



# Boxcar Bulletin

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## From the Chef de Gare

First and foremost I wish to express my profound thanks for the honor you have all done me, by electing me your Chef de Gare for the upcoming year. Harry Truman was once asked what the greatest honor he had ever received was. Without question, he is reported as saying; it was being elected Captain of my National Guard Company, which was sent to France during World War I. I have often reflected upon what a difference it would have made if as a young Marine, I and my fellow Marines had been asked to elect our Captain from amongst the members of our Company. If you ever get a chance to look up a picture of Captain Truman, he cuts an impressive image in his uniform. Now having been elected by our company to lead you during the next year, I know how he felt.

- Remember that dues for the 2015-16 year are due now. National has changed the due date for us to send all our dues and membership numbers in from September 31st annually, to December 31st of the current year, moving up the process by nine months. **Therefore a 2016 membership card will be required to attend the September Prom.**
- I would like to ask all Directors to be prepared work with Bill Hauser explaining the purpose of each of your programs. We will be redesigning the website so each Director will have a page and be responsible for its content and keeping it current. I recently solicited a contribution for the Loci and was surprised that we did not have anything I could refer to.
- I would like to thank the budget committee for their hard work, and remind them that we will be meeting every quarter before the Prom in order to review our progress, and make adjustments as necessary.
- I would also like to thank everyone who helped out at the Picnic and to thank George for spearheading this program.
- Lastly, after reviewing the Constitution and at the request of the House Committee,

- I will be moving their meetings from 1630 before the Cheminot to 1630 before the Prom effective this month.**

Thanks for taking the time to read my ramblings.

Jim Renton  
Chef de Gare  
2015-2016

## Attention La Femmes

Help me welcome the newest Dames to La Societe de Femme and to Cabane 99 who were initiated on August 18. They are Ann Stillman, Bea Ritter, Gail Hankel, Joan Hausinger, and Judy Williams. We look forward to getting to know you better, working with you, and having a great time. Thanks to the Dames and Voyageurs who introduced their friends and spouses to Cabane 99.

The 40 et 8 is hosting the Veterans Car Show on Labor Day September 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Dames of Cabane 99 will provide the food and beverage concession. Dames interested in helping to setup, serve, and clean up please contact Norma Cooley. Everyone interested in checking out a fun car show should attend. There will be an Elvis impersonator and a DJ, not to mention all those cars. Proceeds from the food concession will go to the Cabane 99 child welfare charities.

Make way for the Christmas Bazaar on November 13-14. Bazaar Chair Sandy Knudtson and her committee are hard at work getting things ready. At the 8/18 Cheminot the Dames voted to put the proceeds toward the Cabane 99 child welfare charities.

The Dames of Cabane 99 are starting a Thursday morning Social Hour at 9:00 a.m. in the Chateau Lounge. Join your fellow dames for coffee and donuts and some lively conversation. Feel free to bring your friends and sisters. We hope this will start a fun new tradition.

Dues for 2015-2016 are due at this time. Dues are \$25.00 for the year. Mail them to the Chateau to the attention of Cabane 99, or to Elaine Meis or Roberta Giesler at their addresses on the

membership roster. The easiest way to pay dues is to bring them with you to the next Rendezvous or Cheminot or Dames' Thursday a.m. Social Hour.

Special thanks go to the outgoing officers for their leadership and hard work. This has been a good year thanks to the efforts of La Presidente Judy Bailey, La Sous Presidente Marsha Keen, La Correspondante Elaine Meis, La Commissaire Intendante Roberta Giesler, La Conducteur Barbara Yasson, La Aumonier Mary Snyder, La Historien Linda Tarbell, La Drapeau Donica Poer, La Garde de la Porte Loydene Beer, and Les Cheminots Anita Stacey, Jo Ann Strickland, and Sharon Shattuck. Without their leadership and that of the committee chairs 2015 would not have been the good year it was. The incoming officers will take office at the October Rendezvous

Linda Tarbell and Barbara Yasson will represent Cabane 99 at La Rendezvous Nationale at Green Bay, WI in September. Roberta Giesler, the outgoing Area 1 La Sous Presidente Nationale will also attend. We extend our best wishes for their safe travel and a productive convention.

