



Next Prom  
March 4, 2019 @6:30pm



Next Cheminot  
March 19, 2019 @ 6:30pm



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# BOXCAR BULLETIN

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## Chef de Gare's Corner

Morris Giesler

We had a Wreck on Saturday February 16, 2019, Four (4) P.G.'s this time and we have room for a large number of P.G.'s. Please review the Constitution for Voiture 99 Article IV and Article V Section 1 thru 6.

We have a number of Nomination forms for Membership in LA SOCIETE DES 40 HOMMES et 8 CHEVAUX.

The Grand du Washington Petite Promenade, is Saturday March 23rd at 0900 hours in the BOXCAR room of Voiture 99.

On Friday March 22nd the Grand Cheminot will meet at 1700 hours in the BOXCAR room.

Friday March 22nd we will be serving Dinner at \$12.00 a plate. Clifton Taylor will make his famous Lasagna with salad, coffee and ice water on tap with the bar open for those in need of a little libation.

Saturday lunch provided by the La Femmes, will be sandwich, chip, potato salad and dessert for \$10.00.

Saturday Banquet: roast beef, garlic mashed potatoes, salad,

and rolls. Guests and La Femmes \$15.00, Voyageur Militaire covered in registration.

Yours Correspondant has copies of the Registration forms that needs to be sent to the Grand Correspondant, Lynda Blair (Voiture 135) in Shelton, Washington by March 15th to avoid late charge for registration.

Chef de Gare  
Morris E. Giesler

## Correspondants Notes

In last month's article I addressed the most popular job descriptions used at the Voiture (local) level of La Societe. There are four more that deserve your attention. These are all appointed positions.

Avocat: Is the legal advisor to the Voiture and ensures that all business the Voiture undertakes is in accordance with the appropriate rules and regulations which govern the Voiture Locale and La Societe and comply with WA State RCW's.

Medicin: Responsible for coordinating emergency medical care should a Voyageur Militaire or other participant become ill during an event.

Drapeau: Responsible for the

proper care and placement of the colors during an event.

Guard de Prisoner: This individual and his minions take charge of the Prisoners de Guerra (GOOFS) prior to and during a WRECK and ensure that they behave themselves and are delivered to the Rituals Directeur on time and in the proper frame of mind (a fun job).

But then again, all the positions in the 40/8 should be fun. That's what the organization was designed for at its inception. We have just passed through some very stressful times at the Voiture. This is not entirely about the sale of the Bingo Hall. Although that has and continues to be a contributing factor. I believe that the 40/8 was designed to be led by a team effort, not one or two individuals or a click of individuals trying to impose their will upon the majority. That's why we are structured the way we are.

If I may quote from our Avocat, Anne Beaton, when she wrote "If we can be patient and understanding with each other, we can have productive conversations that will move the 40 et 8 forward". We share

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# Chateau Schedule for March 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 3/4/19  
Cheminot 3/19/19

## March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<sup>1</sup> Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am - 9:00am	<sup>2</sup> Chateau Open 12-7pm
<sup>3</sup> <b>Big Money Bingo</b> 6:30p	<sup>4</sup> <b>PROM</b>	<sup>5</sup> BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar	<sup>6</sup> Skyview SAT Testing Bingo Hall 7:00am	<sup>7</sup> Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	<sup>8</sup> Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am - 9:00am  CMAC	<sup>9</sup> Chateau Open 12-7pm  Ham Radio Mtg. 10:30am
<sup>10</sup>	<sup>11</sup>	<sup>12</sup> BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar	<sup>13</sup> HDSCB Mtg 11:30am	<sup>14</sup> Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am  MOAA. 9:00am	<sup>15</sup> Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am  LaFemmes Booksale	<sup>16</sup> Chateau Open 12-7pm  LaFemmes Booksale
<sup>17</sup>	<sup>18</sup> S.A.L.T. Meeting 11am, Boxcar	<sup>19</sup> BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar  <b>CHEMINOT</b>	<sup>20</sup> KWVA meeting. Boxcar	<sup>21</sup> Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am  MOAA. 11:00am  VA Bingo 6:30 -7:30 PM	<sup>22</sup> Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am  Petite Grand du WA Chateau	<sup>23</sup> Chateau Open 12-7pm  Petite Grand du WA Chateau
<sup>24</sup>	<sup>25</sup> Ombudsman Volunteer Meeting 9am, Boxcar	<sup>26</sup> BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar	<sup>27</sup> Hudson Bay SAT Testing Bingo Hall 7:00am	<sup>28</sup> Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am Mothers Group 11:00am  VA Bingo 6:30 -7:30 PM		

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

many common bonds as veterans. One in particular is the desire to support actions which allow us to contribute to the common good of the community, state and nation. We can accomplish this and so much more when we work together as a team, rather than individuals.

