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## La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

### Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary



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Mike McGary

Greetings everyone. I hope everyone had a joyous Holiday season with family and friends. For me it was a great ending to what was a great year for me. My early thoughts on this year, is an even better year.

My first comments are to express my sympathies to the families of L.S. Pauley, Sous Directeur of POW-MIA, and Red Costa, Sous Directeur of Membership, who have recently left our ranks. Both voyageurs are going to be sorely missed. Their work efforts for the

betterment of our organization are among the best I've seen and I'm proud to have had both of them as one of my appointed officers. May they rest in peace.

I'd like everyone to know that nearly 6800 renewal notices were stuffed into envelopes this week and mailed out to our delinquent members. If you are one of those members or you know of a member that has received a notice, please take care of the renewal process as soon as possible and get them mailed in. You should be aware that the per capita from our membership dues is a major funding source for the staff and office of National. Your National Correspondant, Terry Sims, along with our staff have streamlined many of the tasks that National performs for us, but let's face it the money has to be there for them to get the job done. So, let's get those dues renewed and start working on the future

members of this organization and our 105% membership quota for the year.

This year so far, I have had two visits. The first was to Kissimmee, Florida for their Mid-winter Cheminot. Passé Chef de Chemin de Fer Mac McCarthy and his wife Patti along with Grand Chef Mike Klyap and Grand Correspondant John Kaiserian and my Aide de Camp Don Carr made for a very enjoyable visitation. It was very informative listening to the work that is being performed by those in Florida on behalf of this great organization.

The following week I was off to Greensboro, North Carolina for the Joint Carolina Wreck. It was nice seeing some old and some of the new friends I made at Myrtle Beach in September. Madam President Penny Prevette Haigler, and David Van Wormer had everything running like clockwork. They along with Diane Yager, Sous Carville Star, Paul

Yager, Sous Public Relations, my Aide de Camps Don Carr and Larry Butts, made sure this trip was very memorable and I wanted for nothing. Friday late morning we had a trip to the Richard Childress winery. What a beautiful place and great lunch was had there. Considering the small turnout at the trials they still raised over \$800.00 for our programs. \$250.00 of that was raised for Boxcar with me taking a turn in the stocks, with seemingly everyone lining up with multiple pies, at least that was what it felt like, but definitely for a great cause. Next month brings visits to Ontario, California and the Cajun Wreck. I look forward to seeing old and new friends there, hopefully that includes YOU.

This year marks our organizations 100th birthday. I encourage all Locales and Grands to celebrate this event in March at your regular scheduled Promenade. The ceremony

is detailed in our Ritual Manual. As you know our ritual is what separates us from other veteran organizations. Let's put into practice all of our rituals and ceremonies, for that is what makes us who we are. Happy Birthday!

Remember to communicate. We all need to do a better job of this. Knowledge is the all-powerful tool of success, and spreading of that knowledge is how we grow. Whether it's mentoring a fellow member or passing on the letters of our National Sous Directeurs so everyone gets the message, it needs to be done by everyone. Until the next time remember to Have fun getting the job done.

Regards.

Mike McGary

Chef de Chemin de Fer  
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## CHILD WELFARE

Joe Donovan National Directeur



Greetings Voyageurs and Happy New Year to all. As I reflect on the wonderful activities that we accomplish for the benefit of Children, many of which are documented with pictures in either your Locale, Grande or the National Voyageur Briefs and Forty and Eighter Magazine, I know in my heart that we do so much more that is NOT recorded for all to see.

We provided blankets for victims of fire, maybe a jacket or pants for a victim of a flood, perhaps water or a hot meal for hurricane or tornado victims, all of which come through your donations to our National Child Welfare Program. The primary fund-raising effort of our National Program is sale of our yearly pins. We cannot continue our program without the assistance of our members. There are several Grande Voitures that do not participate in our pin or direct donation program, and I suspect they don't participate in others also. We have almost 500 pins remaining for Fiscal Year 2020. We had to pay for those pins up front. Can't I please get your order for pins especially from those Grande Voitures that have not yet ordered and paid for their pins. You know who you are so I won't embarrass you by listing the non-participants. However, I do challenge you to remember your obligation as stated in our preamble to our National Constitution wherein we pledge to "actively participate within our membership in projects relating to (a) the welfare of the children of America" etc. Won't you order some pins, TODAY! Orders for our pins will be gladly shipped on consignment at \$3.00ea or how about 100 pins pre-paid at \$2.75ea? My contact information is above.

