



Boxcar Bulletin

"The Honor Society of American Veterans"

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Chef de Gare's Non-Notes

Results from the Chef de Gare's surgery have become mixed. He is slowly recovering from his double knee surgery but seems to have lost the ability to put pen to paper. Hopefully that improves soon.

From the Correspondant

Remember there are no Promenades in July and August. We do have the Cheminot (Business Meeting) on the 3rd Tuesdays. The September Prom and Cheminot will be held the day after Labor Day on 6 September 2016. It is at this time when the newly elected officers take over their positions.

The VA Health Care System has a phone number to be used for the Veterans Crisis Line. You can dial 503-220-8262 and depress 7, or from Washington 800-273-8255 and depress 7. This will connect you directly to the crisis line. Use this number if you are having a medical or mental health emergency, especially if you have thoughts of suicide.

Something you never think about are the documents your family needs after you become deceased. Recently I assisted a widow who received paperwork that needed to be filled out. On a search for the documents that were needed, it became apparent that her husband was not a document saver. Items that need to be in an easy to find storage box are; Marriage license, divorce papers, power of attorney, living will, property deeds, vehicle titles, stock certificates, savings bonds, tax returns, life insurance policies, IRA's, 401(k), pension documents, annuity contracts, bank accounts, internet user names and passwords, safe deposit box information, your will, special instructions. This is just a short list but it will keep the surviving family member that much further ahead of the paperwork game. If the deceased service member was retired or on disability, Debbie Proctor, the VFW Service officer can help the family members with the paperwork. Having the documents with you will make the paperwork move much faster. Oh, and bring a copy of the burial costs.

Saluting the U. S. Flag. I notice at the meetings we have some confusion about saluting or just putting your hand over your heart. Hopefully, this will help. Traditionally, Veterans have saluted the flag during the National Anthem while wearing their organization's head gear. In 2008, the National Defense Authorization Act had an amendment to allow un-uniformed service members, military retirees and veterans to render a hand salute during hoisting, lowering or passing of the U.S. Flag. A later amendment authorized hand salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out of uniform service members.

Section 301 (b) (1) of title 36 United States code section "(B) members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform, (C) All other persons present should face the flag, stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. Those not in uniform should remove their hats with the right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, over the heart. This applies to those not in the military and non-veterans".

Phil Yasson
Correspondant

Americanism

July, 2016
From the desk of Dixie Lee Hotaling

"I can't change the destination of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination" ~ Jimmy Dean

Welcome to July. This is a great Patriotic Month – a chance to give flags out at parades, meetings, social gatherings, parks and wherever. Most public schools have shut down for the summer. You can find kids everywhere. Go for it!

Attended the Grande du Washington Grande Prom in Shelton Washington. It was great. Our Voitures have been busy getting the flags out to the first graders. Voiture 83 did an outstanding job. Will bring the photo layout of their schools to National to share with you.

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The 2017 Americanism Pins have arrived. How many do you want to order? Contact your Grande Americanism Directeur or Milt Harrison directly. They are \$2.75 each if ordered before National Prom. After that they go up to \$3.00. They are great publicity for the Americanism Program and a good fundraiser. They are selling fast.

Are you ready for National? I am looking forward to seeing you all again this year. The latest 'OUR FLAG' trifold will be available. It features some of the American Flag history. They have been well received thus far. We also designed Flags for First Graders button we give out to the kids. I charge \$.50 or two for a dollar to the adults. This defrays my cost so that kids can receive it free.

Recently our local Chelachie Railroad hosted a Yacolt Elementary second and third graders trip. When they departed the train we handed out flags and flag tri-folds. One hundred and fifty youngsters lined up for the flags.

Tom Smith is still looking for Award applications. Look around. You'll be surprised who comes to mind. He's waiting to hear from us. Your consolidated community hour's reports should be in. Tom Smith is waiting for them. If you are late – please still send them in. He counts all.

Enjoy July 4th and the festivities. It's a great weekend to share flags and 40 & 8 stories.

