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Chef de Gare's Corner

Bob Brennan

In most organizations there are elected leaders that serve with a purpose to join all of the membership into a single focus for success. With election, the leader is granted the authority of the position. This person must know the wants and desires of the people he/she serves and can and should make reasonable and expected final decisions based upon that knowledge. These decisions are made with the input from individuals giving advice and committees providing input, as well as making decisions that must be approved by the membership. These two authorities must join together to achieve success that is needed to grow and be successful. Every committee has a leader who is the one person that has the authority granted from the body of the general membership that he/she represents.

When leadership is limited by different Policies and Procedures, the success rate is diminished. The Policies and Procedures should be designed to keep the leadership responsible for the success of the organization.

Unless checked, a committee can and will become the focus and a power base for the organization that is not accessible by the membership.

Committees are set up for a specific reason and have limited goals and authorities. When the committee tries or actually takes on additional responsibility without additional authorization; that's when the leadership is changed.

There are times that a vacuum occurs because the elected leadership is missing for a period of time or does not have effective leadership abilities. The chain of command does not always work and may cause some people, or a committee, to assume additional responsibilities of leadership, even when they do not have authority to do so. This changes the basic leadership without the membership noticing and could be accepted without being challenged after the vacuum is filled.

When a leader is told that they don't have any authority then why have one? Everyone must work together or the organization will surely fail.

Bob Brennan

Chef 2020

Correspondants Notes

In the last issue of the Boxcar, I wrote about the Cheminot; its makeup, purpose and responsibilities to the organization. In this issue I would like to share information about the rolls of the Chef de Gare

and the Chef de Train.

The Chef de Gare is by definition the CEO or president of the company. The Chef de Gare assumes the responsibility of ensuring that the organization runs smoothly and efficiently in conjunction with, and the cooperation of, the Cheminot. The Chef de Gare should be well versed in all rituals, i.e., Promenade, Cheminot, Wreck and other special events conducted by the Voiture. However, as an ex-officiate member of all committees, the Chef de Gare must be thoroughly familiar with all programs, the goals and functions of all committees and be prepared to provide advice and direction when called upon to do so. The primary function of the Chef is to provide guidance and leadership as necessary to ensure the continued success of the organization. With that in mind, his/her leadership abilities will be tested continually. The Chef must possess the qualities of a salesman, a personnel manager,

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*Look for your
Service Branch
throughout
the Boxcar*



Chateau Schedule

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast.

Thursday morning coffee & doughnuts at the Chateau at 7:00am.- 9:30am

Chateau (360)574-3872

Voiture 99 Meeting Reminders:
Prom 12/2/19
Cheminot 12/17/19

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 NFL Sunday Chateau 9-5	2 PROM	3 BNI Networking 6:30am Boxcar	4 Sherrif's Auxillary Dinner	5 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	6 Member &Guest Breakfast 7am CMAC Holiday Party 5:30pm	7 North County Cruisers Holiday Party	
8 NFL Sunday Chateau 9-5	9 S.A.L.T. Holiday Party Boxcar 11:00am	10 BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar	11	12 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am MOAA Meeting Bingo Hall 9am Reside Residential holiday party boxcar, 11am.	13 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	14 Army/Navy Game, Boxcar 10am KWVA Holiday Party Chateau 2:30pm	
15 NFL Sunday Chateau 9-5	16	17 BNI Networking 6:30am Boxcar CHEMINOT Turkey Dinner will be served	18 KWVA meeting. Boxcar 10am	19 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:00am	20 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	21 Chateau Employee & Volunteer Christmas Party 5:00pm	
22 NFL Sunday Chateau 9-5	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Closed for the Holiday	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Closed for the Holiday	26 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am VAVS Bingo @ Vanc.VA CLC 6:30-7:30 PM	27 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	28	
29 NFL Sunday Chateau 9-5	30 Ombudsman Meeting Boxcar 9:00am	31 NYE Party Chateau 5:00-6:60pm RSVP Roast Beef Dinner	Bingo will be closed December 24th – 29th. Reopens on January 2, 2020				

Correspondants Notes

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an arbitrator, an advocate for the organization, an ombudsmen, a coordinator as well as being open to new ideas and proposals for change. The Chef must be willing to listen to the membership, interpreting their true needs or desires, and be able to make a decision on an appropriate course of action to take.

