



**Next Prom
May 1st**



**Next Cheminot
May 16th**

**Next Wreck
June 24th**



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Clark County

40 et 8

Voiture 99

Volume 17, Issue 05

2017 Membership Cards Now Due

From the Chef de Gare

Well 4 months into 2017 and elections are around the corner. Remember there's still time to nominate someone to an office. I would like to see more candidates run for our Voiture's leadership. Anyone in good standing can run for any office.

A note to all, after researching fund raising, I just wanted to note that any one of us can ask for donations from any company and that we are listed as a "501c19 not for profit charity/Fraternal Veterans Organization" and can give a letter of donation for tax purposes. So, think of who you know that you can ask. Thinking out of the box to raise funds for our programs. It is going to be one of the only ways we are going to keep our programs going. We all need to work together. We have a letter of introduction for you to use. One way this would work is by asking whoever you think could possibly be a donor "could you support one student nurse for \$1500" as an example. But it doesn't have to be only for nursing. It could be for Youth sports, Child Welfare, or any other program.

I am writing this just before I go to the Our Community Salutes event to honor the High School students that are going to be joining our armed forces after they graduate. I am sure this event put on by CMAC will be great as always and I am proud to be asked to be part of the event and represent the 40 et 8 to honor these young people.

Our Grand Promenade is coming up in Yakima on June 8th to the 11th and we have a few slots left for representatives. See Phil Yasson for more information if you are interested.

As always I am proud to be serving all of you as Chef de Gare.

George Golden
Chef de Gare
Voiture 99

Correspondants Notes

Not available this month!

Phil Yasson
Correspondant

Americanism

From the desk of Dixie Hotaling

Here we are five months into May and still working on Americanism. Special thanks goes to Eddie Bogle for obtaining the flag for the new flagpole at John Edwards home. John was home to raise the flag for the first time. Let's keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

The Chili Dinner Fundraiser was a total success. Thank you all for making it happen. Rob Watkins did a great job with his ventriloquism and magic. We had 11 Crockpots of different types of flavored Chili. Thanks to Byron and Lyn Jacobus for the Freedom Water. Thank you for your support in the silent auction and private donations. The goal was to raise \$1,000 and we raised \$1,508.00. It was a fun event.

We will be having a WRECK in June. Who will you sponsor? Let's get our Voiture to 100%.

Community Hours – I will be computing the hours through June 15. If you cannot attend meetings you can drop your hours off at the Chateau. You will find an Americanism Folder by John's office.

Flags for First Graders – We are gearing up for the event. Will let you know when the packaging day is scheduled.

Thanks for making Americanism great.

Dixie Hotaling
Americanism Director

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Veterans Hospital Patient Clothing Needs

- Men's gently used or new, clean any size sweat pants
- Zip-front hoodies (no logos)
- Long and short sleeved shirts (no logos)
- Light Jackets
- Suspenders and belts
- Jeans shoes men's new all sizes
- Underwear and white t-shirts crew neck the same for women but few women patients

Contact Caroline Ruhmshottel 360-892-2806 with any questions.

BINGO

**WELCOME
40 ET 8 MEMBERS
AND GUESTS**

May
2017

Chateau Schedule for May 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.

May 1st (Monday)

ELECTION NIGHT

V99 Prom / C99 Rendezvous

Chateau opens at 4pm

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Meetings at 6:30 pm

Menu: BRISKET

Cost \$8.00

May 4th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

May 5th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost \$8.00

May 6th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours

1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Grill is open

May 11th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

May 12th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost \$8.00

May 13th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours

1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

May 15th (Monday)

S.A.L.T.

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

May 16th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Meetings at 6:30 pm

Menu: Hamburgers & Fries

Cost \$6.00

May 18th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

May 19th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast Menu: Breakfast

off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost \$8.00

May 20th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours

1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

May 25th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

May 26th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Cost \$8.00

May 27th (Saturday)

MEMORIA DAY WEEK END

CHATEAU IS CLOSED

NOTE FROM CHATEAU MANAGER.

We have a New Grill Cook "Mike MacArthur"

Please stop by and introduce your selves.

Mike will be creating Saturday Specials as well as grill orders.

The link below is a virtual wall of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines lost during the Vietnam war, with names, Biographies, and other information pertaining to these heroes. Those who remember that time frame, or perhaps lost friends or family can look them up on this site. First click on a state. When it opens, scroll down to the city and names will appear. Then click on the names. It should show a picture of the person, or at least their biography and medals.

This is an amazing web site. Someone spent a lot of time and effort to create it.

<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

- Henry Ford

La Femmes

The La Femmes Used Book Sale will be on May 5 -- 6. Set up is in the Boxcar Room on Thursday the 4th at 10:00 a.m. after the voyageurs' coffee. Start saving books and bring them to set up on 5/4. Judy Bailey and Mary Snyder can answer any questions you may have.

