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Chef de Gare's Corner

Bob Brennan

ASSUME

The word assume can cause problems. I assumed they were going to stop. I had the right of way. People and Companies have gone broke due to the assumption that the contract was read and so forth. People take action or issue orders on the assumption it the right thing to do. It may turn out to be the correct thing to do but it has consequences. When you take the "I assume" position you are responsible for the outcome, good or bad. To prevent this problem 40et8 has written Policies and Procedures to prevent the assuming from happening when we have an election and change of leadership. This gives a continuity of leadership by following the written Policies and Procedures. This guide works for normal events, however it does not work when there is a lapse or void of leadership when the elected leader is suspended for a period of time. This can result in some members, who have good will, and believe it is necessary to take action without the temporary leadership. Although fully aware, these members take charge and issues orders and direction when

they do not have the authority to carry out their actions.

When a new election takes place these members must discontinue the newly taken authority and return to the written authority of their elected office. If you have a suggestion, concern or problem with something, you should talk with the person in charge of that area. If, in fact, nothing is happening with your request, then talk with the Chef. You do not have the authority to demand that any action be done because of your request. In the event someone asks you do something that you are not responsible for, direct them to the correct person who is in charge of that area of responsibility. This will allow you to use your time in your area of responsibility and allow the other officer to work on the question. We need to work together to get things done in the best interest of the organization.

We are Veterans together for life. Once a Veteran always a Veteran

Bob Brennan

*Look for your
Service Branch
throughout
the Boxcar*



Correspondants Notes

The 100th Promenade Nationale has concluded and an interesting time was had by all. The individual voyageurs presenting the different classes and committee seminars were highly motivated and were completely knowledgeable in their subject matter. All the committee meetings and seminars that I attended were straight forward and to the point; packed with information and presented in such a manner that you had to be asleep not to understand and/or appreciate it. So, high quotes to those presenters. As soon as I get all of the committee reports and comments by our delegates accumulated, I will make them available to all the membership. As for the accommodations, the Double Tree by Hilton was what you would expect from the name. First class all the way (including price). Just about each room had an ocean view, three different pools to choose from and only steps from the beach. If you're a sun and sand person, you couldn't ask for more. However, you did need a car if you planned on going anywhere. There are literally dozens of restaurants in the Myrtle Beach area to satisfy any gastronomical craving you

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Chateau Schedule

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 9/7/19
Cheminot 9/15/19

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BNI Networking 6:30am Boxcar	2	3 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	4 Member &Guest Breakfast 7am	5 Chateau Open 12pm
6 Football Sunday Chateau open 9-5	7 PROM	8 BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar Lifeline Screening 8:30am	9 HDSCBA Mtg 11:30am Boxcar	10 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	11 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am CMAC 8:30am	12 Chateau Open 12pm
13 NFL Sunday Chateau 9-5	14	15 BNI Networking 6:30am Boxcar CHEMINOT	16 PSAT Bingo Hall 8:00am KWVA meeting. Boxcar 10am	17 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am MOAA Meeting Boxcar 11am	18 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	19 Chateau Open 12pm
20 NFL Sunday Chateau 9-5	21 S.A.L.T. Meeting 11am, Boxcar	22 BNI Networking 6:30am Boxcar	23 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	24 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am VAVS Bingo @ Vanc.VA CLC 6:30-7:30 PM	25 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am CMAC 8:30am	26 Chateau Open 12pm
27 NFL Sunday Chateau 9-5	28 Ombudsman Meeting Boxcar 9:00am	29 BNI Networking 6:30am Boxcar	30 PSAT Bingo Hall 8:00am	31 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am		

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

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might have. The entire north end of the beach area of the town is a vast tourist area not unlike Coney Island or a giant carnival. The only thing that bothered a lot of us from the west coast was the humidity. All things considered, the trip was well worth it for the new information learned and the new friends that were met.

We are going into October and our renewals are slow coming in. We are only about 30+% renewed so far. Were far short of where we were last year. So, if you have not paid your dues yet, please do so as soon as you can. I hate sending out reminders and payment notices.

Attendance at our primary functions such as Promenades and Cheminots has been dropped off lately. Even the attendance at our Wrecks has dropped off. You would think that when you induct new members into your organization, the membership would at least make an effort to show up and welcome them aboard and into the family, so to speak. I guess it's a matter of priorities for some. Gee, Dancing with the Stars or a Prom? What's more important?

Our Chateau Manager, Lori Roberts, has been trying out a number of things to bring you all back into the Chateau. We now have three large screen TV's, are open on Saturday and Sunday and can even feed you if you get hungry! What more could you ask for.

Americanism

BUTTONS ARE HERE!

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

Contact Dixie for yours.