Thanks for your belonging to the premier Veterans Charitable Organization, Joe



# MEMBERSHIP 2020

## January 23rd, 2020

	AREA	2019	2020	PERCENT
ALABAMA	3	110	55	50.00%
ALASKA	1	125	107	85.60%
ARIZONA	2	413	294	71.19%
ARKANSAS	4	118	87	73.73%
CALIFORNIA	2	914	627	68.60%
COLORADO	2	79	71	89.87%
CONNECTICUT	1	110	71	64.55%
DELAWARE	1	38	3	7.89%
DIST OR COLUMBIA	3	6	2	33.33%
FLORIDA	3	817	557	68.18%
<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>113.33%</b>
GEORGIA	3	448	315	70.31%
GERMANY	1	82	57	69.51%
IDAHO	2	93	80	86.02%
ILLINOIS	4	1182	870	73.60%
INDIANA	4	2513	1586	63.11%
IOWA	4	333	190	57.06%
KANSAS	2	378	266	70.37%
KENTUCKY	3	263	210	79.85%
LATIN AMERICA	4	11	9	81.82%
LOUISIANA	3	684	438	64.04%
MAINE	1	136	103	75.74%
MARYLAND	1	253	213	84.19%
MASSACHUSETTS	1	134	113	84.33%
MEXICO	3	5	1	20.00%
MICHIGAN	2	918	702	76.47%
MINNESOTA	1	1060	819	77.26%
MISSISSIPPI	3	173	111	64.16%
MISSOURI	1	730	571	78.22%
MONTANA	2	79	59	74.68%
NEBRASKA	4	354	254	71.75%
NEVADA	2	19	17	89.47%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1	108	101	93.52%
NEW JERSEY	3	142	126	88.73%
NEW MEXICO	2	33	8	24.24%
NEW YORK	1	894	610	68.23%
NORTH CAROLINA	3	553	449	81.19%
NORTH DAKOTA	4	237	191	80.59%
OHIO	1	1250	922	73.76%
OKLAHOMA	4	107	41	38.32%
OREGON	2	176	135	76.70%
PENNSYLVANIA	3	1077	683	63.42%
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
SOUTH CAROLINA	3	370	229	61.89%
SOUTH DAKOTA	4	350	288	82.29%
TENNESSEE	3	104	54	51.92%
TEXAS	2	254	216	85.04%
UTAH	2	24	0	0.00%
VERMONT	1	32	31	96.88%
VIRGINIA	3	406	296	72.91%
WASHINGTON	2	577	392	67.94%
WEST VIRGINIA	1	171	120	70.18%
WISCONSIN	2	987	797	80.75%
WYOMING	2	22	10	45.45%
<b>V2000</b>		<b>462</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>80.30%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>21036</b>	<b>15066</b>	<b>71.62%</b>
			<b>-5970</b>	

AREA	2019	2020	Percent	
Area - 1	5123	3841	74.98%	1st Place
<b>Frank Kronen</b>				
Area - 2	5086	3810	74.91%	2nd Place
<b>Frank Compo</b>				
Area - 3	5158	3526	68.36%	3rd Place
<b>Dave Hill</b>				
Area - 4	5207	3518	67.56%	4thPlace
<b>Ted Canollos</b>				
V2000	462	371	80.30%	



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer  
**Frank W. Kronen**



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer  
**Frank Campo**



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer  
**Dave Hill**



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer  
**Ted Canellos**

# PUBLIC RELATIONS

GREYBEARD REFLECTIONS ON LA SOCIETE

Robert Cearlock - National Directeur



Voyageurs All,

When I was invited to join the 40 et 8 I had no idea what it was. My sponsor took great care to present the reasons that I was being invited and what would be expected of me. I accepted the nomination and was truly honored to be counted among the Voyageurs in my Locale.

Why? Because as I became aware of the other members identities, I realized that they were the real driving forces in virtually every other Veterans Service Organization in my community and even my State.

After my first year it was evident to me that the unique and admirable quality of La Société was the desire of its members to continue to serve not only their fellow Veterans but their whole community. I looked upon this unique quality as the extension of these individuals desire to provide service and support to their Comrades in Arms and the communities that they defended by their military service.

I was impressed with the Nurses Training Program and the Child Welfare Program that sought to aid their community by lifting those

that required help to achieve their goals or survive disaster. These programs are community oriented and not exclusive to Veterans or their families, but they emphasize our desire to help the communities that we were willing to defend by our service.

As we lament the decline in membership, I must emphasize my lead in statement that this letter is from a "Greybeard" and accept that is that group that I am a member of, that has dropped the ball! We cannot blame the "under fifty" members for the decline. We cannot take solace in the similar membership declines in other VSOs. We must take responsibility for our failure to invite, mentor, promote and encourage new members and leaders!

If you are proud of your title of Voyageur Militaire

then you should also be proud of your ability [and responsibility] to seek out nominees for La Société. But and this must be emphasized; bringing in a new member is only the start. Your responsibility to mentor and support that member is ongoing. If you fail to fulfill this responsibility you will have just "recruited" a card carrier and that member will soon fall by the wayside.

We are the 1% of the 1% and that must remain the "cream of the crop" and that is why I despise the term recruit. We must invite not recruit and before we invite, we must justify our desire to have an individual join our ranks to three other Voyageurs Militaire. That makes our job harder but is the reason that we have an organization to take great pride in. An organization that

not only honors our Veterans military service but acknowledges their continued honorable service to their community!

Have you invited a new member this year? Can they rely on you to provide guidance with the traditions, rituals, programs and Officer responsibilities? If not, why not? Are you willing to concede defeat? If not, then provide at least one nominee this year and do everything in your power to mentor and encourage them to carry on when we Greybeards are only a memory!

