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March 6th



Next Cheminot
March 21st



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Voiture 99

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From the Chef de Gare

Hello Voyageurs. We find ourselves living it strange times. More snow then we have seen in 10 yrs and more rain and landslides than in 20 yrs or so it seems. Work on the monitors is moving forward but some electrical items left to do but still looking good. We have had some members that have not lived up to our standards and we unfortunately have to ask them to be removed from our membership rolls, some voluntarily, some by trial. But we took an oath to have standards that are honorable that we as voyageurs must maintain. A question came to me and I would like feedback. If anyone has something to say write it down so we can think it over.

During the winter weather the church down the block opened up and helped homeless persons out of the cold, could we do this for Vets during extreme weather? Open to any ideas.

Elections are coming up soon and a couple of things we all need to keep in mind ALL positions are open for nominees. Anyone can nominate any one for any position. Just because it might be expected for someone to move up the chairs it is not the rule, just tradition. So if you like a person for a office nominate them. The more the merrier. Also there is no rule that the person in an office can't run again for that office as long as they are a member in good standing. Example, Phil has been correspondent off and on for a number of years. So think who would be your person.

We are into the first part of the year. On one hand it just started and I am seeing March looking at me. Wow where is the year going? One quarter of it is almost gone. As I get older it seems to go faster. Here is hoping it slows a bit.

I want to thank you for letting me serve as your Chef. It has been a ride I will not soon forget.

God bless every one. " May you be in heaven a half a day before the Devil knows your gone." George Golden
Chef de Gare
Voiture 99

Correspondants Notes

It's time for this year's nominations.

1. V99 Officers: All positions are open except four slots on the Cheminot. If you would like to increase your knowledge of the 40 et 8, this is a good opportunity to get your name on the list. Rather than sitting in the audience and moaning and groaning about current events, get yourself nominated to a position where you can voice your opinion. You probably have some excellent ideas that need to be brought to the membership, but if you never mention them, they are no longer good ideas but dead thoughts.

2. Nationale Awards: Do you know of anyone that stands out in our Voiture or the community. You can nominate someone to be considered for a Nationale award. Submit your write up to the Correspondant who will put it in the proper format, get the membership to vote on it, then it goes to the Grande du Washington for approval, then forwarded to the appropriate awards chairman. A person can only be nominated once, also the Voiture, only once. Several of the awards are City of the Year, Voyageur of the Year, Hero of the Year, Law officer of the year.

3. Nomination for Membership: Here it is again, the rules for nominating a veteran for membership in the 40 et 8. Per the Nationale Constitution, membership in the 40 et 8 is by invitation only. The ONLY recommended procedure for a nomination is as follows: fill out the top portion of the Nomination Form, includ-

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ing the recommendation section. The candidate being nominated must not be aware of their nomination. The nominee is then proposed for membership at the next Promenade. At this time the form is turned over to the Investigating Committee who reports on their findings at the next Promenade. If the recommendation is favorable, the person will be voted on at that time. After the person is voted to become a member, The Correspondant sends a letter to the prospective members explaining his nomination and when he will be initiated. The Voyageur that nominated the person then becomes a mentor. The mentors' job is to teach the newbie about the forty and eight and bring them to the Proms and Cheminots. Also when member renewal time arrives, you need to keep an eye on your Voyageur to make sure he renews his dues for the coming year. Your mentoring should never cease.

Our membership for the 2017 year shows 302 members renewing. Our goal is 361. Several e-mails to renew, a post card to renew, phone calls, and a notice from the 40 et 8 Headquarters produced several renewals.

The Grande Petite Prom of Grande du Washington is being held at our Voiture 99 on March 24 and March 25, 2017. The Petite is a good source of information about what is happening in our state. Learn what is happening in our state.

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Chateau Schedule for March 2017

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

NOTE FROM CHATEAU MANAGER.
Due poor turn out the regular Saturday Dinners are cancelled.