On September 8 we will hold the only meeting of the month. It will be a combined Cheminot and Rendezvous at the usual time 6:30 p.m. Plan to attend as we will discuss some of the plans for the coming year.

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 798-5166 or La Sous Presidente Marsha Keen at 907-0424.

## Gone but not forgotten

John E. Davies, a 13 year member  
Arthur W. Allen, 24 year member  
Gale D. Shirts, a 31 year member  
Don Generaux, a 13 year member

## They will be missed



# Chateau Schedule for September 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

## September 3rd (Thursday)

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

## September 4th (Friday)

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

Chateau opens at noon

## September 5th (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm  
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Menu: Salad Bar/ Salisbury steak \$8.00

## September 7th (Monday)

**LABOR DAY**

**1st ANNUAL CAR SHOW**

Supporting Veterans

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Hamburgers/ Hot Dogs/Potato Salad/ Corn on the cob YUM YUM  
Bar will be open

## September 8th (Tuesday)

**V-99 Prom/Cheminot/House Committee C99 Rendezvous**

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Menu: Salad Bar/Spaghetti

## September 10th (Thursday)

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

## September 11th (Friday)

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

Chateau opens at noon

## September 12th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm  
Dinner: 5:00 pm  
Salad bar/ Meatloaf \$8.00

## September 16th (Wednesday)

Korean War Veterans  
10:00 am

## September 17th (Thursday)

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

## September 18th (Friday)

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

Chateau opens at noon

## September 19th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm

Dinner: **Steak Night**

**RSVP with John 936-5505**

**\$12.00**

## September 24th (Thursday)

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

## September 25th (Friday)

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

Chateau opens at noon

## September 26th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm  
Dinner: \$8.00  
Pork Roast or Baked Chicken Breast

**The La Femme's are going to start having a Social Hour on Thursday morning starting at 9 am in the Lounge.**

## September Trivia:

1. What is the flag of the United States called?
2. Why was the American flag created?
3. What do the 13 stripes on the flag represent?
4. What do the 50 stars on the flag represent?
5. Who created the most recent version of the flag?
6. Did Betsy Ross really play a role in creating the American Flag?

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## From the Correspondant

September is here and the summer is over. Children will be heading off to school so be sure to keep a watch out for them when your behind the wheel.

Mark the 8th of Sept on your calendar. We will have the House Committee, Cheminot and the Promenade all on this same date. We do this just about every year because most of our newly elected officers will be heading off to the Promenade Nationale toward the middle of the month.

This year the Promenade Nationale will be held in Green Bay, WI. There will be a number of topics addressed at the Promenade on the 8th, which will have an effect on the Voiture and your vote will be important.

The Committee to bring our Constitution and Policies & Procedures up to date has been making good progress and will, I'm sure, be presenting an update. Keep in mind that our Thursday morning coffee get together is still solving all the problems of the world and we can always use your input.

Friday morning breakfasts are still the best around town at only \$8.00. So, come on in and enjoy the hospitality, good food and company of your fellow Voyageurs.

Frank Falbee  
Correspondant V-99

## From the Loci Committee

September -  
9th Beaches Cruise In - George  
12th Brush Prairie, Spirit Parade -  
Marc

October -  
Post 14 Children's Halloween Party -  
Jim

November -  
7th Vancouver, Veterans Day  
Parade - George  
27th Vancouver, Xmas Tree  
Lighting/Santa - Jim  
28th Festival of Trees (9am-  
Noon) - Jim/Marc  
28th Uptown Village - George

If you haven't ridden the Loci you really should, it's a lot of fun. Plus your children and grandchildren will have fun.

If you want to ride on the Loci in one of these events contact the driver listed to make sure there is room. Watch the schedule posted in the entryway at the Chateau for last minute cancellations or additions.