Yours in service to la Société,  
Bob "OB 1" Cearlock  
National Directeur of Public Relations  
La Societe 40 et 8

## BOX CAR

Frank W. Kronen, Secrétaire/Treasurer, National Box Car Association



Why should I support the National Box Car Association? In this article, I will present to you Voyageurs a question I seem to ask myself every year.

There are actual Merci Box Cars in almost every Grande Voiture of La Societe. These are the Box Cars were given to each state as gifts of appreciation by the French Government after the war. They were filled with gifts of everything imaginable. Now comes my question, why do we only have an average of 10 Grand's each year apply for the \$150.00 Merci Maintenance Fund provided by the National Box Car Association? All a Grand needs to do is sell \$150.00 of anything the National Box Car Association has to sell, be it pins at \$3.00 each, crew or associate cards at \$1.00 each, small whistles for \$5.00 or large at \$10.00 and of course the Challenge Coins at \$10.00 each or the National Box Car Association patches for \$1.00 each. How many of

you Voyageurs wear the vest offered by Emblem Sales? Are you a rider in any other Veterans Organization? Wear it proudly on your leather jacket or vest. Now you might have another Veteran ask about that patch, you now have an opportunity for RECRUITMENT!!! You can tell everyone about this great organization. How easy of a recruiting tool is that? And the form requesting these monies is on the National website under programs. Click on Box Car and the request form is there. Now one item of importance is, I must receive this form by July 1st of each year, and it MUST be signed by both The Grand Chef and Grand Correspondant. Also, it must arrive by regular U.S. Mail, once I receive that form, I will verify your amount of sales and if you have sold the minimum requirement of \$150.00, the check will be sent AFTER promenade Nationale.

Those monies are there for Actual Merci Box Car Maintenance. Why aren't you using them???

Yours in Service to La Societe and National Box Car Association

Frank W. Kronen  
Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Area 1  
Secrétaire/Treasurer National Box Car Association

Steve Bradley National and Grand Voiture Directeur



Let's talk about Memorial Services. The Blue Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies states: "There is a great need for Memorial Ceremonies for our deceased Comrades. This work would be carried out by (Grandes) Voiture's Locale in those counties (states) where organized. Each Voiture of La Societe shall, at least once each year, carry to completion a Memorial Ceremony in respectful memory of those veterans who have passed to the great beyond during the preceding year.

There are five different Memorial Services listed in the Blue Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies, each for a different purpose. You are encouraged to conduct a Memorial Service For A Deceased Voyageur during the Promenade following the death of a Voyageur from your Locale. Review this service and notice the draping of Voiture Banner. At your following Promenade, follow the Ritual for Undraping the Voiture Banner.

In a Promenade the first Order of Business is Roll Call Of Officers-Memorial Service for a Deceased Voyageur (when necessary). In 1940 the Calvin Kain Memorial Service was officially adopted by Voiture Nationale. Conducting this service will include all Voyageurs from your Locale who have passed to the great beyond during the preceding year.

The Calvin Kain Memorial Service is a stand alone service and is not to be conducted during a Promenade. It can be conducted prior to a Promenade or after a Promenade but not during a Promenade. Guests are welcome to attend. Family members of a deceased Voyageur are often invited to attend this ceremony.

The Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies makes it easy to conduct a dignified and respectful Memorial Service. Check it out!

Steve Bradley,  
National Directeur Ritual,  
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## TIME AND PLACE

Joe Dolwig - Chairman



At the last Time & Place meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC., several questions were asked about the roist

Promenade National in Sandusky, Ohio.

RV Parking is available in the parking lot, but there are no RV hookups. Rolling Stock will park also in the parking lot. Anyone with the Forty et Eight and has a handicap license plate or sticker will be entitled to free Valet Parking. There is 24 hour security within the complex. Scooter Rentals are available for anyone who needs a scooter. However you must contact & make arrangements with the scooter company that is listed below.

NPL Home Care, Contact: Cody Blaz, 440-365-8581, cblaz@nplhomemedical.com

Hoppy's Scooters & Medical Supplies, 440-839-1555, eugene@hopkinsz.com

Stride Mobility Group,

419-616-6017

OE Meyer Company,

419-332-5458

**FISHING CHARTERS** -

We picked fishing charters that were in Port Clinton rather than Sandusky. Sandusky charters you spend too much time on the water getting to the fish.

www.fishingbooker.com/

destinations/location/us/OH/port-clinton - lots of boats, need to book way in advance.

www.sassysalcharter.com

- walk on head boat

- 419-732-7755

www.wecatchfish.com

- walk on head boat

- 419-734-9002

www.shore-nuf.com

- walk on head boat

- 419-734-9999

There are a lot of different options, these are just a few and probably many places around to get fish cleaned. We have also talked to

Sandusky American Legion, Post 83 and they said the will freeze and store the fish for us.

Air transportation information (shuttle service to Sandusky) will be in the Voyageur Briefs online.

102nd Promenade Nationale, Springfield, MO. 2021

103rd Promenade Nationale, Green Bay, WI. 2022

We are accepting bids to host the 104th National Promenade and Rendezvous.

# PRAYER

John Murphy/ Aumonier

What were you celebrating on February 2nd?