## Americanism

Greetings Voyageurs,  
I recently had the pleasure along with Marc Lacy of attending a Memorial Service for a sailor who was killed on December 7, 1941 while serving on the USS Oklahoma. The service was for MU2 Francis E. "Ham" Dick.



Family and friends were joined by members of the community to remember the sacrifice of this member of the Greatest Generation. Petty Officer Dick was from Woodland, WA and loved music and had a great aptitude for learning different instruments. He was remembered by his sister who was only three at the time of his death. The foyer and the chapel were decorated with musical memorabilia and mementos from his era. The Patriot Guard escorted Petty Officer Dick into the chapel and escorted him to his final resting place at the Vancouver Barracks

Post Cemetery. It was very touching that the Navy is still trying to identify the Sailors and Marines who made the ultimate sacrifice, and returning them home to their families. The date of the service was also poignant, it was on the anniversary of his mother receiving the telegram that he had perished at Pearl Harbor. It was truly and honor to acknowledge the sacrifice of this brave sailor. Bravo Zulu, Petty Officer Dick and Fair Winds and Following Seas to you in this world and the next.

Anne M. Beaton  
Americanism Chair



## VAVS

5TH DISTRICT VAVS BINGO TEAM

By Bob Brennan VAVS Representative

Meet the Team: 187 years of Military Service and are still helping their Fellow Veterans.

The following is the team that help every month at the Vancouver Community Living Center as a representative of the American legion VAVS program. These members show up no matter the weather or time of day. We also have Volunteer member that may only come once or twice a year and we are thankful for their help. The Bingo Team members are on call and ready to help at any extra event that may need additional help. These members are a sample of the VAVS program and are the heart of the program and are a sample of the back bone of the American Legion.

Ed Dunkle US Army 23 years  
Frank Falbee US Marines 30 years  
Richard Toffuer US Marines 30 years  
Jan Wojlechoski US Army 30 years  
Richard Fox USAF 8 years  
George Cruz USAF 30 years  
Tino Renon US Army 3 years  
Rena Benette USAF 2 years  
Bob Brennan US Army 4 years  
Richard Langenbach US Army 25 years  
John Landahl US Army 2 years.  
John is our oldest volunteer at the age of 90. John was part of the US Army German Occupation.

Please join us on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Share a smile with the Veterans at the Vancouver VA Complex. Become a member of the VAVS Team.

BINGO on 24 Jan 7 volunteers 18 patients & \$100.00 Given in prizes

## Marketing

The marketing committee is considering three projects: QUILT TICKETS - when do we want to begin selling tickets and when do we want to have the drawing? The quilt in question has been donated by John Landahl. The funds will go towards further marketing events. BUTTONS - These buttons will feature our Flags for First Graders 2019 youngster. This is a marketing tool we can use to reach the entire community. How many buttons should we have make up? PROGRAM TRI-FOLD - this is a great marketing tool to give out to businesses and other organizations. It will feature the 40 & 8 logo, as well as, Grant Edwards photo. All suggestions are welcome and EVERYONE is invited to attend the marketing meetings.

The forms for the historian book have been handed out. If you did not get a copy, they are on the sign-in table. We are the only historians this Voiture has. Let's pen our stories and carry on the mission and traditions of the 40 & 8. You can put your stories in the folder in the back of the chateau.

**Here's an old motorcycle group you may be interested in...** →



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

For info and to Register:  
<http://www.voiture-99.com/great-western-promenade-2019/>



Grande du South Carolina invites you to attend the 100th Promenade & 56th Rendezvous Nationale Myrtle Beach, South Carolina September 10-14, 2019

Register here:  
<http://www.voiture-99.com/100th-promenade-56th-rendezvous-nationale/>

## La Femmes

The LaFemmes will be keeping busy during March. We will be holding our Annual Book Sale on Friday and Saturday, March 15th and 16th. Plan on coming in to browse through our books for your favorite author or storyline. It is the best time to pick up books at bargain prices, nothing will be more than \$2.00. If you have books you would like to donate, please bring them to the meeting or when you come in for coffee or breakfast. On March 14th we will be setting up for the sale if you would like to donate books at that time.

On Saturday, March 16th we will also be celebrating St Patrick's Day with an Irish Dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased for \$10.00. Proceeds will benefit the VA Transplant Lodge.

Also this month will be the Grand Petite Prom on March 22nd and 23rd here at the Chateau, it will be great to see you all there. LaFemmes will be preparing a sandwich lunch on Saturday after the morning meetings.

A silent auction will be held at the Grand, we have a few items, but if you have anything you would like to donate please contact Judy Bailey or Mary Snyder

Don't forget that we are still collecting food for the children at Share House.

The blue barrels are still in the lobby of the Chateau.



