



# Boxcar Bulletin



“The Honor Society of American Veterans”

[www.voiture-99.com](http://www.voiture-99.com)

## Chef de Gare's Notes

The Marines said it; “looking for a few good men”. And so it is that Passé Chef Jerry is now wandering the halls of the Chateau looking for a handful of good Voyageurs. I can tell you that except for having to sit down once a month and wax poetic for the newsletter, I have enjoyed every minute of my time as Chef. This is due to the outstanding group of office holders now serving within Voiture 99. So please, get with Jerry and let him know that you are one of those individuals who are willing to put service above self.

The Petite Prom went off flawlessly, once again due to those who were willing to volunteer their time. Except for our fears that our brothers from Baja Washington willfully fled the state with their illegal booze, but that is a story better told at coffee this Thursday. Ed was able to balance his budget on the backs of his willing victims, but payback will be sweet.

Last month I had the pleasure of presenting the Marshall Leadership Award to a young lady who was brought to the States as a baby from Kazakhstan. I knew who the winner was, so I watched to see the reaction of her adoptive parents (moms wounds to her lower lip will heal). She is off to Texas Western next year, while two of the runner-ups will be at VMI, (Marshall's alma mater) and the Air Force Academy. I am sure that you have seen some of the youth at the mall, and wondered how we have failed. Attending this presentation I can tell you that the outstanding young people I saw will not be in the headlines, they will be the movers and shakers that will mold the world just as General Marshall did.

I also had the opportunity to say a few words about the 40et8. Larry tells me that I did not embarrass the membership with my dissertation. Last month I asked each of you to tell the tale of the 40et8 to at least three individuals. How many of you have done it? I firmly believe that only by getting our story out in the community will we be able to endure the challenge of the Ridgefield Casino.

The Queen of Hearts pot continues to grow. Come down to the Chateau for dinner Saturday evening and try your luck.

Thanks for taking the time to read my ramblings.

Jim Renton  
Chef de Gare  
2015 - 2016

## From the Correspondant

The Grande du Washington Petite Promenade was held at our Voiture 99 on March 18 and 19. It was a huge success. Grande Chef Ed Dunkle kept everyone entertained during the Cheminot and Prom. He made sure that everyone knew that he was in charge as he wielded the gavel. There were 78 attendees at the banquet on Saturday night. We listened to Anne McEnerney Ogle point out the great qualities that members of the 40 et 8 possess. Anne is a member of the La Femmes so she had an inside track on those personal attributes. The tables were set up with Red White and Blue. The La Femmes served the meal. The banquet meal was delicious with plenty to eat. They had everyone served with salad and dinner choices in a very short time, about fifteen minutes total. The service by the La Femmes and the kitchen staff deserve a lot of praise. The Queen of Hearts ticket was drawn before the banquet, Richard Fox had the winning ticket. He selected his card from the card locker, but it was not the Queen and he was awarded a consolation prize of \$5.00. The total for the next drawing is well over \$1300.00 dollars. This is a fifty-fifty game with half of the money going to the Voiture programs.

The nominating committee is hard at work getting the names of those who want to be leaders and get in the May election to be our officers for the 2016-2017 year. If anyone has questions on any of the positions, I will be glad to give you an explanation.

The Washington Grande Promenade will be held at Shelton on June 10 and 11. Reservation forms are in the information slots next to the sign in shelf. If you plan to stay overnight, please make a hotel reservation. Hotels are listed on the reservation sheet.

Our membership total has crept up to 350 leaving 24 of your nominees off the membership list. We need to put a little more thought into whom you nominate. Just putting a name in to

## Inside this Issue

- Page 2. Chateau Calendar
- Page 2 La Femmes
- Page 2 Trivia Question
- Page 3 Americanism
- Page 3 Loci News
- Page 4 40/8 Golf Tournament Flyer
- Page 5 Great Western Registration
- Page 6 Chief Redheart Flyer
- Page 7 Petite Banquet Photos
- Page 7 Queen of Hearts Winner

b e  
voted on has drawn a lot of attention about what the sponsors are not doing. As a sponsor you should take your nominee by the hand and help your nominee to be a real member and a participant. Most nominees do not know why they were nominated because the sponsors fail to give them the explanations they need or what to expect. You should bring them to the Cheminots and Proms and our Thursday-Saturday activities. Most nominees that have been led in this direction have turned out to be active members of Voiture 99.