There was a lot going on February 2nd, we had Groundhog Day, of course the beloved Super Bowl and one other that should be close to our hearts, the 77th Anniversary of the 4 Immortal Chaplains.

It was the evening of Feb. 2, 1943, and the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 service men, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

Once a luxury coastal liner, the 5,649-ton vessel had been converted into an Army transport ship. The Dorchester, one of three ships in the SG-19 convoy, was moving steadily across the icy waters from Newfoundland toward an American base in Greenland. SG-19 was escorted by Coast Guard Cutters Tampa, Escanaba and Comanche.

Hans J. Danielsen, the ship's captain, was a extremely concerned. Danielsen knew he was in dangerous waters even before he got the alarming information. German U-boats were constantly prowling these vital sea lanes, and several ships had already been blasted and sunk.

The Dorchester was now only 150 miles from its destination, but the captain ordered the men to sleep in their clothing and keep life jackets on. Many soldiers sleeping deep in the ship's hold disregarded the order because of the engine's heat. Others ignored it because the life jackets were uncomfortable.

On Feb. 3, at 12:55 a.m., a periscope broke the chilly Atlantic waters. Through the cross hairs, an officer aboard the German submarine U-223 spotted the Dorchester.

The U-223 approached the convoy on the surface, and after identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire the torpedoes, a fan of three were fired. The one that hit was decisive—and deadly—striking the starboard side, amid ship, far below the water line. Captain Danielsen, alerted that the Dorchester was taking water rapidly and sinking, gave the order to abandon ship. In less than 20 minutes, the Dorchester would slip beneath the Atlantic's icy waters.

Aboard the Dorchester, panic and chaos had set in. The blast had killed scores of men, and many more were seriously wounded. Others, stunned by the explosion were groping in the darkness. Those sleeping without clothing rushed topside where they were confronted first by a blast of icy Arctic air and then by the knowledge that death awaited.

Men jumped from the ship into lifeboats, over-crowding them to the point of capsizing, according to eyewitnesses. Other rafts, tossed into the Atlantic, drifted away before soldiers could get in them.

Through the pandemonium, according to those present, four Army chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness. Those chaplains were Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed. Quickly and quietly, the four chaplains spread out among the soldiers. There they tried to calm the frightened, tend the wounded and guide the disoriented toward safety.

Witnesses of that terrible night remember hearing the four men offer prayers for the dying and encouragement for those who would live".

By this time, most of the men were topside, and the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men.

The altruistic action of the four chaplains constitutes one of the purest spiritual and ethical acts a person can make. When giving their life jackets, Rabbi Goode did not call out for a Jew; Father Washington did not call out for a Catholic; nor did the Reverends Fox and Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line.

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains—arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers.

Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, 672 died, leaving 230 survivors. When the news reached American shores, the nation was stunned by the magnitude of the tragedy and heroic conduct of the four chaplains.

"Valor is a gift," once said. "Those having it never know for sure whether they have it until the test comes."

That night Reverend Fox, Rabbi Goode, Reverend Poling and Father Washington passed life's ultimate test. In doing so, they became an enduring example of extraordinary faith, courage and selflessness.

I truly hope that before you began celebrating the Super Bowl that you took sometime to celebrate these 4 Immortal Chaplains

Let us pray; Dear Heavenly Father, proud of our nation, they answered her call. Defending the freedom and safety of all. On land or on sea, or in jets high above, they went out of duty and honor and love. But however they served, Lord, wherever they went, please bless them and help them to know what it meant! And help us to thank them. For we owe them far more than we ever could say. "In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" now and forever more Amen.



# NURSES TRAINING



A new decade has come before us, which brings longstanding beliefs and new horizons with new paradigms. We are emulating the Super bowl philosophy, which brings new teams with new strategies to the mountaintop of glory. We reached half time in our fiscal year and looking back on what we built. A radiant of acceptance by all with a joint mission to eliminate, support, and provide the needed medical assistance services. For the wellbeing of our comrades and communities. We are answering the call and assisting the next generation of nurses. Our last fiscal year yield over 330 scholarships and we expect to exceed that number this fiscal year. From our Voiture to our Director, we are here to serve and meet our organizational goals. Our structure is simple we begin with the Locales and follow through to the Nationale Nurses Training Club that provides services and nurse scholarships with the ultimate purpose of reducing or eliminate the nurse's practitioner shortage in America that gives constant care for those in need. My weekly volunteering service at my local Veteran Administration Medical Center allows the writer a bird's eye view on the overall care and impact on service due to Nurse Shortage. The new Mission Act will soften the effect, but it is not satisfying; they still need help.

Our Objectives



**First**, is our (NT) merchandise and donation program, which is active, and need volume increase with higher sale intensity than last year.

**Second** improves our communication with our subordinate group by reaching out to each Voiture level with your bulletin. Let each Sous construct a short multiple-choice survey, attach it to their newsletter with questions about our (NT) direction, and request a return response.

**The third**; We are sponsoring a new medium that, honoring our current Register Nurses community by fostering and launching a program we call Nurses of the Year Syllabus that we hope will invigorate our current Nurses today. Full program description with procedures, forms are located on the 40th and eight National websites under Nurses Training. You are welcome to submit your candidate for that award.

