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## 2017 Membership Cards Now Due

### From the Chef de Gare

Well another month is gone by and I say "Oh my God is time getting shorter or am I just so old that it seems that way. Get your nomination in for next year's officers. Who do you want to lead Voiture-99 next year. It's your choice so you can't blame anyone but yourself if you don't step up and tell us who you want.

Went to the George C. Marshall award dinner last night. It was well attended, not much of a dinner but had very good company. Senator Al Bauer sat with us.

A very nice and dedicated young lady won the Youth award. It is sad that last year's winner has left us for the great place in heaven. I tried to let the other youths know that there is always someone to talk to if you have a need and that goes for any one of us. Especially our fellow Veterans, we need to keep our eyes out for others who might need a shoulder to lean on. All of us are vulnerable to times when we feel down and it is not anything to be ashamed of. It's just a time to please reach out to those and help carry them through it, we can make it together. Sorry for being a little down but seeing this young lady end her time with us and having had so much to offer is a shame on us for not seeing it and doing something.

By the time you read this the Petit Promenade will be over and for those who attended I hope you had a good time.

Summer is coming so the LOCI is up and running so if you want to ride in any of the parades look on the Website or Bulletin Board for times and dates of runs so you can enjoy the fun. Last year we went once a month to the Beaches Car show at Delta Park. Lots of fun looking at all the cars and you get in for FREE when you ride in the LOCI.

I want to thank all of you who have been there for me so far this year. It has been an experience I will never forget even in my dreams good and bad so again thanks. Never said I would not make mistakes but

then what's the fun in being perfect. Love ya guys. George Golden  
Chef de Gare

Phil Yasson  
Correspondant

### Correspondants Notes

Spring has sprung and hopefully, we will have less rain. We don't need to break any more rain records. With the improved weather, this is a good time to have some-one walk around your car while you test all your lights. I see many cars around here with one brake light, no license plate light, one fog light and one head light. Don't put yourself at risk by driving in the dark. Find your fog light switch. Many cars drive around with fog lights on 24/7. They are only useful when we have a heavy fog. They will shine on the fog line to help keep you on the road. Our foggy season is now past. While you are checking lights, look at your license plate to see if you are registered for the current year.

The Grand du Washington Promenade is approaching. It will be held in Yakima on June 9 and 10. There is no pre-registration. All registrations will be at the door. But you need to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. The Prom is being held at the Fair Bridge Inn and Suites, phone 509-248-7850. There are not many rooms left. Single rooms are \$69.99, double \$79.99.

The Prom activities will be held in the Yakima Valley Hotel and Conference Center, next door to the hotel. Registration fee for Voyageurs is \$45.00. No charge for La Femmes. Meals are out of your pocket, except for the Saturday night banquet which is \$30.00 for your choice of Prime Rib or Salmon.

You recently received tickets in the mail to donate to the Nationale Nurses Training Program. Give some serious thought to purchasing some tickets. We have had two \$3000.00 winners from Voiture 99. You could be the next one.

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### Americanism

"Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Welcome to spring, a time of refreshing and new beginnings. Feel the energy. See nature's beauty and forge ahead.

Community Hours are due soon. Remember almost all of your volunteer hours count.

Flags for First Graders is coming up. Will let you know when the boxing- workday is scheduled. We want the program to reach the schools before Memorial Day.

\* The Flagpole for John Edwards was a huge success. Thank you all for your contributions. We raised enough funds to cover the entire cost. Thank you Jerry for the American flag donation. Thank you Jerry Jacobus and Bill Hauser for taking pictures. Bill covered the digging and cementing the base and Jerry took photos of the flag folding and posting colors. The event took place on March 18th. The rain stopped before the ceremony and stopped afterwards. Thank you, Lord. We wish John a safe deployment and will check in with his wife Sarah from time to time.

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April  
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# Chateau Schedule for April 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 to poor turn out the regular Saturday Dinners are cancelled.

On Saturday lunch is delivered from the Bingo Parlor.