One of the bigger items to come out of the Petite Prom is that our web sites for the Voiture and the Grand were very limited. We were only allowed five pages to use. To post another item, something had to be removed. With the new set up, we can post as many pages as necessary. The web addresses are [www.grandeduwashington.com](http://www.grandeduwashington.com) and [www.voiture-99.com](http://www.voiture-99.com). Book mark of them and watch them grow.

Phil Yasson  
Correspondant

If you get the a chance, check out the new Bingo Parlor Website at:

<http://40et8bingo.org/>

# Chateau Schedule for April 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

## April 1<sup>st</sup> (Friday)

Members and Guest Breakfast  
Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
7:30 am to 10:00 am  
Cost: \$8.00

## April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm  
Dinner: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Salad Bar/ Pork Loin or Dark Chicken  
Cost: \$8.00

## April 4<sup>th</sup> (Monday)

*V99 Prom /C99 Rendezvous*  
Dinner at 5:30 pm  
Menu: Salad Bar/ Spaghetti  
Cost \$6.00

## April 7<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)

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

## April 8<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

Members and Guest Breakfast  
Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
7:30 am to 10:00 am  
Cost: \$8.00

## April 9<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

Chateau opens 2:00 pm  
Dinner: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Menu: Salad Bar/ Fried Chicken  
Cost: \$8.00

## April 14<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)

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

## April 15<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

Members and Guest Breakfast  
Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
7:30 am to 10:00 am  
Cost: \$8.00

## April 16<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm  
Dinner: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Salad Bar/ New York Steak  
Cost: \$15.00

## April 18<sup>th</sup> (Monday)

*S.A.L.T. in Box Car Room*  
11:00 am

## April 19<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

*V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot*  
Dinner at 5:30pm  
Menu: Salad Bar  
Meetings at 6:30 pm  
Cost: \$8.00

## April 20<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

*Korean War Veterans Association  
in Box Car room*  
10:00 am

## April 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday)

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

## April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Friday)

Members and Guest Breakfast  
Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
7:30 am to 10:00 am  
Cost: \$8.00

## April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm  
Dinner: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Menu: Salad Bar/ Pizza and Baked Potato  
Cost: \$8.00

## April 28<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)

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

## April 29<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

Members and Guest Breakfast  
Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
7:30 am to 10:00 am  
Cost: \$8.00

## April 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm  
Dinner: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Menu: Salad Bar/ Chicken Fried Steak  
Cost: \$8.00

## Attention La Femmes



Karen Scott and Toni Puranen were initiated at the March Rendezvous. Help me welcome our newest dames to Cabane 99. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you. Thank you for pushing our membership to over 104%!

The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates to run at the May election. They are looking to fill all of the officer positions. Please contact the committee (Betsy Ross, Elaine

Meis, Norma Cooley, and Sandy Kndutson) if you are interested in holding an office during the 2016-17 year.

The La Femmes will hold a silent auction during the Petite Prom. We voted to have the proceeds go to Child Welfare.

Roberta Giesler is collecting books for the La Femmes' Book sale on May 20-21. Contact Roberta or leave your book donations in the Chateau entry.

Remember that our every Thursday morning Social meets in the Chateau at 9:00 a.m. It is a truly fun way to start the day, particularly with the good company, coffee and donuts that are always there. As with some good things extra added attractions seem to develop. Some of the Early Birds have started meeting at 7:30 a.m., but always stay to meet the 9:00 a.m. regulars. If your spouse comes early to coffee, then you can carpool and help start our Social at 7:30 a.m.

Remember to attend the next Rendezvous on April 4. The next Cheminot will meet on April 19. 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 Yason at 574-1152.

## VAVS

(Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service)

For Bingo on February 25th, at the VA Hospital, we had 17 patients come play and 9 volunteers from Voiture 99 on hand to help out. We gave out \$285.00 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.

## April Trivia:

*True/False*

During the Battle of Guadalcanal, mariners refused to unload ships under fire. This duty was taken up grudgingly by US Marines who were too ill for combat duty.

Answer on page 3

**Americanism**

April 2016

From the desk of Dixie Lee Hotaling – National Americanism Sous Directeur Area –

***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 EYE-SIGHT...AND A MORE THANKFUL HEART.***

**AMERICANISM AWARDS** – Are you thinking outside of the box? After searching and searching I discovered that my county and city have spawned a great community organization. It is fun to gather the information and meet the businesses sponsoring events through this organization. SO..I will be submitting the awards criteria for recognition. Who or what will you sponsor? It's great to hear the community feedback when I mention my intentions while collecting endorsement letters. This also gives me the opportunity to educate people about the forty and eight.