**Fourth**, we need to encourage all Voitures to begin complying data to support their end of the year consolidation report, with event and presentation files showing their involvement to enhance the (NT) program.

**Fifth** to assist Boland Trust enrollment by increasing their applicants' submission for both the Undergraduate and Advanced Degree programs communicating and assisting our Grande's and Locales on the guidelines and requirements.



These items above supported by our Nurses Training club and Boland Trust Fund; Together, we are an active program, but sales are currently sluggish almost to a painful stop. It affects negativity toward the scholarship outcome and other Nurses Training objectives. Just contact one of our Nurses Training Sous or myself, and your order will promptly process. Review our monthly bulletin provided by Sous Directeurs for our Nurses Training insight. Come, support us, and be part of the solution



Ernest Lane Jr  
Directeur Nurses Training - 480-390-3424



**RALEIGH VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE**

Voyageur Militaire Chatfield is presenting Mrs. Fryar a Certificate of Appreciation for her address as "Keynote Speaker" at the 2019 NC Veterans Day Ceremony held November 9, 2019 in downtown Raleigh, NC. The NC Veterans Parade and Ceremony is sponsored by the Wake County Council of Veterans Organizations, Inc. North Carolina of which Voyageur Militaire Cha field is a past President of the Council and currently the Council Treasurer. He organizes the parade and ceremony from start to finish. Some of his duties include getting the insurance, ordering the staging, golf carts and port-a-potties. He receives the participants registration forms, assigns a line-up space. He coordinates with the Raleigh NC Police Department insuring that the parade route will be closed to traffic. He starts many of these duties in the month of June and works on the parade until parade day, the Saturday prior to Veterans Day. Voyageur Militaire Chatfield has performed these duties for the past 7 years.



**VETERANS DAY WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

Voiture Locale 1638 of the Grande du North Carolina, participating in Wreaths Across America in a local Charlotte, NC cemetery on November 11th. In the picture are 4 Voyageurs from V-1638 Mecklenburg County, Grand du NC Garde de la Porte Fred Dorsey; V-1638 Medicin Margaret Dragance; V-1638 Garde de la Prisonniers Eddie Neely (in Legion cap representing our Legion Post as well as Voiture); and V-1638 Drapeau Michelle May (also doing double duty representing our Legion Post and our Voiture).



**ROCK COUNTY NURSES TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP**

Rock County Voiture Locale No. 844 Grande Voiture de Wisconsin has a scholarship fund with The Blackhawk Technical College Foundation. The students from the 2019-20 class have been awarded 40 of \$ Nursing Scholarships. Anna Swanson, Clinton, is pictured accepting a 40 & 8 National Nurses Training Club Pin from Al Funk, Commissaire Intendant/Scholarship Chmn. and Don Hilbig, Chef de Gare, at a scholarship luncheon on Nov. 16th.



**Lane County Voiture 80 of the Forty & Eight  
La Society des Quarante Hommes et Sautre Chevaux**

Lane County Voiture 80 of the Forty & Eight is pleased to announce that Toviana Lyons Jackson has been selected to be the recipient of our 2019 Fall Term Registered Nurses Scholarship. Toviana a life long Lane County Resident, she is enrolled in Lane Community Colleges Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Program. Upon completion in the spring she will be prepared to take her NCLEX-RN Licensure Board to become a Registered Nurse. Voiture 80's Voyageurs presenting the check to her from left to right are Steve Woodford, Chef de Train; Glenn Knox, Aumonier; Willy Rivera, Conductor; Garry Klinghammer, Correspondant; Phyllis York, Chef de Gare; Jerry Shorey, Lampiste; Cab Clark, Lane County V-80's Nurses Training Director.



**MINNESOTA LOCALE NO. 414 NURSES TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

Christmas came early to nine college nursing students receiving a total of \$6750 from McLeod County Voiture 414. An awards banquet was held December 7th at the Hutchinson VFW post. Voiture 414 has given out over \$160,000 cash to nursing students over the past 25 years.

Pictured standing - Service dog Riley, Grand Chef de Gare Elmer Baysinger, Voiture 414 Nurses Training Director Jerry Block, Denise Einck for daughter Allison, Kaitlyn Reiner, Ellie Hoover, Alexa Seifert, Grand Nurses Training Director Terry Steele. Seated - Morgan Johnson, Catherine Holtz, Chelsea Mortenson. Not able to attend were Allison Einck, Megan Machtemas and Catherine Eblen.



**GRANDE DU NEVADA NURSES TRAINING STUDENT**

Voiture 306 in Las Vegas, provides scholarships to two nursing students at the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) each semester, which pretty much covers their full-time tuition. Grande du Nevada, Grand Chef de Gare, Bob Bencsko recently presented Yosimar Rodriguez with a 40&8 nurses pin and coin. Yosimar was Voiture 306's first recipient, and was "pinned" as a nurse during CSN Pinning Ceremony. Also attending were the Grand du Nevada Correspondant, Vic Moss, and several members of the American Legion Paradise Post 149 who donates to the scholarship fund.



