



Next Prom  
April 1, 2019 @6:30pm

Next Cheminot  
4/16/19 2019 @ 6:30pm



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I want to say thank you to our country's more than six-and-a-half million living Vietnam Veterans and their families.

Welcome home!

Two years ago, President Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act into law. That Act designates every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. It was March 29, 1973, when the last of our combat troops left Vietnam.

It was on that day that the last American prisoners of war held in North Vietnam came home.

Vietnam War Veterans Day is part of our nation's ongoing commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

In support, VA and more than 10,000 local, state, and national organizations join the Department of Defense as Commemorative Partners.

We honor the nine million American men and women who served on active duty from November 1, 1955, to May 7,

1975. We solemnly remember more than 58,000 whose names are etched into the Vietnam Memorial's polished black granite—constant reminders of the price of freedom.

Say, Thank you. And welcome them home. May God bless all of you, your families, and this great Nation.

Robert Wilkie  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

## Correspondants Notes

A few days ago I put out an E-mail where I stated that "We can't fix a problem if we don't know what the problem is in the first place".

It seems we have a number of problems affecting the membership here at the Chateau.

First, let me state one thing. We as Americans live in a wonderful country where extraordinary privileges and unparalleled rights and freedoms are the norm.

We are one of the few (if any) countries where it is not only permissible, but even expected to criticize our leadership without fear of reprisal, especially the leadership in the White House, Senate and House of

Representatives.

There is nothing wrong with that when it's done with respect for the opinions of others. Where it becomes a problem is when the criticism becomes personal, oftentimes hateful and disrespectful. The 40/8 was designed as a FUN organization. A place to go to relax and enjoy yourself. Our National Constitution and our own clearly state that we are a NON-POLITICAL Group. That doesn't mean that you're not allowed to affiliate with any particular political group, of course you can. What is not expected or desired are comments which intimidate someone else because of their beliefs. Tribalism plays a very large part in this problem today. Some people think that either you're with me in what I believe 100% or if not, you're against me 100%. There is no middle ground in their minds eye for conversation or intelligent discussion. I feel that freedom of speech and expression are needed to help keep us, as an organization and as a nation, on course, but not at the expense of intimidating or humiliating another member of this Voiture.

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# Chateau Schedule for April 2019

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast.

Saturday the Chateau is open to voyageurs and guests.

Thursday morning coffee & doughnuts at the Chateau at 8:30am.- 10:00am

Chateau (360)574-3872

Voiture 99 Meeting Reminders:  
Prom 4/1/19  
Cheminot 4/16/19

## April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>PROM</b>	2 BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar  LifeLine Screening Bingo Hall 8:30am	3	4 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am  North County Cruisers 6pm Chateau	5 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am - 9:00am CMAC	6 Chateau Open 12-7pm  <b>LUAU BIG MONEY BINGO</b> 6:30pm
7	8	9 BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar	10 HDSCB Mtg 11:30am Boxcar	11 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	12 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am - 9:00am	13 Chateau Open 12-7pm  Ham Radio Mtg. 10:30am
14	15 S.A.L.T. Meeting 11am, Boxcar	16 BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar  <b>CHEMINOT</b>	17 KWVA meeting. Boxcar 10am	18 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am  VAVS Bingo @ Van VA CLC 6:30-7:30 PM	19 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am CMAC	20 Chateau Open 12-7pm  Mom's Group 11am Boxcar
21	22	23 BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar	24	25 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am  VAVS Bingo @ Van VA CLC 6:30-7:30 PM	26 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am  Residential Care Training 8-4pm Boxcar	27 Chateau Open 12-7pm
28 Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner 4pm Chateau	29 Ombudsman Volunteer Meeting 9am, Boxcar	30 BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar			CR Group 5:00pm Chateau	

