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## Chef de Gare's Corner

Bob Brennan  
**RESPECT**

Respect is not given; it is earned. The U.S. Government respects you for your service to the Country. The State, the County and City all respect you for your Service. The public in general respects you for your Service to our Country. Your fellow Veterans respect you as a brother in arms.

Every now and then we forget to show respect to each other. This occasionally happens in our meetings, during coffee time, at breakfast and at other times we spend together.

Conduct unbecoming of a member is not acceptable at any time. When we have a disagreement with another member of the 40et8, we seem to lose it and start yelling or saying things that we may regret later. Remember it is OK to disagree with someone in a respectful manner. If you think he may have done something that you disagree with, discuss it with him calmly and respectfully.

Do not rely on things that people say about a member or situation unless you were involved. It may be hearsay and you should not

repeat it. Seek the truth from the source and not the people on the fringe of the problem. If there is a problem, then focus on the solution. We must be respectful to all views, all solutions, and all opinions.

Our Organization will lose respect from the public if fellow members do not show respect to each other. We are not an organization in a vacuum, separate from the public. Gossip and disrespectful behavior will become common knowledge faster than you think. What goes around comes around.

When you are in public speak about the 40&8 and our members with respect. Air your problems within the organization and nowhere else.

Every organization has problems that need to be addressed. We are no different. We have no time for squabbles. We need to focus on solutions and cooperate with each other. See me if you feel there is an issue that needs to be addressed.

Bob Brennan  
Chef 2020

*Look for your  
Service Branch  
throughout  
the Boxcar*



## Merchant Marines

• WWI - 629 killed in merchant ships. 128 killed on Lusitania.

• WW1 - Approximately 9,000 merchant marines killed. 1 in 26. The men of the merchant marine were Civilian volunteers who nonetheless died proportionally in numbers that rivaled or exceeded any branch of the uniformed military.

- 12,000 wounded.
- 600 prisoners of war.
- 1,554 ships sunk (773 over 1000 gross tons).
- 142 USMMA Cadets lost their lives on merchant ships during their sea year.

FDR - the men of our American Merchant Marine have pushed through despite the perils of the submarine, the dive bomber, and the surface raider. They have returned voluntarily to their jobs at sea again and again, because they realized that the life-lines to our battle fronts would be broken if they did not carry out their vital part in this global war. In their hands, our vital supply lines are expanding. Their skill and determination will keep open the highway to victory and

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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 9/3/19  
Cheminot 9/17/19

## September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Football Sunday Chateau open 9-5 Brunch \$9.	2 Veterans Car Show 9am - 3pm  Labor Day	3 BNI Networking 6:30am Boxcar  <b>PROM</b>	4	5 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	6 Member &Guest Breakfast 7am  CMAC 8:30am	7 Chateau Open BBQ 12pm
8 Football Sunday Chateau open 9-5 Brunch \$9.	9	10 BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar	11 HDSCBA Mtg 11:30am Boxcar	12 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	13 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am  CMAC 8:30am	14 Chateau Open BBQ 12pm
15 Football Sunday Chateau open 9-5 Brunch \$9.	16 S.A.L.T. Meeting 11am, Boxcar	17 BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar  <b>CHEMINOT</b>	18 KWVA meeting. Boxcar 10am	19 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	20 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	21 Chateau Open BBQ 12pm
22 Football Sunday Chateau open 9-5 Brunch \$9.	23	24 BNI Networking 6-9am Boxcar	25	26 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am  VAVS Bingo @ Vanc.VA CLC 6:30-7:30 PM	27 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am  CMAC 8:30am	28 Chateau Open BBQ 12pm
29 Football Sunday Chateau open 9-5 Brunch \$9.	30 Ombudsman Meeting Boxcar 9:00am					

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

# Merchant Marines

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unconditional surrender.

**Dwight David Eisenhower** - General of the Army

Every man in this Allied command is quick to express his admiration for the loyalty, courage and fortitude of the officer and men of the Merchant Marine. We count upon their efficiency and their utter devotion to duty as we do our own; they have never failed us yet and in all the struggles yet to come we know that they will never be deterred by any danger, hardship, or privation. When final victory is ours, there is no organization that will share its credit more deservedly than the Merchant Marine.

**VE Day May 8, 1945** - Eisenhower - the truly heroic man of this war is GI Joe and his counterpart of the Air, Navy and Merchant Marine.



*Patrick McAllister, president of the Merchant Marines Association in Portland/Vancouver presented the plaque to Morris and Frank for the 40/8.*

A minister dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket, and jeans.

Saint Peter says to this guy, "Who are you, so that I may know whether to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?"

The guy replies, "I'm Joe Cohen, taxi driver, of New York City."

Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

The taxi driver goes into Heaven with his robe and staff, and it's the minister's turn.

He stands erect and booms out, "I am Joseph Snow, pastor of Saint Mary's for the last 43 years."

Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the minister, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Just a minute!" says the minister. "That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff. How can this be?"

"Up here, we work by results," says Saint Peter. "While you preached, people slept. While he drove, people prayed." 😊

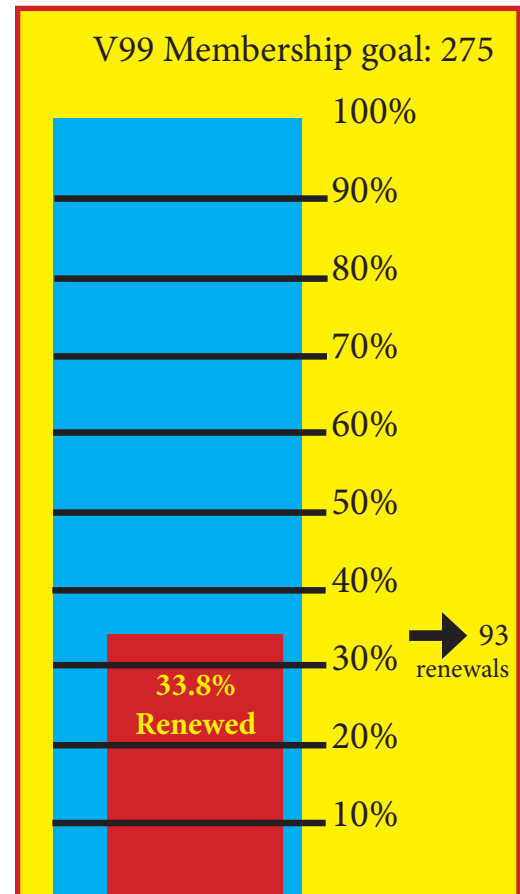


# La Femmes

With the 2019-2020 year beginning, we are all hoping for a successful year ahead with future goals for all our Voiture Programs. Great planning, communication, and unity; will make this our most successful year ever. We want to give all our volunteers a great big thank you for giving their most valuable asset, THEIR TIME, to help our organization support veterans and their families in their time of need. During the coming year the LaFemmes and Voitures will be working together to help support our programs

The 2019-2020 membership cards are available, the dues are \$25.00. If you have not renewed your membership, now is a great time to do it. Stephanie Collazo-Serrano will have them available for you at the Cheminot and Rendezvous this month.

Mary Snyder



## Correspondants Notes

September is the busiest and in many ways the most important month of the year for our Voiture. It is the beginning of our fiscal year. There are numerous administrative details to carry out to ensure the smooth running of the Voiture for the coming year. Many of the Staff and Voyageurs will be off to Promenade Nationale (10-14 Sept) in Myrtle Beach, S. C. this year for the 100th Birthday celebration of the 40/8, myself included. It should be a phenomenal event.

Unlike past events of this type, each attending voyageur will have an assigned number of committee meetings to attend and/or monitor and to report on when we return home. These will be presented at the Cheminot on the 17th of Sept. So, it won't be all play.

The month of September will start with our annual Sam Grooms Veterans Memorial Car Show. All of the proceeds gained by this event will go to support veterans in need. This is also one of the two occasions that we can open our

Chateau to the general public to show them who we are, what we do and what we stand for.

Monday, Sept 2nd is Labor Day and the annual car show. Tuesday, Sept 3rd is the Promenade. This is the only time we have a Promenade on a Tuesday all year.

Sometime after the Cheminot

when all hands are back from the Promenade Nationale, the staff will meet with representatives of Morgan Stanley Financial Planning to consider our options and financial strategies for investment of funds eventually gained from the sale of the Bingo Hall and Properties. Hopefully, this will provide the Cheminot and Voiture membership with a number of options when choosing a final direction for investment.

September is also the time to think about all the upcoming events for the fall season. Parties, Parades, Dinners, etc. The Chateau Lounge will be opening on Sundays in September for the fall FOOTBALL SEASON. Light snacks and cold beer will be available amongst other things. Here is another chance for you to help support your 40/8 Chateau.

Our yearly membership drive is fully underway. As of this writing almost 1/3rd of the membership has renewed their dues for the 2020 membership year. I hope everyone makes a concerted effort to renew their dues as early as possible. I would love to present our new Chef a 100% membership pin this year. But I can only do it with your help. Let's get together and have a good month at your 40/8.

Frank F

V99 Corres



A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. The next week, the man realized that he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight to Chicago. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (AND LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 AM."

The next morning the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and that he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't awoken him when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It's 5:00 AM. Wake up."



