.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR APRIL 10, 11, 12, 2015
TO ATTEND
GREAT WESTERN
AND
GRAND DU WASHINGTON CHEMINOT
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON**

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/St/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Voyageur's Registration: **\$15.00** Voiture #: _____
 (meals to be paid for at time of registration)

Make check payable to: Voiture 99
 Mail to: 7607 NE 26th Avenue
 Vancouver, WA 98665

You are responsible for making your own room reservations

For Room Reservations call: Red Lion Inn at the Quay
 100 Columbia Street
 Vancouver, WA 98660
 Phone: 360.694.8341
 Mention the 40 & 8
 \$99.00 (double occupancy)

**40 & 8
JANUARY 2015 AMERICANISM
NEWSLETTER – AREA A**

From the desk of Dixie Lee Hoteling, Sous Directeur of Americanism Area A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

If we reaffirm these timeless and unchangeable truths, if we choose life and liberty, compassion and service, character and faith, we will honor those who came before us and inspire the children of tomorrow. - Elizabeth Dole.

The Yuletide Holiday season is past. We are left with memories and for some of us, a few extra pounds to work off. It's time to step back, review 2014, and put programs into perspective. Did you achieve the objectives and goals you set out to accomplish? Regroup; develop a new action plan. As Thomas Edison so aptly put it, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." Success is around the corner, waiting for you to grasp it.

Community Resources – Are you still looking for funding? Try your community bank, many of them offer community-giving programs. You can usually find them on-line. Wal-Mart has a donation program, pick up an application. Again, partnering with other service organizations enables you to produce a pristine package. Put together a presentation and take it out into the community. You may be pleasantly surprised at the results.

Trivia: Did you know that on January 14, 1784 the Continental Congress ratified the Treaty of Paris establishing the United States as a sovereign nation? President Dwight D. Eisenhower was the only president to serve under the forty-nine-star flag and of course, the best for our troops – on January 20, 1980 Iran released fifty-two American hostages moments after the U.S. presidency passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan. What does this all mean? This is the history our flag stands for, the sacrifices Americans have made for our country.

Times are changing – patriotism is taking a beating. At one of our local high schools, the younger generation of teachers openly resists Veteran’s sharing Korea, Vietnam history. They fail to see the importance of it. How sad!

It is vital that we continue to take Americanism into the schools, to share our stories and to teach flag etiquette. Have you been encouraging your members to turn in their community hours? You will find the 2015 form on the National Website. Remember every community deed counts. This is a good time to remind members of the importance of MEMBERSHIP. You will find Veteran’s everywhere you go. Reach out and touch the life of a fellow Veteran.

Sometimes we take everything for granted. It’s easy to say “What difference does anything make?” Our outreach is historic in nature. A friend for many years knew I was a veteran. One day she asked, “So, what are you doing over the holiday season?” Of course I shared the American Legion Children’s Christmas Party, the 40 & 8 Loci’s visit, giving kids of all ages rides. She became quiet for a moment, then shared, “You know my Dad was an American Legion Member, he used to take me and later my children to those yearly parties. We had so much fun. We still talk about it today. Do you think they would mind if I brought my grand children to the party. I know my Dad has passed on, however, it would mean so much to us.” THE REVELATION! Our organizations have supported generations of Veterans and their families. We have created lasting traditions. Never stop reaching out. What community story will you share?

Hopefully, you are working on the design-a-patch entries. We need them before the school year is over. Let’s bring the youth aboard and show how much we value them.

Your packet has the hero award rules. It’s time to identify the heroes and get the paper work done. There are so many people to consider, it will be difficult to choose. Everyone is a hero. Nominations are wide open. Good luck!

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One child, one family, one community, one state = ONE NATION
 WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE
 A DIFFERENCE

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VAVS Report

On Dec. 12, Bob Brennan, Brian Brown & John Landahl traveled to Winlock Washington. We picked up 120 pair of Socks & 10 Quilts. These are made by the local Grange ladies. They will be given to the Vets at Vancouver Veterans Hospital.

