

Next Promenade - December 1st
Next Cheminot - December 16th

Saturday Dinner Menus are
Foods Available From the Grill
Hours 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

I hope you and your family have a Merry
Christmas and Happy Holidays.
Bill Hauser

Happy
Holidays

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From the Chef de Gare

Voyageurs:

Few of you may know that I returned from the Caribbean about ten days ago and I have been bed-ridden with the Caribbean Crud which developed into Pneumonia. It was a wonderful journey, and I didn't get sick until the flight home, so I was able to enjoy the port stops on the cruise ship.

I received a few messages from voyageurs, voicing concern about the Passe Chef's Christmas Party. This is a time when our Past Chef, Bob Brennan, has the opportunity to show his appreciation to the membership for the support he received during his tenure. It is also a time that we can show our respect to him for stepping up and taking the reins over the past year. Bob put in a lot of hard work and time and deserves a good showing for the event. Let's step up and show him how much we appreciate him.

I would like to encourage you, once again, to be out in the community searching for candidates for membership in our Voiture. The emphasis should be on quality veterans who are active in the community, but also are a little younger than the rest of us and can continue the work that so many Voyageurs before us has provided. Bring a young veteran or active duty member to breakfast and introduce them around. You might be doing them a favor.

Serving at your pleasure!

Jerry Keen
Chef de Gare
2014 - 2015

Correspondants Notes

Its December already, what happened to October and November???

With these colder – darker days ahead, leave plenty of time to get to where you need to be, and watch out for those who always seem to be in a hurry. Drive Safely. As always, December will be a very busy month for all of us. Keep the date of December 7th in mind.

human race has ever inflicted on itself with over 60 million casualties.

There are many Holiday events scheduled for December so take a look at the calendar for the date and times. One item of special note is the change to the menu for the Past Chefs Dinner on the 20th of December. The new menu will offer Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu. The price will be \$20.00 per person. Our Chateau Manager asked that if you plan to attend to please let him know so he can order appropriately.

If you have not renewed your dues yet, they are now PAST DUE and risk the possibility of suspension of your membership if you fail to renew by the 31st of December. I wish you all enjoy a Merry Christmas and a safe Holiday Season.

Frank Falbee
Correspondant

Gone but not forgotten



They will be missed

James H. Barrett	37 Yrs. With the 40/8
A. Everett Cook	17 Yrs. With the 40/8
William Reinhardt	39 Yrs. With the 40/8
Gilbert Ridout	29 Yrs. With the 40/8
• Donald Wilson	(Past Chef de Gare-2001) 7 Yrs. With the 40/8

Attention La Femmes

The La Femme Arts & Crafts Bazaar went off really well on Friday November 7 - 8. There were many great bargains, nice crafty items, good food, and great company at the Bazaar. Thanks to Sandy Knudtson for organizing another great fund raiser, and to Carol Perrin and Alice Kadow for their culinary assistance. Thanks to the vendors, the bakers, and the setup crew for their efforts to make the Bazaar the success it was.

Thanks to the Dames and Voyageurs who so generously donated food and funds for the

residents at the Vancouver Transplant Lodge. Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude and the perfect time to thank George the chef in the kitchen who roasted the turkeys for the VA Transplant Lodge Thanksgiving dinner, and who is responsible for many other fine meals served at the 40 et 8. Thanks for all you do, George. Additional thanks go to Norma and Frank Cooley for organizing and accomplishing the logistics of the VA Transplant Lodge food project. Without them it would not happen.

Anne McEnerny-Ogle is looking for donations to help with the Christmas Stockings for children in foster care. If you can give money make a check to Cabane 99 and specify the Christmas Stocking project. Cash works well, also.

For those of you who have not paid your 2014 -2015 dues, they are due now. Dues are \$25.00 for the year. The easiest way to pay dues is to bring them with you to the next Rendezvous or Cheminot. Another option is to 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.

Join us for the next Rendezvous at 6:30 p.m. on Monday December 1 and the next Cheminot at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday December 16. Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room and stay for the meetings. 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 Marsha Keen 907-0424.



Chateau Schedule for December 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

December 1st (Monday)

V99 Prom / C99 Rendezvous

Chateau opens 4:00 pm
 Dinner 5:30 pm Cost \$6.00
 Prom 6:30 pm
 Menu: Soup and salad Bar

December 4th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

December 5th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00
 7:30 am to 9:00 am

December 6th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm
 Grill hours 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

December 11th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

December 12th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00
 7:30 am to 9:00 am

December 13th (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm
 Grill hours 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

December 16th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

Dinner at 5:30 pm \$6.00

December 17th (Wednesday)

Korean War Veterans

10:00 am

December 19th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

December 20th (Friday)

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

December 22nd (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2 pm

Past Chefs Banquet

Prime Rib/Chicken Cordon Bleu
 Social Hour 5:30 pm / Dinner 6:30 pm

Rsvp: John Clapp 360-936-5505

We Only Have Seating For 88

So Don't Wait!