March 2nd (Thursday)

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

March 3rd (Friday)

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

March 4th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Lunch Menu:

March 6th (Monday)

V99 Prom /C99 Rendezvous

Chateau opens at 4:00 pm
Dinner at 5:30 pm
Meeting 6:30 pm
Menu: Corned Beef. \$8.00

March 9th (Thursday)

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

March 10th (Friday)

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

March 11th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Lunch Menu:

March 16th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 to 10am

March 17th (Friday)

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

March 18th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Lunch Menu:

March 20th (Monday)

S.A.L.T.
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

March 21st (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

Dinner at 5:30 pm
meeting 6:30 pm
Menu: Turkey /Salad

March 23rd (Thursday)

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

March 24th (Friday)

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

GRAND PETITE PROM 5:00 pm

Dinner New York Strip Steak o
Cost \$15.00 Salmon

March 25th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm
Lunch Menu:

GRAND PETITE PROM 10:00 am

Lunch served by Cabane 99
Time: Noon Menu: Soup and sandwich \$6.00
Dinner: Beef Brisket or Stuffed Chicken Breast
Cost \$15.00

March 30th (Thursday)

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

March 31st (Friday)

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

40 et 8 Nationale Contact information

The Nationale 40 et 8 is having problems with address and email changes. If you move, it is imperative that you notify the Correspondant so your changes can be entered on the Nationale membership listing.

From the Correspondant

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A dinner will be served on Friday the 24th your choice of Steak or Salmon. On Saturday the 25th the Petite begins at 9 a.m. until about noon followed by a lunch of soup and sandwiches. The Petite resumes at 1 p.m. until all business is completed. Then on Saturday evening, a banquet of Brisket or Stuffed Chicken Breast will be served.

Registration forms are available on the Grande web page (<http://grandeduwashington.com/petite-prom/>) or printed copies in the Chateau.

Phil Yasson
Correspondant

Americanism

Americanism March 2017

“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow you gotta put up with the rain.” *Dolly Parton*

March is here and time is running out. Please compute your community service hours. They are due by June 15th.

The coloring books have been ordered. Am in touch with the Lions. Will keep you posted when we plan to put the packages together.

Have you invited anyone to breakfast lately? It's a good way to introduce people to the 40 & 8.

REMEMBER: TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Dixie Lee Hotaling
Sous Nationale Director Americanism

Voiture 99 Membership Goal for 2016 - 2017

100 %
90 %
80 %
70 %
60 %
50 %
40 %
30 %
20 %
10 %

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La Femmes

Cabane 99 is one dame short of reaching 100% membership for this year. I encourage all dames to bring their friends who are interested in joining La Societe de Femme to our Thursday morning Social so they can meet us. 2017 is another year for our membership to go over 100%.

The VA Transplant Lodge is still operating off-site. Caroline Ruhmshottel continues to work with the staff to provide gift cards and TriMet passes to assist with the shopping needs of the patients and their caregivers.

The 2017 Cabane 99 fundraisers are creeping onto the calendar. Watch out for them so you can participate and make those purchases you so desperately need.

* The Used Book Sale will be on May 5 -- 6. The dames will set up the Boxcar Room on Thursday the 4th after the voyageurs' coffee. Start saving books, so we will have plenty to sell.

* The Rummage Sale is scheduled for July 14 -- 15. The dames will set up the Boxcar Room on Thursday the 13th after the voyageurs' coffee. Start saving those treasures that have out-lived their usefulness, so there will be enough to go around for all of the customers.

* The Holiday Bazaar will be held on November 10 -- 11. The dames will set up the Boxcar room on Thursday the 9th after the voyageur's coffee. If you are artistic or crafty and want a table from which to sell your goods, this is a great opportunity to get your goods to the public.

Plans are afoot for the Grande du Washington Petite Prom being held at Voiture 99 on March 24 --25. The dames are looking forward to helping prepare and serve lunch on the 25th. Norma will put out a call for help as it gets closer to the date. Our usual silent auction will be held with the winners announced at the banquet on Saturday. If you have any items for a basket or put a basket together, contact me and I'll see that they get to the right place. There will, also, be a 50/50 cash drawing that will benefit the holder of the winning ticket and the Grande Chef's program. Remember that La Femmes do not need to register, but if you are going to attend a meal you need to sign up and pay for it.

Feel free to join in the fun at the La Femmes

Thursday Morning Social in the Chateau starting around 7:30 or when the first dame arrives. We enjoy the conversation, coffee, and donuts until around 9:30. Join us and bring a friend.