The Chef de Train is the second in command and an understudy to the Chef de Gare. The Chef de Train should have the ability to stand in for the Chef de Gare in his/her absence. In addition to being knowledgeable of the functions and responsibilities of the Chef de Gare, as outlined above, the Chef de Train has the additional challenge of promoting new membership and renewing current members. Additionally, The Chef de Train should monitor the internal operations of the Voiture to ensure that responsibilities are fulfilled by those elected and appointed voyageurs and all activities of the Voiture are carried out successfully.

Humor

You've all heard of the Air Force's ultra-high-security, super-secret base in Nevada, known simply as "Area 51?" Well, late one afternoon, the Air Force folks out at Area 51 were very surprised to see a Cessna landing at their "secret" base. They immediately impounded the aircraft and hauled the pilot into

Americanism

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The new buttons for Flags for First Graders are now here.

Contact Dixie for yours.

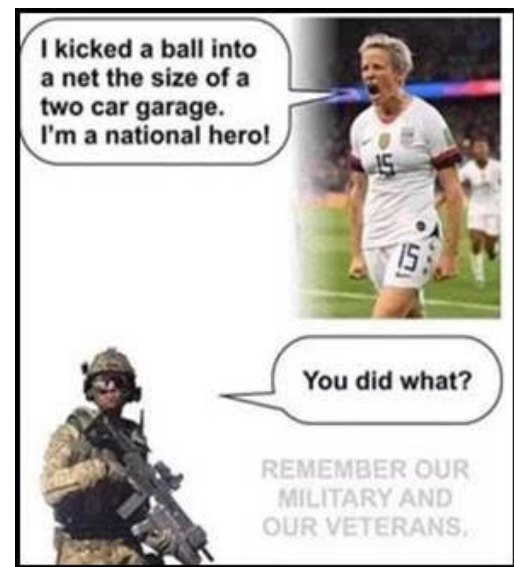


an interrogation room. The pilot's story was that he took off from Vegas, got lost, and spotted the Base just as he was about to run out of fuel. The Air Force started a full FBI background check on the pilot and held him overnight during the investigation. By the next day, they were finally convinced that the pilot really was lost and wasn't a spy. They gassed up his airplane, gave him a terrifying "you-did-not-see-a-base" briefing, complete with threats of spending the rest of his life in prison, told him Vegas was that-a-way on such-and-such a heading, and sent him on his way. The day after that though, to the total disbelief of the Air Force, the same Cessna showed up again. Once again, the MP's surrounded the plane... Only this time there were two people in the plane. The same pilot jumped out and said, "Do anything you want to me, but my wife is in the plane and you have to tell her where I was last night!"

Just because there are no complaints, doesn't mean all parachutes are perfect.

A Soldier and Marine were arguing about which branch was better. Eventually, the Marine hollers, "Well, the Marine Corps invented sex." The Soldier think for awhile and retaliates with, "That may be true... But we introduced it to women."

A Army Wife and a Navy wife were at the annual Army/Navy football game where they had 50 yard seats! After the game, The Army wife asked the Navy wife How did she like the game? Navy wife replied, it was ok, but kinda rough over a coin. Puzzled, the Army wife asked Coin? Yea, said the Navy Wife, you know, they had a coin toss before the game got started, and all during the game all you heard was "GET THE QUARTER BACK!!!"



