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Chef de Gare's Corner

The Constitution of Voiture no. 99, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (40 et 8).

Article V Membership and Dues; Section 12, Dues shall be payable to Voiture Locale in advance of December 31, 2018. Payment thereof constitutes the payer a member in good standing until the end of December 31, 2019 at which time the new year starts and Voiture 99 will be asking for dues, September 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. With a paid life membership to the Forty & Eight you would receive your new membership card in July or August and maintain membership in good standing.

Let's have a cup of Coffee - - Regardless of your Profession, many of us have been in positions defining the required leadership and management qualifications as an expectation of our ability to execute our office. But like many things, no two are alike and not one will prevail without the help of another.

Higher leadership; to reduce the potential of technological isolationism, leaders must focus on using tactics, including learning about subordinates, providing continuous performance feedback and taking ownership of the organization's action, reading manuals, guides, constitution, bylaws, policies and procedures. Every individual, however close to the organization or far from the organization, is working toward one objective - Generating, Executing and Sustaining the Objective. General Henry H. Arnold said, "We must think in terms of tomorrow. At the Air University we do just that; Tomorrow is our focus today."

Morris E. Giesler
Chef de Gare
Voiture No. 99

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Correspondants Notes

December has arrived and we are entering the last month of the 2018 Membership Year. There are still many of you who have not renewed

your dues for 2019. The goals and objectives of our organization have not changed, have yours? The programs, services and funding the 40/8 provides youth organizations, veterans and programs like Nursing Scholarships are still our main objective. We need your membership, help and participation if we are to succeed. The yearly membership dues are still only \$25.00. We can accomplish so much with that \$25.00.

The December Promenade will be held on the 1st Monday of the month, December 3rd. Be sure to attend as the vote to retain or sell the Bingo Hall will be announced. Remember, your vote must be at the Chateau on or before the 3rd of December to be counted.

Frank Falbee
Correspondant
Voiture 99

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La Femmes

As the Holiday Season approaches the La Femmes are concentrating on our Child Welfare program to help provide a better holiday for those less fortunate in our community. Our Holiday Bazaar in November was a great success and will go a long way to help us provide a better Holiday for the needy children here in the Vancouver area.

La Femmes will be supporting "SHARE HOUSE" this year as part of our Child Welfare Program. They authorized members Bea Ritter and Bonnie Mills to support Share's "Seats & Feet drive in October by buying 88 pairs of socks and 98 pairs of underwear for children. In November, La Femmes allocated funds to buy gift cards for 40 "Unaccompanied Youth" (homeless) in Evergreen and Vancouver Schools for Christmas gifts. The La Femmes also support the Share's Backpack Program by collecting non-perishable food in the Blue Barrel in the Chateau entry hall. Currently, 1,535 bags of food are given to kids at 95 different schools each Friday to take home for the weekend. Suggestions include canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, rice, cereal, boxed dinners, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned ham, peanut butter, jelly, canned soups, granola bars and pudding cups. Share is conducting a special

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drive for December to cover the two week vacation. La Femmes encourage everyone to consider donating food to the children.

La Femmes will be having their annual Christmas Party on December 18th, instead of our regular Cheminot. If you have friends that are interested in joining the La Femmes, this would be a good time to invite them to get to know us. Refreshments will be provided, and we will have a gift exchange. Please try to keep the gift between \$10 to \$15. Come in and join the fun.

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Historian

Hope everyone is having a fun holiday season. Be thinking about your forty and eight personal stories. We will begin collecting them in January.

Dixie

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New Newsletter Editor

Starting December 1st there will be a new Editor for the Boxcar Bulletin Newsletter. After 9 years I've decided to step down and let someone new bring new ideas to the newsletter. After that date please send all articles for publication in the newsletter to Ron Fryer at rcfryer@gmail.com

CHATEAU SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2018

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast. Saturday the Chateau is open to voyageurs and guests.

Thursday morning coffee & doughnuts at the Chateau.