**GRANDE VOITURE DU ARIZONA**

Voiture Locale No. 1466 held their annual Chef De Gares Christmas Party and Nurses Training Scholarship Awards. It was held in December 15, 2019 at Legion Post 27 in Apache Junction AZ. We had 13 students and they each received \$1,000 each. This was the fourth Awards Ceremony that 12 to 13 students received \$1,000 each.



**GRANDE VOITURE DU FLORIDA**

Voiture Locale No. 304 presented Amber Hecht, who is in her senior year of Nursing School at Florida State College, Jacksonville FL, studying to become an RN with a \$500 scholarship award, and upon graduation in four months, she will receive another \$500 and a Professional Nurse's Wristwatch. Amber is currently undergoing studies in ICU procedures at FSCJ.

Left to right: Jeff Fazen, Locale Directeur Nurses Training, Binion Williams, Chef de Gare, Amber Hecht and her grandfather Voyageur Lewis Gray.



# FROM THE NATIONALE PRESIDENTE



Penny Prevette Haigler, Nationale Presidente



Greetings,

The first unofficial trip I took in October was to the Shamrock Wreck in Savannah, Georgia. It had been a long time since I visited Georgia and wanted to see the Dames that I haven't seen in many years. I left the weather in North Carolina at a whopping 68 degrees and spent the weekend in a steamy 90 degrees. The first person I ran into at the hotel on Friday morning was Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary. We headed to breakfast and were joined by Bill Simpson du SC National Youth Sports Secretaire/Treasurer. When the hospitality room opened later that day, I was greeted by Charlotte Fordham La Presidente of Cabane Locale 567 de Georgia. She presented me with a beautiful basket of goodies. Inside the basket were souvenirs and snacks. Thank you Charlotte and Dames from Cabane 567 I loved the basket. I spent the day in the hospitality room visiting with old friends and making new ones. Friday, I went down on the riverfront with James Decker V-793 du NC and Glenda Jones C-620 de NC for dinner at

the Shrimp Factory the food was great. Then made it to the American Post for kangaroo court. Loads of fun, with Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike being put in the stockade and raised \$325 for his program and I was put in the stockade and raised \$265 for my program Aid to the Voiture. Saturday afternoon I attended the Cheminot de Georgia. Grande Presidente Deanna Nicholson did a great job. The banquet that evening was fantastic with great food, fellowship, and being fined \$20 for my cell phone going off. Got to make sure that phone is off next time!

I'm sitting here trying to think what of to say next. Should I talk about membership or ask if you have renewed your membership or have you talk about the La Femme to anyone, telling them what we are all about or have you asked someone to join the La Femmes? How about another member that you haven't seen in a while? Have you sent them a thinking of you card, sent an email to see if there okay or called them just to say hello? I would take the strongest word, which I believe is "kindness" and share two quotes with you. "No act of kindness no matter how small is ever wasted" and "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear or an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring all of which has the potential to turn a life around."

Locale Correspondantes when was the last time you updated your membership

roster? Are you sure you have the correct address, phone number and email address? What a way to be in touch with your members! Especially ones that didn't paid their dues last year. Remember, dues must be paid by December 31, 2019 or they are delinquent, and members can't attend any functions.

I started the month of November by going to the Nationale Office with Cheryl Jamnick PNP 2019 Chairman of the Advisory Board, Ethellynn Neville PNP 2001 Nationale Avocat and Joyce Low Finance Committee member to pay a visit to Correspondant Nationale Carol Austin. We had a nice visit Carol took us to lunch after meeting. What a beautiful office building we have.

My next trip that I'm going on unofficially is to New York State. I have been working with Sous Presidente Nationale Kathy Graham on getting a Cabane back on the feet. So, I'll be heading there November 14. Then taking a couple of personal days to stop in and visit my nephews that live in New York and my 91-year-old aunt who lives in Pennsylvania. Hopefully, no more accidents with deer!

I hope everyone had a great new year! Did you make any new year resolutions, and have you broken them yet?

Before I start making my trips, I decided I wouldn't sit at the head table during any meeting. The Dames are trying to conduct their business and I feel sitting up there would disrupt the flow.

I am still a Dame just with the highest title, so I choose to sit with everyone.

I made my first official visit to Grande Cabane de Florida, at their Mid-Winter Cheminot in Kissimmee, Florida. I was met at the airport by Grande La Presidente Erica Klyap. After settling into the hotel and made my way down to the hospitality room I was greeted by many Dames from Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Several of us went to dinner at "On the Border" that evening. The rest of the weekend's events went great. I want to thank the Dames for the beautiful basket and the gifts I received. I will treasure them.

But, at the banquet I decided to also that I would be wearing my beret. I was approached and was told that I was in a bar and needed to take my beret off. I explained that we were in a banquet hall and as long as I wasn't drinking, I could wear it. Then I was told that I was making my host Dames uncomfortable for wearing it. Since I was sitting with my host Dames, both said they had no problem with me wearing it. After the banquet a couple of other Dames asked me about wearing my beret. I explained to them that it's a symbol of our organization, and I'm proud to wear my beret. They both said they were proud of me to choose to wear.