The next VAVS bingo will be held on Jan.22 on the lower level of the Hospital @ 6 30 PM.

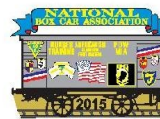
John Landahl
 VAVS Director

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La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux National Box Car Association



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December 10, 2014

To National Officers, Director and Sous Directors of NBCA, Grand Box Car Directors, Grand Chef de Gars and Correspondants,

Greetings to all, hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. And a huge Thank you to all my brothers and sisters who have served.

It has been a fun couple of weeks for me, the key board on my lap top decided it may have had to many cookies and liquids spilled on it over the years and the keys have quite working.

I bought a new Lap top, does anyone understand windows 8? I sure don't, so had to get windows 7 installed so I could send out mail and maybe receive some. But if that is the worst that happens over this Holiday season then color me lucky.

Below is the information from our National Secetaire/Treasurer, Frank Kronen, on current consignment and sales information for your Grand ending in November: Area K did not report 1 sale for November.

Grand Voiture Balance	2015 Consignment			Sales To-Date			Consignment		
	PINS	CREW	ASSOC	PINS	CREW	ASSOC	PINS	CREW	ASSOC
ALASKIA	20	127	0	25	127	0	0	0	0
MONTANA	150	150	0	0	1	0	150	149	0
NORTH DAKOTA	40	21	10	40	21	10	0	0	0
WASHINGTON	150	151	0	0	1	0	150	150	0
WYOMING	50	1	0	50	1	0	0	0	0

The first four coins are now available for purchase. If you have a set, take them along to the functions you attend and show them off. You will be surprised at the results. Place order orders, with cash enclosed, to Frank. If you order less than ten coins at a time, please include \$3.00 for postage. If you order 10 coins or more, postage is free.



Beginning with the 2014 Box Car Pin, it reflects the coin face for the 2013 issue coin face (a Box Car). The 2015 Box Car Pin depicts the 2014 issue Coin face (Box Car). The 2016 Box Car Pin will mirror the 2015 issue coin face (Locomotive) and so on until the pin series is complete with the Box Car Coins in 2018. When all is completed, the Box Car Pin Series, “Shadow Train”, will show a Locomotive pulling three Box Cars and trailing Caboose. This will be a complete series, so hold on to the pins. It will definitely become another addition to the heritage of our organization and the National Box Car Association.

The NATIONAL BOX CAR PIN SERIES-----THE SHADOW TRAIN



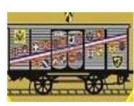
2016



2014



2015



2018



2017
 No Issue Yet
 Issue Yet

No Issue Yet No

The goal this year for each Grand is \$2.00 per voyageur. This is a very attainable goal. Let all strive to achieve this milestone and make this year's Box Car Program a huge success.

If any of you Grand Directeurs need help, please let me know.

Thank you again for all the you do for La Societe.

Your's in Service,

John Clapp
 National Sous Box Car Directeur – Area K

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 National Directeur
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 Grand Chef de Gares – Area K
 Grand Correspondants – Area K

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From the Loci Committee

During the winter months the Loci is used intermittently. For the latest upcoming trips check with Jim Resleff, George Golden, or Check in the Chateau entryway for any scheduled trips.



Jim and John pose with Santa on their recent trip with the Loci. Accompanying Santa on his rounds to Share House, Frito Lay, and Randall Children's Hospital. All in one day ...