Chateau (360)574-3872

Voiture 99 Meeting Reminders:

Prom 12/3/18

Cheminot 12/18/18

							1 Chateau Open 12:00pm No Co Cruisers Holiday Party 5:00pm, boxcar ----- Merchant Marines Holiday party 5:30pm, lounge
2 MOAA Holiday Party 3pm, boxcar	3 <u>V-99 Promenade</u> <u>C-99 Rendezvous</u> Dinner 5:30pm Meetings 6:30pm	4 BNI Networking 6:00am – 9:00am	5 Sheriffs Aux 5:30pm, boxcar	6 Member & Guest Coffee & Donuts 7:30am – 10:00am	7 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am – 9:00am CMAC Holiday Party, 5:00pm	8 Chateau Open 12:00pm-7:00pm Lunch 12:00pm-3:00pm Mustang Car Club Holiday Party	
9	10 S.A.L.T Holiday Party, 11:00am, boxcar	11 BNI Networking 6:00am – 9:00am	12 Lifeline Screening Bingo Hall 8:00am – 5:00pm	13 Member & Guest Coffee & Donuts 7:30am – 10:00am MOAA Bingo Hall 9:00am	14 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am – 9:00am	15 Chateau Open 12:00pm-7:00pm Lunch 12:00pm-3:00pm KWVA Holiday Party 2:30pm	
16	17 Ombudsman Volunteer Meeting 9:00am, boxcar	18 BNI Networking 6:00am – 9:00am Cheminot Dinner 5:30pm Meetings 6:30pm	19 Korean War Veterans 9:00am	20 Member & Guest Coffee & Donuts 7:30am – 10:00am v Residence Inn Holiday Party, 11:30pm, boxcar	21 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am – 9:00am	22 Chateau Open 12:00pm-7:00pm Lunch 12:00pm-3:00pm Bingo Hall CLOSED	
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30 "New Year's Eve-Eve" BINGO 3:00pm Bingo Hall	31 Bingo Office CLOSED	Chateau Lounge is open Saturday, 12-7pm---Grill is open 12-3pm for lunch ** 12/22 – 12/28 Bingo Hall is CLOSED ** 12/25/18 Christmas Day ** 12/27/2018 40/8 Bingo with patients at the VA,CLC Medical Center 6:30pm-7:30pm ** 12/30/18 BIG MONEY BINGO NIGHT, Bingo Hall,3pm					

Marketing

Marketing committee meetings will commence in January. The Bingo Sales Committee needed the time to get things into place.

Grant Edwards - John Edwards son, is our 2019 Flags for First Graders poster child. His picture will go on buttons to pass out and we are constructing a program tri-fold with his photo on the cover. Your marketing ideas are always welcome. Have a great holiday season.

Dixie

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VAVS

For Bingo at the VA on November 25th John Landahl said they had 18 patients come play. They also had 8 volunteers and gave out \$100.00 in game prizes. Anybody interested in joining them can see John for directions.

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Americanism

Voyageurs, last month the Americanism Committee attended the Veteran's Day Parade in Northeast Portland, as I was ill and couldn't make the Vancouver parade. I handed out flags and coloring books to children of all ages, which were warmly received. The Committee

gave holiday mugs to the employees of the Bingo Hall to thank them for their service on our behalf. No funds were expended from the Americanism budget and were absorbed by the Chair. During this season of giving and reflection let us each be truly thankful for what we have, and the fact even though things are not perfect, we still live in the greatest nation on earth. Please don't forget to document your service hours and donations on your Americanism forms so I can fill out my year end report. My wish for us this Holiday Season is peace, love and good health.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and, Happy New Year to one and all.

Yours in Service to the Voiture,
Anne Beaton

YOU'RE INVITED



TO OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE-EVE PARTY!



Sunday, December 30, 2018 at 3pm

(doors open promptly at 1pm)



\$25 for your first packet, \$10 each additional – paying \$1000

4- \$1199 Blackouts

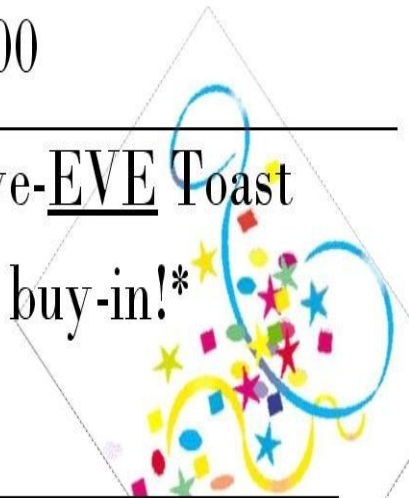
Pick 8 & Bonanza guaranteed \$500



Winter Soup, bread, dessert, New Year's Eve-EVE Toast

and pre-bingo games included with your buy-in!*

(while supplies last!)



ONE SESSION ONLY SUNDAY - 12/30/18

Upcoming Events



“NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN” - CEREMONY **7 December 2018**

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) has requested the Patriot Guard Riders and any patriotic citizens to stand with them in remembrance of a Clark County's hero, **US Marine Corps SGT Jason D Peto**, died on 7 Dec 2010 due to IED explosion in Sangin, Afghanistan..