La Femmes

Happy Holidays, December is going to be a great month for many of the needy people in our community because of the generosity of all the people attending our fund raising activities. Our Holiday Craft Bazaar was a great success this year and the proceeds will benefit the Child Welfare Program. We have donated to the Share House - Seats and Feet Fund a total of 88 pairs of socks and 157 sets of underwear for boys and girls. In December we will be assisting the youth that receive backpacks with gift cards. We have also donated to the American Legions Post #14 as well as Post #176 for their Children's Christmas Parties. We are also still collecting food in the Blue Barrel in the lobby and delivered a total of 166lbs since July. Thank you all for your generosity. The need continues especially in the winter and during the school holiday breaks because the children are not in school and do not receive free lunches at school, which is sometimes the only food they have during a day, so the backpacks of food really help out.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner on November 19th, was a great meal and a BIG THANK YOU to all the Voitures and LaFemmes who volunteered to help out in Cliff Taylors absence. A donation was presented to the volunteers and it was decided use the money to donate a new microwave to the kitchen.

Remember, LaFemmes, December 19th will be the LaFemmes Christmas party during our meeting. We will be having refreshments and a gift

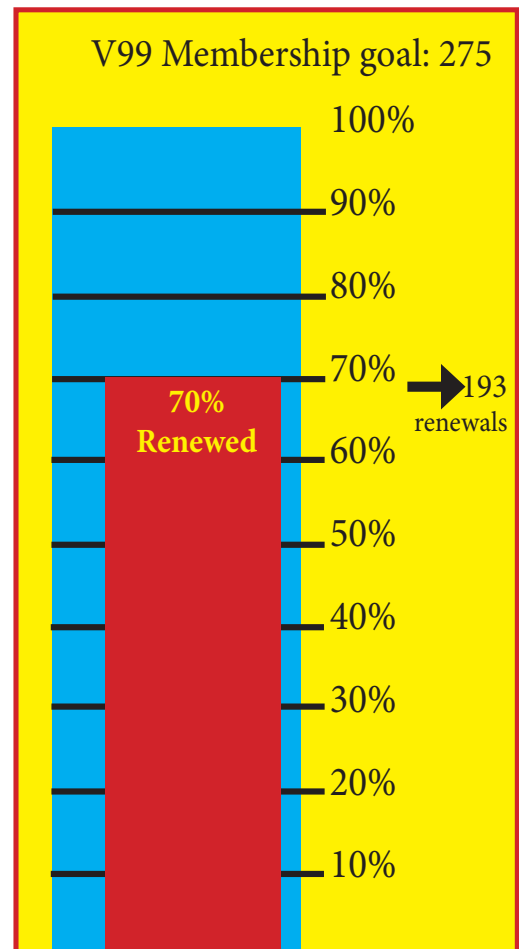
Voyageurs

I have been advised by Nationale that the (per capita) dues that we send to Nationale for each member who renewed their dues so far for the 2020 Membership Year has been incorrect. During the Promenade Nationale held in Louisville, KY in 2018, a resolution was passed to increase the amount that we send to Nationale for each member by \$5.00 beginning in the 2020 Membership Year. This is the first per capita increase in 17 years and long overdue.

To address this increase, effective immediately, all 2020 membership dues for Voiture 99 will be increased by \$5.00 bringing your total renewal cost to \$30.00 for the new membership year of 2020

If you have already paid your 2020 Membership dues at the former price of \$25.00, thank you. However, in order to be in compliance with Nationale's rules, we are requesting that those members who have paid the \$25.00 provide us with an additional \$5.00 in order to adhere to Nationale's new fee schedule.

Thank you for your understanding and continuing support.



exchange, please limit your gift to between \$10-\$15, and come to enjoy a relaxing time with all the Dames.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE 40/8

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| Sunday | Dec 1st | Sunday Football. Were open from 9 – 5 PM with Breakfast (\$9.00) and Lunch served. |
| Saturday | Dec 14th | Army Navy Football Game. Chateau opens at 10 AM. Breakfast at 10am. \$9.00. (Eggs Bacon, Hashbrowns & Biscuits and Gravy). Lunch at noon (Pot luck) 50/50 board “Final Score” = \$1.00 per Square. Raffle Gift card for Ilani (\$100.00 card, tickets \$5.00 each). |
| Tuesday | Dec 17th | Cheminot Christmas Dinner (RSVP by 10 Dec) \$15.00ea Dinner 5 – 6:30 PM. Bar opens at 4 PM Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Bread Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans/Carrots, Dinner Rolls. Apple & Pumpkin Pie |
| Saturday | Dec 21st | Employees and Volunteers Christmas Party. 5 – 8 PM Pot Luck Dinner. White Elephant Gift of \$20.00. |
| Tuesday | Dec 31st | New Year’s Eve Party. Dinner at 5 – 6:30 PM. RSVP by Dec 24th. Roast Beef, Black Eye Peas, Rice, Dinner Rolls Dessert. \$13.00 per person. Watch the Ball drop (ET) 9:00 PM |

The 40et8 Chateau is now fully licensed to operate a kitchen and serve the public at dinners and/or special events.

