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From the Chef de Gare

Hello fellow Voyagers. We are in to our summer schedule so no more Proms till Sept 4th 2017 when NEW officers take over. I went to Glen Shucks wife's memorial service. Russ and his wife were there along with Penny, it was a very nice service. He has lots of family, two great grandchildren.

With all the memorials we've have had lately greet everyone. You never know if we are going to see you again. On the late side Happy Father's day to all the Fathers. I hope you were treated to a good day.

As summer starts, be careful, we already have had a couple of water accidents and school is out kids are running all around. Remind your friends to be watchful, that is our next generation who are going to take care of us and we want them around to do that.

If you haven't heard, we have a New Grand Chef de Gare, Sara Lee from Spokane. Congrats to her. Not much else to say right now so have a good summer and be safe on any vacations you might take and come back in one piece.

George Golden
Chef de Gare
Voiture 99
2016-2017

Correspondants Notes

I was leafing through our Constitution and Policy and Procedure manual but did not find the item that I was looking for. We used to have a paragraph that said the Voiture would pay any members dues that surpassed the 30 year mark, or has been a Passé Chef de Gare. Only to find that it is no longer included in the latest update that was passed by the membership. So this means for the 2018 year, everyone will have to pay their own way. It cost the Voiture almost \$1500.00 to pay

dues for almost 50 members. With bingo not having the income that we are used to, it was probably a good idea to eliminate that paragraph. So, what will you do? My recommendation is to purchase a PUFL and forget about having to pay your way every year. It is a good idea for all our members to purchase a PUFL. Membership dues have not been changed for over 20 years so an increase is most likely on the horizon. With a PUFL, you will no longer need to be concerned with a dues price increase. You remain as a paid in full Voyageur. Here are the current rates.

Age bracket with the cost following
40-44 (\$691) 45-49 (\$621) 50-54 (\$550)
55-59 (\$478) 60-64 (\$404) 65-69 (\$346)
70-74 (\$290) 75-79 (\$236) 80-84 (\$189)
85-up (\$151)

There are three ways to pay off a PUFL; Cash, Check or Credit Card (Master Card, Visa, or Discover cards). Or, you can make an initial down payment of any amount and take up to 12 months to pay off the remainder, and then you will receive your beautiful plastic PUFL card. Sounds like a lot of money; this is really easier than paying off a car loan.

See the Correspondant for the application form. If you apply now for your PUFL, you will not have to pay your 2018 year dues. That saves you \$25.00.

Phil Yasson
Correspondant

Voiture 99 Annual Picnic

Thanks to Tom Stillman, Lampiste, Stephanie Collazo-Serrano and Roberta Giesler both of the La Femmes, for volunteering to help get the planning under way for our annual picnic. First we've decided to offer door prizes with ongoing giveaways throughout the day, more to come as we get the prizes set. We also hope to sell tickets for a grand prize and some 2nd and third place prizes. I'll let you know about them later. We will be selling tickets for the prizes and you do not need be present to win. This is a fund-

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raiser for one of our programs that has not been identified. Door prizes will be given away hourly!

Remember this is an adult event only; therefore no children under 21. Those invited are current members of Voiture 99, the La Femmes, and significant others. Also husbands/wives of deceased members. This is a potluck so bring your favorite dish. The Voiture will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, hot and cold drinks, as well a pony keg of beer. The NO HOST bar will be open in the Chateau.

What should Members provide? Your favorite dish, membership card for 2018, Membership can be paid anytime, to our Correspondent, between now and the picnic, or as you enter the picnic. The date of the Picnic is August 19, 2017. Picnic time is from 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Jerry Schue
Garde de la Porte

VAVS

For Bingo at the VA on May 25 we had 31 patients with 9 volunteers and we donated \$290.00 in prizes.

For Bingo at the VA on June 22 we had 23 patients with 9 volunteers and we donated \$290.00 in prizes.

Anyone interested in joining them contact John Landahl.

Chateau Schedule for July 2017

July 1st (Saturday)

Chateau Open
Bar & Grill
12:00 pm to 7:00 pm

July 4th (Tuesday)

Independence Day
Closed

July 6th (Thursday)

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

July 7th (Friday)

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

July 8th (Saturday)

Chateau Open
Bar & Grill
12:00 pm to 7:00 pm

July 13th (Thursday)

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

July 14th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Cost: \$8.00
Le Femmes Rummage Sale in Boxcar Room

July 15th (Saturday)

Chateau Open
Bar & Grill
12:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Le Femmes Rummage Sale in Boxcar Room

July 17th (Monday)

S.A.L.T.
11:00 am

July 18th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot
Dinner at 5:30 pm
Meetings at 6:30 pm
Menu: BBQ Chicken dinner
Cost: \$8.00

July 19th (Wednesday)

Korean War Veterans
9:00 am

July 20th (Thursday)

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

July 21st (Friday)

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

July 22nd (Saturday)

Chateau Open
Bar & Grill
12:00 pm to 7:00 pm

July 27th (Thursday)

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

July 28th (Friday)

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

July 29th (Saturday)

Chateau Open
Bar & Grill
12:00 pm to 7:00 pm

La Femmes



The La Femmes will hold their annual Rummage Sale at 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on July 14 & 15. Save all of your used treasures and clothing to donate to the sale. We will set up on July 13 in the Boxcar Room around 10:00 a.m. Bring your donations to the Boxcar Room on Thursday July 13 so the dames can get everything ready for the doors to open on the 14th. Any Dames who can help on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday please contact Mary Snyder or Judy Bailey.