## LaFemme Cabane #99

# BOOK SALE

**MARCH 15th and 16th**

**9:00 am until 4:00 pm**

**Benefits 40 @ 8 Veterans Programs**

***HUNDREDS OF BOOKS***

***NOTHING OVER \$2.00***

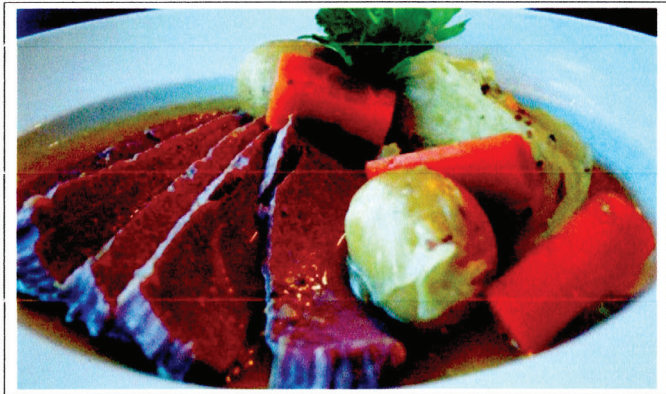
**40 @ 8 Boxcar Room**

**East of Bingo Parlor on 78<sup>th</sup> Street in Vancouver**

**Donations taken until March 14<sup>th</sup>—See Mary Snyder or Judy Bailey**



## LA FEMME CABANE #99



# CORN BEEF DINNER

**SATURDAY - MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**5:00 – 6:30 pm**

**40 et 8 CHATEAU**

**Tickets available now \$10.00**

**Proceeds will benefit the VA Transplant Lodge**

# PROGRAMS OF LA SOCIETE 40 et 8

## AMERICANISM

“The activity in service to the public”

Supporting and attending 40 et 8 Promenades, Wrecks, Conventions; Youth & Senior Programs; Memorial Dedications; Boys and Girls State; American Flags for First Graders; Special Olympics; Participations in various patriotic functions, etc.

“The scope of Americanism goes far beyond just flag waving.”

## V. A. V. S.

“Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service”

Visits to the Veteran Administration Medical Center on a regular basis, giving comfort and assistance to, or just visit with, the hospitalized veterans. The 40 & 8 has adopted an additional program for these veterans called “Keep Those Wheelchairs Rolling.” The special “needs” may cover a project, equipment, or comfort and convenience items needed by the hospitalized veterans.

## CARVILLE STAR

“A bi-monthly publication printed and published by the patients at the National Hansen Disease Center at Carville, Louisiana”

The primary purpose of the STAR is to provide doctors around the world with the results of the ongoing research and treatment; it is also intended to promote an enlighten public awareness and opinion on Hansen’s Disease. In

many countries, this is the only information the doctors have concerning the treatment of the disease.

## NATIONAL BOX CAR ASSOCIATION

The National Box Car Association is an independent association which raises funds for special projects at Promenade Nationale. Each year a party for special children is planned at the host city. These special children and their escorts are treated to lunch, train rides and entertainment provided by HOBO Clowns and bands. Another project at Promenade Nationale is a monetary donation to the local VAVS Hospital or Clinic. This contribution usually goes to the patient Services Area. All funds are used within the year they are raised.

## CHILD WELFARE

“40 & 8’s First Program”

Founded in 1923 to ease the pain and suffering of children whose fathers never came back from the war, or were unable to care for their needs. Today, our efforts touch millions of children with the investment of over seven million dollars annually.

## NURSES TRAINING

“The Nurses Training Program; established to meet the ever increasing need for trained nurses.”

It is more than fifty years since the 40 & 8 has been recognizing the need for trained nurses in this country. The 40 & 8 began

a program that would provide scholarships to deserving individuals who were willing to undergo formal training and make a career in this very noble profession. The 40 & 8 has assisted more than 32,000 nurses in obtaining their degrees. The Nurses Training Program is primarily administered at the Voiture Locale Level.

## YOUTH SPORTS

“The program encompasses all sports and is available to all youth 7 through 20 years of age, regardless of sex, race, or creed.”

The primary purpose of the program is to provide monetary assistance to deserving and needy athletes or teams to participate in sporting events. This is done through grants to the individuals or teams when applied for by a Voiture Locale or Grande Voiture.

## POW/MIA

“The primary purpose of this program has become the Survivor Scholarship Program.”

Service personnel declared as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action have been the subject of government accounting procedures and today, every veteran’s organization, in whatever fashion, takes time to recognize these missing brothers and sisters. The POW/MIA Scholarship program has limited its fund distributions to the veteran’s spouse, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter of a known and verified POW/MIA who served after December 7, 1941. These scholarships are funded through a perpetual trust.



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