### April 1st (Saturday)

Chateau Open - Lunch delivered from the Bingo Parlor kitchen  
Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Americanism Chili Feed And Auction 5:00 pm

### April 3rd (Monday)

V99 Prom /C99 Rendezvous

Chateau opens at 4:00 pm  
Dinner at 5:30 pm  
Meetings 6:30 pm  
Menu: Meat Loaf  
Cost: \$8.00

### April 6th (Thursday)

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

### April 7th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost: \$8.00

Great Western In Cheyenne,Wy

### April 8th (Saturday)

Chateau Open - Lunch delivered from the Bingo Parlor kitchen  
Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

### April 13th (Thursday)

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

### April 14th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost: \$8.00

### April 15th (Saturday)

Chateau Open - Lunch delivered from the Bingo Parlor kitchen  
Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

### April 17th (Monday)

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

### April 18th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

Chateau opens at 4:00 pm

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Meetings 6:30 pm

Menu: taco bar

Cost: \$8.00

### April 20th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

### April 21st (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost: \$8.00

### April 25th (Saturday)

Chateau Open - Lunch delivered from the Bingo Parlor kitchen

Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

### April 27th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

### April 28th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost: \$8.00

### April 29th (Saturday)

Chateau Open - Lunch delivered from the Bingo Parlor kitchen

Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

## Americanism

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Looking for a 2018 Americanism Chairman for Voiture 99. The program is in place. It's a fun position.

Contact Dixie Hotaling for further information on our projects. [Rebel2@comcast.net](mailto:Rebel2@comcast.net) or (360) 910-8434.

Americanism Director .....  
Dixie Hotaling



## La Femmes

Cabane 99 has reached 100% membership for this year!! Thanks to all the dames who have renewed for another year of fun, and thanks to the Charter members for continuing to renew. We appreciate everyone's contributions to the cause.

The Used Book Sale will be on May 5 - 6. Set up will be in the Boxcar Room on Thursday May 4 at 10:00 a.m. after the voyageurs' coffee. Start saving many books and bring them to set up on the 4th.

Contact Judy Bailey, chair of the Nominating Committee, if you are interested in running for an office for next year. The election will be at the May Rendezvous, and the installation will be at the June Rendezvous.

The more dames there are, the merrier we can be. Come to the La Femmes Thursday Morning Social in the Chateau starting around 7:30 a.m. or when the first dame arrives. We enjoy the conversation, coffee, and donuts until around 9:30. Join us and bring a friend.

Remember to attend the Rendezvous on April 3.

The next Cheminot will meet on April 18. 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 de Cabane 99 contact La Presidente Barbara Yasson at 574-1152 or La Sous Presidente Patricia Running at 696-4003.

Barbara Yasson  
La Presidente

## Gone but not forgotten

you will be missed by many.

**Bill E. Hughes**

*A 40 et 8 member for 37 years.*



## Military History Talk

The Vancouver Barracks Military Association presents:

C-4 Does Not Float

Speaker: Timothy Shotwell  
Date: April 20th  
Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Retired Master Sergeant Timothy Shotwell served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves for over 30 years, serving from the Vietnam War to the Global War on Terrorism. He will share many tales, some amusing, some not so amusing relating to his military experiences.

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 on the north side of Evergreen Blvd.

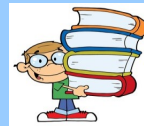
# Save the Dates

## La Femmes Used Book Sale



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.



## 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 Chateau at 5:00 pm on April 1, 2017.



## Homes with Heroes Golf Tournament

Gather a few friends or sign up yourself for our annual Golfing with Heroes Tournament at Camas Meadows Golf Club.

Come prepared to compete in the Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin contests, followed by lunch, camaraderie and a raffle. 100% of the proceeds go toward our mission to bring Veterans together in the outdoors.

For more information go to

[www.homewithheroes.com/](http://www.homewithheroes.com/)

## Loci Season is Here!



The Loci is all fueled up, ready for a busy summer schedule. The drivers are all rested and ready. As trips come available they'll be listed in the Boxcar and on the website at <http://www.voiture-99.com/loci-schedule/>.

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.

May	7th	Long Beach	Jim / Marc
	13th	St. Johns Parade	Marc/Jim
	20th	Hazel Dell Parade	Bob
	29th	Memorial Day	Jim / Marc
June	3rd	Hockinson Fun Days	Jim
	14th	Beaches Car Show	Bob
	17th	Winlock Egg Festival	Marc/Jim
July	4th	Vancouver Independence Day Parade	Frank
	4th	Ridgefield Independence Day Parade	Jim
	8th	Amboy Territorial Days	Marc
	12th	Beaches Car Show	Jim
	15th	Battle Ground Harvest Days	Marc/Jim
	22nd	Camas Fun Days	Frank





Voiture 99 Chef de Gare George Golden addresses the audience at the presentation ceremony for the General George C. Marshall Public and Youth Leadership Awards. Recipients of the awards are Max Ault receiving the Public award and Sophie Muro from Camas High School receiving the Youth award.



