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From the Chef de Gare

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Correspondants Notes

October has come and gone and our membership year is quickly and quietly running down. As of this writing, the Voiture membership is at 66.6 % renewed. That means that we still have 130 Voyageurs to renew their dues to reach that 100% goal. If you sponsored a voyageur, contact them and remind them to submit their dues. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

During a conversation with one of our voyageurs who attended Promenade National, I was informed that there was considerable talk about raising the National per Capita. This is the amount of money from your dues that the Voiture sends to National. Granted, the dues have not been raised in quite a few years. I cannot remember the last time they were increased. The primary cause of something like this is the fact that our numbers are shrinking and there are less funds to support both local and National programs. The best way to overcome this problem is (of course) to increase our membership. That means that each one of us has to reach out and talk to prospective members. Brag about the 40/8 and what we do, say and stand for. We need members who support our ideals and are willing to participate in our programs and functions.

There are folks out there, all we need to do is find them, talk to them, get them interested, and then recruit them.

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La Femmes



Congratulations are due to Marsha Keen who has been appointed La Sous Correspondante Nationale by La President Nationale Joyce Robberstad.

Thanks to Stephanie Collazo-Serrano for putting together the Fall Vendor Event and to the dames who helped her. It was a fun and successful

event. We hope to see the vendors again at another of our fund raisers.

The La Femmes Holiday Craft Bazaar is scheduled for November 17-18. Mary Snyder and Judy Bailey are working on the details. If you know a few crafty vendors who have not scheduled that weekend, point them toward Mary and Judy, so they can sign them up. If you are a baker set aside some time to bake cookies, brownies, or make candy for the Baked Goods sale at the Holiday Bazaar. Set-up will be on Thursday November 16, so save that date to come help set up the Boxcar Room for the Bazaar.

The dames of Cabane 99 are planning a field trip to Shelton, WA to attend their November 2 Rendezvous. We have several certificates they earned last year that we picked up at Rendezvous Nationale. We are looking forward to presenting them to the Cabane. We will bring information to them about the rule change that allows a state to form a Grande Cabane with fewer than three Cabanes in the state. Any C99 Dames who are interested in making the trip to Shelton should contact Roberta Giesler. As we put the trip together more information will go out to our membership.

As of October 20, 2017 any unpaid La Femmes memberships are overdue. With 8 more renewals to go we are at 84%. If you do not have a new pastel green La Femmes membership card, then you want to renew your membership. Contact La Correspondante Barbara Yasson to pay your membership dues for the year and receive your new card.

The La Femmes Thursday Morning Social meets in the Chateau. Join us and bring a friend. We always have fun and share great conversation. The first dames usually show up around 7:30 a.m. and we carry on until around 9:30 a.m. Attend and have fun.

Plan to attend the November 6 Rendezvous. The next Cheminot will be on November 21. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room.

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 Betsy Ross at 360-609-7235.

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VAVS

For Bingo at the VA on October 26th we had 27 patients with 7 volunteers and we donated \$280.00 in prizes.

Anyone interested in joining them contact John Landahl.

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Historian

NOVEMBER1942 - Allied forces land in North Africa(Operation Torch).

1775 - Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery birthday.

1951 - Second Korean Winter Campaign begins.

Voiture 99 Trivia - Who remembers two places the Bingo games were held, way back when?

Answer on page 4

VA Portland Health Care System VA

Healthy Living Matters. Prevention Works.

Veterans: Get Your Flu Shot Now!
You have lots of ways to get a flu shot

1. **In Portland, visit the PVAMC Atrium Walk-in Clinic.**
Monday - Thursday, except holidays
Portland Main Hospital in the Atrium, Bldg. 100
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until November 22, 2017
2. **Ask for a flu shot during your visit today.**
3. **Visit the VA clinic in the community where you get your care.**
Monday - Friday, except holidays
Walk in during open clinic hours
You may be asked to wait 15-20 minutes

Can't do it today or at a VA clinic?

4. **Visit your local Walgreens Pharmacy.**
 Walgreens
at the corner of happy's healthy
No-cost flu shots for Veterans until March 31, 2018
Show your Veteran's ID card and a second photo ID.

Chateau Schedule for November 2017

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 8:30 am.

