



Next Prom - March 2nd
 Next Cheminot - March 17th
 Next Wreck - April 10th



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Great Western—Grande Cheminot
 April 10/11/12, 2015



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From the Chef de Gare

Fellow Voyagers and Dames.

40 et 8 turns "95" on March 15th. As we approach our 95th anniversary, we should reflect back on the reason that Joseph W. Breen and 15 other legionnaires originated the idea for our organization. Their vision was for a different level of elite membership that, since that day, has morphed into the benevolent, fun and caring organization that we enjoy today. The camaraderie experienced by all who participate is unmatched by any Veterans Service Organization, bar none. The assistance provided to our veterans and the community at large is unequalled. We can be proud of who we are and what we do to accomplish our mission.

To celebrate our heritage, we will be providing a "get together" for all of our Voyageurs and their guests. On the afternoon of Sunday, March 15th we will be providing burgers and all the fixings followed by a short program to celebrate the anniversary of the "Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux." The kitchen will be open at 2:00pm with the program commencing at approximately 3:00pm. Chapeau's are recommended for the ceremony.

Come out and show your appreciation and join the celebration.

Membership

We are sitting at approximately 91%. Let's get those reminders out. If you know someone that hasn't renewed, remind them. If you have a good candidate, get those membership applications in.

Remember, that it should be the sponsor who fills out the application. The letter to the candidates should be a surprise when they receive it, if at all possible.

Jerry Keen
 Chef de Gare

From the Correspondant

March is finally here and the spring ritual of choosing our leadership for next year

has begun. Chef Keen has appointed Bob Brennan, Jim Erickson and Ed Dunkle to the nominating committee. These Voyageurs are your point of contact to recommend and/or nominate an individual to one of our leadership posts or a directorship of one of our programs. Now is the time to step forward and make yourself a truly active member of the Voiture. Get involved!

Good news from our General Manager, John Clapp. He will begin Saturday Night Dinners beginning the first Saturday in March (the 7th). This will provide the perfect opportunity for all you sponsors to bring your new "Goofs" in and introduce them to other Voyageurs, the 40/8 and enjoy a fine meal. What better way to get started on their voyage.

About thirty former Voyageurs have still not renewed their 2015 membership. I have posted their names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses on the bulletin board in the Chateau entrance. Please review the list and if you see anyone that you know, try and contact then and try to find out why they wish to discontinue their relationship with the 40/8. Their answers will be important to both our recruiting and retention goals and efforts in the future.

Frank Falbee
 Correspondant

Attention La Femmes



Please help me welcome the newest Dames to Cabane 99. Janet Sherrell, Linda Haggett, and MJ Moran were initiated at the February 2 Rendezvous. Welcome aboard, Janet, Linda, and MJ. We look forward to getting to know you better.

A nominating committee was formed at the Cheminot. They will present the nominations at the March Rendezvous. If you are interested in running for an office contact Judy Bailey before the Rendezvous.

Cabane 99 will hold a Used Book Sale on May 29 and 30 in the Boxcar Room. Start collecting those books. If you want to

bring them to the Chateau, Roberta Giesler will store them until we set up on Thursday May 28.

Norma Cooley reports that the VA Transplant Lodge is still overflowing with patients being sent to local hotels. Please keep your food and money donations coming; all donations are really important. The next Rendezvous will be on Monday March 2 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Remember the next Cheminot on Tuesday March 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room. Dinner will be 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 Judy Bailey at 798-5166 or La Sous Presidente Marsha Keen at 907-0424.

Barbara Yasson

VAVS

During February we had 27 Veteran patients at the VA Hospital join us for bingo. We gave \$295 as bingo prizes and had 7 Voyageure's from V-99 come down to help run the game and help the patients.

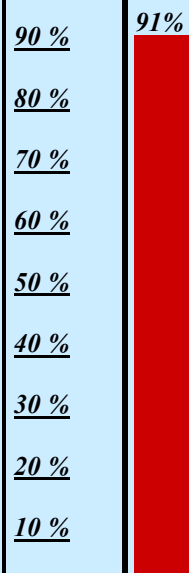
Trivia

Which U.S. President filed a report claiming he spotted a UFO?

(Answer on page 2)

Membership Goal

100 %



Wheelchair Lift

Any Voyageure in need of either a hitch mounted or a pickup bed mounted wheelchair lift for transporting battery operated wheelchairs contact Voyageure Bob Perrin at 360-256-5104

March
 2015

Chateau Schedule for March 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

**WE ARE SERVING DINNERS
ON SATURDAYS**
Saturday Dinner Menus
Hours 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

March 2nd (Monday)

V99 Prom / C99 Rendezvous

Chateau opens 4:00 PM

Dinner 5:30 PM

Prom 6:30 PM

Menu: and salad Bar with
Beef Stroganoff

March 5th (Thursday)

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

March 6th (Friday)

7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Members & Guest Breakfast - \$8.00

March 7th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 PM

Dinner Menu: Salad Bar/ Goulash with
Garlic Bread - \$8.00

March 12th (Thursday)