225 students at Cascade Elementary School in Chehalis Washington show their patriotism with their new flags from Voiture 83. Photos courtesy of Tom Boone (Voiture 83).



**Program Directors are encouraged to submit a written report to be published in the Boxcar Newsletter on your programs activities.**

**We also have a new website that needs Program Directors to submit reports on activities in your program. This would tell the world what good we do for our community.**

**Send your reports to me at [bhauser1952@msn.com](mailto:bhauser1952@msn.com)**

**VAVS**

John Landahl reported 19 patients at bingo on March 23rd. He paid out \$275.00 and had 11 volunteers on hand at the VA Hospital for Bingo with the patients.

Anyone interested in joining is welcome. John says that the patients really appreciate having them there to talk with. See John Landahl if you think you would like to participate for dates, time and location.



Student nurses sponsored by Voiture 99 received their nurses pin in the Clark College Nursing Pinning Ceremony on March 21st.

The Pinning Ceremony is the highlight of the two year Nurses program at Clark College. It shows that they have completed the program and only need to pass the State test to receive their credentials to be a licensed Registered Nurse in the State of Washington.

Receiving their pins were James Oman and Luda Svistonova. Also pictured on the left is Angie Marks who is the Nursing Department Chair.

Presented by **Americanism**

## Flags for First Graders Chili Tasting Fundraiser

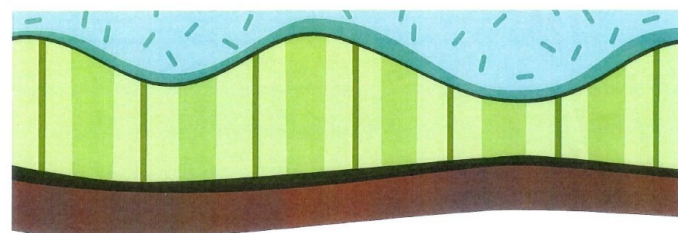
**April 1, 2017 At 5pm**  
**40 et 8 Boxcar Room**  
 7607 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. Vanc, WA 98665

**\$10**  
**Kids 5 and under are FREE**

Please join us for our Chili tasting event,  
 Silent Auction, Entertainment.

Let's have some fun  
 and raise money for a great cause!

Contact Dixie Hotdialing for tickets:  
 (360) 910-8434

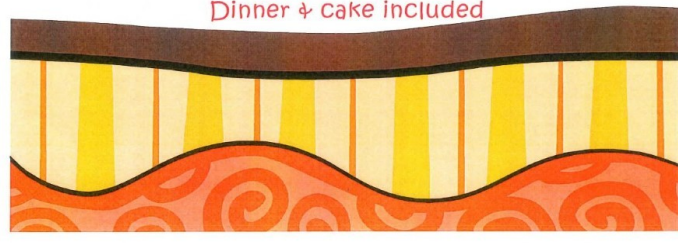


## This is NO April Fool's Joke, Barb is turning 50!!

That means, we are having another party!!  
**Saturday, April 1, 2017**  
**6:30pm**

Packets are \$25 for the first, \$20 each additional,  
 paying \$1000  
 3- \$1199 Blackouts  
 \$2050 Blackout  
 Pick 8 + Bonanza guaranteed \$500

**Dinner + cake included**



The rain was pouring and there was a big puddle in front of the bar just outside the American Legion Post. A salty old Marine Gunny was standing near the edge with a fishing line in the puddle.

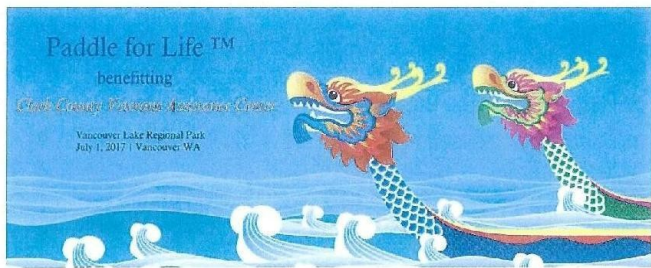
A curious young Air Force fighter pilot came over to him and asked what he was doing.