Magic Carpet Ride - WWII AMERICAN REAL AMERICANS. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Submitted by Bill Hauser

Magic Carpet Ride

This email has incredible pictures of our returning military. I can't imagine what it took to get these guys home.

We now have 2 generations who never entered the military, who have no idea how fortunate they are to live in a free country. A country who is not speaking German because of the sacrifices these young men & women made so we are a free country. I say this to my own children and grandchildren who have no idea how patriotic us old timers feel and will never forget. This is one email with proof of history you'll probably never see in our children's school books today. Share it please, pictures worth a 1,000 words. Remember what Eisenhower said at the end of the war, "Take pictures of the dead Holocaust Jewish people, a generation or two will never believe it happened"!!!

Returning the troops home after WWII was a daunting task....

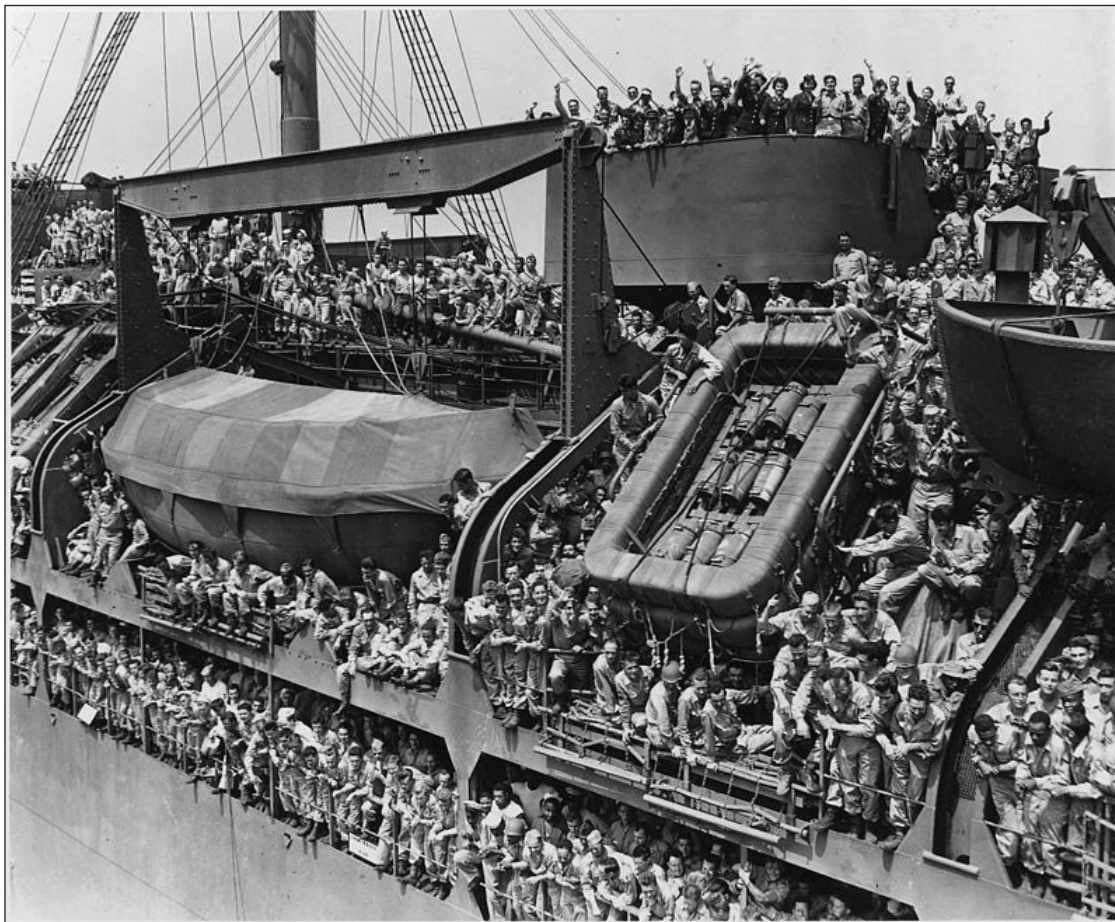
The Magic Carpet that flew everyone home.