The La Femmes will provide food for the Labor Day Car Show. The planning committee is working on the details. Contact Norma Cooley if you are able to help with food at the Car Show.

Voiture 99 will hold a Wreck on Saturday June 24. The La Femmes will gather in the Chateau at 9:30 a.m. to entertain the wives of the goofs being wrecked and invite them to join the La Femmes. Join us for another fun gathering.

The La Femmes will have a meet and greet on July 18, the evening of the Cheminot. We will not have a Cheminot, but will have the meet and greet, the perfect opportunity to introduce your friends and relatives to the La Femmes. We are planning to have a few desserts to share.

Remember the V99 Picnic on August 19. See

more information in this newsletter. All La Femmes are welcome to attend.

The La Femmes Thursday Morning Social meets in the Chateau. There is always fun and excitement. Join us and bring a friend. The first dames usually show up around 7:30 a.m. The conversation, coffee, and donuts are always good. We carry on until around 9:30. Plan to attend.

Remember to attend the Meet and Greet on July 18. It is instead of the July Cheminot. The next Rendezvous will be the Rendezvous-Cheminot in September. The date will be announced later. 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 Judy Bailey at 360-798-5166 or La Sous Presidente Betsy Ross at 360-609-7235.

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.

If you have items to send you can drop them off at the Chateau.

**Voiture 99
Membership Goal
for 2018**

100 %

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Gone but not forgotten

He will be missed by many.

Fred Robertson
(member since 1991)



Americanism

Grande du Washington Grande Promenade has come and gone. Grande is looking for a new Americanism Directeur. Let me know if you are interested and I will put you in touch with Sara Lee, the new Grande Chef du Gare.

If you ever think that Americanism isn't important, check this thank you letter sent from White Salmon Washington: Dear Lions and 40 & 8, Thank you so much for once again so generously sending all of our first graders American flags and the wonderful booklets. They love learning about the history of the flag and its forms. They are taught to respect the flag and put it in a place of honor in their home We say the Pledge of Allegiance every morning. I'm sure if you saw how respectful they all are you'd be very proud, as I am. Thanks again, Mrs. Beth Sauter 1st grade teacher.

AND THAT SAYS IT ALL

July 4th. Keep the flag flying high.

Dixie Lee Hotaling
Director Americanism

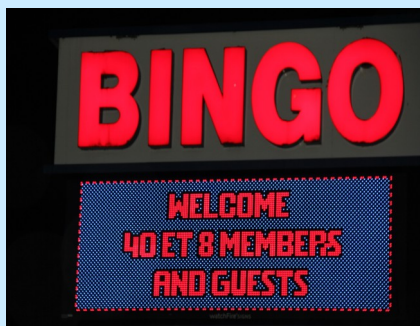
VA Announces Plan to Dispose Of Or Reuse All Its Vacant Buildings in 24 Months: Move Projected to Save Taxpayers Millions Annually

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WASHINGTON - Following through on a key promise from less than a month ago, Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin today announced a plan to dispose of all vacant VA buildings in 24 months (either by demolishing or setting for reuse).

See more on this topic:

<https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2919>



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.

July	4th	Vancouver Independence Day Parade	Frank
	4th	Ridgefield Independence Day Parade	Jim
	8th	Aamboy Territorial Days	Marc
	12th	Beaches Car Show	Jim
	15th	Battle Ground Harvest Days	Marc/Jim
	22nd	Camas Fun Days	Frank
August	1st	National Night Out-Tam O'Shanter Park, Kelso	Jim
	9th	Beaches Car Show	Jim
	18th	La Center - 8:00 pm	Jim/Marc

VA Modernization Initiative Reduces Processing Time for Veterans' Claims, Saves Future Taxpayer Dollars

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently started digitizing older, inactive paper records, which will save taxpayer dollars through reduced, leased office -space that currently houses these records.

“This is just one of the ways in which we are modernizing our capabilities, not only to be more responsive to Veterans and their families, but also to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars,” said VA’s Acting Under Secretary for Benefits Thomas Murphy.

This new “paper-extraction” process ensures that when a claim is filed, the Veteran’s electronic record is already available in VA’s computer systems, reducing processing time for benefit claims from Veterans and their survivors. In the past, when a Veteran filed a new or supplemental claim, if a medical condition had worsened, the retired paper files were boxed and shipped to a central site to scan into VA’s systems before work would begin on the new claim.