**COMMUNITY HOURS AND REPORTING**

– Once I shared the importance of turning in hours, my locale voyageurs began filling out the forms. I'm always amazed at the many volunteer positions people hold and the other service organizations they represent. Think about it! Massive involvement and the hours count. If you want the forms printed out and mailed to you, contact me at rebel2@comcast.net. Otherwise you can find them on the National Website under forms.

**FLAGS FOR FIRST GRADERS**

– It's that time of the year when communities are planning parades, schools are asking for patriotic items. Recently I was able to supply US Constitution Books to fifth grade classrooms. Private schools are already contacting me for their flag and coloring book packets. Have you contacted your local schools? Our tribal schools are also requesting the packets. There is no end on far we can take patriotism. It is essential today to reach out to the younger generation especially when the trend is to remove the Pledge of Allegiance and flags from all public facilities.

**BEYOND THE CALL**

– Our local VA hospital patients clamor for flags to attach to their wheel chairs. My next endeavor will be to push businesses to post a flag, no matter how small or large, somewhere on their premises. Everything is worth a try and they will say yeah or nay. Are you willing to have a go at it?

The Grande Petite of Washington Promenade recently ended. It was a good one. I heard stories and reports from different Voitures about

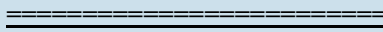
how they reached their communities. Many are reaching out to the tribal schools, others focus on private schools. This year we will give out flag packets to 8000 plus first graders in sixteen school districts. By partnering with the Lions we will share expenses and get the job done. It is a WIN-WIN situation. Again, think outside of box. It pays to be creative.

One of the neat things we do in Clark County Washington is offer a Historical Train Ride on the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad. This year we have inserted 40 & 8 brochures inside the scheduling handouts. This opens the doors for questions. It's a fun way to share LOCI stories. I can hardly wait for the spring season to begin. My volunteer job will be to interact with the children and families riding the train. It is indeed exciting to focus on community connections.

***REMEMBER: ONE CHILD, ONE FAMILY, ONE COMMUNITY, ONE STATE = ONE NATION UNDER GOD***

Enjoy spring and the new beginnings it brings.

Dixie Lee Hotaling – National Americanism Sous Directeur Area A



**April Trivia:**

*Answer: False*

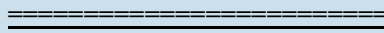
This rumor was started by notoriously unreliable gossip columnist Westbrook Pegler. Following the war, Pegler and fellow columnist Walter Winchell, who had also disparaged the Merchant Marine in his columns, lost numerous libel suits over the false Guadalcanal claims, and were forced to print retractions and pay damages. These refutations were bolstered by the public affirmations of Admiral William Halsey, who praised the mariners for their cooperation and courage. Winchell in particular would further lose credibility following the war for his strident McCarthyism; his bias against the unionized mariners may have stemmed from his association of labor unions with communism.

On a related note, mariners were subject to court martial under the Articles of War all through the conflict. Though dozens of mariners were court-martialed during the war (mostly for offenses such as AWOL, assault, and theft), none were charged with cowardice at Guadalcanal.

**Loci News**

Proposed Loci Schedule for 2016

<b><u>April</u></b>	None Scheduled
<b><u>May</u></b>	<b>Long Beach Loyalty Days</b>
1st <i>(Jim/Marc)</i>	
14th <i>(George- )</i>	<b>St. John's Parade</b>
15th <i>(Jim- )</i>	<b>Birthday</b>
21st <i>(Marc- )</i>	<b>Hazel Dell Parade</b>
28th <i>(Marc- )</i>	<b>Hockinson Fun Days</b>
30th <i>(George- )</i>	<b>Memorial Day</b>
<b><u>June</u></b>	
15th <i>(George- )</i>	<b>Beaches Cruise-in</b>
18th <i>(Jim- )</i>	<b>Winlock Egg Festival</b>



**Next Wreck Just Announced**

**April 23rd at 0900**

The PREAMBLE starts out;

"For God and country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: ..... ( the last Sentence says), to actively participate within our membership in projects relating to (a) the welfare of the children of America, (b) the health of our Nation by fostering a nurses training program, and (c) selected charitable endeavors."