The next Rendezvous will be on Monday March 6. The next Cheminot will meet on Tuesday March 21. We meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room for both. Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

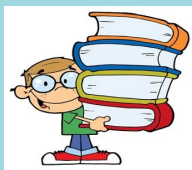
If you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99 contact La Presidente Barbara Yasson at 574-1152 or La Sous Presidente Patricia Running at 696-4003.

Barbara Yasson
La Presidente

Save the Dates

La Femmes used Book Sale is coming up on May 5 & 6.

Please start saving all those books you have finished reading so we can sell them. Now is the time to start cleaning off your book shelves to make room for more. Contact Judy Bailey or Mary Snyder for answers to any questions about the used Book Sale.



VAVS

John Landahl reported 23 patients at bingo on February 23rd. He paid out \$290.00 and had 11 volunteers on hand at the VA Hospital for Bingo with the patients.

Americanism Chili Fundraiser

Americanism is hosting a Chili Tasting Fundraiser for Flags for First Graders.

Cost is \$10.00 per ticket.

Children under five are free.

Place 40 & 8 at 5:00 pm on April 1, 2017.

Loci Season is Coming!

The Loci is all fueled up, cleaned up, and air in the tires. Ready for a busy summer schedule. As trips come available they'll be listed in the Boxcar and on the website.

If you see a trip scheduled and are interested in riding along contact the driver listed for that particular event to make sure there is room for you and any guests you have.

The first trip of the season is the Paddy Hough parade on march 17. The Loci will leave the 40&8 at 10:00 am. Anyone wishing to ride along should contact Jim Resleff.



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Registration Form for GRAND PETITE PROM
du Washington
March 24th thru March 25th, 2017
Voiture #99
7607 NE 26th Avenue
Vancouver, WA 98665

Name: _____

Address: _____

Voiture: _____ Phone: _____

Registration Fee: Voyagers \$35.00 \$ _____

No registration for Le Femmes Please pre-pay meals

Check-in Friday 1500-1700 hrs
 Saturday 0800-1000 hrs

Meals: Friday Dinner

Steak or Salmon \$18.00 \$ _____

Saturday Lunch provide by Cabane 99

Soup & Sandwiches \$6.00 \$ _____

Saturday Banquet: (included with registration) or \$15.00 \$ _____

Brisket or Stuffed Chicken Breast

NO Sunday Breakfast

TOTAL (Make check payable to Voiture 99 \$ _____

Mail registration to
Voiture 99
7607 NE 26th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98665

Please make your own hotel reservations and be sure to mention that you are attending
the 40 et 8 Grand Prom.

Quality Inn & Suites

360-696-0516

7001 NE HWY 99

Vancouver, WA 98665

Room Rates: Single \$74.00

Double \$82.00

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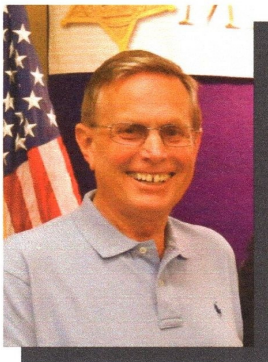


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**Freedoms Foundation along with
National Board of Directors Member Commander Doug Sheehan
(USCGR Retired)**

Presents

An Evening with the Medal of Honor



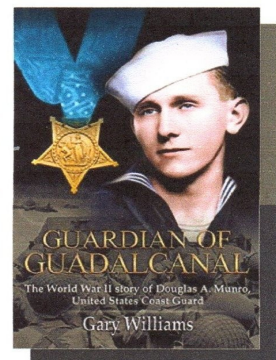
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017
Time: 7:30 pm—10:00 pm
Location: [The Red Cross Building at Fort Vancouver Trust](#)
605 East Barnes Street Vancouver, WA 98661
Cost: \$50
RSVP: Doug Sheehan
doug@iccinc.com

Wine and Cheese Reception

As a new member of the National Board of Directors for Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Commander Doug Sheehan (USCGR Retired) invites you to enjoy an evening with the Medal of Honor wine and cheese reception. Guests are welcome to learn more about the history of our nation's highest honor for valor with a presentation on three inspiring stories of Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients including Douglas Munro. Guests will additionally have the opportunity to meet with family members of Medal of Honor Recipients.

