



The Voiture Convention Travel Policy on page 4 can also be found on the website at:

http://voiture-99.com/membersForms.html

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## **Correspondant Notes**

business. This is a good way to stay in for being willing to serve. touch and keep informed as to what's go-

Truman in 1949.

mer officially begins. Louise Smart Dodd give them to Roberta. of Spokane, WA first proposed the holiday to her minister in 1909 as a way of honor- Remember your VA Transplant Lodge holiday in many states and Canada.

Frank Falbee, Correspondant

## **VAVS**

ver Hospital and they use the money for Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. the batting that goes in between the outer colored material.

#### **Attention La Femmes**

June

2015



Thanks to all of the renewing Dames and the Dames who have joined Cabane 99 this year. Our membership stands at 109.30%. Going over the top is such a great thing.

Congratulations to the newly-elected officers. They will be installed at the June

Rendezvous and will take office in Sep- launching the operation: a day near the full tember. La Presidente: Marsha Keen; La Moon was needed both for illumination Sous Presidente: Barbara Yasson; La during the hours of darkness and for June is finally upon us and it's time to Commissaire Intendante: Roberta Giesler; the spring tide, the former to illuminate install our new officers for next year. This La Correspondante: Elaine Meis; La Avo- navigational landmarks for the crews of will be done at the June 1st Promenade. cate: Norma Cooley; La Conductor: Caro- aircraft, gliders and landing craft, and the So, try and be there to show your support line Ruhmshottel; La Aumonier: Mary latter to provide the deepest possible water for your new leadership. Our new officers Snyder; La Historian: Linda Tarbell; La to help safe navigation over defensive will take charge in September. There will Drapeau: Robbie Smith; La Garde de la obstacles placed by the Germans in the be no Promenades during July or August, Porte: Loydene Beer; and three Cheminots surf on the seaward approaches to the however, the House Committee and the at large: Sharon Shattuck, Jo Ann Strick- beaches. A full moon occurred on 6 June. Cheminot will continue to meet to discuss land, Patricia Running. Thanks, Dames, Allied Expeditionary Force Supreme

for more information.

dente Marsha Keen at 907-0424.

**June 6th, 2014 is the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion** 

Only 10 days each month were suitable for

Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower had tentatively selected 5 June as the date for ing on in the Voiture. Our Picnic is set for Rendezvous Nationale will be held Sep- the assault. The weather was fine during August. More to come on that at a later tember 15 - 19 in Green Bay, WI. In most of May, but deteriorated in early preparation Roberta Giesler is collecting June. On 4 June, conditions were clearly small items for Grab Bags that will be sold unsuitable for a landing; wind and high Flag Day is on the 14th of June. This holiathe Nationale for \$2.00 each. It is a fund seas would make it impossible to launch day was established by President Harry raiser for Cabane Nationale's Ways and landing craft from larger ships at sea, and Means Committee. It you have small items low clouds would prevent aircraft finding such as key chains, pens, notepads, any-their targets. The Allied troop convoys Father's Day is June 21st. The day sum-thing that would fit in a sandwich bag, already at sea were forced to take shelter in bays and inlets on the south coast of Britain for the night

ing her father and all fathers. Father's Day donations. Norma Cooley reports that the It seemed possible that everything would began as a religious celebration. But pub- VA Transplant Lodge is in transition with have to be cancelled and the troops relic interest grew and it is now an official fewer patients. The transition will not last turned to their embarkation camps (which If you want to contribute and are unable to would be almost impossible, as the enorgo shopping, cash donations are always mous movement of follow-up formations welcome. Canned goods, fresh produce or into them was already proceeding). The cash all work well. Contact Norma Cooley next full moon period would be nearly a month away. At a vital meeting on 5 June, Eisenhower's chief meteorologist (Group The next Cabane 99 Rendezvous will be Captain J.M. Stagg) forecast a brief im-For Bingo on April 23 there were 8 Volun- on Monday June 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Box- provement for 6 June. Commander of all teers and we paid out \$280.00 to 20 Pa- car Room. We will install officers then. land forces for the invasion General Ber-We gave \$500.00 to the Clark Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m. Remember nard Montgomery and Eisenhower's Chief County Quilters on May 4th. They make the next Cheminot will be on Tuesday of Staff General Walter Bedell Smith the quilts for the Veterans at the Vancou- June 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room. wished to proceed with the invasion. Commander of the Allied Air Forces Air Chief Marshal Leigh Mallory was doubtful, but If you have questions about La Societe de the Allied Naval supremo Admiral Ber-Femme or are interested in joining the tram Ramsay believed that conditions Dames of Cabane 99 contact La Presidente would be marginally favorable. On the Judy Bailey at 798-5166 or La Sous Presi-strength of Stagg's forecast, Eisenhower ordered the invasion to proceed.