COST: \$20.00

December 25th (Thursday)

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

December 26th (Friday)

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

December 27th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm

Members Pot Luck

(Bring Your Favorite Dish)

We Always Have A Good Time

5:00 pm

Membership Goal

100 % (373)

90 %
 80 %
 70 %
 60 %
 50 %
 40 %
 30 %
 20 %
 10 %

65.4%

Passé Chef's Dinner RSVP Form

Fill in form and return with check either by mail or at the Chateau by December 1, 2014

Passé Chef's Dinner December 20, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m. in the Boxcar Room

Dress: Semi Formal

MENU choose an entre:

Chicken Cordon Bleu _____

Prime Rib _____

Dinner cost: \$20.00 per person

Total dinner cost \$ _____

Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Cost to reserve a table for 10 people: \$15.00

of tables _____ Table reservation total \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Phone number: _____ E-Mail address: _____

ATTENTION VOYAGEURES AND DAMES

The time is getting short for getting your reservations in for the Christmas dinner.

These need to be in by the 1st of December, Prom night. The number of attendees will determine the location of the dinner (Box Car room or Bingo Hall). You can turn the money and reservation form into either the Chateau or Roberta Giesler. Looking forward to seeing you all at the dinner for an evening of fun and fellowship.

The menu is now Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu for \$20.00

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

The Boxcar Program

Increasing the level of awareness in the community of what 40 et 8 is, does, and what we stand for is important. The environment created by changing times demands that we change with it or suffer the consequences. The consequences in our case are less funds to support all the programs which help those who are important to our organization.

Fundraising today is more challenging than it was many years ago. There are many reasons why, however the fact is that we must change with that challenge and develop new creative means of generating the funds to support our much needed programs. Even how we identify potential members has changed. Years ago, it seems, when the organization was directly connected to the American Legion candidates were nominated from the larger body and invited to join the "elite". Although many members still maintain the connection with the AL the dynamics of how the process works has changed. Over time that dynamic change has affected the effectiveness of what we do and how we do it.

Change or die! This may seem a bit radical but essentially it is the truth. We must adapt to a changing environment or suffer the consequences of being inflexible. One of our challenges is engaging a larger percentage of our membership. The more active minds we have involved in the process the more ideas we will generate and conversely the more ideas generated the more activity and the more activity we create the better our chances for positive outcomes. The change is to move toward what we truly want, to help others and to have "Fun" doing it! Let's have some fun together and make positive changes work for 40 et 8.

Patrick Locke
Boxcar Director
Voiture Locale 99

December Loci Schedule

- Dec. 6 Randall Children's Hospital
8:30 am
- Dec. 6 Open House Ministries
4:00 pm
- Dec. 20 Post 14 Children's Christmas Party

Veterans Day Parade

2014



Walk and Knock

The morning of December 6, 2014 before 9 a.m., is the time to put out a bag of food for the Annual Clark County Walk and Knock. Bags are provided to subscribers of The Columbian. You can use any bag you desire as long as you put out something for the needy. This food will end up at the Clark County Food Bank off Minnehaha Road, for distribution to those that are in need of help feeding their families. Please do not put out food that is past the usable date stamped on all products. Money donations are also accepted. Make this year one of the best for our county.

VIETNAM WAR STATISTICS IN UNIFORM AND IN COUNTRY...

- Vietnam Vets: 9.7% of their generation.
- 9,087,000 military personnel served on active duty during the Vietnam Era (Aug. 5, 1964-May 7, 1975).
- 8,744,000 GIs were on active duty during the war (Aug 5, 1964 - March 28, 1973).
- 3,403,100 (Including 514,300 offshore) personnel served in the Southeast Asian Theater (Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, flight crews based in Thailand, and sailors in adjacent South China Sea waters).
- 2,594,000 personnel served within the borders of South Vietnam (Jan. 1, 1965 - March 28, 1973)
- Another 50,000 men served in Vietnam between 1960 and 1964.
- Of the 2.6 million, between 1 - 1.6 million (40 - 60%) either fought in combat, provided close support or were at least fairly regularly exposed to enemy attack.
- 7,484 women (6,250 or 83.5% were nurses) served in Vietnam.
- Peak troop strength in Vietnam: 543,482 (April 30, 1968)
- 8 nurses died -- 1 was KIA.
- 61% of the men killed were 21 or younger.
- Missing in Action: 2,338
- POWs: 766 (114 died In captivity)
- 25% (648,500) of total forces in country were draftees.
- Last man drafted: June 30, 1973.
- 97% of Vietnam-era Veterans were honorably discharged.