Dixie Lee Hotaling
National Sous Americanism Directeur Area A

Chateau Schedule for July 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

July 1st (Friday)

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

July 2nd (Saturday)

*Chateau Closed
Have A Safe 4th*

July 7th (Thursday)

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

July 8th (Friday)

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

*La Femmes Rummage Sale
in Box Car Room*

July 9th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Grill open all day
*La Femmes Rummage Sale
in Box Car Room*

July 14th (Thursday)

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

July 15th (Friday)

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

July 16th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Grill open all day

July 19th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot
Dinner At 5:30 pm
Meetings At 6:30 pm
Cost: \$8.00

July 20th (Wednesday)

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

July 21st (Thursday)

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

July 22nd (Friday)

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

July 23rd (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Grill open all day

July 28th (Thursday)

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

July 29th (Friday)

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

July 30th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Grill open all day

Note From Manager:

We will be serving food from the grill all day Saturday.

Mark Sunday August 21st on your calendar. That is the date of the V-99 Picnic.

This date has been picked so that we are not competing with other club's and maybe have a larger turn out.

It will be a pot luck and V-99 will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs.

Next Steak Dinner is planned for October 1, 2016.

POW-MIA

As the year comes to a close it is time to reflect upon the accomplishments we have made with the POW/MIA program. The year has been a busy one with lots of travel, and many visits with members of not only our Voiture in Vancouver, but also many members from the various Votures in Washington and in the Great Western states. This year I was fortunate enough to attend our Proms and Cheminots, as well as the Petite Prom in Vancouver, the Great Western in Las Vegas, and the Grand Prom in Shelton, Washington. What a year it has been!

While attending the various functions, I was able to promote our program individuals who never knew about POW/MIA. What an experience! As they learned, I learned as well. POW/MIA is a fabulous program that provides Annual Scholarships to qualified and selected descendants of former POW/MIA's. What a wonderful thing it is to do!

In all my travels I was able to promote our program as well as our goals. With merchandise sales as the focal point of the program, I was able to have a tremendous year for not only our Voiture, but the proceeds have from these sales have been the best ever.

With tremendous help from the La Femmes we are in excess of \$2,800.00 for the year. With one weekend remaining in the reporting calendar year, I am hoping to break the \$3,000.00 mark. Thank you, everyone, for helping make this possible. Your support is what makes not just this program work, but it makes all of our programs work. My hat is off to all for your undying support.

Steve Slegers
POW/MIA Grand Directeur

A Rummage Sale to benefit the Voiture 99 Nurses Training program will be held in the 40 et 8 Boxcar Room on Friday and Saturday July 8 and 9. Bring your Rummage Sale items to the Boxcar Room on July 6 and 7, we will be open to take items after 9:00 a.m. so the La Femmes can get everything set up.

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The La Femmes Rummage Sale is upon us. It will be held in the Boxcar Room 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Friday July 8 and 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Saturday July 9. Tell all of your friends and family to come and rummage through the collected treasures so they can find exactly what they are looking for.

The dames will set up the Boxcar Room for the Rummage Sale on Wednesday July 6 and Thursday July 7. Set up time will start at 9:00 a.m. and work so later than 4:00 p.m. Since you have finished your spring housecleaning and have found all manner of items that you no longer need, the Rummage Sale is the perfect destination for everything you have collected. Bring all of your discarded treasures to the Boxcar Room on the 6th and 7th for the La Femmes to organize for the sale on the 8th and 9th. Contact Mary Snyder and Judy Bailey if you are able to help or for more information

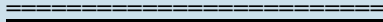
Come one; come all to the Cabane 99 Meet and Greet on July 19 at 6:30 p.m. We are holding the Meet and Greet at the time of our July Cheminot and inviting as many ladies as we can find to interest them in joining La Societe de Femme. We will introduce our guests to the dames of Cabane 99, explain who we are and what we do, and get to know them better. It is likely there will be food and beverages at the Meet and Greet, so save room for dessert. If you know anyone who is interested in joining the La Femmes, this is a great opportunity for her to meet us.

At the June Cheminot incoming La Presidente Barbara Yasson introduced the newly appointed committee chairs for 2016-2017. They are Norma Cooley for Aid to Voiture and Bylaws Review; Jo Ann Strickland for Americanism/ VAVS; Caroline Ruhmshottel for the VA Transplant Lodge; Roberta Giesler for the Audit Committee and Budget and Finance; Anne McEnery-Ogle for Child Welfare; Judy Bailey and Mary Snyder co-chairs for the Fund Raisers; Patricia Running for Membership; Linda Tarbell for POW/MIA. Loydene Beer and Sandy Knudtson joined the Nurses Training committee and hope to find a chairman for that committee. All new officers and committees will begin their term after Rendezvous Nationale which is over on September 17. Thanks to all of the dames who have agreed to a term as an officer, committee chair, or committee member. Cabane 99 is richer for your efforts.

