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## From the Chef de Gare

First of all, I want all Voiture 99 Voyagers to know how much I appreciate your vote of confidence. I will endeavor to meet all of your expectations. I am the consummate optimist and believe that this next year will be an outstanding one. As your new Chef de Gare, I will seek out suggestions from the membership for improvements or solutions to problems or issues that we face.

We are currently living in time where most citizens have to pinch pennies to squeak by from pay check to pay check. Fewer people have finances to play bingo or otherwise support our efforts to aid those in need in the community. Temporary cutbacks in some of our programs may be necessary to keep the voiture in the black. This should be a last resort. So what can we do to ensure that our programs continue? I look forward to hearing from all of you with your suggestions.

We have been very successful this year in recruiting new members. We are at 100%, which is commendable. However, what I have noticed is that few of the new members are showing up to Promenade or Cheminot, and few are active in our programs. I commend those new voyagers who are stepping up and participating and I encourage others to find the satisfaction in being an "active" member. Remember, when you are considering a nomination for membership, the person being nominated should be the last person to know. He/She should be nominated (four signatures required), vetted, and voted on before being invited to participate. We (I include myself) have been guilty of signing off on a nomination without knowing the individual. When you sign the nomination form you are stating that you know the individual and he is a good candidate for membership.

Remember the reason 40 et 8 was established during WW1. The main focus was to have fun. Today, that focus remains, with the addition of serving our community. All of our programs are vital to our existence as a viable community benevolent organization. In serving our community we should incorporate humor without sacrificing the mission.

We should to get back to "fun" events, to include our meetings. I encourage all to exercise our rituals and procedures to help foster the spirit in which 40 et 8 was born. We all should know the proper procedures and should use them, when appropriate, or bring sufficient small bills to cover assessments that are levied.

I would like to encourage liaison with La-Femmes to pursue fund raisers to support our programs. Let's use all of this "untapped" energy for positive gain.

I look forward to serving as your Chef de Gare.

Jerry Keen  
Chef de Gare  
2014 - 2015

### \*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*

**Special House Committee /  
Cheminot session to be held be-  
fore the September 8th  
Promenade.**

Special session hours are as follows:

HC / Cheminot - 4:00 pm  
Dinner - 5:00 pm  
Promenade - 6:00 pm

## Correspondants Notes

September is shaping up to be an interesting and busy month. *With Labor Day weekend ending on the first Monday of the month this year, our Prom has been rescheduled for the second Monday, the 8th of September.* Something else to consider is that a number of our newly elected and/or appointed Officers will be heading off to Virginia Beach for the Promenade Nationale. However, before they leave little things like the approval of an operating budget and appointment of committee chairs must be completed. *With that in mind, the September House Committee and Cheminot have also been rescheduled for the 8th of September at 4 pm. Dinner will be served at 5 pm and the Promenade will begin at 6 pm.* Remember also, if you have not already paid them, your annual membership dues are due. Stop by or mail them in and I will get them processed and your new card out to you as soon as I can.

Should you need to contact the Correspondent, for any reason, I am normally at the Chateau on Thursday mornings from 8 am until 11:30 am. However, if you need to speak to me and can't make it on Thursday, call me at (360)344-2653 or E-Mail me at [fmf4143@gmail.com](mailto:fmf4143@gmail.com) and we can arrange a date/time to meet.

Karla Bean, your Commissaire Intendant can be reached at (360) 696 2326 or at [V99.commissaireintendant@comcast.net](mailto:V99.commissaireintendant@comcast.net) to make arrangements to see her.

Frank Falbee  
Correspondant

## Attention La Femmes

Help me welcome to Cabane 99 the eight new Dames who were initiated at the August 19

Rendezvous. They are Bari Smith, Cheryl Bogle, Betsy Ross, Mary Dean, Nicole Wubben, Norine Bogle, Patricia Running, and Roberta "Robbie" Smith. Welcome aboard, Dames, we look forward to getting to know you better.

Speaking of the August 19 Rendezvous, the Dames voted to change the days for the meetings. As of the vote the Rendezvous is the first Monday of the month, the same day of the Voyageurs' Promenade. The Cheminot is the third Tuesday of the month, the same day of the Voyageurs' Cheminot. The September calendar will be out soon and will reflect the change. Mark your calendars so you do not forget that the days of our meetings have flipped.

Any Dames, who have not already renewed their La Femme membership, please contact La Correspondante Elaine Meis, or renew at the next Rendezvous or Cheminot. Dues are \$25.00. Membership is past due on October 31. Renew early and avoid the last minute renewal rush.

The lovely Cabane 99 La Femme shirts are available from Roberta Giesler for \$30.00. If you need a new shirt, another color, or the shirt to start your Cabane 99 collection, please see Roberta. At the Rendezvous Roberta modeled the new Mess Hat that sells for \$16.00. It is not a replacement for our berets, but a hat with the La Femme logo that you can wear anywhere. See Roberta to order yours.

La Correspondante Elaine Meis sent all of the Dames copies of the list of new officers and the chairs of the standing committees. If you want to help with one of the committees talk with the committee chair or La Presidente Judy Bailey. The new officers will assume their positions after the Nationale in Virginia Beach. We wish those who are travelling to Nationale safe travels and a productive meeting.

The next Rendezvous will be held on September 8 (the date changed to the second Monday due to Labor Day). The next Cheminot will be held on Tuesday September 16. Be sure to attend so you will be up to date on all of the Cabane 99 activities.

If you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99 contact Judy Bailey at 798-5166 or Barbara Yasson at 574-1152.