**40 & 8  
AMERICANISM  
NEWSLETTER – AREA - A  
September 2015**

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”  
Thomas A. Edison

September has arrived. Excitement fills the air as children scurry to fill backpacks, climb aboard the yellow bus and make new friends. It is also time for Americanism to hit the road running. What creative Flags for First Graders programs will you present in your community? How many families will learn about the 40 & 8? What are your goals and objectives for 2015-2016?

Much has happened over the summer. I had the privilege of attending a Stand Down that was held at our Army Reserve Center in Vancouver. Handed out what seemed like a zillion flyers on the 40 & 8, Healing on the Home Front and our new Women Vets Connect Support Network. It was a great networking experience. How many community events will you attend?

Many of you are getting ready for the National Prom in Green Bay Wisconsin. Please remember to bring your Flag for First Graders photos. Also, share any handouts you have created during the year. You may be the idea- person for another Voiture.

There are so many ways to share our 40 & 8 experiences. Fundraisers are great. Clark County Voiture 99 is planning a spaghetti dinner event to raise Flags for First Graders funds. USO events are fun. Ticket sales generate funding. Our local Red Cross has a junior group – who model period uniforms and give a neat presentation. Check out your community to include youth in your Americanism projects. Our Young Marines and Boy Scouts always step up to present flag colors at our events. The resources are endless.

Fall is great – this is the dawning of a new fiscal year. Think outside of the box. What will work in your community? Be creative.

Did you know that the third friday of September is National POW-MIA recognition day? Its focus is to remind Americans of their responsibility to do everything possible to account for those military personnel who do not return from war.

From the desk of Dixie Hotaling.



Grande	WASHINGTON			Thursday, July 30, 2015	
Voiture	2014 YTD Total	2015 YTD Total	2014 Year End Total	% of Quota	short/ over
75	18	16	18	88.89%	-2
83	16	17	16	106.25%	1
87	1	1	1	100.00%	0
88	9	9	9	100.00%	0
90	44	44	44	100.00%	0
91	93	88	93	94.62%	-5
94	14	14	14	100.00%	0
96	11	11	11	100.00%	0
99	362	374	373	100.27%	1
135	144	133	144	92.36%	-11
271	12	12	12	100.00%	0
1213	32	35	32	109.38%	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>98.31%</b>	<b>-13</b>

## Veterans' Car Show

at the  
**40 et 8**  
7607 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, WA 98665

September 7, 2015  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**\$15.00 entry fee**  
“entries = 1975 and older”

**Grand Prize  
Tickets  
\$1.00**

**Elvis  
On Stage  
1 pm-3 pm**

**Food  
Raffles  
50/50  
Games ??**

**1st 25 cars  
will receive  
Goody Bags**

Indoor Beer Garden  
Chateau Open

(Alcohol not allowed in the parking lot.)

Proceeds to 40 et 8 Veterans' Aid and Assistance Program

For info call Bob Perrin 360.256.5104 or Bob Kadon 360.606.5195

# 1st Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Jr. among dozens of Tarawa Marines recovered from burial site lost in 1943

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**BETIO ISLAND, TARAWA ATOLL, Republic of Kiribati** — An archaeological team from Florida-based History Flight, Inc. has solved a 70-year-old mystery with the discovery in March of a long-lost burial trench and the recovery of at least three-dozen U.S. Marines killed in the battle of Tarawa, Nov. 20-23, 1943.

“History Flight is extremely pleased to announce the discovery and recovery of historic Cemetery 27 on Betio Island as part of its 10-year, multi-million-dollar effort to recover hundreds of Marines lost to history, their nation and their families in 1943,” says founder and director Mark Noah. “Our trans-disciplinary team of forensic anthropologists, geophysicists, historians, surveyors, anthropologists, forensic odontologists, unexploded ordinance specialists, medics and cadaver dog handlers excelled in difficult conditions to produce spectacular results.”

History Flight works in cooperation with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, the federal agency tasked with recovering the remains of missing U.S. service personnel.