Remember to join the La Femmes in the Chateau on Thursday for the Thursday morning Social. Someone will be there by 7:30 a.m. and we usually hang around until 9:30 or so.

After the July 19 Meet and Greet, the next Cheminot is August 16; the next Rendezvous/Cheminot will be on September 6. 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 Yasson at 574-1152



VA Transplant Lodge

Here is a listing of items that are needed for the Transplant Lodge. Items may be deposited at the Chateau entry way in the barrel in the corner.

- Splenda for baking
- Sugar free jam
- Low cal salad dressing
- Canned Mushrooms
- Healthy heart soups
- Canned water pak tuna
- Canned chicken
- Catsup
- Dill pickles
- Zip lock bags qt and gal
- Scotch disinfectant spray cleaner
- Canned cream soups (any)

Perishables

- Fruit and Vegetables
- Non-fat yogurt
- Low fat sour cream
- Low fat cream cheese
- The list is always changing.
- There is also a barrel for a toy collection.

There's been a Wreck scheduled for July 16th at 0900

Goofs need to arrive at 0830



Proposed Loci Schedule

July

4th Vancouver Independence Day Parade

(George-)

Ridgefield Independence Day Parade

(Jim-)

9th Amboy Territorial Days

(Marc-)

13th Beaches Cruise-in

(Marc-)

16th Battleground Harvest Days

(George/Marc)

23rd Camas Fun Days

(George/Marc)

August

2nd National Night Out-Kelso

(Jim-)

10th Beaches Cruise-in

(Jim-)

10th Highlander Parade

(George-)

19th La Center Parade

(George-)

Members and their guests are always welcome to ride along on the Loci. Make sure that you contact the driver before hand to make sure there is room and for a time to meet at the Chateau.

VAVS

(Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service)

For May Bingo at the VA Hospital, we had 17 patients come play and 9 volunteers from Voiture 99 on hand to help out. We gave out \$295.00 in prizes to the game winners. On June 23rd we had 20 patients with 11 volunteers and gave out \$295.00 in prizes to the winners.

The next bingo at the VA Hospital won't be until September.

If you would like to join the group contact John Landahl for more information like date, time and location.

Independence Day

The Birth of American Independence

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in Thomas Paine's bestselling pamphlet "Common Sense," published in early 1776. On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.



Did You Know?

John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826—the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other." On July 4th, the Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jeffer-

son. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

Early Fourth of July Celebrations

In the pre-Revolutionary years, colonists had held annual celebrations of the king's birthday, which traditionally included the ringing of bells, bonfires, processions and speechmaking. By contrast, during the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for King George III, as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty. Festivities including concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets usually accompanied the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence, beginning immediately after its adoption. Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of independence on July 4, 1777, while Congress was still occupied with the ongoing war. George Washington issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778, and in 1781, several months before the key American victory at Yorktown, Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday.

After the Revolutionary War, Americans continued to commemorate Independence Day every year, in celebrations that allowed the new nation's emerging political leaders to address citizens and create a feeling of unity. By the last decade of the 18th century, the two major political parties—Federalists and Democratic-Republicans—that had arisen began holding separate Independence Day celebrations in many large cities.



July 4th Becomes A National Holiday

The tradition of patriotic celebration became even more widespread after the War of 1812, in which the United States again faced Great Britain. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made July 4th a

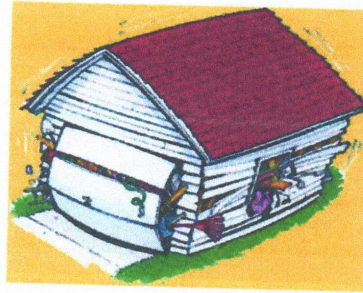
federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees. Over the years, the political importance of the holiday would decline, but Independence Day remained an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism.

Falling in mid-summer, the Fourth of July has since the late 19th century become a major focus of leisure activities and a common occasion for family get-togethers, often involving fireworks and outdoor barbecues. The most common symbol of the holiday is the American flag, and a common musical accompaniment is "The Star-Spangled Banner," the national anthem of the United States.