Read the full article at:

http://www.veteranownedbusiness.com/ blog/70th-anniversary-of-the-d-dayinvasion/

# **Chateau Schedule for June 2015**

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast and . 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

REMEMBER the Lounge will be open on Fridays Hours of operation will be Noon to 5:00 pm
(We will stay open longer if we have customers). This is a test run for the summer, if we can make a profit then we will consider serving some food in the future.

WE ARE SERVING DINNERS
ON SATURDAYS

Saturday Dinner Menus Hours 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

#### June 1st (Monday)

Chateau opens 4:00 pm Dinner at 5:30 pm V99 Prom / C99 Rendezvous meet at 6:30 pm

Menu: Tacos and Salad Bar \$6.00

#### June 4th (Thursday)

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

#### June 5th (Friday)

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

Lounge open Noon to 5:00 pm (Free Appetizers)

**Grand Prom In Wenatchee** 

#### June 6th (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm
Dinner at 5:00 pm
Baked Potato and Salad Bar \$6.00
Grand Prom In Wenatchee

#### June 11th (Thursday)

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

#### June 12th (Friday)

7:30 am to 9:00 am

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

Lounge open Noon to 5:00 pm (Free Appetizers)

#### June 13th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm Dinner at 5:00 pm Dinner Menu: Salad Bar/Ham Burgers \$8.00

#### June 16th (Tuesday)

Chateau Opens at 4:00 pm House Committee meets at 4:30 pm Dinner 5:30 pm V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot meet at 6:30 pm

#### June 17th (Wednesday)

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

# June 18th (Thursday)

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

#### June 19th (Friday)

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

Lounge open Noon to 5:00 pm (Free Appetizers)

#### June 20th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm Dinner Menu: Salad Bar/Ribs \$8.00 Parking Lot Garage Sale 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

#### June 25th (Thursday)

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

#### June 26th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
7:30 am to 9:00 am

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

Lounge Open 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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#### June 27th (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm Dinner at 5:00 pm Fried Chicken and salad bar \$8.00 Book Sale In Box Car Room 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



# **Trivia**

What was the original name of Memorial Day?

- ♦ Reconciliation Day
- ♦ Decoration Day
- ♦ Remembrance Day
- ♦ Dedication Day

(Answer on page 3)

Photos of volunteers who gathered to help Dixie assemble packets for the Flags for First Graders program.







# **Voyageur Polo Shirts**



If any of you are interested in getting a polo shirt be sure and see me and I can take care of that for you. I have a small supply of red polo shirts on hand for \$30.00 and can special order (prepaid) other colors, also can get ladies cut polo shirts for the ladies. I also have a limited supply of white polo shirts for \$20.00 and t-shirts for \$15.00. All of these shirts have pockets. See me (Roberta Giesler) either at the prom or Cheminot and most Friday mornings at breakfast or Saturday night dinner. My phone number and e-mail address are 360 909-5124 and rmgiesler506@comcast.net

Grande du Washingnton Membership Standings 5/7/2015

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Voiture	2014	2015	2014/2015	Needs to	% of Quota
	YTD Total	YTD Total	Quota	Meet Quota	
75	18	16	18	-2	88.89%
83	16	17	16	1	106.25%
87	1	1	1	0	100.00%
88	9	9	9	0	100.00%
90	44	44	44	0	100.00%
91	. 88	86	93	-7	92.47%
94	14	14	14	0	100.00%
96	11	11	11	0	100.00%
99	359	360	373	-13	96.51%
135	139	133	144	-11	92.36%
271	. 12	12	12	0	100.00%
1213	29	35	32	3	109.38%
TOTALS	740	738	767	-29	96.22%

We had a nice incease while I was on Vacation.

Let's nail the last 29 so we can attain 100% for the Grande.

# **Trivia Answer**



**Answer:** Decoration Day is the former name of Memorial Day in the United States. Memorial Day be-

gan as Decoration Day in the immediate aftermath of the American Civil War. It was a tradition initiated by General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died while in the military service.