"Fishing," the grizzled Marine said.

"Poor old fool," the Air Force officer thought to himself, and he invited the old Marine into the bar for a drink. As he felt he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whiskey, the haughty fighter pilot asked, "And how many have you caught today?"

"You're number thirteen," the Gunny answered. "2 Navy, 3 Marines, 3 Army, & 5 Air Force."





Saturday, July 1, 2017  
 Vancouver Lake Regional Park  
 Vancouver, WA

Paddle for Life benefitting *Clark County Veterans Assistance Center (CCVAC)*

April 28, 2017

Cocktails 5:30 pm  
 Dinner 6:30 pm

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## 2017 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE COMMUNITY EVENT

Monday, May 29 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 provide 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



## OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES VANCOUVER & CLARK COUNTY

### FUTURE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS



#### Union High School

6201 NW Friburg Street  
 Camas, WA 98607

Thursday-April 20, 2017 at 7PM

Our Community Salutes

Hosted by Evergreen School District

Sponsored by the Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) and MacKay & Sposito





## 2017 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD)

Friday, April 21, 2017

7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### American Lake Conference Center (old NCO Club on American Lake)

- Breakfast and Lunch
- Madigan Health Fair
- Free Legal Services
- 61 other agencies including widows groups, veterans service organizations, Washington State VA, and the Social Security Administration.
- Renew ID cards
- Renew vehicle passes
- Giveaways



Retiree Appreciation Day is held in partnership between the JBLM Retiree Council, McChord Retiree Council, Madigan Army Medical Center, various on and off post organizations, the Exchange, and other community sponsors.

## VA expands mental health care for discharged veterans

AP - 03/03/17

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs will offer urgent mental health care beginning this summer to thousands of former service members with less-than-honorable discharges, part of its expanded initiative to stem stubbornly high rates of suicide.

VA Secretary David Shulkin said Wednesday the additional coverage was needed to help former service members who are more likely to have mental health distress. He said the department couldn't wait for legislation and needed to act now, noting that the vast majority of veterans who took their lives had not been connected to VA care.

"This is a national emergency that requires bold action," Shulkin said. "Far too many veterans have fallen victim to suicide, roughly 20 every day."

By June or July, the VA said it will specifically provide the mental health care to those with "other than honorable" discharges from the military, typically for misconduct such as violence or use of illegal drugs. Currently, such discharges can prevent veterans from receiving federal benefits.

VA Secretary David Shulkin: Our plan to deliver greater accountability to America's veterans  
At VA hospital, anguished veterans wait hours to see doctors  
Shulkin, who has called suicide prevention a top priority, said the VA also would begin to see the former service members right away at VA emergency departments if they urgently need it. The VA is also seeking to hire 1,000 more mental health providers and establish strong hubs to reach veterans with mental health assistance by phone in rural parts of the country.

While details are being finalized, the VA said it hopes to provide expanded counseling services as well at its Vet Centers and via its Veterans Crisis Line at 800-273-8255.

According to the VA, as many as 500,000 former service members have "other than honorable" discharges, although the department believes a smaller number at risk of suicide will seek urgent treatment. The Army has dismissed at least 22,000 combat veterans diagnosed with mental health disabilities or traumatic brain injury for alleged misconduct since 2009.

Shulkin pointed to legislation introduced by Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Colo., that would expand coverage for veterans with less than honorable discharges as an impetus for VA's action. On Wednesday, Coffman said he welcomed the news and would continue to move forward on the bill with Rep. Derek Kilmer, D-Wash., to make the VA coverage broader and more permanent.

Shulkin first announced the expanded coverage Tuesday night at a House hearing, which drew loud applause from veterans groups in attendance.

"This is fantastic news and a major win," said Paul Rieckhoff, founder and CEO of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. "This policy change will forever alter the future for thousands of veterans and their families. It's an outstanding move by the new VA secretary."





With the help of Dixie Hotaling, Tiffany Plous, a local Boy Scout troop and numerous other individuals a flagpole was erected and dedicated at Jonathan Edwards home.

Jonathan and his unit deployed overseas the next day.

Below are some photos taken at the dedication.

Tiffany Plous plans to send care packages to Jonathan throughout his deployment. Anyone wanting to contribute should contact her for a list of items needed.