- <http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th>

Rummage Sale
Drop off donations - July 6th and 7th
Sales - July 8th and 9th

IT'S SPRING CLEANING TIME !



Let's all get into our closets and garages to clear out the stuff you no longer need or want.

We can turn that "STUFF" into cash that will benefit the Nurses Training Program.

Donations Accepted

July 6th and 7th

Rummage Sale

July 8th and 9th

at the Bingo Parlor

Items to be donated should be clean and in good working condition.

Items to be donated can be clothing, linens, kitchen items, various household items, children toys and other items

**Small tools and Small kitchen appliances.
--No Large furniture or appliances please--**

Heroes Challenge
July 4th



CHALLENGING HONORING REWARDING

BIKE “37-clicks” over REALLY Ruthless Terrain (24.2-miles starts 0700)
Brutal little mountains, 4 HC rated climbs—encompassing 13 total miles, grades from -13% to +20%

or **RUN ½ Marathon-Plus “3-clicks” over Demanding Terrain** (14.79-miles starts 0830)

or **Do a 5K+ “1-Click” Country Stroll Fun WALK/RUN** (3.6-miles starts 0930)

& get pledges! **Individual with most \$ collected wins 1-night at Skamania Lodge**

go to **UltraSignup.com \$25 PRE-registration fee for EACH event**

\$40 DAY of Registration fee for EACH event

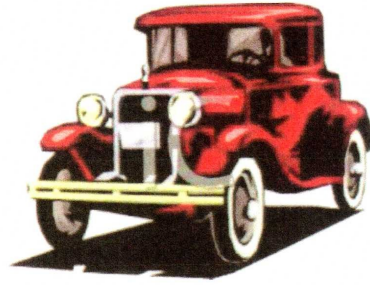
for Updates on The Heroes’ Challenge go to Facebook: BackaHeroToday
for pledge sheets *or* more info. email **BackaHeroToday@gmail.com**

all events begin & end at Cape Horn Skye Elem. School 9731 Washougal River Rd., Washougal WA 98671

Freedom is hard won, but our soldiers do it every day... take the Heroes’ Challenge

Veterans Car Show
Proceeds go to Veterans Aid and Assistance Program

Veterans' Car Show



September 5th, 2016

40 et 8

7607 NE 26th Avenue

Vancouver, WA 98665

10:00am - 4:00pm

\$15.00 entry

Cars 1975 and older

1st 25 cars receive goody bags!

Raffles, Games, Prizes, Music and More!

Indoor Beer Garden Chateau Open

Alcohol not allowed in the parking lot

Proceeds to benefit 40 et 8 Veterans Aid & Assistance Program

FOR INFORMATION CALL:

Bob Kadow 360-606-5195 or Earl Edwards 360-513-8251

Clark County Stand Down
Collection Point

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★ 2016 Clark County
★ Stand Down
★ Collection Point

★ Currently Collecting:

- ★ Shaving Cream Razors Shampoo
★ Conditioner Bar Soap Deoderant
★ Kleenex Chapstick Toothbrush
★ Toothpaste Q-Tips Band aids
★ Sleeping Bag Poncho Rain Gear
★ Wash Cloth Lotion Tarp Mat
★ Cold Weather Gear Feminine Products

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★ Help make a difference in our
★ commnunites homeless Veteran
★ population but donating extra items that
★ may be laying around.

★ Collection through August 1 Prom.

★ POC for questions:

★ Tiffany Plous cell: 360.931.2991



Veterans Village
Groundbreaking

You're Invited to the
Groundbreaking

for

VETERANS
VILLAGE

Housing for homeless veterans
Vancouver, WA

Saturday, August 13, 2016

11:00 AM

5118 NE St. James Road
Vancouver, WA 98663

**Come and enjoy the festivities,
meet the founders and supporters,
enjoy the food and music and see
the layout of the Veterans Village.**

Presented by:



a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation

The Veterans Village will consist of 18 Micro Homes and a large meeting hall. There will be one veteran per micro home and 24/7 on site security. Info: call Mike 360-601-6935 or Ron 360-608-4443 or visit the website: www.purekraze-eventsforvets.com