In addition the two listed there are, Americanism, Box Car Association, Carville Star, POW/MIA, and Youth Sports. While not all can be physically active in the programs, all can support them by purchasing pins the Program Directeurs sell for \$3.00. For just \$21.00 a year you can support all seven programs and proudly wear them on your Chapeau telling all " I am a Proud Supporter".





# 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](mailto:jtpfp@comcast.net)**





# Great Western States Promenade Registration



The Orleans Hotel and Casino

4500 W. Tropicana Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89113

The Great Western States Promenade is hosted by Grande Du Nevada, Voiture 306 with the help of the American Legion Paradise Post 149.

### Promenade Dates:

April 8-10, 2016 (Hospitality Suite Opens on the 7<sup>th</sup>)

Room Rates: \$49 (Mon-Thurs) and \$99 (Fri-Sat)

Call the Orleans for reservations at (702) 365-7111

(Group Code: 4 and 8)

### Registration Fees:

Members: \$75

Guests: \$60

### Registration to the Great Western States Promenade includes:

- Access to the Great Western Meetings (members only)
- Gourmet dinner banquet consisting of:
  - Stuffed Chicken Breast on Sautéed Onions and Peppers, topped with Chipotle Corn Sauce
  - **AND** Creole seasoned Flank steak with a merlot wine sauce
  - Side dishes and deserts
- Happy Hour food and refreshments in the Hospitality Suite with two drink coupons
- Event pin and One Raffle ticket

### Option Friday Tours:

(Special Discount Rates for 40&8 members, transportation available):

- National Atomic Testing Museum (9:00 -11:00 am)
- National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement - "The Mob Museum" (1:00 -4:00 pm)



For info on the Orleans Hotel and Casino, go to [www.orleanscasino.com](http://www.orleanscasino.com)

### The National Atomic Testing Museum

tells the story of America's nuclear weapons testing program at the Nevada Test Site. For info, go to:

<http://nationalatomicmuseum.org/>

### The Mob Museum

provides an authentic eye-opening, view of organized crime's impact on the world and reveals an insider's look at the events and characters of the continuing battle between the Mob and the law. For info, go to

<http://themobmuseum.org/>

The Orleans Hotel provides free shuttle service to the fabulous Las Vegas Strip

### ----- Complete the Registration Information and Fees Information -----

#### Mail to:

Voiture du Nevada 306  
c/o Victor Moss  
4008 W. Bonanza Rd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89107

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Voiture/Grande: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$75 (member) \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$60 (guest) \_\_\_\_\_

Atomic Testing Museum Tour: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

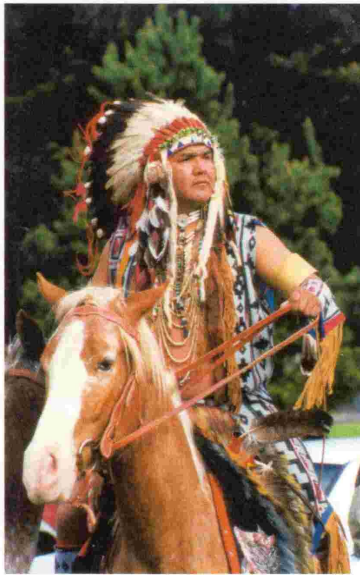
Mob Museum Tour: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

# 19th Annual Nez Perce Chief Redheart Memorial Ceremony

Saturday, April 23, 2016 • 10:00 a.m.

Fort Vancouver National Historic Site



19th Annual Memorial to remember Chief Redheart's band, including singing in honor of the ancestors, the Riderless Horse (Empty Saddle) Ceremony, the Sacred Pipe Ceremony, and recognition of Veterans. Each year Nez Perce tribal members travel to sites important in their history to conduct traditional memorials to honor their ancestors.

After the ceremony, the public is encouraged to attend a traditional Native American meal, prepared and served by the Northwest Indian Veterans Association located in the Artillery Barracks at 600 E. Hatheway

Road. Vancouver, WA. 98661

There is no admission charge. Donations are welcome. Refreshments at ceremony provided by Meals on Wheels.

For more information, call 360-487-8630







Congratulations to Barbara Yasson. She picked the Queen of Hearts out of the remaining 39 cards Saturday night and took home a cool \$1335.00 dollars.

Now the cards will be shuffled and placed back on the board and a new game will start. Good Luck !!!



**Photos from Petite Promenade Banquet  
March 19th**