My next trip was the following weekend in my home state. I attended the 50th Joint Carolinas Promenade in Greensboro, NC. I was

surprised by the beautiful basket and flowers I found in my room. Went to Childress' winery with Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike, PNPs Joyce and Gail and several other Dames for lunch and wine tasting. Had a lot of fun at the kangaroo court, took another pie for my program raising \$250. The weekend was great. Dames thank you for the basket, flowers and the wonderful gifts I received this weekend I will remember always.

Now that North Carolina is finished this weekend, they will start focusing on my homecoming. Remember, its April 2-4th, 2020. Look for the pre-registration form on the website.

I have received and accepted invitations to Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia, Memorial Day Weekend, New York, Illinois, Oregon and Wisconsin and looking forward to attending their Grande Cheminot or Rendezvous. I'm also looking forward to receiving many more invitations. I'm excited in traveling to different Cabanes while I am representing Cabane Nationale.

If I can be of service to you for anything don't hesitate to ask, send me an email, text or call me.

Yours in Service,  
Penny Prevette Haigler  
Presidente Nationale 2020



## PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Society of 40 Men and 8 Horses performed a wreath ceremony for our departed comrades who died that Sunday morning December 7, 1941. This was in Sioux Falls South Dakota L to R: Iryna Olson, Preston Olson, Donna Karras, SSgt. Samuel Reid and Sioux Falls City Councilwoman Theresa Stehly.



## VIRGINIA MERCI BOX CAR

the Virginie Merci Box Car is located inside the War Museum in Newport News, Va.

On 16 Nov 2019, V-976 and V-86 held a joint Locale Promenade at the museum and Grande Chef

David C. Stephens presented the curator the \$150.00 NBCA Merci Box Car maintenance fund check.

As you can see, the boxcar is in the same pristine condition as it was when received.

# A NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Tom Adams, National Directeur Carville Star

On behalf of the Carville Star Committee, we wish you the happiest of new years filled with peace, health, and prosperity! We hope all your favorite teams fared well during the numerous sporting events of the holiday season- if not, there is always hope for a better season in 2020. Likewise, it is hope ("springing eternal" in the words of Alexander Pope in 1732) that provides the optimism and encouragement that we need to reach our goals and expectations for 2020.



In the Spring 40&80er I announced the initiation of a special project to raise enough funds to repair and restore the Daughters of Charity plot at the Carville Cemetery. Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our goal for funding the project. Excess funds donated were applied to purchase a special marker for conspicuous display in the plot, giving credit to Voyageurs and La Femmes for the repairs and restoration. (The marker reads "This site restored by The Forty and Eight Honor Society of American Veterans".) The project should be completed by the time of this publication and therefore, this special project is considered closed.

If you are not a subscriber to The Star, please consider subscribing. For only \$2.00 you get an annual subscription of two issues. If not collected by your Locale or Grand, you can mail your \$2.00 to Voiture Nationale. After reading, you are encouraged to pass-on the issue to a healthcare provider.

We have recently received disturbing news that the proposed FY2020 Federal Budget cuts the National Hansen's Disease Program (NHDP) funding by two million dollars, about a 15 percent reduction. NHDP oversees the Hansen's Disease research laboratories and clinics in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and the museum and historic district in Carville, Louisiana. The proposed cuts come at a time when the International Congress of Leprosy warned at its 2019 meeting that governments must 1) fund research to fill scientific gaps that still exist such as determining exactly how Hansen's Disease is transmitted, 2) promote programs dealing with Hansen's Disease detection, disability prevention, and rehabilitation during treatment, and 3) provide "care after cure" programs including psychological, social, and economic rehabilitation. NHDP provides such research and programs, and budget cuts will lead to staff reductions that will reduce or eliminate services provided. You are encouraged to inform your members of Congress of your concern over the impact of the budget cut.

At the Cajun Wreck (19-23 February) our Committee will decide upon which proposed projects to fund in 2020. As always, the projects will support the museum (equipment, exhibit enhancements, etc.) or the Carville Historic District (the buildings, cemetery, and grounds of Carville). Your pin purchases and donations (Buy-A-Clinic, Buy-A-Country, designated museum or equipment support donations) make our projects possible. We are grateful for your continuing support of our Program. May we all have a great 2020!



Marker at Cemetery Plot

## VOITURE NO. 364 HAWG BUTCHER FUND RAISER

219: Voiture Locale No. 364, Lafayette Indiana held their 51st annual hawg butcher fund raiser for nurses training and child welfare. One year ago fifteen scholarships were awarded at \$2,000 each from this one day fund raiser. This year a \$28,000 profit was realized from this event. Meat is cut up and sold or put on raffle boards. We did 572 raffle boards for \$25,000 and sold \$20,000 out of pole barn. Approximately 100 volunteer members, Voyageurs and La Femmes. Breakfast started at 5:30 A. M. with gambling and butchering beginning at 6:00 A. M.



274: Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike with some of his wife Peggy's winnings.



### ARIZONA VOYAGEUR OF THE YEAR

Steve "Chico" Aguirre, Grande Directeur Special Awards, presented the Grande Voyageur of the Year award for 2019 to Thomas "Woodie" Woodward, Sous Directeur Public Relations Nationale Area 4 and Grande Chef de Train, at the Grande Cheminot and Wreck du AZ on January 18th at Voiture Locale 419 in Safford, AZ.