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

March 13th (Friday)

(CMAC)

7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Members & Guest Breakfast

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

March 14th (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 PM

Dinner Menu: Salad Bar/ Grilled Pork Chops

March 15th (Sunday)

40 et 8 95th Birthday Celebration

The kitchen will open at 2:00 PM

Program @ 3:00 PM

Chapeau's are recommended

March 17th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

House Committee at 4:00 PM

Dinner at 5:30 PM - \$6.00

Meeting at 6:30 PM

March 18th (Wednesday)

Korean War Veterans 10:00 AM

March 19th (Thursday)

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

March 20th (Friday)

7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Members & Guest Breakfast

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

March 21st (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 PM

Dinner Menu: Salad Bar/ Fried Chicken

March 26th (Thursday)

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

March 27th (Friday)

7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Members & Guest Breakfast

(CMAC)

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

March 28th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 PM

POT LUCK - 5:00 PM

On Friday March 6th, 2015 you will receive a coupon for when you buy a Breakfast or a dinner on Saturday night, you will get a stamp on your coupon for each meal purchased and when you have paid for 9 meals the 10th meal is on the Chateau. (Yes we are going back to Dinner on Saturday.)

Your name will be written on the coupon and it is nontransferable.

This is my way of saying thank you for your continued support of your club.

General Manager

Trivia Answer

In 1973, future President Jimmy Carter filed a report with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), claiming he had seen an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in October 1969. Describing it as "the darndest thing I've ever seen".

Next Wreck

The next Wreck is scheduled for the 10th of April during the Great Western. We currently have 11 Goofs waiting to be Wrecked. Until then sponsors should offer to bring their Goofs into the Chateau for any event or dinner we have. Hopefully, that will get them interested enough to get involved.

Women Veterans

Attention all women veterans, you are invited to a Womens Veterans Meeting on March 28, at 11AM in the 40 & 8 Boxcar room ,next to the chateau. Forming a support network for us. Sponsored by Healing on The Homefront. For further information contact Dixie Hotelling at (360)910-8434 or rebel2@comcast.net.

DID YOU KNOW

The CARVELLE STAR Program is focused on spreading the word on Hansen' Disease (Leprosy) around the World. The primary purpose of the magazine is to promote an enlightened public opinion on Hansen's Disease, erroneously associated with "Biblical Leprosy".The Forty and Eight has been Instrumental in maintaining The publication of the Star. As a voyageur of the Forty and Eight , and A Dame of de Femme you can support these efforts By:

- 1) Purchasing a Pin! \$2.00 of every pin sold goes to the Carvelle Star Program.
- 2) A \$2.00 per year Subscription gets you two issues of THE STAR published twice a year.

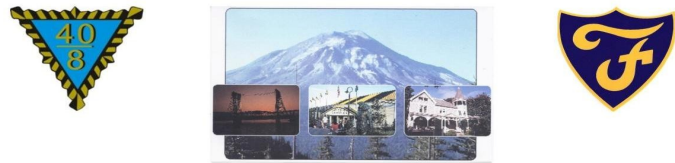
Thank you for your support,
The Carvelle Star Committee

Used Book Sale



Once again the la femmes are going to hold a used book sale and would like to collect all of your used books (no text books or magazines please) that you wish to get rid of. Just bring them to the chateau and they will be held until the date of the sale which is May 29th and 30th. We wish to thank all who help with this fund raiser.

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)

service spoke. Students shared family stories handed down by veterans they knew. That was a day of learning for all of us. Later letters came back, appreciating the time we took and the stories we shared. What school will you choose to visit?

Pin Sales – This is our only source of income at the National level. Americanism Pins sell themselves. While visiting Voiture 83, Chehalis WA I was approached about the pins. We had sold-out before we got there. Ended up by taking the pin off my chapeau and giving it away. After that I took orders from several people. Guess who has to order 50 more pins? Remember, when the pins are gone, it's a forever deal. Thank you Isaac Miller, South Carolina for sharing pins. Working together pays off!

Design A Patch Contest – Still waiting for those entries. In case you misplaced the address, you can return the forms to: Voiture 99, 7607 NE 26th Ave. Vancouver WA 98665, ATTN Dixie Lee Hotaling. If you have any questions you can contact me at (360) 910-8434 or e-mail me at rebel2@comcast.net.

REMEMBER: one child, one family, one community, one state =ONE NATION UNDER GOD.

Dixie Lee Hotaling – Sous Directeur Americanism Area A, Grande du Washington Directeur and Voiture 99 Americanism Chairman.

**Proposed LOCI Schedule for
March thru April 2015**

- February Maintenance and Cleaning
- March 16th Paddy Hough Parade - George
Arrive 11am, start 12:30pm
- April 6th Longview Prom – George
- April 12th Blooms to Brews, Woodland, 10am - Jim

If you haven't joined the Loci crew on a trip yet. Set aside some time to go along on a trip with them. Bring along the family. Children and grandchildren are welcome. Just contact the listed driver to make sure there's room for everyone. Current schedule will be posted on the web-site (www.voiture-99.com) under Events/Loci Schedule.

