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## Chef de Gare's Corner

Dear Voyageurs,

This month I think I will keep my message short and sweet. I'd like to wish all you dads out there a very Happy Father's Day. Speaking of Father's Day, we have an outing planned for the day before on June 19th. The Loci will be headed to Winlock for the Egg Festival, after that we will head out for lunch hopefully at the Centralia Eagles, then we will go to the Veterans Memorial Museum where we will have a guided tour at 2:30pm. The Admission fee is only \$6 for veterans and they have a great little gift shop. The museum is set up in chronological order where you will see exhibits from the Revolutionary War to present day. They also have a weekly cruise-in that starts at 5:10pm that goes to a local park if you want to extend your time up in the Chehalis-Centralia area. All are welcome! We room on the Loci for a dozen or so and we have one driver willing to take a few more. Please let me know if you would like to attend so I can finish making arrangements. When things are totally finalized, I will ask Frank to send out an

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## Correspondants Notes

The membership drive for 2021 is now over. Voiture 99 will close out the membership year at 92.2% renewed membership. That means that we have lost eighteen (18) members since last year who have either passed away or have chosen not to continue their relationship with the Voiture and the 40/8. I know that the membership is growing older, and that fewer Voyageurs are attending our Promenades and Cheminots, or just stopping by to say hello. Of course, the pandemic did not help matters! A few members stated that they would not come in if they had to wear a face mask. Well, face masks are no longer a requirement! Because of our status as veterans, almost 100% of our voyageurs have received the required vaccinations. That should put some minds at ease. I, like the rest of the Staff and Cheminot members, am open to any suggestion as to how we can increase participation. The Chateau now provides a more pleasant environment with improved Wi-Fi and additional big screen TVs to enjoy sporting events or other entertainment. Drop in on Thursday morning

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# Chateau Schedule

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast.

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

Chateau (360)574-3872

Voiture 99 Meeting Reminders  
Prom June 7th  
Cheminot June 22nd

## June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	4 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	5 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm
6	7 <b>PROM</b> Chateau  La Femme Rendezvous	8	9	10 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	11 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	12 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm
13 	14	15	16 KWVA Membership Meeting 10:00am	17 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	18 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	19 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm
20	21	22 <b>CHEMINOT</b> Chateau 6:30pm  La Femme Cheminot	23	24 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	25 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	26 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm
27 	28	29	30	1 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	2 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	3 

Coffee & Donuts and Friday Breakfasts will be served in the Chateau

## Chef de Gare's Corner

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email blast with the final details. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Chef Annie

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### Editorial

Wow! The Covid restrictions are starting to relax and more and more people are showing up for Donuts and Coffee and Friday morning breakfast. It's great to see old friends and get better acquainted with people that I didn't know so well. I have also seen a couple of guests at these early morning gatherings,

Looks like masks are optional, too, as more people are getting the vaccination shots. I was lucky and got mine with the second group in February and March.

I am looking forward to going to Springfield, MO. for National in September. I will be driving and have room for a couple more people in the van. Let me know if you want to ride with me. It should be fun.

Finally, if you have something to submit to the Boxcar, remember it's your newsletter and you can write an article and send it in.

Ron

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Note: If you are looking for a smaller Memorial Day Celebration, please consider the American Legion event at Post 14 on St. James Road starting at 10:00am.

## Correspondants Notes

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for coffee, Friday breakfast or on Saturday afternoon and you will see that there is always a lively conversation going on in an atmosphere of camaraderie and friendship.

There are several things scheduled during June that you should be aware of. First and foremost, at the Promenade on the seventh (7th), the newly elected officers for 2022 will be sworn in. They will not take office until September, giving them the summer to finalize their plans for the upcoming membership year. If you are interested in meeting with other Voitures and their Voyageurs throughout the Grand, we have scheduled two trips for June. The first is to Voiture 135 in Shelton, WA on Thursday, the 3rd of June. This will be a day trip. We will leave the Chateau early enough to arrive in Shelton prior to 6 PM for their Promenade. Wenatchee, WA might be an overnigher. Their Promenade is at 11 AM on Saturday, the 5th of June. Wenatchee is just shy of 300 miles from Vancouver. So, either we leave at o-dark-thirty, or go up on Friday night. I'll have more for you as soon as a decision is made. If you plan on attending either trip, please let me know early. As these are Voiture 99 events, we can use our van. So, you don't even have to drive. Take care of you and yours, stay safe and stay healthy.

Frank Falbee  
Corres.