This ceremony is to provide a remembrance on the anniversary of his death and to further the commitment by the Patriot Guard Riders, and our community that our heroes will

“Never Be Forgotten”

Please join with us as we honor our fallen hero.

CEREMONY DATE: Friday / 7 December 2018

SCHEDULE:

- 1130 am – Family/Guest Arrival
- 1200 pm - Remembrance Ceremony
- 1230 pm - Ceremony Concludes

MISSION LOCATION:

Clark County War Memorial at Ft Vancouver Barracks (Ft Vancouver Way and McClellan Drive)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- John Posey / jposey@corpsecure.com / (360) 571-2998
- Lynn Vaughn / lynnvaughn515@comcast.net / (360) 936-9576



Free business attire

for men and women veterans, active duty, and retired military personnel

Saturday, December 15, 2018

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

1200 NE 112th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98684

For more info, please contact the Farmers Insurance District Office at 360-571-4666 or e-mail AValentine@District7906.com



Join us for a *clothing drive*
BENEFITING OUR LOCAL VETERANS.

Taking care of each other is what community is all about. You're invited to join fellow businesses and organizations in the Vancouver area in a special clothing drive contest benefiting the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center. We're proud to support their mission to provide a welcoming and safe environment with the goal of assisting veterans and their families in obtaining benefits, services and resources to meet their basic needs.

CLOTHING DRIVE CONTEST

SEPTEMBER 15-DECEMBER 15, 2018

The following items are acceptable for donations (must be new):
> Socks > Gloves > Hats > Undergarments

Donations may be dropped off at Vancouver Funeral Chapel. Please ensure donations are provided in a bag or box with your business's name and contact information included.

The organization with the most donations will receive a complimentary lunch.
For more information, contact us at 360-693-3633.

VANCOUVER FUNERAL CHAPEL
110 E 12th St., Vancouver
VancouverFuneralChapel.net



*Lunch value limited to \$250 and must be used by January 15, 2019 during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8 am-6 pm) at a restaurant in the downtown Vancouver area. No purchase necessary to enter contest. In the event of a tie, the organizations with the most donations will be entered into a drawing to determine the winner.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE MEDAL

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea seeks Korean War Veterans to honor with the Ambassador for Peace Medal.

Did you serve in Korea?



The Ambassador for Peace Commemorative Medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to American service men and women who served in the Korean War. The Ambassador for Peace Medal began to be presented to veterans as a special memento for those of who returned to South Korea through the 'Revisit Program'. The honor has since expanded to veterans who cannot travel long journey to Korea.

Eligibility

To be eligible, the veterans must have served in Korea during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. It is also available for the veterans who participated in UN peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955.

Posthumous Awards

The commemorative medals may be awarded posthumously. However, please understand that the highest priority for presenting the medal is given to veterans who are currently surviving. The next of kin, such as the spouse or descendants may apply for the medal on behalf of a deceased veteran.

Application to receive award

Please send the information on the back to the address or email below to order your Ambassador for Peace Medal. Please include DD214 or service record if accessible.



WA Dept. Veterans Affairs
Attn: Communications
PO Box 41150
Olympia, WA 98501
800-562-0132 Option 1
communications@dva.wa.gov



Korean War Veteran Ambassador for Peace Medal Application Form

Military Information

Veteran's Full Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Service dates in Korea: _____
Service Branch (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines): _____
Have you had the opportunity to return to Korea with the "Revisit Korea" program? Yes ___ NO ___

Contact Information

Mailing Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____

Are you a family member of deceased veteran?
If so, Full Name: _____
Phone: _____



Upcoming Events

You are invited to join us
for our annual
**CMAC
CHRISTMAS PARTY**
December 7, 2018

5:30pm Social Hour
6:30pm Dinner

40et8 Chateau Room
7607 NE 26th Ave
Vancouver, WA 98665

Dinner will be provided
No Host Bar Available

Please RSVP to cmac11.secretary@gmail.com

Operation Helping our Heroes raises funds for
Clark County Veterans Assistance Center to assist
active military, veterans and their families in obtaining benefits,
services and resources to meet their basic needs.