The Dames of Cabane 99 will elect new officers at the May Rendezvous. The names on the ballot are as follows: La Presidente – Judy Bailey; La Sous Presidente – Betsy Ross; La Correspondante -- Barbara Yasson; La Sous Correspondante – Elaine Meis; Commissaire Intendante- - Roberta Giesler; La Avocate – Mary Snyder; La Conducteur – Stephanie CollazoSerrano; La Aumonier – Judy Mead; La Historien – Loydene Beer; La Drapeau – Ann Stillman; La Garde de la Porte – Gail Hankel; 3 Cheminots – Linda Tarbell, Judy Williams, Norine Bogle. We will ask for nominations from the floor at the Rendezvous, so anyone interested in running can be added before the vote. Since the May Rendezvous is the election, plan to attend so your vote can be counted.

Make plans to attend the La Femmes Thursday Morning Social in the Chateau. It starts when the first dame shows up usually around 7:30 a.m. There is plenty of conversation, coffee, and donuts. We carry on until around 9:30. Join us and bring a friend.

Now is the time to start saving those treasures you no longer need for the La Femmes Rummage Sale on July 14 & 15. We will set up on lucky Thursday July 13.

As a reminder, Rendezvous Nationale will be 9/12 – 9/16. Let Barbara Yasson know if you can attend.

Remember to attend the next Rendezvous on May 1. The next Cheminot will meet on May 16. 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 Barbara Yasson at 574-1152 or La Sous Presidente Patricia Running at 696-4003.

Barbara Yasson

Dixie is asking for volunteers to help package folders for "Flags for First Graders". They are meeting on May 6th at 8:00 am at the Chateau.

Also on May 15 we will be thanking Boy Scout Troop 14 for their help on erecting the flagpole at Jonathan Edwards home. Meet at Salmon Creek Methodist Church at 7:00 pm.

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.



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

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/

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

VAVS

John Landahl didn't have anything new to report. They haven't had a new bingo session yet this month.

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.

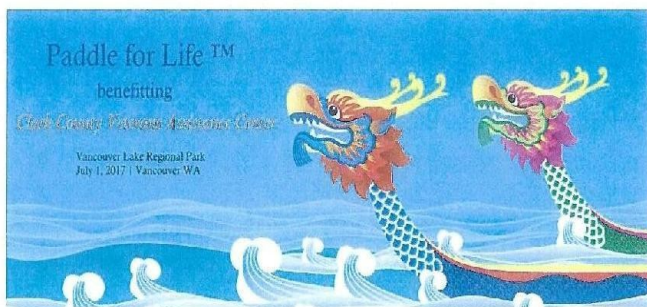
Voiture 99 Membership Goal for 2016 - 2017

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

315
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87%

Tiffany Plous plans to send care packages to Jonathan Edwards throughout his deployment.

Anyone wanting to contribute should contact her for a list of items needed.



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

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

"Dr. Geezer's Clinic"

This is from a retired Navy SR Warrant Off. He's not as old as we are. He's kinda still a kid, about 75 years old.

An old geezer became very bored in retirement and decided to open a medical clinic.

He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's clinic. Get your treatment for \$500, if not cured, get back \$1,000."

Doctor "Young," who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Dr. Young: "*Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?*" .

Dr. Geezer: "*Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth.*"

Dr. Young: *Aaagh !! -- "This is Gasoline!"*

Dr. Geezer: "*Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500.*"

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr. Young: "*I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything.*"

Dr. Geezer: "*Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth.*"

Dr. Young: "*Oh, no you don't, -- that is Gasoline!*"

Dr. Geezer: "*Congratulations! You've got your memory back . That will be \$500.*"

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "*My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!*"

Dr. Geezer: "*Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, here's your \$1000 back.*" (giving him a \$10 bill)

Dr. Young: "*But this is only \$10!*"

Dr. Geezer: "*Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500.*"

Moral of story -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer"

Remember: Don't make old people mad. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to tick us off.



Registration Form for GRAND du Washington PROM June 9th and June 10th, 2017

Name: _____

Address: _____

Voiture: _____ Phone: _____

Registration Fee: Voyagers \$45.00 \$Pay at the Door

No registration for Le Femmes

Check-in Friday 1500-1700 hrs

 Saturday 0800-1000 hrs

*Only meal available is the Saturday Banquet

Saturday Banquet: (included with registration) or \$30.00 \$ Pay at the Door

Circle One: Salmon

 Prime Rib

Please make your own hotel reservations as soon as possible. Rooms are limited!
Also, be sure to mention that you are attending the 40 et 8 Grand Prom.

All registration & payments will be done at the door.

Fair Bridge Inn & Suites

Yakima Valley Hotel & Conference Center

PH: 509-248-7850

FAX: 509-576-4940

1507 North 1st Street

Yakima, WA 98901

Room Rates: Single Queen or King- \$69.99

Double Queen- \$79.99

King Suite- \$99.99



Portland VA Fisher House is celebrating its one-year anniversary!

Please join us to tour the home and see what we do each day to serve our Veteran and Military Families! Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, May 9th @ 11:00am-2:00pm



Fisher House
1601 E. 4th Plain Blvd
Vancouver, WA 98682

(Next to Community Living Center)



Did you know? Since opening 3/28/16, the Portland VA Fisher House has served approximately 725 families, 1300 individuals, and 4400 nights of lodging!