## LaFemmes

**Elaine Meis**

Candidates for the June election have been announced. All positions have been filled for the election of officers. The nominees are: La Presidente – Bonnie Mills, La Sous Presidente – Judy Bailey, La Commissaire Intendante – Roberta Giesler, La Corre-spondante – Elaine Meis, La Avocat – Norma Cooley, La Conducteur – Gail Hankel, La Aumonier – Judy Mead,, La Garde de la Porte – Tink Slegers, Cheminot – Terry Geopfert, Cheminot – Jeanette Hewitt – Cheminot – Heidi Moore. The election and installation of officers will be at the June Rendezvous.

A Rummage/Book Sale has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7. Set-up will be Wednesday and Thursday, August 4 and 5. Please plan on bringing items to donate for both on those days. If that is not possible, Roberta Giesler will collect books and rummage, please call her (360-909-5124) to arrange a time to drop-off your donation.

Cabane 99 supports the Share Backpack Program as part of the Hunger Response Programs here in Vancouver. The barrel at the front door of the chateau is a food collection barrel, not a garbage receptacle. Please remember to bring in non-perishable food when you are visiting the chateau for meetings, meals, or social gatherings. Bea Ritter and Bonnie

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## SHARING HISTORY

Since the Bingo Hall has been emptied, stacks of photographs, forms and history are stacked up in the Box Car. Hopefully I will be sifting through the 'treasures' in September. . You are invited and welcome to help. More than eighty years of memories need to be viewed. The question is: What to keep and what to toss!

The operative word is HELP! You can reach me at 360-953-8218 or rebel2@comcast.net. Together we can get the job done.

Merci,

Dixie Lee Hotaling - Historian

## MY STORY

Clifton (Cliff) Arnold Taylor Jr.

I was wrecked in 2010. Lyle Wood introduced and sponsored me into the 40 & 8. I have been an active member and have held the following offices: Nurse's Training Directeur, Guard de la Porte, Aumonier and the Grande Chef de Tran.

I have worked in various family businesses; I have owned some and managed some including family restaurants, T-shirt and Ball Cap Shop, Printing Company, and a Grocers and Mortgage business. I have managed a flower shop and landscaping company.

I stay active and "I could not have done this without the love and support of my wife Susanne Taylor of Cabane 99 La Femmes, Vancouver, Washington."

I have seven children and fifteen grandchildren.

In 1977 I joined the Navy. He was assigned to the USS Ponce, a troop transport out of Norfolk, Virginia. He has many floats under his belt: Artic Circle, The North Sea, The Mediterranean, Black Sea, Suez Canal, and "conflicts that still cannot be mentioned to this day." His ports of call include Spain, Finland, Germany, Capri, France, Italy, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Norway and Greece.

I changed from the Navy to the Army when many naval bases closed. I have served in active duty in the Reserves and the National Guard. My service included the Military Police in California and Oregon. I have also served in New Orleans, Louisiana with the Disaster Support and Rescue Hurricane Mission following Katrina and Rita in 2005.

In 2007 I was deployed to Iraq. I was a team leader of an 1151 Humm-V, and then moved to drive the command vehicle. Unfortunately, I was severely wounded February 20, 2008 and spent one year at the Ft. Lewis Hospital known as JBLM after which I was medically retired.

I met Lyle Wood while working in Security at the Army Corps of Engineers.

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THANK YOU CLIFF FOR YOUR DEVOTION, SACRIFICE AND SERVICE TO THIS COUNTY. YOU ARE INDEED OUR HONORED HERO.

## LaFemmes

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Mills collect the donated foods and deliver it to the Share House. Please see the Share Backpack page in this edition of The Boxcar for types of foods that are needed. Thank-you in advance.

There have evidently been some rumors floating around that Cabane 99 is disbanding. That could not be further from the truth. Grande de Washington was disbanded on April 1st, however Locale Cabane 99 is active.

Remember to attend the next Rendezvous on June 7. The next Cheminot will meet on June 15. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room for both. Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

If you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99 contact La Presidente Judy Bailey at 360-798-5166 or La Sous Presidente Bonnie Mills at 503-522-7391.