“We are very grateful for the efforts of Mark Noah and History Flight for the recovery of these Marines lost during the Battle of Tarawa. We are working with History Flight and the Marine Corps to repatriate these remains to the United States, after which DPAA’s laboratory will expeditiously confirm or complete the identities of the recovered Marines,” says Lt. Gen. Michael S. Linnington, director of DPAA. “This is a tremendous example of how private-public partnerships can contribute to our accounting efforts both now and in the future.”

The remains of at least 40 men killed in fighting on the north side of tiny Betio were recorded as having been buried at a site near the terminus of a Japanese-built pier. An American Graves Registration Service team returned to the island in June 1946 and exhumed some 500 Marines, but was unable to locate Cemetery 27. The men buried there were among hundreds officially declared “unrecoverable” by the Quartermaster General’s Office in 1949.

Among the Marines recovered and now positively identified are those of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Jr., one of four recipients of the Medal of Honor for actions at Tarawa, and the only one whose remains had been unaccounted for.

“The location of Cemetery 27 has been one of Tarawa’s most challenging historical puzzles. History Flight’s discovery and recovery of the site is a testament to the tenacity and professionalism with which it has searched for all the missing Tarawa Marines,” says Clay Bonnyman Evans of Niwot, Colorado, who was working with the team when his grandfather was recovered May 29. “Our family, including Lt. Bonnyman’s two surviving daughters — my mother and aunt — is deeply grateful to History Flight for accomplishing what nobody else could for more than seven decades.”

Bonnyman’s daughters have decided to have his remains interred in the family plot in Knoxville, Tennessee, next to his parents, two sisters and brother. The family is currently planning a public funeral service for sometime in the fall.

Few Americans were aware U.S. Marines were still buried on Betio between 1950 and the dawn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Noah learned of the “lost graves of Tarawa” while searching for a downed plane in the Betio lagoon in 2006. History Flight spent thousands of hours searching archives for clues before sending teams to the island for six weeks in 2008 to locate former cemetery sites and scan them with ground penetrating radar.

To date, History Flight has recovered a minimum of 120 individuals once declared “unrecoverable” from Betio’s sandy tombs. Among those recovered at Cemetery 27 by the recovery team are six sets of unknown and possibly unrecorded remains.

“It has been an honor and privilege to lead our recovery team and find these long missing U.S. servicemen,” says archaeologist Kristen N. Baker, History Flight Recovery Team leader. “These brave men made the ultimate sacrifice over 70 years ago, and they deserve the best possible repatriation that we can give them. I hope they that they will finally receive the heroes departure and welcome home that they truly deserve.”

The team will continue to work the Cemetery 27 site through the end of June in advance of a forensic review of recovered remains in July, including comparison with dental records and DNA of descendants of missing Tarawa Marines.

Family members of individuals still unaccounted

for from the battle of Tarawa are encouraged to contact History Flight at [www.historyflight.com](http://www.historyflight.com) or 1-888-743-3311. “Although we have dental matches to known missing Tarawa Marines for more than half of the recovered individuals, we are seeking DNA reference samples from families of the Tarawa missing,” says Ed Huffine, board secretary for History Flight. “We plan to have all of these recovered heroes identified by the end of the summer.”

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## September Trivia Answers

1. The U.S. flag is most often referred to as the American flag. Nicknames for the flag also include 'Old Glory', 'Star and Stripes', and 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'
2. The American flag was created in the midst of the Revolutionary War to inspire national unity and create a separate identity from Britain. It first appeared in 1777 and has been officially modified 26 times since then.
3. The stripes on the American flag represent the original 13 colonies that declared independence from Britain in 1776.
4. There is one star for each of the 50 states in the union. As a side note, if you still have an old flag with 48 stars on it (before Alaska and Hawaii were added to the union), collectors may be willing to shell out \$60 to \$75 for it, depending on its condition.
5. The 50 star flag was created by a 17 year old high school student named Robert Heft and he originally only received a 'B-' on the project. The 50 star flag is now the first one to have lasted 50 years without being modified - which really means this is the first time in U.S. history that we've had a stretch of at least 50 years without adding a new state to the union.
6. She may have sewn a few in her day, but as for designing it - this is an American myth. The first person to write about Betsy Ross being the inventor was her grandson, many years after her death