Grande du Washington Membership Standings
2/19/2015

Voiture	2014 YTD Total	2015 YTD Total	2014/2015 Quota	Needs to Meet Quota	% of Quota
75	4	14	18	4	77.78%
83	15	17	16	1	106.25%
87	1	1	1	0	100.00%
88	0	9	9	0	100.00%
90	39	35	44	9	79.55%
91	72	72	93	21	77.42%
94	13	14	14	0	100.00%
96	10	11	11	0	100.00%
99	353	330	373	43	88.47%
135	118	121	144	23	84.03%
271	0	0	12	12	0.00%
1213	29	28	32	4	87.50%
TOTALS	650	652	767	115	85.01%

The only change this week is that Washington fell to 19th place in the Nationale Standings. Lets put forth extra effort to bring your voiture up to 100%. If you are at 100%, time to add new members to your Voiture.

40 & 8

March 2015 Americanism Newsletter

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

If you can't tell whether your glass is half-empty or half-full, you don't need another glass; what you need is better eyesight.....and a more thankful heart. Marie T. Freeman

Recently I reviewed the September letter issued by our Americanism Directeur Tom Smith. The most important issues were communication. Remember what Tom said, "The purpose of communication is to promote the importance of Americanism Programs and accuracy of reporting." He mentioned the importance of keeping good records, filing annual reports on time. Let's give Tom 100% and encourage each Voiture to turn in reports. And, in turn, encourage the Grande's to file the reports. Let's make 2015 the year we stand up to be counted!

Community Hours: Does everyone have a clear picture of what counts for Community Hours? It covers almost everything a person volunteers to do.

Flags for First Graders – By now you have promoted this project throughout your state. Memorial Day and Flag Day is coming up. These are perfect times to get the word out. Patriotism is taught. What better teachers are we, the veterans, to share what America means to us. Awhile back our LOCI visited an alternative school. We were to speak to a combined class of first and fifth graders. The first graders were learning the Pledge of Allegiance and the fifth graders were being introduced to the US Constitution. Veterans from each branch of

From Sous Nat'l Dir. Special Awards:

January 26, 2015

Grand Chefs de Gare, Correspondants and Special Awards Directeurs;

January has flown by. Catching up from the holidays, helping to get our lives back to normal, getting our house in order took up a quantum of our time. February is looking busy too.

We Sous Directeurs, all programs, often wonder if our letters to you get published to the locales, or even read. The only way we know for certain is if we are a 'copy to' on your emails or Cc. on your letters to locales when promoting our programs. I want to recognize Grand Directeur Special Award James (Jim) Carpenter of Venture Voiture 109, Grand du California, for including me in his Special Awards mail and email. Jim has 3 Sous Grand Directeurs and together makes a great team. I appreciate being included in the 'mail'. With your communications line I am not surprised at Grand du California's success with Special Awards.

It is now time to start putting your candidate(s) submissions together. Begin now gathering information on your candidate(s) for awards. Of course it begins at 'grass roots', with the Voiture Locales submitting their candidates with the required Special Awards forms and signatures.

Around November of 2014 Nationale Membership Directeur Reed sent a PowerPoint presentation out, the Title was Education. That is well taken for all programs, for if the members or locales are not educated in our programs, and led by example, the programs will not receive their deserved recognition. It is critical to the success of Special Awards that you provide the leadership and information to your locales. Encourage participation in our noble program to recognize individuals, cities and towns and Voyageurs for their contribution to our communities, state and Nation.

In addition to our obligation "support and defend our Constitution" we should show just support and recognition of those who provide extra effort in that quote; by in ensuring our safety at home and work; promotion of our organization in the community; patriotism in our cities and towns.

Finally, please add me to your email address book, include me in your Special Award mail to your locales, if you need assistance with putting a report together, or if one of your locales needs some assistance, let me know. In my mind, the main purpose of a Director or Sous is to educate and assist those who would ask it; to provide timely guidance on the program in its design, development, distribution and presentation.

Drop me a line with your thoughts. Constructive criticisms are welcome. Together we build better.

Carl Asher
Sous Nat'l Dir. Special Awards

The Trap:

A large group of Isis fighters in Afghanistan are moving down a road when they hear a voice call from behind a sand dune: "One Marine is better than ten Isis fighters". The Isis commander quickly orders 10 of his best men over the dune where a gun battle breaks out and continues for a few minutes, then silence.

The voice once again calls out: "One Marine is better than one hundred Isis fighters." Furious, the Isis commander sends his next best 100 troops over the dune and instantly a huge gun fight commences. After 10 minutes of battle, again silence.

The Vietnam Veteran calls out again: "One Marine is better than one thousand Isis fighters." The enraged Isis commander musters 1000 fighters and sends them to the other side of the dune. Rifle fire, machine guns, grenades, rockets and cannon fire ring out as a terrible battle is fought Then silence.

Eventually one badly wounded Isis fighter crawls back over the dune and with his dying words tells his commander, "Don't send any more men... it's a trap. There's two of them!"