In 1939, there were 334,000 servicemen, not counting the Coast Guard.

In 1945, there were over 12 million, including the Coast Guard

At the end of the war, over 8 million of these men and women were scattered overseas in Europe, the Pacific and Asia .

Shipping them out wasn't a particular problem but getting them home was a massive logistical headache. Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall had already established committees to address the issue



Soldiers returning home on the USS General Harry Taylor in August 1945.

When Germany fell in May 1945, the US. Navy was still busy fighting in the Pacific and couldn't assist. The job of transporting 3 million men home fell to the Army and the Merchant Marine. 300 Victory and Liberty cargo ships were converted to troop transports for the task. During the war, 148,000 troops crossed the Atlantic west to east each month; the rush home ramped this up to 435,000 a month over 14 months.

Hammocks crammed into available spaces aboard the USS Intrepid



In October 1945, with the war in Asia also over, the Navy started chipping in, converting all available vessels to transport duty.

On smaller ships like destroyers, capable of carrying perhaps 300 men, soldiers were told to hang their hammocks in whatever nook and cranny they could find.

Carriers were particularly useful, as their large open hangar decks could house 3,000 or more troops in relative comfort, with bunks, sometimes in stacks of five welded or bolted in place.

The Navy wasn't picky, though: cruisers, battleships, hospital ships, even LSTs (Landing Ship, Tank) were packed full of men yearning for home.

Two British ocean liners under American control, the RMS Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth, had already served as troop transports before and continued to do so during the operation, each capable of carrying up to 15,000 people at a time, though their normal, peacetime capacity was less than 2,200.

Twenty-nine ships were dedicated to transporting war brides: women married to American soldiers during the war.



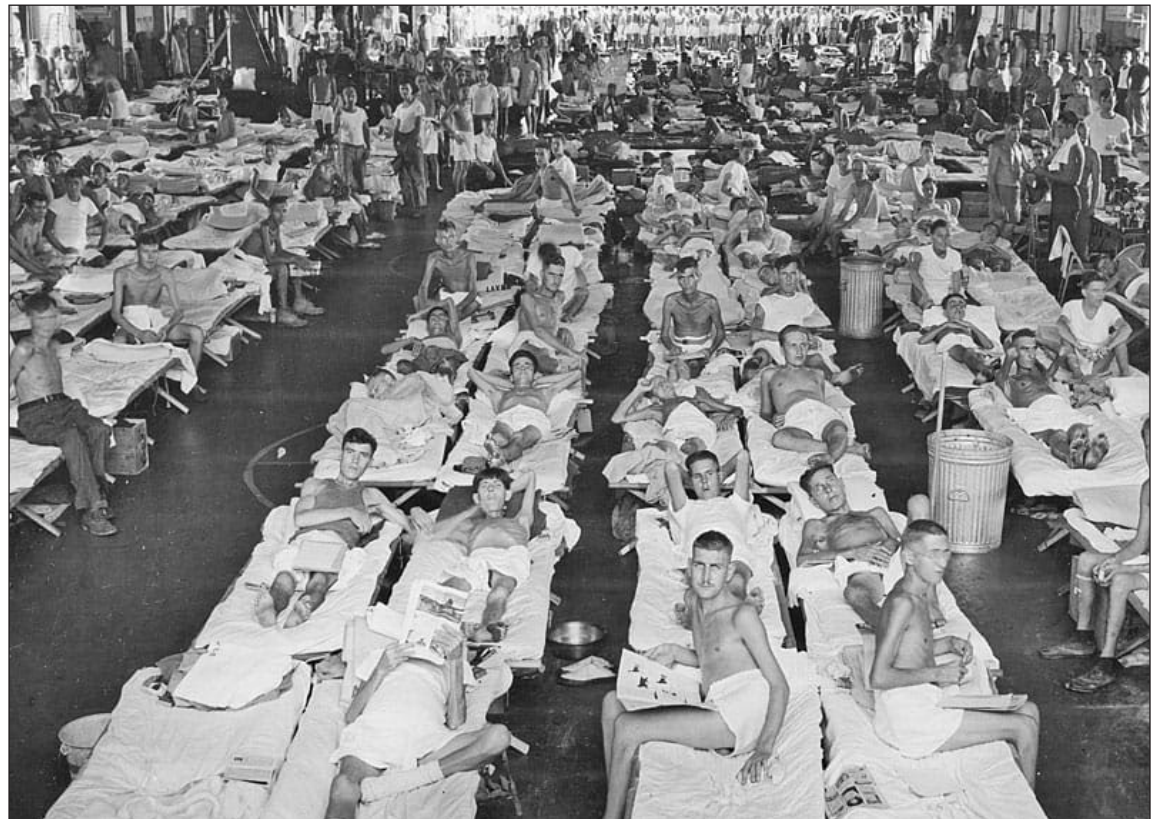
Bunks aboard the Army transport SS Pennant