Columbia River
Det #826
Commandant
William Cason



Lewis & Clark
Pound #225
Pound Keeper
PDD Lynn Bolte



Columbia River
Unit 398
President
Jeanette Bolte



Lewis & Clark
Unit
Commanding Officer
Brian Hildebrandt

Columbia River Detachment # 826 and Auxiliary Unit # 398
Our 25th Annual Installation and Awards Dinner

Commandant William 'Bill' Cason
Cordially invites all Members & Guests to join with us @

The Old Spaghetti Factory
Mill Plain Town Center, 730 SE 160th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98684 on
21 May 2017 1300-1500

Select meal:

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|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|
| 1. Spaghetti w/rich meat sauce | G | \$12.99 w/tip = | \$15.50 |
| 2. Spaghetti w/white clam sauce | G | \$12.50 w/tip = | \$14.75 |
| 3. Spaghetti w/Sicilian meatballs | | \$14.25 w/tip = | \$16.80 |

If you need your meal to be gluten (G) free please indicate on check. #3 is not G free.

All Entrees come with a crisp salad, hot fresh baked bread and spumoni ice cream for dessert

Send check or Money order made out to CRDMCL by ____ May 2017

Please indicate on for line meal choices 1, 2, or 3

And mail to: John Stofiel Adj/Paymaster 6204 Kansas St. Vancouver, WA 98661-6924

Should you decide to wait until the last minute and pay at the door.
please provide our Paymaster John with your verbal and/or email commitment
w/ meal selection

360-907-5342 jfstofiel@comcast.net

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| 1300 - 1330 | Opening Ceremony |
| 1330 - 1430 | Dinner |
| 1430 - 1500 | MCLA Installation and award presentations |
| 1500 - 1530 | MCL Installation and award presentations |

VBMA's May Military History Talk

The M1917 Army Ambulance - Thursday May 3rd
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Presented by MSG Jack Giesen, USAR Retired

Over the past year, the Vancouver Barracks Military Association has constructed a replica of the Model 1917, US Army Ambulance, as part of their commemoration of the 100-year anniversary of World War I. This talk will be the public unveiling of the completed ambulance. Weather permitting, this talk will take place outside, where the audience can see the replica ambulance as well as uniforms and equipment. If the weather is bad, the talk will take place indoors, but with replica uniforms, and video footage of the ambulance construction.

The May military history talk has been pulled from the usual third Thursday in order to coincide with the **Council on America's Military Past (CAMP) 51st Annual Military History Conference** that is taking place May 3rd - 7th in Vancouver, Washington. **To learn more about the CAMP conference, please visit www.campjamp.org**

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.

Camp 51st Annual Military History Conference

As many people from Vancouver know, the Vancouver Barracks was established in 1849, when Washington and Oregon were the Old West; this was a generation before people called Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado the Old West. It was part of the proving ground for lieutenants to become generals in the Civil War. The Vancouver Barracks were the jumping off point for soldiers headed across the Pacific during the Spanish American War and afterward. It was the training ground for soldiers heading to fight, milling spruce wood during World War I. In World War II, the Vancouver Barracks was a training center and transshipment point for all services, fighting in World War II.

Unfortunately, many people outside of the Pacific Northwest are unaware of our military heritage and history. That will change in 2017. From May 3 - 7, the Council on America's Military Past (CAMP) will hold their 51st Annual Military History Conference in Vancouver, Washington. This conference is open to the public, as well as CAMP members. The VBMA are partners with CAMP, as well as many other local military history preservation organizations. For more information on pricing and a daily itinerary. Click [here](#).

Thank You Notes from various schools

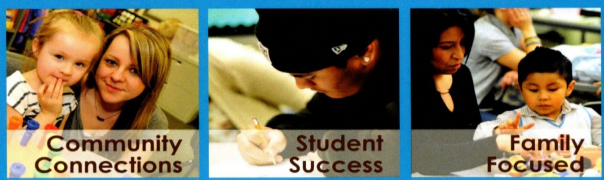
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Thank you so much for your generous donation.
 -Nadia Katsanes

Thank you so much. The kids are so excited!
 -Julie

Thank you for a much needed resource.
 -Morgan

Thank you Emma

Thank you for your generosity!
 -Lynn

Thank you for providing to those in need. So appreciated! Noral

Thank you for the shoes - many will benefit! J. Ellen

We really appreciate you donating!
 -Cathy

We are grateful to have such generous support.
 -Morgan

Thank You!
 -Mrs. Bowen

I've had so many students whose shoes fall apart, it is so special to them when they can get new shoes, their smiles are huge! Thank You!!
 -D. Kinney

Thank you all so very much for the school supplies. The pens, pencils, erasers, markers, hi-liters, glue sticks and everything else will be used throughout our school to fill backpacks and desks of students in need -

Pet Rae,
 George C. Marshall Elementary School
 Family Resources coord.