PLEASE HELP
SUPPORT
OUR TROOPS

**860 AM
THE ANSWER**
Breaking News. Stimulating Talk.
KPM

**OPERATION
HELPING
OUR
HEROES**

Clark County Veterans
Assistance Center
U.S. VETERAN

Finctil **Bristol Hospice** **Dignity** **George Mariani**
LIFE WELL CELEBRATED
LEGACYSI **RADIO • CAR** **Standard** **WESTON**
LIFE SERVICE (SIA)

NOV 26-30 **CALL (503) 239-HELP**
theanswerportland.com

Christmas Photos

**DEC
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CHRISTMAS PHOTOS
in the Stag Bar
Sunday, December 9th
9:30 am to Noon

**Dressed in your Christmas best or ugly sweater
and get your holiday picture taken at the Elks!**



**For \$5 we will take your picture
and email you the file.**



ELKS VANCOUVER LODGE
11605 SE McGillivray Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98683
www.elks823.org • Phone: (360) 256-0823

2019

DJ JAZZY JAZZ

New Year's at the Elks

featuring
**VANPORT
Jazz**
and DJ playlists

Cocktails 6:00 PM
Dinner 6:30 PM to 8:30PM
by Crowded Kitchen Catering Company
VanPort Jazz 8:30 PM
Dancing and celebrating until midnight
to ring in the New Year.

Tickets available in the office or online

\$30
per person

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Veterans Listening Session/Resource Fair

December 11, 2018 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Vancouver Campus

VA Portland Health Care System
Columbia Room, Building 11, 3rd Floor, Room 305
1601 E 4th Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA, 98661

You are invited to join VA Portland Health Care System and Portland Regional Benefits Office (VBA) Directors to discuss ideas, ask questions, or raise concerns regarding VA services. Other VA staff and Veteran Service Organizations will be present to talk about VA programs and services, enrollment, and additional resources available to Veterans.

If you are a Veterans Service Organization that would like to have a resource table at this event please contact us (limited space available).

Questions? Contact VA Portland Public Affairs at

(503) 808-1920 or VHAPOR-PublicAffairs@med.va.gov

VA



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of Veterans Affairs

Upcoming Events

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



Fund Expenditure
97:3 Program to Support Ratio



Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation enjoys one of the very best program-to-support ratios within the nonprofit world — 97:3 ! This means that over 97% of your donation goes directly to our mission of providing toys, books and other gifts to less fortunate children. The 3% spent on support principally covers fundraising expenses — **not one donated dollar goes to salaries or any manpower costs!**



Santa & Mrs. Claus' last day of vacation before preparation for Christmas.

Portland OR

Toys for Tots Coordinator
GySgt Sean Bazar



Donate Now



2018 Events and Drop/Donation Sites

The area and cities that Portland Toys for Tots is responsible for



“Every Child deserves a Little Christmas”

Toys for Tots

There should be a list of locations in and around the Vancouver area with donation boxes in place. We need help picking up toy donations from these locations. If you are interested in helping pickup toys and dropping them off at the bingo hall let me know.

Voiture 99 has offered the use of the Bingo hall as a drop off point for donations. The donations will be picked up by volunteers and delivered to the main distribution site in Raleigh Hills Oregon.

There is also a collection box in the entryway at the Chateau for new unwrapped toys.

Bill Hauser bhauser1952@msn.com

VA



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Nov. 2, 2018

VA recognizes Vietnam Veteran with first Medal of Honor Medallion during ceremony at Mississippi cemetery

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) furnished the first Medal of Honor (MOH) Medallion for the private headstone of [Pfc. Milton L. Olive III](#), a decorated Vietnam-era war hero, during a ceremony Nov. 1 at West Grove Cemetery in Lexington, Mississippi.

With the passage of [Public Law 114-315](#) on Dec. 16, 2016, Congress authorized VA's National Cemetery Administration (NCA) to issue, upon request, a medallion, headstone or marker signifying a Veteran as an MOH recipient who served on or after April 6, 1917, and is buried in a private cemetery with a private headstone or marker.

VA Secretary Robert Wilkie saluted Olive for his selfless bravery during a battle in the Vietnam conflict.

“Private First Class Olive was posthumously awarded a Medal of Honor for his service during the Vietnam War after he heroically used his body to cover a grenade to save the life of his fellow soldiers,” Wilkie said. “The Medal of Honor Medallion illustrates VA’s commitment to ensuring all who see this symbol will know of the courageous sacrifice of our nation’s distinguished service members.”

For information on applying for the MOH Medallion, [visit this link](#). Information on all types of VA headstones, markers and medallions can be [found at this link](#)

VA operates 136 national cemeteries and 33 soldiers’ lots and monument sites in 40 states and Puerto Rico. More than 4 million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict, are buried in VA’s national cemeteries. VA also provides funding to establish, expand, improve and maintain 111 Veterans cemeteries in 48 states and territories including tribal trust lands, Guam, and Saipan. For Veterans not buried in a VA national cemetery, VA provides headstones, markers or medallions to commemorate their service.

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