About Freedoms Foundation

The mission of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is to educate about American rights and responsibilities, honor acts of civic virtue, and challenge all to reject apathy and get involved. Freedoms Foundation is a civic education organization with both teacher and student programs that focus on leadership, character development, American history and our nation's founding documents. Welcoming hundreds from around the country to their Valley Forge, PA campus yearly, Freedoms Foundation offers graduate level professional development courses for teachers incorporating the values of the Medal of Honor including valor, patriotism, character, and sacrifice. To learn more visit: www.freedomsfoundation.org



Learn About Teacher Scholarships

Local teachers are encouraged to attend and learn more about available scholarships to attend the summer 2017 [Graduate Teacher Professional Development Programs](#). Both teachers and school administrators will be guests of Mr. Sheehan.

Space is limited! [Click here to RSVP!](#) Or call 503-297-8474

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A toilet was used as an aerial bomb during the Vietnam War



US Navy Photo

On November 4, 1965, some Vietnamese came across a very strange object that looked as if it had been dropped from the sky. Was it a bomb? Well, it had tail fins and a nose like a bomb. But it was white, and shaped like – a toilet?

It was a toilet in fact. It had been dropped by a VA-25 A-1 Skyraider on a mission to the Mekong Delta in South Vietnam. It had come from Dixie Station, an aircraft carrier base in the South China Sea. The plane's pilot was CDR Clarence 'Bill' Stoddard.

As Stoddard approached his target, he began preparations for attack. He read the ordnance (list of weapons the aircraft carried) to Forward Air Control. At the end of the list, he read 'and one codenamed Operation Sani-flush.' What was Stoddard talking about?



US Navy Photo

The story of the toilet drop was told by Captain Clint Johnson, the pilot of another VA-25 A-1 Skyraider. The toilet was a damaged one that was going to be thrown overboard anyway. But some plane captains decided to rescue it, dress it up to look like a bomb, and drop it in commemoration of the 6 million pounds of ordnance that had been dropped by the U.S. Air Force.

The Air Control team said it made a whistling sound as it came down, and that it had almost struck the plane as it came off. A film was made of the drop using a video camera mounted on the wing.

Just as the toilet was being shot off, Johnson said, 'we got a 1MC message from the bridge, "What the hell was on 572's right wing?" There were a lot of jokes with air intelligence about germ warfare. I wish that we had saved the movie film.'



US Navy Photo

When the Vietnam War began the Douglas A-1 Skyraider, which had been introduced into the U.S. Air Force in 1946, was still being used. It was a medium attack aircraft based on an aircraft carrier. There were plans to replace the Skyraider with the A-6A Intruder jet-engine attack aircraft. Nevertheless, Skyraiders participated in the naval attack on North Vietnam on 5th August 1964, as part of Operation Pierce Arrow. They struck enemy fuel depots at Vinh, where one Skyraider was damaged, and another was lost.

By 1973, all U.S. Skyraiders had been transferred to the South Vietnamese Air Force. The A-6A Intruder replaced it as America's principal medium attack aircraft.

*War History Online

<http://www.warhistoryonline.com/vietnam-war/its-true-a-toilet-was-used-as-an-aerial-bomb-during-thevietnamwar.html>

Military History Talk

The Vancouver Barracks Military Association presents:

The Vancouver Barracks, Proving Ground for Generals

Speaker: Jeff Davis

Date: March 16th

Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

The Vancouver Barracks was established in 1849, and was open as a military post until the new millennium. In the 150+ years of history, many young officers served at the Vancouver Barracks, and later rose to the rank of general. Jeff Davis will focus on many young officers who served from the 1849 to the early 1860s, and became generals in the Civil War.

Jeff Davis joined the U.S. Army Reserves in 1979 at the Vancouver Barracks, and served over 30 years of active and reserve military service. He has served in Italy, Bosnia, and Southwest Asia, and two deployments with Operation Enduring Freedom as a military historian. Major Davis' final assignment was as the Command Historian for the 104th Division, where he was the defacto army historian of the Vancouver Barracks. Jeff Davis was also the principal author for the book "Weird Washington" and co-author of "Weird Oregon".

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 on the north side of Evergreen Blvd.