Troops performing a lifeboat drill on board the Queen Mary in December 1944, before Operation Magic Carpet

The Japanese surrender in August 1945 came none too soon, but it put an extra burden on Operation Magic Carpet .

The war in Asia had been expected to go well into 1946 and the Navy and the War Shipping Administration were hard-pressed to bring home all the soldiers who now had to get home earlier than anticipated. The transports carrying them also had to collect numerous POWs from recently liberated Japanese camps, many of whom suffered from malnutrition and illness.



U.S. soldiers recently liberated from Japanese POW camps

The time to get home depended a lot on the circumstances. USS Lake Champlain , a brand new Essex-class carrier that arrived too late for the war, could cross the Atlantic and take 3,300 troops home a little under 4 days and 8 hours. Meanwhile, troops going home from Australia or India would sometimes spend months on slower vessels.



Hangar of the USS Wasp during the operation

There was enormous pressure on the operation to bring home as many men as possible by Christmas 1945. Therefore, a sub-operation, Operation Santa Claus , was dedicated to the purpose.

Due to storms at sea and an overabundance of soldiers eligible for return home, however, Santa Claus could only return a fraction in time and still not quite home but at least to American soil.

The nation's transportation network was overloaded, trains heading west from the East Coast were on average 6 hours behind schedule and trains heading east from the West Coast were twice that late.