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				Member & Guest Coffee & Donuts 8:30am – 10am	Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am – 9am CMAC	Chateau Open 12-7pm Grill 12-3pm Chicken Salad \$8
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	PROM Turkey Dinner	BNI Networking 6-9am		Member & Guest Coffee & Donuts 8:30am – 10am	Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am – 9am Marine Corps Birthday Prime Rib See Page 4	Chateau Open 12-7pm Grill 12-3pm Chili burgers w/fries \$6 Veterans Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		BNI Networking 6-9am	Korean War Veterans 9am	Member & Guest Coffee & Donuts 8:30am – 10am	Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am – 9am CMAC-Bingo Hall	Chateau Open 12-7pm Grill 12-3pm Hot Roast Beef Sand. Platter \$6 Bazaar
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	S.A.L.T 11am	BNI Networking 6-9am CHEMINOT Chili & Cornbread		<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am – 9am	Chateau Open 12-7pm Grill 12-3pm Nacho Plate \$6
26	27	28	29	30		
		BNI Networking 6-9am				
<p>Chateau Lounge is open 12-7pm---Grill is open 12-3pm for lunch Holiday Bazaar in Boxcar- November 17th & 18th New Bingo Hours- Thurs-6:30pm Friday-6:30pm & 10:15pm Saturday-2pm & 6:30pm & 10:15pm Sunday-2pm & 6:30pm</p>						

ATTN: 40et 8 MEMBERS

The goal is to rebuild the bar area
in your Chateau.

So in order to do this donations are welcome and
needed.

This will help reconstruct the area you visit for all
events.

- The goal is to make the bar longer with more
seating available.
- Back bar addition would be the length of bar
including beer taps.
- Comfortable seating atmosphere that would draw all
members back to enjoy their chateau with friends
and family.

Any fundraiser ideas are welcome




Loci Schedule



If you see a trip scheduled and are interested in riding along contact the driver listed for
that particular event to make sure there is room for you and any guests you have.

Nov	11th	Veterans Day Parade	Frank
	24th	Vancouver Tree Lighting w/Santa - 3:00-7:00 pm	Jim/Marc
	25th	Festival of Trees - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm	Jim/Marc
	25th	Uptown Village - 5:00 pm	
Dec	1st	Walnut Grove School - 5:00 pm	Jim
	2nd	Legacy Emanuel Hospital	Jim
	2nd	Open House Ministries	Jim
	16th	Saddle Club	
	16th	American Legion Post 14 Children Christmas Party	Jim/Marc

October 2017

Here's hoping that all is well in the state of Washington. Fall has arrived, as well as the flu season that is associated with it. We have just completed our 98th Promenade Nationale in Bossier (Shreveport), Louisiana. It was an experience to see fellow Voyagers from throughout the United States. This was my first Prom Nationale and was a great experience. Arriving at Nationale on the afternoon of September 12th I was in time for the Early Bird Banquet.

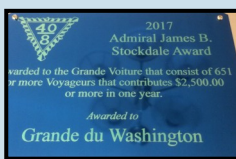
This was a New Orleans themed get together for anyone attending the Prom. Lots of Cajun music, and lots of local foods were the order of the night. There was a full King and his Court in attendance. With music the entire evening, the Court mingled throughout the ballroom and distributed the ever familiar bead necklaces.

Nothing was required for receipt of these colored necklaces (unlike in New Orleans at Mardi Gras time) except to have a good time.

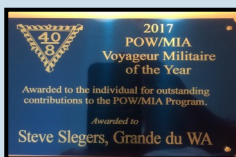
Wednesday and Thursday I spent most of my time with consignment of the new 2018 POW/MIA pins to members throughout the United States. I did go to the scheduled meeting for POW/MIA. It was brought up about the dismal receipt of annual reports and of their completeness. There were only 13 states reporting on time and 3 were late. Washington was one of the 13.

Friday was completion of the conferences and the beginning of the Cheminot and Promenade. The National Directeurs gave their meeting reports to the entire membership in attendance. During this portion of the reports, all awards were announced. For the State of Washington, we received:

1. 2017 Admiral James B. Stockdale Award, awarded to the Grande Voiture that consist of 651 or more Voyagers that contributes \$2500.00 or more in one year.



2. 2017 POW/MIA Voyager Militaire of the Year awarded to the individual for outstanding contributions to the POW/MIA Program. Awarded to Steve Slegers, Grand du WA



Friday evening was the formal banquet. Satur-

day was completion of the Promenade and installation of the new 2018 Officers including our new Chef de Chemin de Fer Kenneth C. Lafleur. Dan Tarbell was selected to the new position as Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer. Tony Cross is the new National Directeur POW/MIA.

This past year has been a great learning experience for me as well as for the rest of Grand du WA. We are getting better as we continue in our efforts to support this Program.