Grande du Washington Membership Standings
 12/18/2014

Voiture	2014 YTD Total	2015 YTD Total	2014/2015 Quota	Needs to Meet Quota	% of Quota
75	4	5	18	13	27.78%
83	11	15	16	1	93.75%
87	1	1	1	0	100.00%
88	0	9	9	0	100.00%
90	32	28	44	16	63.64%
91	59	41	93	52	44.09%
94	13	13	14	1	92.86%
96	10	11	11	0	100.00%
99	297	302	373	71	80.97%
135	77	104	144	40	72.22%
271	0	0	12	12	0.00%
1213	4	20	32	12	62.50%
TOTALS	508	549	767	218	71.58%

Washington fell back to 16th in the Nationale Listings.
Dues must be paid in full by 31 December to be in good standing.
 I suggest the Correspondant get on the phone and call your unpaid. Nationale will be sending out a renewal notice to all unpaid members on their master list. If you are hold renewals, you will need to explain the renewal notice to your member.

**La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux
 Voiture Nationale**



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"Make a Difference, Renew, Recruit & Reinstate"

December 2, 2014

Salute Fellow Voyageurs Militaire,

The way your National Membership Team does the business of membership is changing and will continue to change in the future. It is human nature to resist change, it is comfortable for anyone to do things in a pattern that we have grown use to without change. Change in the way we do membership is necessary or we will cease to exist as the greatest organization of American Veterans. We have lost over one half of our membership in the last twenty years. On average the break down is that we lose 5% of our membership to "Taps" each year. We have been recruiting more new members each year than we lose to "Taps" and would be slightly better that a break even. Unfortunately 5% of our membership makes the conscious decision not to renew their membership in La Societe each year. This leaves use with a net loss of approximately 5%. We have to do better on two fronts. 1) Do a better job retaining the member we now have. 2) Increase the number of new members we bring in every year.

The date membership is now due is January 1st each year and was constitutionally changed at Promenade Nationale from March 31st. I have asked Voiture Nationale to send out the first "National Renewal Notice" in Mid-December this year. This should give us a much need boost in renewing existing members with a goal of spending our efforts for the remaining year on recruiting new members.

This change is not without cost. We will be incurring a larger financial cost to sending a greater number of renewal notices. Each year Voyageurs and Dames from Grand du Indiana volunteer their time and energy to prepare these notices for mailing. This is a service to the National Membership Team and we sincerely thank each and every one of you.

These changes do not change the Voiture Locale's and Grand Voiture's responsibility to renew and report every membership possible. A suggested format is that the Locale sends out a 1st membership renewal notice on or shortly after August 1st each year. A second renewal notice timed to arrive sometime before Veterans Day, November 11th each year. In this way when the National renewal notice arrives it is not a surprise. When the Locale follows up with the member after January 1st, the member is well aware that their dues are due and they are now delinquent.

Change is not easy but your National Membership Team members are here to assist you in any way they can, all you need do is ask for assistance.

For La Societe,
Don Reed
 Donald J. Reed
 Directeur Membership Nationale

Youth Sports

As many of you know I have been the Youth Sports Director for some time. I am also the Youth Sport director for Grand Du Washington and the Sous Director Youth Sports at Nationale.

This year Youth Sports has been taken over by Jon Edwards and his Sous is Earl Edwards, his father. No doubt that they will do a great job.

I know that Jon has two requests so far. One request is from the Clark County Complete Shooting Association. This group helps with the money to send the junior shooters to matches.

I have the Youth Sports pins to give to Jon and Earl to sell. They are three dollars each and one dollar from each pin goes back into our Youth Sport fund.

I know it tough to buy all the pins, but with the money getting tighter, selling of pins is one way to get more money in the Youth Sport fund.

[40et8 Nationale Youth Sports website](#)

Yours in service,
Bob Kadow

Youth Sports Update:

We had two requests for donations in the month of December, one from Havoc Girls Fast pitch Softball out of Battle Ground to help with travel and new equipment for their upcoming season. Another from Clark County Competitive Shooters (CCCS) which is a youth shooters group that has matches across the state from Puyallup to Wenatchee, our donation will also help with equipment and this years National competition that will be at Ft. Bragg later next year.

We look forward to helping as many Youth Sports programs as possible around the county and stay tuned for upcoming fundraiser events.

Thank you ,
Jonathan Edwards
Youth Sports Director