Greetings Voyageurs!

It has been a while since you have heard from me in the Boxcar! Americanism is alive and well at Voiture 99. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers and organizers who put on the Labor Day Car Show to support Clark County Veterans. There were approximately 147 entries this year with many of them being repeat participants. It is community events such as this that bring us all together for a common goal, and that I feel is the true spirit of Americanism.

The Loci has been out in about for many different events such as the Kelso Highlander Parade Amboy Territorial Days and of course Extreme Machines in Longview. Anyone is welcome to join the Loci crew for our events, the more the merrier! This is a great opportunity to show your spouse, or even potential new members about our community

service and the fun that we have doing it. Kids and grandkids are always welcome as well.

I also need your help. I need each and every Voyager to be committed to logging your community service hours, mileage, and donations. This will help us be in compliance with the Washington state Gambling Commission and show them our dedication to our stated purpose. Forms are available in the box car room and from myself. I also asked, the committee chairs fill out the new event recap form for each event held. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me my email is HLANNIEB@ yahoo.com.

Don't forget I have the new 100th anniversary Americanism pins available for sale for a \$3 donation.

Yours in service to the Voiture,
Annie Beaton
Chef du Train
Americanism Chair



SIMPLE THOUGHTS

Beginnings are wonderful things—they're free, they're full of possibilities, and everyone gets a new one every day. What will you do with yours?

THE FINAL INSPECTION:

The Soldier stood and faced God,
which must always come to pass.

He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.

Step forward now, Soldier, how
shall I deal with you? Have you
always turned the other cheek?

To My Church have you been
true?'

The soldier squared his shoulders
and said, 'no, Lord, I guess I ain't.

Because those of us who carry
guns, Can't always be a saint.
I've had to work most Sundays.
And at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent,
because the world is awfully
rough.

But, I never took a penny, that
wasn't mine to keep. Though I
worked a lot of overtime, When
the bills just got too steep. And
I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.

And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place,
Among the people here. They
never wanted me around, Except
to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord,
It needn't be so grand. I never
expected or had too much, But if
you don't, I'll understand.

Silence all around the throne,
Where the saints had often trod.

As the Soldier waited quietly, For
the judgment of his God.

'Step forward now, you Soldier,

You've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's
streets, You've done your time in
Hell.'

~Author Unknown~

Voyageurs

I have just 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.

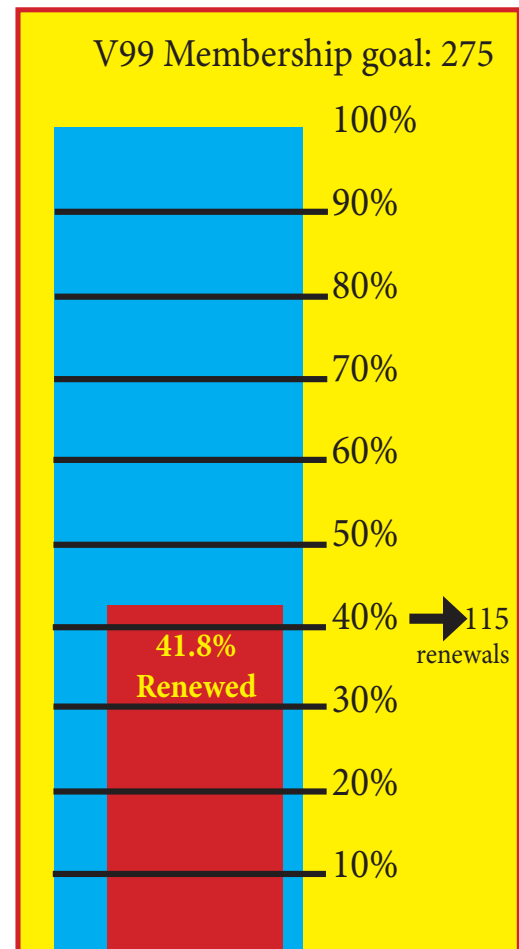
It's the Soldier, not the reporter,

Who has given us the freedom of
the press.

It's the Soldier, not the poet,
Who has given us the freedom of
speech.

It's the Soldier, not the politicians
that ensures our right to Life,
Liberty and the Pursuit of
Happiness.

It's the Soldier who salutes the
flag, who serves beneath the flag,
and whose coffin is draped by the
flag.