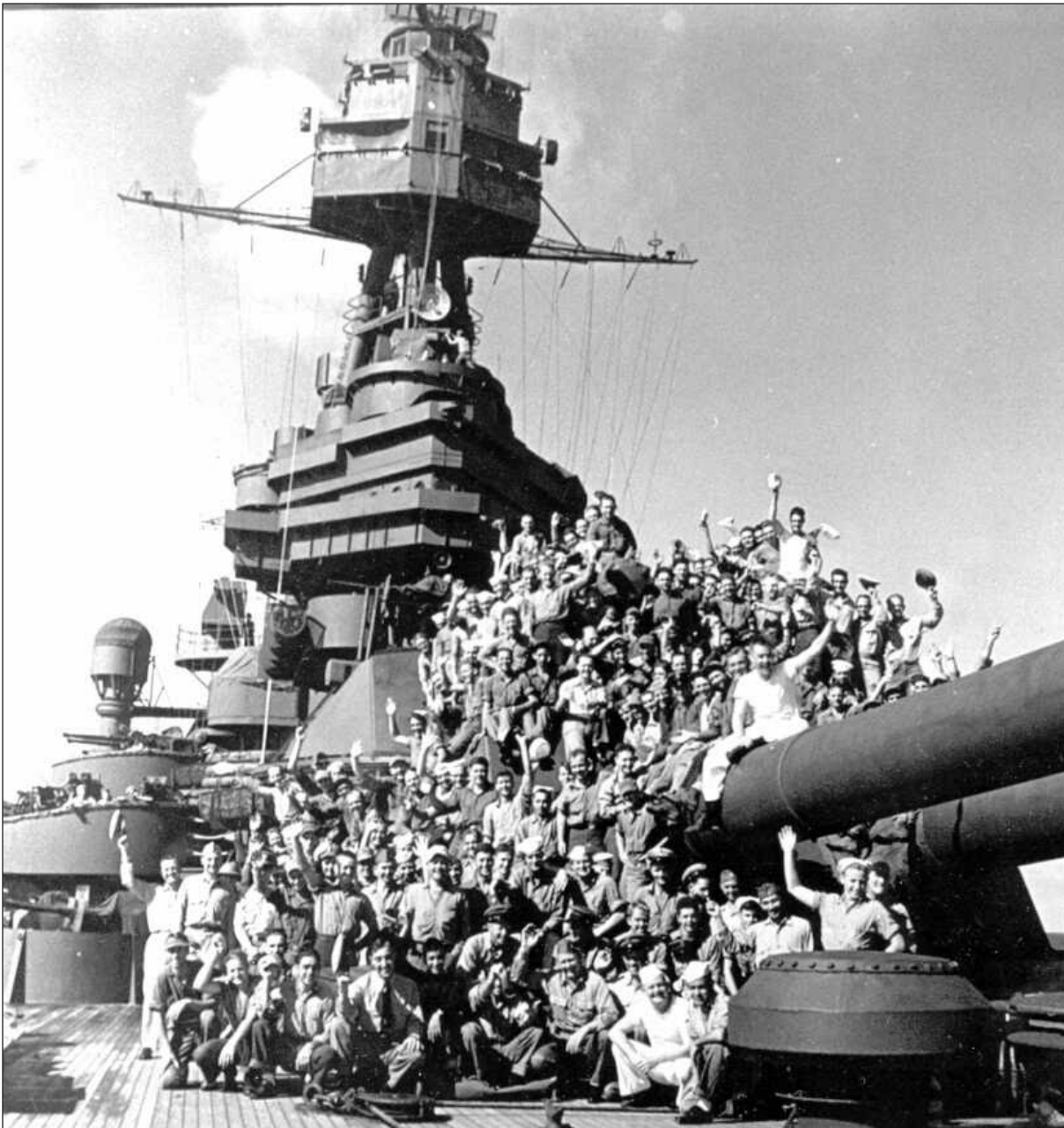
The USS Saratoga transported home a total of 29,204 servicemen during Operation Magic Carpet , more than any other ship. Many freshly discharged men found themselves stuck in separation centers but faced an outpouring of love and friendliness from the locals. Many townsfolk took in freshly arrived troops and invited them to Christmas dinner in their homes.



The crowded flight deck of the USS Saratoga

Still others gave their train tickets to soldiers and still others organized quick parties at local train stations for men on layover.

A Los Angeles taxi driver took six soldiers all the way to Chicago ; another took another carload of men to Manhattan , the Bronx, Pittsburgh , Long Island, Buffalo and New Hampshire . Neither of the drivers accepted a fare beyond the cost of gas.



Overjoyed troops returning home on the battleship USS Texas

All in all, though, the Christmas deadline proved untenable. The last 29 troop transports, carrying some 200,000 men from the China-India-Burma theater, arrived to America in April 1946, bringing Operation Magic Carpet to an end, though an additional 127,000 soldiers still took until September to return home and finally lay down the burden of war.

GOD BLESS THE GREAT GENERATION (Above) and the Generations that have served this Great Nation since WW II !

A Veteran-whether active duty, retired, served one hitch, or reservist is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The Government of the United States of America", for an amount of "up to and including their life." That is honor, and there are too many people in this country who no longer understand it -Author unknown.