## Hail and Farewell

You will be missed

Gil Porter



# Chateau Schedule for September 2014

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast. 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

**SATURDAY DINNER MENUS ARE FOODS AVAILABLE FROM THE GRILL HOURS 4:00 PM TO 6:30 PM**

September 4<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
Members & Guest Coffee  
8:30 am to 10:00 am

September 5<sup>th</sup> (Friday)  
Members & Guest Breakfast  
Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00  
7:30 am to 9:00 am

September 6<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)  
Chateau Opens 2:00 pm  
Grill hours 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

September 8<sup>th</sup> (Monday)  
**V99 Cheminot - C99 Rendezvous - Prom**  
Chateau opens 4:00 pm  
Cheminot at 4:00 pm  
Dinner 5:30 pm Cost \$8.00  
Prom 6:30 pm  
Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwich or Sloppy Joes  
Coleslaw and Bar BQ Beans

September 11<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
Members & Guest Coffee  
8:30 am to 10:00 am

September 12<sup>th</sup> (Friday)  
Members & Guest Breakfast  
Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00  
7:30 am to 9:00 am

September 13<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)  
Chateau Opens 2:00 pm  
Grill hours 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

September 15<sup>th</sup> (Monday)  
**S.A.L.T. 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

September 18<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
Members & Guest Coffee  
8:30 am to 10:00 am

September 19<sup>th</sup> (Friday)  
Members & Guest Breakfast  
Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00  
7:30 am to 9:00 am

September 20<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)  
Chateau opens at 2:00 pm  
Grill hours 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

**September 24<sup>th</sup> To September 27<sup>th</sup>  
NATIONAL PROMENADE  
IN VIRIGINA BEACH**

September 25<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
Members & Guest Coffee  
8:30 am to 10:00 am

September 26<sup>th</sup> (Friday)  
Members & Guest Breakfast  
Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00  
7:30 am to 9:00 am

September 27<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)  
Chateau Opens 2:00 pm  
Grill hours 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

## La Femmes meeting night changes

On Tuesday August 19th the La Femmes voted to change their meeting nights to be more closely aligned with the Voyagers meeting nights. This means that on the first Monday of the month the ladies will have their Rendezvous and on the third Tuesday they'll have their Cheminot.

## Voiture 99 Elected Officers and Appointed Directors 2014 - 2015

Officer Title	Officer Name
Chef De Gare	Jerry Keen
Chef De Train	Jim Renton
Garde De La Porte	George Golden
Correspondant	Frank Falbee
Comm. Intendant	Karla Bean
Commis Voyageur	Michael Stacey
Lampiste	John Root
Avocat	Ed Dunkle
Aumonier	James Meade
Passe Chef	Bob Brennan
Conductor	Landahl, John
Dir. Americanism	Hotaling, Dixie
Dir. Box Car	Patrick Locke
Dir. Carville Star	Fox, Richard
Dir. Child Welfare	Dunkle, Ed
Dir. Nurses Training	Frank Cooley
Dir. Pow/Mia	Steven Slegers
Dir. Public Relations	Bill Hauser
Dir. Ritual	David Foslien
Dir. Vavs	Landahl, John
Dir. Voiture Activities	Marlene Varga Jonathan Edwards
Dir. Youth Sports	Earl Edwards
Sous Dir Youth Sports	Earl Edwards
Historien	Randy Warneke

## Memo from the Passe Chef

This is the time for me to thank all of the members of Voiture 99, the committee Chair Persons, committee members and elected officers for a successful 2013 / 2014 year .

Together we were able to make changes to Locale, that in the long view, will make us stronger and be able to move forward knowing that we will spend only what we have and not what we want to spend.

I know that more changes will be done this coming year and beyond that will continue to make us a better organization. We can only grow when we face the changes that need to be made with good insight, determination and a resolve to complete the task at hand.

We are only as good as we want to be.

Thanks,  
Bob Brennan  
Passe Chef de Gare

## Coming Events

**VBMA Continuing History Talks** presents - "They fought like wounded Buffalo," Traditions of African American army soldiers after the Civil War 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Friday, 12 September 2014 at the 40 et 8 Chateau.

After the Civil War, during Reconstruction, the United States Army created several regiments of infantry and cavalry composed almost entirely of African American soldiers. These units known historically as Buffalo Soldiers served with distinction and honor on the American frontier.

**POW/MIA Turnover Ceremony** – Sept. 19th, 11:00AM, at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. CMAC will turn over ownership of the new POWMIA memorial to the AFRC.

**POW/MIA Observance and Dedication** – Sept. 20th, 11:00 AM, at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. Indoor Reception at 9:45 AM. Guest Speakers: Mayor Tim Leavitt, 17th District Rep. Paul Harris, 17th District Rep. Monica Stonier, US Army Col. John Sweeney, Kelly Puntney, and WWII POW 70th Infantry Division Dale Bowlin.

**Veterans Parade** - November 8th, 11:00 am at the Fort Vancouver Historical Site . The Veterans Parade at Fort Vancouver was started 28 years ago as a way to honor Veterans .

**Veteran's Day Ceremony** – November 11th, 11:00 AM at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. Indoor Reception starts at 9:45 AM. Displays, Children's Game Room, and plenty of other activities to watch.



The Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) invites you to:  
**National POW/MIA Recognition Day Observance and Memorial Dedication**

Saturday, September 20, 2014  
9:45 a.m. reception • 11:00 a.m. program



Everyone is invited to see the unveiling of the new POW/MIA monument and remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families.

**LOCATION:**  
Armed Forces Reserve Center  
15005 NE 65th Street

From I-205 North or South:  
Take exit 30, take ramp right for WA-500 East  
Keep right onto NE Fourth Plain Blvd  
Turn right onto NE 152nd Avenue  
Turn right onto NE 65th Street

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