# LOCI Schedule for June thru July 2015

#### June

17th Beaches 3:30pm - George 20th Woodland Planters Day Parade - George ? 22nd & 23rd Static Display for Radio Club - Jim

#### July

4th Vancouver Independence Day Parade - George 4th Ridgefield, WA Independence Day Parade - Jim

11th Amboy Territorial Days – Jim

15th Beaches - Marc

18th Battle Ground Harvest Days - George

25th Camas Fun Days - George

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 in the Chateau entryway and on the website at:

http://voiture-99.com/eventsLoci.html

# 40 & 8 AMERICANISM NEWSLETTER – AREA A June 2015

From the desk of: Dixie Lee Hotaling, National Americanism Sous Directeur (Area A): Arkansas, Arizona, District of Columbia, France, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah and Washington.

"WHAT WE BELIEVE DETERMINES HOW WE BEHAVE, AND BOTH DETERMINE WHAT WE BECOME."

Can you believe it? June is here. Reports are due. This is the time for everyone to really shine. Every activity counts. Include the number of flags you hand out to the community - at - large, as well the schools.

You may think the year is winding down. Not so! It's never too early to put your 2016 strategic plan in place. Outline your fund raisers. Identify the school districts in your state. Encourage each Voiture to participate. We need to support the flags in the school system. This is America and every American has the birth right to post a flag. No American should be offended by our National Stars and Stripes. We need to saturate the system. We served to keep America free. Remember our oath of enlistment has no expiration date. Many died fighting for our rights. Let's honor their sacrifices by flying our colors.

May was an exciting month for the State of Washington. Voitures focused on placing flag packets in the hands of first graders and the US Constitution on the desks of 5th and 10th graders. Fifty people (from the Lions Club and the 40 & 8) gathered on May 2nd. We had assembly lines everywhere and were able to box up over 7,000 flag packets. They went into sixteen school districts and more than eighty public schools. We also covered many private schools. Voitures 83, 94, 96 and 99 turned in glowing reports. I will be collecting the rest of the reports at the Grande du Washington Prom in June.

Many Grande Voitures have posted excellent photos on the computer. Please bring hard copy albums to National so that everyone can enjoy the fruits of your labor.

This has been a great year for Americanism. Each State has been creative. You used the LOCI to draw the crowds, handed out flags, attended Veteran and Military functions, you supported your communities. One interesting discovery I made was that many of you belong to other organizations. You have expanded. Remember, almost all activities count for community hours. Give yourselves a hand - you earned it!

It has been a pleasure to serve as the local Voiture 99 Americanism Chairman (actually chairwoman), the Grande du Washington Americanism Directeur and the National Americanism Sous Directeur for Area A. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity. I can hardly wait to see what next year will bring!

We have designed another handout for the flag packets. It addresses Flag Day. It is a tri-fold entitled, THIS IS OUR FLAG. It features seven of the original flags. I will bring copies to National for your comments and opinions. It is my vision to supply the packets with pamphlets teaching what each Patriotic Day means. Next we will be working on a July 4th handout. Feel free to share your ideas with me

Actions Speak Louder Than Words; Let Your Words Teach And Your Actions Speak. (Anthony Of Padua)

Dixie Hotaling, Nationale Sous Director, Americanism

# **Convention Travel Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to provide clearly defined procedures for reimbursement while traveling to conventions under authority of the Chef de Gare

No Voyageur will be reimbursed for travel without a properly completed reimbursement form and original, itemized receipts. Unauthorized and/or incomplete claims will be returned to the Voyageur without action. Registration Fees: Reimbursement for registration fees will be paid in full to delegates and alternates. Late fees will not be reimbursed unless the Voyageur was appointed after the cut-off date.

**Lodging:** Lodging will be reimbursed based on ½ of the host city's lodging rate at their recommended hotel. All payments are based on two (2) Voyageurs occupying a room. If a Voyageur wishes not to share a room, travels with a spouse/partner, or stays at a hotel other than the one recommended by the host city, that Voyager would be reimbursed for lodging, not to exceed the actual expense up to ½ of the host city rate. No reimbursement will be made for stays that exceed the number of nights dictated by the convention schedule unless expressly approved by the Chef de Gare to support Voiture 99 business before/after the convention.

