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Chef de Gare's Corner

Dear Voyageurs,

I hope you are all healthy and well as we move into the month of June. Things are in a constant state of change, and that is true of Voiture 99. We have had an offer on the Bingo Hall that was vetted by our realtor, our real estate attorney and the Cheminot. The membership has voted to accept the offer with stipulations. I have met with the employees of the Bingo Hall and informed them that an offer was on the table. It is still not a done deal yet for any of us, but we are hopeful for an outcome that will solidify our future ability to meet our charitable obligations that the 40/8 was founded on.

We are also looking to resume our Friday Breakfast when Clark County is able to apply for Phase 2 clearance to the State. There will be strict rules in place, if you want to join us you will need to follow them. Masks and temperature checks will be required, but on the positive side you will have a waitress serve you! We will be disseminating the information for all to follow once we are ready to go. Mrs. Barbara Loucks has been working diligently on our plans to reopen and will take each and

everyone of us working in concert to make that happen.

With all of the things going on in the major cities please feel free to take a moment to send some good positive energy out into the world. Bad things happen, and how we respond and meet the challenge truly matters. I know that we as 40/8 members can be a part of a peaceful, just solution to injustices we find in the world. People are hurting and emotions are running high, please be kind to those around you as we don't always know what is going on in other's lives.

Be excellent to each other!
Until we can meet in person again,
Yours in Service to the Voiture,

Anne Beaton, Chef du Gare

Correspondants Notes

As I sit here (mid May) all kinds of thoughts are going through my mind about what the future holds for Voiture 99, the 40/8 in general, most fraternal organizations as well as the rest of our society. Being very social animals, we like to gather together and socialize. We enjoy eating out with friends and family. As retirees (most of us) we like to travel, visit with friends and families and take in the wonders of this great nation we

call home. How long will it be before we all can get back to some form of normalcy? To do the things we want to do when we want to do them? What do we want our new normal to be? Or do we want to go back to our old way of doing things? Or, do we allow ourselves to grow from this experience. Change the way we have done things in the past to increase our ability to help others in the future. If the latter, what mind set do we have to change to accomplish that? How can we make this work with what we have at hand? What types of fund raisers can we have to earn enough money to sponsor our programs to a meaningful level? Car shows are popular, but how often can you have one and still bring the enthusiastic car buff back? We have and can continue to rent out the building to different groups. When is the last time you took your wife or husband out to dinner? What kind of entertainment would you like to see at the Chateau? Think about that. How often do you want to have the Chateau open? Do we go back to the old schedule of Thursday coffee, Friday breakfast and open on meeting nights only? Or do we try something different? Just a few things to think about before we open our doors again.

*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 TBA
 Cheminot TBA

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 PROM Chateau CANCELLED	2	3	4 Coffee & Doughnuts 7:00-9:30am CANCELLED	5 Member Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am CANCELLED	6 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm CANCELLED
7	8	ALL 40et8 AND BINGO ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE				13
14	15	16 CHEMINOT Chateau 5:30pm CANCELLED	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



Never Would Have Guessed

WHY MR. ROGERS WORE A SWEATER?

Captain Kangaroo passed away on January 23, 2004 at age 76 , which is odd, because he always looked to be 76. (DOB: 6/27/27)

His death reminded me of the following story.

Some people have been a bit offended that the actor, Lee Marvin, is buried in a grave alongside 3 and 4-star generals at Arlington National Cemetery His marker gives his name, rank (PVT) and service (USMC). Nothing else.

Here's a guy who was only a famous movie star who served his time, why the heck does he rate burial with these guys?

Well, following is the amazing answer:

I always liked Lee Marvin, but didn't know the extent of his Corps experiences.

In a time when many Hollywood stars served their country in the armed forces often in rear echelon posts where they were carefully protected, only to be trotted out to perform for the cameras in war bond promotions, Lee Marvin was a genuine hero.

He won the Navy Cross at Iwo Jima There is only one higher Naval award... the Medal Of Honor!

If that is a surprising comment on the true character of the man, he credits his sergeant with an even greater show of bravery.