Elaine Meis  
Cabane 99 Correspondante



# Community Military Appreciation Committee

Memorial Day Assignments 2021

Memorial Day Ceremony May 31, 2021 11:00 AM, Artillery Barracks

Walk Thru-May? Memorial Day set up 8:00 AM

- MC Host Speaker- Larry Smith
- Speakers:
  - Lynn Vaughn-Veteran and President of Patriot Guard – Tracy Fortmann Superintendent-National Parks Service
  - Gold Star Mom-Meredith McMackin
  - Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle
- Memorial Day Script/timeline – Larry Smith
- Chaplain – Peter Schrater-Vancouver Fire Chaplain
- Photography – Ralph Walker
- Live Facebook Video-?
- Media – CVTV
- Flyers/Programs - Samantha Whitley
- Wreath/Red Rose-Joel Scott
- Flag Line
  - Patriot Guard
  - Buffalo Soldiers
  - Young Marines/Marine Cadets
- Honor Guard/Posting Colors
  - Buffalo Soldiers
  - Young Marines
  - Vietnamese Veterans/Marine Cadets
  - VFW Honor Guard
- Band - 204th Army Band-Services Medley
- Piper-Gustav Baur-Amazing Grace
- Taps – VFW-Glenn Fischer- Echo Taps
- Services Flags
  - Steven Stanley
  - Jim Czmowski
- Flag placement
  - Leonard Mills
- State Flag line placement
  - Young Marines/Marine Cadets
- Singer - Rey Reynolds
  - National Anthem
  - God Bless the USA
- Bright Eyes Doves Release – Jadia Ward
- POW/MIA Chair & Table
  - Jason Sample- place red rose
- A chair to represent each Gold Star Families? Bill Morehouse?
- Artillery Firing -
  - SFC Terry Buffo-Longview NG
  - Artillery-weapons and ammo
  - 5-one for each branch of service
  - 1-Fallen Heroes
  - NPS assist to fire one round from 1851 75mm Pack House Cannon?
- Honor Guard/Rifle Salute
  - Glenn Fischer-VFW Honor Guard
- Permit if needed– Marlene Varga
- Set up/takedown?
- Fallen Heroes Banners
  - Placement Artillery Barracks Porch
  - Eaves-?
- Sound System - Patrick Locke-Porch
- Chairs placement-Band-Speakers-Guests-Young Marines/Marine Cadets & volunteers? How many Chairs
- 1-Gold Star Seat Cover – Bill Hauser
- Tents – Bill Hauser-Clark Public Utilities?
- Security-CVI
- Wreath and Flag Stands – Jim Czmowski
- Coffee-Water-Snacks for Participants?
- Cemetery Flags \_\_\_?
- Memorial Site Flags – Leonard Mills



# Share Backpack Program

## Put Protein First!

Shelf-stable, protein-rich foods are the single-best food items to donate. Peanut butter, canned or easy-open meats (chicken, tuna fish, ham, etc.) canned chili and high-protein soups are easy to transport and simple to prepare.

These items are not only nutritious, but are also ideal for families who do not have access to a stove for cooking, as they can be heated in a microwave. Below are some examples of needed items:



Donations can be delivered to the Share Fromhold Service Center, 2306 NE Andresen Road.



[sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org)

Note: Share does not promote or encourage the purchase of the name brand items shown above; the photos are solely intended as a representation of the types of food items needed.



*Imagine Yourself in this beauty!*

**WIN**



**1967**

**Convertible! MGB**

Raffle Tickets  
**\$10 each**  
**3 for \$25**  
**7 for \$50**  
**15 for \$100**

**Get your tickets from one of the Nobles listed below or at an event at the Shriners' booth. See the car in person at most of the events listed on our website [www.afishriners.org](http://www.afishriners.org)**

Battleground	Ray	360-773-8658
Camas	Will	360-773-6271
Centralia & Chehalis	Richard	360-736-6716
	Jeff	714-261-8182
	Everett	360-520-4894
Federal Way	Howard	610-550-9220
Gig Harbor	Howard	610-550-9220
Grays Harbour	Doug	360-581-1031
Ilwaco	Ron	360-931-3995
Kent	Ashley	206-601-5118
Lacey	Rory	253-732-1324
Lakewood	Ashley	206-601-5118

Long Beach	Ron	360-931-3995
Morton/Packwood	Ryan	360-520-6126
Mossyrock and West	Don	360-983-3404
Puyallup	Ashley	206-601-5118
Rochester	Shane	360-941-0861
Tacoma	Howard	610-550-9220
Vancouver	Ron	360-608-4443
Vancouver, East	Will	360-773-6271
Washougal	Will	360-773-6271
Woodland	Ron	360-608-4443
Yelm	Larry	360-790-4436

Need not be present to win. Must be at least 18 years old. Drawing 6:00pm December 11, 2021 at the Scottish Rite Building, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma, WA 98465. No cash awarded in lieu of or in addition to prizes. Prize must be claimed within 30 days of drawing. Winner is responsible for taxes and license fees. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions. All Local, State and Federal Laws apply. Proceeds benefit Afifi Shriners activities.