Meals: Meals will be reimbursed using itemized receipts for actual expense not to exceed \$30 each day. Meals included in the registration fee will not be considered in the total daily amount of reimbursable food expenses. Meals that are separate items, in addition to the registration, will be considered in the total daily amount of reimbursable food expenses. Reimbursement for alcoholic beverages is not allowed. If a Voyageur wishes to partake of alcoholic beverages with a meal, that expense must be deducted from the receipt prior to submitting a claim.

<u>Travel by Air:</u> Reimbursement for travel by coach class air will be determined by committee prior to delegates being appointed. This committee will research the average cost of airfare to the host city and make a recommendation to the Chef de Gare for a reimbursement based on ½ of the cost of the average fare. Reimbursement of air travel will not exceed ½ of the actual cost up to the amount determined by the committee.

<u>Travel by Personal Vehicle:</u> Round trip miles will be reimbursed, to the driver only, at a flat rate. Mileage will be figured using the website <a href="http://www.worldatlas.com/travelaids/driving\_distance.htm">http://www.worldatlas.com/travelaids/driving\_distance.htm</a>, using the Chateau located at 7607 NW 26<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver WA as a starting point, and paid based on the current IRS per mile rate for charitable purposes.

<u>Travel by Motorhome/Travel Trailer:</u> Actual expense reimbursement will be limited to the maximum authorized reimbursement outlined above of either mileage/lodging/food or airfare/lodging/food.

<u>Travel by Voiture Vans:</u> The driver of the van will be responsible to pay for fuel for the entire trip and shall be reimbursed 100%. The General Manager is required to ensure that the vans are fueled and serviced prior to departure and the driver is responsible to return the vehicle with a full fuel tank and report any maintenance issues to the General Manager.

<u>Payments Made by Other 40 et 8 Sources:</u> Payments authorized to Voyageurs from Grande du or Nationale will be requested from those sources prior to submitting a claim for reimbursement from Locale. No Voyageur will collect from Locale any monies that would exceed their actual expense. Voyageurs will complete and sign the portion of the claim form acknowledging submission of claims and payments from other sources.

This policy for convention travel reimbursement, dated 1 June 2015, supersedes all previous policies which are now null and void and is subject to change without notice.

# La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux Voiture Nationale

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"Make a Difference, Renew, Recruit & Reinstate"

Salute Fellow Voyageurs Militaire,

December 2, 2014

The way your National Membership Team does the business of membership is changing and will continue to change in the future. It is human nature to resist change, it is comfortable for anyone to do things in a pattern that we have grown use to without change. Change in the way we do membership is necessary or we will cease to exist as the greatest organization of American Veterans. We have lost over one half of our membership in the last twenty years. On average the break down is that we lose 5% of our membership to "Taps" each year. We have been recruiting more new members each year than we lose to "Taps" and would be slightly better that a break even. Unfortunet 5% of our membership makes the conscious decision not to renew their membership in La Societe each year. This leaves use with a net loss of approximately 5%. We have to do better on two fronts. 1) Do a better job retaining the member we now have. 2) Increase the number of new members we bring in every year.

The date membership is now due is January 1<sup>st</sup> each year and was constitutionally changed at Promenade Nationale from March 31<sup>st</sup>. I have asked Voiture Nationale to send out the first "National Renewal Notice" in Mid-December this year. This should give us a much need boost in renewing existing members with a goal of spending our efforts for the remaining year on recruiting new members.

This change is not without cost. We will be incurring a larger financial cost to sending a greater number of renewal notices. Each year Voyageurs and Dames from Grand du Indiana volunteer their time and energy to prepare these notices for mailing. This is a service to the National Membership Team and we sincerely thank each and every one of you.

These changes do not change the Voiture Locale's and Grand Voiture's responsibility to renew and report every membership possible. A suggested format is that the Locale sends out a 1<sup>st</sup> membership renewal notice on or shortly after August 1<sup>st</sup> each year. A second renewal notice timed to arrive sometime before Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> each year. In this way when the National renewal notice arrives it is not a surprise. When the Locale follows up with the member after January 1<sup>st</sup>, the member is well aware that their dues are due and they are now delinquent.

Change is not easy but your National Membership Team members are here to assist you in any way they can, all you need do is ask for assistance.

For La Societe,

Don Reed

Donald J. Reed Directeur Membership Nationale

#### **Anyone Need a 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