Bob Brennan
Passe' Chef de Gare

Grande du Washington Membership totals

Thursday, November 13, 2014

	2014 YTD	2015 YTD	2014 YR END	%of Quota	Short/Over	<u>Change</u> <u>Since last week</u>
75	4	5	18	27.78%	-13	0
83	11	16	16	100.00%	0	0
87	1	1	1	100.00%	0	0
88	0	9	9	100.00%	0	0
90	31	21	44	47.73%	-23	0
91	50	11	93	11.38%	-82	0
94	7	13	14	92.86%	-1	0
96	10	11	11	100.00%	0	0
99	255	221	373	59.25%	-152	9
135	47	94	144	65.28%	-50	0
271	0	0	12	0.00%	-12	0
1213	4	20	32	62.50%	-12	0
Totals	420	422	767	55.02%	-345	+7

Congratulations to Voiture 96 Washington's 4th Voiture to attain 100%.



**La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux
Voiture Nationale
Sous Directeur Membership Region 6**

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"Make a Difference Renew, Recruit & Reinstate"

Mes Amis,

Region 6 had a good week. You the team members made it happen. Last week you reported 185 members for a gain of 4.51%. The final deadline for 50% Membership is October 31, 2014. Congratulation goes out to Grand du Texas 56.32%, Arizona 54.06% and Washington with 50.20% for reaching the 50% before October 31, 2014. We still have 4 Grand's that haven't reached their Goal. There are 12 Locales with 0% membership in Region 6. How many "UNDERACHIEVING" Locales" have you contacted?? (BY PHONE). With only 6 days left until October 31, 2014 a 1.70% increase in membership overall is needed in Region 6 to reach the 50% Goal! An all-out effort by every GRAND CHEFS de GARE, GRAND CORRESPONDANTS and GRAND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN is needed to reach this GOAL, Remember that my job is to ask you to do your best to get in your membership to Nationale ASAP, we have so many great programs that help so many Veterans & their families, But they are only as good as the people behind them, (that us) please push membership, It is our lifblood.

This is how the Grand's in Region 6 Stack up at Nationale in Membership

- Grand du Texas #14 at 56.32%
- Grand du Arizona #16 at 54.06%
- Grand du Washington #23 at 50.20%
- Grand du Oregon #26 at 48.54%
- Grand du California #27 at 47.57%
- Grand du Louisiana #30 at 44.73%
- Grand du Oklahoma #47 at 32.46%

LET'S FINISH STRONG

Reminder you can call your memberships in to Tammy Bennett at Voiture Nationale Headquarters (317) 634-1804 by October 31, 2014 and pay for them with a credit card or debit card. She will assist them in this process. Please take this opportunity to finish strong, for your Voiture, Grand, and La Societe. Every membership is important in the final totals.

Please Make A Difference, Recruit, Renew, and Reinstate" "ONE MORE" Member into La Societe.

For La Societe

JOHNNY B. KEEL
Sous National Membership Directeur
"2015 Make a Difference Renew, Recruit & Reinstate" Membership TEAM
10/25/2014

Forty and Eight, the Honor Society of American Veterans

cc: Chef de Chemin de Fer, Committee on Committees, Correspondant Nationale, National Avocat, Nationale Directeur Membership, Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer, Nationale Sous Membership Directeurs, Cheminot Nationale Région 6



Renewal



Goal 50%

Bingo at the VA

Thanksgiving evening 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Come down and spend time with the Hospitalized patients. Questions contact John Landahl.

Toys for Tots

During the Holiday season watch for Toys for Tots collection boxes. Toys for Tots supplies toys to economically disadvantaged children.

*La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux
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November 10, 2014

To National Officers, Director and Sous Directors of NBCA, Grand Box Car Directors, Grand Chef de Gares and Correspondants,

Greetings to all. Hope all have a nice Thanksgiving. And a huge Thank you to all my brothers and sisters who have served.

Below is the information from our National Secretaire/Treasurer, Frank Kronen, on current consignment and sales information for our Grand ending in October:

Grand Voiture	2014 Consignment			Sales To-Date			Consignment Balance		
	PINS	CREW	ASSOC	PINS	CREW	ASSOC	PINS	CREW	ASSOC
ALASKA	25	127	0	25	127	0	0	0	0
MONTANA	150	150	0	0	1	0	150	149	0
NORTH DAKOTA	40	21	10	40	21	10	0	0	0
WASHINGTON	150	151	0	0	1	0	150	150	0
WYOMING	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The first four coins are now available for purchase. If you have a set, take them along to the functions you attend and show them off. You will be surprised at the results. Place order orders, with cash enclosed, to Frank. If you order less than ten coins at a time, please include \$3.00 for postage. If you order 10 coins or more, postage is free.