Nearly 2 million inactive files were housed in 33 regional offices across the country before the

change. As of April 14, more than 500,000 files have been collected from eight regional offices for scanning. Once the records have been digitized, VA will archive and store them in less expensive long-term storage for safe-keeping.

The agency plans to remove and scan paper claim records from the remaining regional offices by the end of 2018.

“This modernization initiative seeks to eliminate delays caused by shipping and digital conversion,” said Bradley Houston, director of VA’s Office of Business Process Integration, which oversees the initiative. “It will give claims processors nationwide the ability to instantly access millions of inactive claim records when needed.”

Over the past five years, VA has made concerted efforts to modernize the way it processes compensation and pension claims. Since 2012, 397 million records — consisting of 2.6 billion images — have been scanned, indexed and uploaded into the agency’s electronic-claims processing system, Veterans Benefits Management System. In fiscal 2016, VA provided compensation and pension benefits to more than 5.1 million Veterans and family members, totaling over \$80 billion.

For more information about VA’s benefits, go to <http://benefits.va.gov/benefits/> or call 800-827-1000



Save the Dates



**Celebrating Independence Day,
July 1, 2017 at 6:30pm**

\$25 for the first packet, \$10 each additional -

Paying \$1000 a game

4- \$1199 Blackouts

Pick 8 & Bonanza guaranteed \$500

BBQ dinner included with buy in

Pulled Pork sandwich, com, coleslaw and ice cream

La Femme's Cabane #99

RUMMAGE SALE



JULY 14TH 9 AM - 4 PM

JULY 15TH 9 AM - 3 PM

AT

40 et 8 BOXCAR ROOM

78TH STREET IN VANCOUVER
NEXT TO BINGO PARLOR

**Proceeds will Benefit
40 et 8 Nurses Training
Program**



**OREGON
SPIRIT OF '45**
REMEMBER AND BE INSPIRED

Spirit of '45 Day

Willamette National Cemetery
Sunday, August 13, 2017, 11 AM

Officer of the Day

Master of Ceremonies - Willamette National Cemetery

Prelude	Bret Lucich
Invocation	Chaplain
Assembly	Rod Lucich
Presentation of Colors	US Jr. ROTC Cadets
National Anthem	Rod Lucich
Pledge of Allegiance	
Welcome	George Allen - Willamette National Cemetery Director
Wreath Presentation	WWII Veterans -- Escorted by US Jr ROTC Cadets
Keynote 'Air Power' Addresses	
Jonna Doolittle Hoppes - Granddaughter, Aviation Pioneer Jimmy Doolittle	
Benjamin Berry, Jr. - Son of Tuskegee Airmen 'Flaps' Benjamin Berry	
Congressional Recognition (Invited)	U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
Legacy Spirit of '45 Anthem	Bret Lucich
Oregon Spirit of '45 Remarks:	Barbara Jensen - Oregon Spirit of '45 Founder & President
"One Hero At A Time"	Bret Lucich
21-Gun Salute	Legion Post 180
"Taps"	Rod Lucich
"Amazing Grace"	Military Honors By The Pipes
Benediction	Chaplain
Retirement of the Colors	US Jr ROTC Cadets
Dismissal & Postlude	Bret Lucich



Our Mission: To commemorate the achievements and virtues of the World War II generation, on the 2nd Sunday of every August, so as to inspire future generations.

Our Role: Collect WWII hero photos submitted to build the Oregon Wall of Honor and enhance the national Wall of Honor to be unveiled in Washington DC August 2020..

For 2020, our 5 year vision through dozens of 75th Anniversaries continues ceremonial and parade activities across the state so that the legacy of the World War II generation is remembered and inspires generations to come. We will continue to raise funds to increase participation to support the Wall of Honor, Faces of Heroes and parade posters that engage youth teams to 'REMEMBER AND BE INSPIRED.'

As Oregon best prepares for the 75th Commemoration of the end of WWII, Oregon Spirit of '45 will:

Partner on a state level to honor the 152,000 Oregonians who served; e.g., Willamette National Cemetery, the Daughters of the American Revolution and Dignity Memorial.

Collaborate on a national level to honor the 16.1 million who served e.g., National Spirit of '45 Coalition, Friends of the National World War II Memorial and National Parks.

Liaison on an international level to honor the nearly 100,000 fallen who rest offshore; e.g., European cemetery sites of the American Battle Monuments Commission.



Warrior to Soulmate

Couples Relationship Enhancement

Saturday, 8 July 2017
VA Portland Health Care System, Vancouver Campus
Registration required
Limited to ten couples

The Warrior to Soul Mate (W2SM) is a program that provides hope and renewal to relationships impacted by military service, deployments and war. It provides a safe and healing environment for Veterans to renew and reconnect with their significant other through the teaching of communication skills.

Warrior To Soul Mate

Contact Chaplain James Asparro to register

Email: james.asparro@va.gov

Phone: 503-220-8262 ext. 31435