**Chateau Lounge** is open Saturday, 12-7pm---Grill is open 12-3pm for lunch

## Americanism

Dear Fellow Voyageurs,

The 40 et 8 is a service organization with membership focused on programs that support Veterans, Youth and our local communities. To be of service, sometimes that means supporting other projects not created by the 40 et 8 but could potentially benefit our membership. Members from Voiture 99 attended the Northwest Battle Buddies 8th Annual Gala at the Oregon Convention Center on March 16th. Their mission statement is "Empowering combat Veterans with PTSD to regain freedom and independence by partnering them with professionally trained and specifically matched service dogs for Veterans with PTSD at no charge-- Serving our Veterans who served us all." Throughout the evening we got



to hear first hand from Veterans who have received a service dog and what a positive difference it has made not only in the life of the Veteran but of his/her family. While the service dogs were working, the puppies being trained were fair game for lots of

pets, love and attention. Another moving thing at this event was the Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall, which I found to be a moving tribute to those that were lost in service to our Country in time of conflict. There was also a POW/MIA table set up front and center and a complete explanation of it in the Gala program so those who were not familiar with it could experience it first hand.

This organization, based in Battle Ground is truly making a difference in the lives of the Veterans they serve. I plan on going to this event next year which will be held in May. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could get together as a group and sponsor a table? For more info their website is [northwestbattlebuddies.org](http://northwestbattlebuddies.org)

I also need your service hours!! I have a very few faithful members who get their info to me but I need yours as well. You can leave it in the folder in the back of the Chateau or email me at [hlannieb@yahoo.com](mailto:hlannieb@yahoo.com).

Yours in Service to the Voiture,  
Anne Beaton, Avocat



## VAVS

Hi Everyone,  
For BINGO on 28 Feb we had 19 patients 5 volunteers and gave \$100.00 in prizes.  
John

## Correspondants Notes

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Second, our membership is on the decline as is the participation in the events we hold here at the Chateau. Promenade and Cheminot attendance hovers around 10 - 13%. Just shy of pathetic! Friday morning breakfast are on the wane. Table 8 is empty. Those Voyageurs go elsewhere to eat, WHY? Saturday afternoons haven't picked up as predicted, WHY? Ask yourself why the membership is declining and why functions aren't attended. If you come up with an answer, please speak up and let me know what it is and how we can turn things around. Because if we don't turn things around soon, this Voiture will become a memory very quickly.

## La Femmes

The LeFemmes here at Cabane #99 had a busy month in March with several fund raising activities, the Book Sale, the Corned Beef Dinner and the Luncheon at the Petite Grande. Thank you, to all the Dames that participated and helped to support these activities, it takes the whole Cabane to make these projects a success.

Cabane #99 has designated funds for food and tote bags for Share's School Backpack Program. Bea Ritter has delivered 168 Walmart tote bags to Share. Both Bea and Bonnie Mills will be shopping each month for food for the program. Please consider donating non-perishable foods, especially items like peanut butter, jelly and canned tuna. Put them in the blue barrel in the chateau. They could use more cotton/canvas tote bags as well. Spring break is also a needy time for the students so keep bringing in what you can spare.

Mary Snyder



# 2019 Great Western States Promenade April 5-8, 2019

For info and to Register:

<http://www.voiture-99.com/great-western-promenade-2019/>

Insurance to the new recruits, and then said:

"If you have GI Insurance and go into battle and are killed, the government has to pay \$200,000 to your beneficiaries.

If you don't have GI insurance, and you go into battle and get killed, the government only has to pay a maximum of \$6000.

Now," he concluded, "which group do you think they are going to send into battle first?"

Airman Jones was assigned to the induction center, where he advised new recruits about their government benefits, especially their GI insurance.

It wasn't long before Captain Smith noticed that Airman Jones was having a staggeringly high success-rate, selling insurance to nearly 100% of the recruits he advised. Rather than ask about this, the Captain stood in the back of the room and listened to Jones' sales pitch.

Jones explained the basics of the GI



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