I thank everyone for my support throughout the year. This also includes the LaFemmes who age a great benefit to not only this program but to every program the 40 et 8 supports.

Our 2018 POW/MIA Pins are available for purchase or for consignment.

We should be ever mindful of our goals:

1. Merchandise Sales
2. Raising awareness to the POW/MIA Scholarship Program
3. Consolidated Reports
4. POW/MIA pin design

Sincerely,

Steve Slegers
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503-348-9576
Grand Directeur POW/MIA

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New Medicare Cards are Coming!

Medicare will mail new Medicare cards between April 2018 and April 2019. Your new card will have a new Medicare Number that's unique to you, instead of your Social Security Number. This will help to protect your identity. [See an example of the new Medicare card.](#)

Things to know about your new Medicare card
You don't need to take any action to get your new Medicare card.

The new card won't change your Medicare coverage or benefits.

Medicare will never ask you to give us personal or private information to get your new Medicare Number and card. [Learn more about the limited situations in which Medicare can call you.](#)

There's no charge for your new card.

Watch out for scams

Scam artists may try to get your current Medi-

care Number and other personal information by contacting you about your new Medicare card. They often claim to be from Medicare and use various scams to get your Medicare Number including:

Asking you to confirm your Medicare or Social Security Number so they can send you a new card.

Telling you there's a charge for your new card and they need to verify your personal information.

Threatening to cancel your health benefits if you don't share your Medicare Number or other personal information.

If someone calls you and asks for your Medicare Number or other personal information, hang up and call us at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Source:
<https://www.medicare.gov/forms-help-and-resources/your-medicare-card.html>

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Americanism

Greetings Voyageurs, I'm Annie Beaton and I am the new Americanism Chair. I'll get the commercials out of the way quickly: I still have plenty of pins for this year's Americanism program and they are only \$3 each, I will have Americanism Volunteer Report forms available at the Promenades please log your hours and time.



I am the Worthy Matron of Henry Wentworth Eastern Star Chapter and we held a Pie Social for Vets and First Responders. The Loci crew came as well as several of our members. All Vets received goodie bags and given a warm welcome. It is nice to know that community groups support Vets.

Yours in Service to the Voiture,

Annie

Marine Corps

Brunch and 242nd Birthday Dinner

We the members of your Corps Family of Vancouver USA
Cordially invite you and your significant other to join with us
In the Spirit of the Corps.



242ND MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY
FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2017

0900-1200 MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BRUNCH



15000 S E Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98684
ALL MARINES/CORPSMEN & FAMILY WELCOME.
Steak and eggs, S.O.S....

1800-2300 United States Marine Corps Birthday Party @



Forty et Eight Box Car Room
7607 NE 26th Avenue, Vancouver, WA, 98665-0637

Menu: \$20.00 per person
Prime Rib, potatoes, Tossed salad and veggie, coffee, tea

RSVP 360-907-5342 jfstofiel@comcast.net
Pay at the door or send check made out to CRDMCL and mail to
John Stofiel 6204 Kansas St. Vancouver, WA 98661-6924

Uniform of the Day: Casual
Something that says you are a Marine, or supporter of our Marine Corps Family

1700 ~ 1800 No host bar...
1800 Commandants message / Cake Cutting Ceremony
1900 Eat and be merry...

Enjoy camaraderie and sharing of tales...

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 2017 BIRTHDAY MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COMMANDANT

The US Marine Corps is celebrating the 242nd Birthday of our beloved Corps in locations all over the world. The Marine Corps League entered the scene in 1923, with our charter approved by Congress in 1937. Why is this relationship important? We have the fireteams, detachments, departments and divisions deployed across our Nation where those Marines have come from over the 242-year history of our Corps. We are being asked to increase our support of the active components of the Marine Corps.

Modern Day Marine 2017 was a place of commandarie, forward thinking, networking and commitments for the future. General Neller and his staff held many lectures and meetings during that week on where the Marine Corps is going as they develop the requirements and execution plans for the fifth generation Marine Corps. Their plans also impact our organization as we also are working to create a fifth generation Marine Corps League. The transition and synergy on how we accomplish this is key to keeping the Marine Corps and Marine Corps League as a working team to accomplish our missions for today and the future.

We have Marines all over the world doing their job to protect and safeguard the free world from harm as Marines have always done. We need to take the time to celebrate the history of our Corps and League as we move forward in a new relationship. Happy Birthday, Marines, from Headquarters Marine Corps League and the staff.