Dialog from "The Tonight Show



<https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/novel-coronavirus>



with Johnny Carson”:

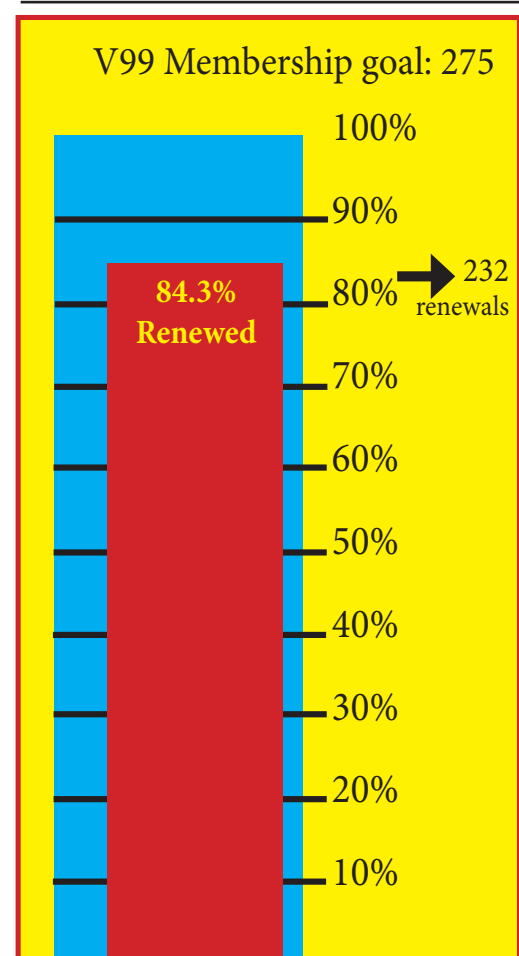
His guest was Lee Marvin.... Johnny said, "Lee, I'll bet a lot of people are unaware that you were a Marine in the initial landing at Iwo Jima .. and that during the course of that action you earned the Navy Cross and were severely wounded."

"Yeah, yeah... I got shot square in the bottom and they gave me the Cross for securing a hot spot about halfway up Suribachi.

Bad thing about getting shot up on a mountain is guys getting shot hauling you down. But, Johnny, at Iwo , I served under the bravest man I ever knew... We both got the Cross the same day, but what he did for his Cross made mine look cheap in comparison.

That dumb guy actually stood up on Red beach and directed his troops to move forward and get the hell off the beach..

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Humor

Bullets flying by, with mortar rounds landing everywhere and he stood there as the main target of gunfire so that he could get his men to safety. He did this on more than one occasion because his men's safety was more important than his own life.

That Sergeant and I have been lifelong friends. When they brought me off Suribachi we passed the Sergeant and he lit a smoke and passed it to me, lying on my belly on the litter and said,

"Where'd they get you Lee?" "Well Bob... if you make it home before me, tell Mom to sell the outhouse!"

Johnny, I'm not lying, Sergeant Keeshan was the bravest man I ever knew.

The Sergeant's name is Bob Keeshan.

You and the world know him as Captain Kangaroo."

On another note, there was this wimpy little man (who passed away) on PBS, gentle and quiet.. Mr. Rogers is another of those you would least suspect of being anything but what he now portrays to our youth.

But Mr. Rogers was a U.S. Navy Seal, combat-proven in Vietnam with over twenty-five confirmed kills to his name.

He wore a long-sleeved sweater on TV, to cover the many tattoos on his forearm and biceps.

He was a master in small arms and hand-to-hand combat, able to disarm or kill in a heartbeat

After the war Mr. Rogers became an ordained Presbyterian minister

and therefore a pacifist. Vowing to never harm another human and also dedicating the rest of his life to trying to help lead children on the right path in life... He hid away the tattoos and his past life and won our hearts with his quiet wit and charm..

America's real heroes don't flaunt what they did; they quietly go about their day-to-day lives, doing what they do best. They earned our respect and the freedoms that we all enjoy.

Look around and see if you can find one of those heroes in your midst.

Often, they are the ones you'd least suspect, but would most like to have on your side if anything ever happened..... Jus sayin



Some people aren't shaking hands because of Coronavirus. I'm not shaking hands because everyone is out of toilet paper.



A DEA officer stopped at our farm yesterday and said, "I need to inspect your farm for illegal growing drugs."

I said, "Okay, but don't go in that field over there."

The DEA officer verbally exploded saying, "Mister, I have the authority of the federal government with me!"

Reaching into his rear pants pocket, the arrogant officer removed his badge and shoved it in my face. "See this badge?! This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish - on ANY land! No questions asked or answers given! Have I made myself clear?"

I nodded politely, apologized, and went about my chores. A short time later, I heard loud screams, looked up, and saw the DEA officer running for his life, being chased by my big old mean bull in the field. With every step the bull was gaining ground on the officer. The officer was clearly terrified."

I threw down my tools, ran to the fence and yelled at the top of my lungs, "Your badge, show him your BADGE!!!"