Beginning with the 2014 Box Car Pin, it reflects the coin face for the 2013 issue coin face (a Box Car). The 2015 Box Car Pin depicts the 2014 issue Coin face (Box Car). The 2016 Box Car Pin will mirror the 2015 issue coin face (Locomotive) and so on until the pin series is complete with the Box Car Coins in 2018. When all is completed, the Box Car Pin Series, "Shadow Train", will show a Locomotive pulling three Box Cars and trailing Caboose. This will be a complete series, so hold on to the pins. It will definitely become another addition to the heritage of our organization and the National Box Car Association.

The NATIONAL BOX CAR PIN SERIES-----THE SHADOW TRAIN



The goal this year for each Grand is \$2.00 per voyageur. This is a very attainable goal. Let all strive to achieve this milestone and make this year's Box Car Program a huge success.

If any of you Grand Directeurs need help, please let me know.

If you are able, remember to celebrate Veterans Day by participating in events in your area to honor all veterans. This is our day.

Thank you again for all the you do for La Societe.

Your's in Service,

John Clapp
National Sous Box Car Directeur – Area K

NOVEMBER AMERICANISM NEWSLETTER
AREA A

From the desk of: Dixie Lee Hotaling, Sous Director of Americanism - Area A

November has arrived. The seasonal change-out is here. Summer tans have turned into a wet rainy look. Holiday turkeys are carrying umbrellas. Welcome to the Pacific Northwest.

By now you have received the packets. I tried to give you useful information. Yes, there were things missing. As 2015 unfolds I will in try to include resources in the newsletters.

“If you live long enough, you’ll make mistakes. But if you learn from them, you’ll be a better person. It’s how you handle adversity, not how it affects you. The main thing is never quit, never quit, never quit.”.....William J. Clinton

Americanism encompasses history, events, patriotism and pride. Consider Veteran’s Day - in 1918 an armistice was signed between Allied and Central Powers ending World War I.

Many communities sponsor all-day celebrations. You can rack up community hours by volunteering your services. Perhaps you will find those special people to nominate for one of the HERO AWARDS. My hero is a young man named Timothy. I knew him since birth. Watched him mature into adulthood and learned of his life’s passions. After college he worked at a year-round youth camp in Southern California. He shared his hopes, dreams and aspirations with many. He hoped to someday have a family. He dreamed of becoming a helicopter pilot and he aspired to advance freedom for all. In his short life he had touched many hearts with his positive approach. October 2005 Tim was killed in Iraq. His body was shipped back in pieces. At Willamette National Cemetery I buried a fellow soldier and said goodbye to my grandson. My hero. Who is your hero?

Have you planned your Flags for First Graders event yet? Voiture 1606 in Florida did an outstanding Home School Flag Etiquette presentation. I viewed it on my e-mail. Contact them for a showing. They used the National Flag Folding print-out. You have it in your packet.

Did you know that 5th graders are learning The Constitution of the United States? You might consider supplying some classes with the printout. You can purchase the booklets by phoning (208) 645-2625 at the National Center for Constitutional Studies. Some high schools use the booklets which also includes The Declaration of Independence.

On November 26, 1789 President George Washington proclaimed “a day of public thanksgiving”. Thanksgiving is an on-going event. You can say thanks anytime, to anyone.

Voiture 99 – Americanism Committee sponsored a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the Flags for First Graders Project. At that time we chose to honor Coco, the child on the cover of the coloring book. She is an amazing youngster. She sold Americanism Pins to her friends, sold dinner tickets to families and has been a great supporter of the program. She received a ‘thank-you’ gift for her participation. Who will you thank and remember during this month and the upcoming year?

When you have an event – share your story and photos with me. I am putting together an Americanism Photo album to share at National 2015. You’ll want to mail them because my printer is funky and doesn’t print true color.

Are you keeping a record of community hours, mileage and expenses? Have your Voitures keep track so they don’t omit anything on the final consolidated report. It will make your summer reporting so much easier.

How do you like the 2015 Americanism Pins? They are great. They sell themselves. You can order them from National.

In conclusion: “The question isn’t who is going to let me; it’s who is going to stop me”.....Ayn Rand

REMEMBER: one child, one family, one community, one state = ONE NATION UNDER GOD.
WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Have a great November, enjoy Thanksgiving.

Dixie Lee Hotaling – Sous Directeur Americanism Area A
Grande Du Washington Directeur