Semper Fidelis,

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Wendell W. Webb
National Commandant and CEO
Marine Corps League

Veterans Day Ceremony and Parade

Saturday, November 11, 2017

10:00 am. Ceremony | 11:00 am. Parade

Join us for the 31st Annual Veterans Parade at Fort Vancouver!

The parade begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 11. This year marks the 31st anniversary of the community celebration honoring Veterans of all service branches. This is a free, community event that is open to the public!

The parade route begins on the Fort Vancouver National Site at Evergreen Blvd and East Reserve Street. The parade heads west along Evergreen Blvd, past Officer's Row and the Providence Academy. At the Vancouver Library, the parade will head south down "C" Street and turn west on 8th Street. From 8th, the parade will turn north on Main Street, and head east on 11th Street, ending back at the Providence Academy. Attendees are welcome to watch the parade from the sidewalks, grass, and covered areas along the parade route.



Historians Trivia (Answers)

Pearlman's Furniture Store and the Vancouver Roller Skating Rink in Hazel Dell).

Memories shared by Jim Resleff. Submitted by Historian Dixie Hotaling

Dear Veteran or Active Military Member,

Hello! The students and staff at Fort Vancouver High School would like honor your service to our country, and invite you to attend our annual veteran's assembly and brunch on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. The assembly will be held in the Fort Vancouver High School gymnasium, and will begin shortly after 9:00am.

Prior to the start of the assembly, we would love to treat our guests to coffee and treats in the gallery, so please feel free to arrive a little early! We will have staff and students at the main entrance to welcome and escort you to the festivities. The assembly will run for about an hour, and will be followed by a brunch where you can visit with other veterans, as well as Fort staff and students.

Thank you for your brave and selfless service to our country. Without people such as yourself, we wouldn't enjoy the freedom and security that too many of us take for granted each and every day.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by phone or email. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I have listed the contact information below. Also, please feel free to pass this invitation on to other veterans or those currently serving in the military that you may know.

We hope you will be able to attend, and look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Melissa Parlee
Physical Education Teacher, Fort Vancouver High School
Melissa.Parlee@vansd.org
(360) 901-6012

Fort Vancouver High School Honoring Veterans

Please join us for our annual Veteran's Day assembly and brunch,
and let us honor you!

When:

Wednesday, November 8, 2017
9:00am

Where:

Fort Vancouver High School
5700 E 18th St., Vancouver, WA 98661

Details:

The assembly will begin a shortly after 9:00am, but please feel free to come a little early for coffee and snacks prior to the start. The assembly will include performances by the Fort Vancouver High School band and choir, as well as a key note speaker. It will be followed by a brunch where you can visit with other veterans, as well as Fort Vancouver staff and students. Please check in at the main office upon arrival.

We would love to have you, and thank you for your service to our country!

If you plan on attending, please RSVP to (360)901-6012 or melissa.parlee@vansd.org

Veteran's

APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Thursday, November 9, 2017 3:30 pm–7:00 pm
Program starts at 5:00 pm

*Please join us as we recognize those who
have bravely served our country,
ensuring freedom for all!*

*Complimentary light appetizers and beer will be served,
in addition to wine tasting and prize drawing.*

Please RSVP by Monday, November 6, 2017

Monica Ocampo
monicao@oxfordsuites.com

Mary LeViner
maryl@oxfordsuites.com

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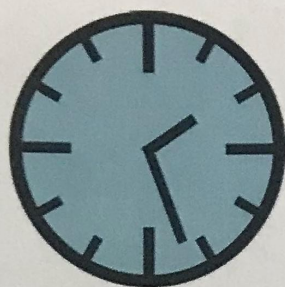
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Dirty Magazines !!!

Soon after being transferred to a new duty station, A Marine husband called home to tell his wife he would be late - again. He went on to say that dirty magazines had been discovered in the platoon's quarters and they had to discipline the whole squad. She launched into a tirade, arguing that many men had pictures hanging in their quarters at our previous post, so his new platoon should not be penalized for something trivial.

The husband calmly listened to her gripes and then explained, "Dirty magazines! The clips from their rifles had not been cleaned."

IMPORTANT TIME CHANGES



AT 40 ET 8 BINGO!!!

Questions? Call 360-574-8461

Starting November 3, 2017

Thursday- 6:30pm

(doors open at 5pm)

Friday- 6:30pm & 10:15pm

all regular sessions

(doors open at 5pm)

Saturday- 2pm, 6:30pm & 10:15pm

all regular sessions

(doors open at 12:30pm)

Sunday- 2pm & 6:30pm

(doors open at 12:30pm)

No more Sat & Sun 11am sessions