I think that I shall never hear,  
A lovelier poem than a beer,  
A beer that Joe's bar has on tap  
With golden base and foamy cap,  
The stuff that I can drink all day  
Until it melts my mind away.  
Poems are made by fools I fear,  
But only Coors can make a beer.  
Cheers!

## ARLINGTON CEMETERY

Jeopardy Question: On Jeopardy the other night, the final question was "How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns?"

All three contestants missed it!

This is really an awesome sight to watch if you've never had the chance. Fascinating. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps : It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1.

3. Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and, if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day,

365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30. They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way.

After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone nor watch TV.

All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who

they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe Lewis {the boxer}, Medal of Honor winner Audie L. Murphy, the most decorated soldier of WWII and of Hollywood fame.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty..

ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM  
O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL  
LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

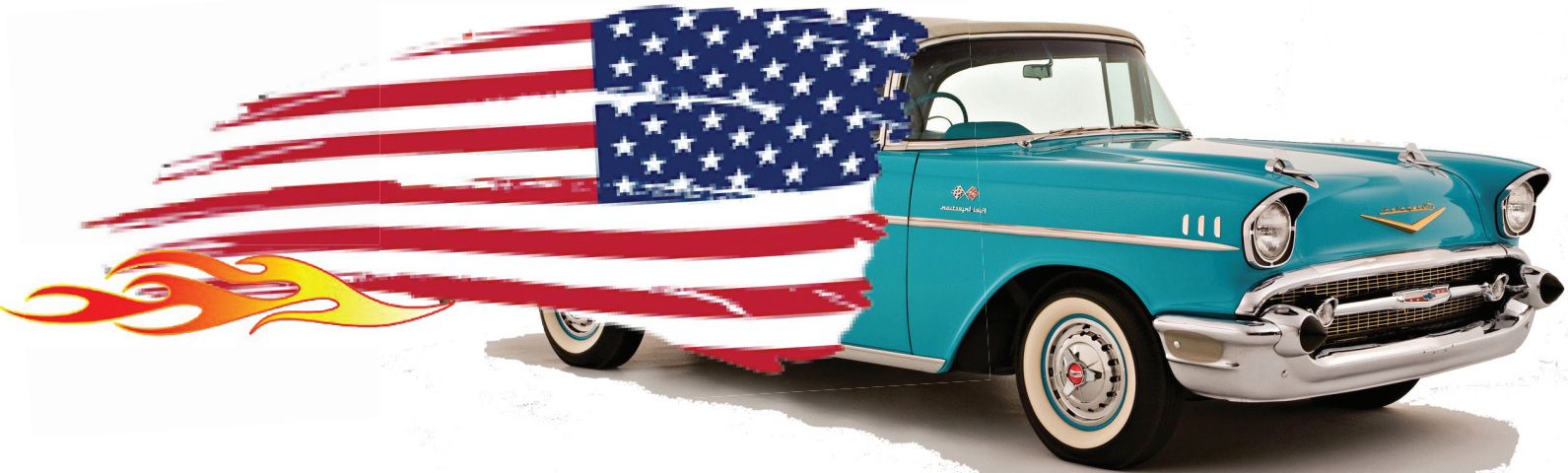
In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment.

They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

God Bless and keep them.

We can be very proud of our men and women in the service no matter where they serve.

I attempted being a deli worker, but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard.



# VETERAN'S CAR AND Motorcycle Show

September 2, 2019 10AM to 3PM at the 40 & 8 on 78th street  
next to the BINGO parlor. 1/2 mile East of Hwy 99  
\$20 Entry per car



Goodie Bags

1st 50 entries



Indoor Beer Garden



Contact: Earl Edwards 360-513-8251  
Cliff Taylor 360-901-8671  
Ron Fryer 360-608-4443



Benefits 40 et 8 Veterans Aid and Assistance Programs





**40 ET 8**  
**Chateau / Boxcar Room / Bingo Parlor**  
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**VANCOUVER, WA 98665**  
**(360) 574-8461**  
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August 2019

Voiture 99 Chapter of 40et8:

I want to say Thank You to all the volunteers who have stepped up for Friday Breakfast, Saturday BBQ and setting up for events, when needed.

We appreciate each and every one of you, on a job well done.

All of you continue to do Fantastic Work for your club.

I would give names, except the list for these volunteers is very long- you know who you are.

I also would like to announce you now have two New Employees on Board.

- Cliff Taylor (Kitchen Chef)
- Timothy May (over sees kitchen duties and clean up)

As we move forward we will continue to make improvements to the Voiture 99.

Thank you,  
Lauri Roberts  
40 et 8 Chateau Manager  
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