THE LOUGH LEGACY VETERANS PARADE SATURDAY, NOV. 9

10:30AM CEREMONY | 11AM PARADE
FORT VANCOUVER NATIONAL SITE
& DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER



12PM CMAC OPEN HOUSE
HUDSON'S BAY HIGH SCHOOL

PARADE
REGISTRATION
OPEN

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HISTORIC
TRUST
CELEBRATE FREEDOM



PATRIOTISM

FREEDOM CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT PATRIOTISM

Freedom has many facets. "What is freedom" is hard to answer in a few words. We might be content to measure freedom by the statements in our Declaration of Independence. What most people desire is freedom of conscience, freedom of worship, freedom of assemble, freedom of choice, freedom of expression, freedom to come and go, etc. These freedoms are usually coupled with some measure of responsibility and concern for the welfare of the nation. But others want a free-wheeling freedom with no restrictions attached. They insist that their interpretation of the above named freedoms guarantees to them unlimited rights and benefits under our Constitution and its Bill of Rights. Such persons seem to believe that they can do what they want to do in every category, can obey what laws and regulations they approve of, can live among other people without responsibility of any kind for the common good or for the good of the society of which they are a part.

Such behavior brings back the rule of the jungle. True freedom is made of sterner stuff than this, and is the characteristic of the people which determines a nation's longevity.

A careful consideration of freedom and patriotism will show that the two are closely related, and that true freedom cannot long endure without genuine patriotism. For a short period patriotism can be abused without apparent harm to the freedoms which the people enjoy. But no people can be happy for long where love of country does not exist. This is fundamental to any people, and indeed to any virile nation. In the long run the continuance of a country's way of life and its freedoms depend upon the degree of the patriotism of its citizens. And what is more, such patriotism must be voluntary patriotism, it must be real, not stilted or mandatory. If freedom is to be lasting it must be the will of the people as expressed by their voluntary patriotism and by their desire to promote the over-all good of well-being of the nation.

Homer N. Wallin
Vice Admiral, Ret.



CLARK COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER 2019 VETERANS STAND DOWN & EXPO

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 0900 (9:00AM.) TO 1400 (2:00PM.)

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tplous@esd.wa.gov

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Join us in the Fort Vancouver Lions Club Patriotic Flag Project



The Fort Vancouver Lions Club, in conjunction with the Marine Cadets of Washington, invites you to join your neighbors in proudly displaying the American Flag in front of your home. This program gives residents of your community the opportunity to show their **pride** and **love** for our country. In exchange for an annual subscription price of \$50.00, we will place a 3' X 5' American Flag on a 7-1/2' white PVC pole in your lawn on the Flag Holidays listed below and then, late the same day, the flag will be picked up and stored for the next flag holiday. A temporary piece of rebar will be installed in the ground 11" below the surface (does not violate call before you dig) in the middle of your front lawn which will hold the flag in place. The Flag will be the property of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club and will be leased to the homeowner on the holidays shown. Seeing these flags lined up along the streets in your neighborhood is truly an impressive site, so we encourage you to talk to your neighbors and get everyone involved!

2019-20 FLAG HOLIDAYS		
Veterans Day	Monday, November 11,	2019
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25,	2020
Flag Day	Sunday, June 14,	2020
Independence Day	Saturday, July 4,	2020
Labor Day	Monday, September 7,	2020

The **Fort Vancouver Lions Club** is a member of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization. Our club supports many service and humanitarian projects, locally and worldwide. Proceeds from this flag program enable us to contribute to a variety of worthwhile charitable programs.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

If you have any questions, please call or email Lion David Rich (503) 577-8315/david.rich38@gmail.com

Yes, I wish to participate in the Holiday Flag Program of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club. For an annual subscription fee, the Fort Vancouver Lions Club agrees to place an American Flag at the address listed below on five (5) selected flag holidays. I agree to advise Fort Vancouver Lions Club of any sprinkler, plumbing, or electrical service that might interfere with the placement of the flagpole receptacle.

Name: _____

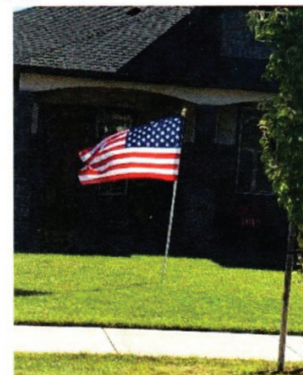
Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

email: _____

Sign up online at: <https://fortvancouverlions.org/product/display-american-flag/>

Or make checks payable and mail to:
Fort Vancouver Lions Club Foundation



PATTON VETERANS PROJECT

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PROGRAM DETAILS

WHEN: FRI Oct 4 to SUN Oct 6, 2019*
Fri 6-9PM and Sat/Sun 9AM-5PM
WHERE: Portland VA Medical Ctr.
3710 SW U.S. Veterans Hospital Rd.
Portland, OR
**participants must attend all three days.*

TO REGISTER, CONTACT:
Jeff McAleer at (360) 690-1842 or
jeff.mcaleer@va.gov
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