Woodie stated, "It is my honor to receive this award on behalf of my extended 40 & 8 family who have touched my life and made this possible. It is my sincere desire that you recognize someone deserving in your own Voiture Locales to receive this award next year."



### GRANDE CABANE DU OREGON DONATIONS

Past National Presidente Joyce Robberstad and National Sous Presidente Sue Morgan present checks to Grand Conducateur Brent Collee for Youth Sports and Nurses Training totaling \$500.

# POW/MIA SURVIVOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Steven W. Slegers, Directeur Nationale POW/MIA



I would like to take this opportunity to give a brief description of the POW/MIA Program of La Societe. This program is a Survivor s Scholarship Fund, and is named in memory of Lance Corporal John Dewey Killen III, USMC. Lance Corporal Killen was declared Missing in Action while serving with The Third Reconnaissance Battalion in South Vietnam. The Scholarship is available to the Spouse, Children, Grand Children, Great –Grandchildren, Widow or Widower of VERIFIABLE POW's or MIA's who served in the U.S. Military after WWI Draft Day of May 28, 1917. The Scholarship is available to all of their survivors and is worthy of the support of "ALL" of us who have not forgotten them. Anyone wanting more information on this program may contact any member of the POW/MIA Committee.

**Requirements for Consideration of a Scholarship:**

Verifiable documentation of relationship to the POW/MIA to whom the application is being made.

Written acceptance of enrollment by an accredited college, university, or trade school in a specific curriculum leading to a degree.

Certified transcripts of the recipients previous academic achievements.

Demonstrate financial need.

All documentation must be submitted for all subsequent years requests.

Must be postmarked **NO LATER THAN 15 July** of the current year.

All members of La Societe should try to participate in this program through purchase of merchandise, collecting donations, or even making a contribution.

**DO NOT FORGET OUR FOUR GOALS:**

- Merchandise sales
- Raising our POW/MIA Survivor Scholarship Program Awareness
- Consolidated Reports
- POW/MIA Pin Design

For La Societe,  
Steven W. Slegers, Directeur POW/MIA



## GRANDE DU GEORGIA NO. 217 TOYS FOR TOTS DONATION

The Voyageurs and Dames of Voiture & Cabane No. 217, Atlanta, posing in front of \$18,455.00 worth of toys that they donated to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. In the center of the photo are Chef de Gare Paul Todd (seated) and La Presidente Janet Walsh. A great example of joint cooperation for the success of a project.

## SHOE BOXES OF LOVE DONATION

Locale Voiture 1604, Jacksonville FL donated 50 Shoe Boxes of Love to City Rescue Mission (15 Women and 35 Males), they contained personal items wrapped in a "Blanket".

Pictured left to Right: Mrs Tish Sims, City Rescue Mission, William "Bil" James Commissaire Intendant, Clarence Richardson Locale Correspondant, Lorrne "Renna" Greene Chef de Gare, Eugene Lusco Grand du FL Aide de Camp 2016-2018 and Wanda Hunter Grand Chef de Gare du FL 2018.



## MINNEAPOLIS VA BLANKET DONATION



Chef de Gare Donna Swenson of Pierce County Voiture 904 of the Grande Voiture de Wisconsin delivered beautiful handmade blankets, goodies and Christmas cards to the Minneapolis VA Medical Center for the Veterans that are patients there. These were made and donated by Ellsworth, Wisconsin Cub Scout Pack 9003. Each blanket had a group picture of the Cub Scout Pack attached.



# YOUTH SPORTS

William Stroud - Directeur

Through this program, we provide financial assistance in the form of grants to individual athletes or teams who lack the funds required to attend and participate in amateur sports programs. Youth Sports encompasses all amateur sports programs for youths from 7 to 20 years of age. As with other programs, we are able to fund our donations and grants through pin sales. This year, we have 315 pins left today. If your Grande or Voiture has not yet done so, please order pins from me at wstroud040@gmail.com . We also collect Change for Champions. Pocket change goes a long way in the support of our programs. You can read more about Youth Sports including applications and rules for program support on the 40 & 8 website, fortyandeight.org. This program may help to provide the spark that keeps one of our young citizens on the right path. It is also another way that we can raise awareness of our organization and recruit new voyageurs.

Help make Youth Sports and all of our programs a success in 2020!



## MINNESOTA FROG

If you thought the Paul Bunyun Ax was bad enough in Minnesota; they also have a ceramic frog that is currently being given out to members of that Grande Voiture that they have to take care of for one year. A picture book is also required. The unlucky recipient for this year is their National Cheminot Terry Steele pictured here with his new companion for the year.

## NEW VOITURE LOCALE IN OHIO



Hocking County Voiture Locale No. 78 became the newest Voiture Locale to be chartered. Grand Chef de Gare Dave Cook and Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Kronen present newly elected Chef de gare of Voiture Locale No. 78 Frederick James with their new charter.



## NATIONAL CABANE HEADQUARTERS

Cheryl Jannick PNP 2019 Chairman of the Advisory Board, National Presidente Penny Haigler, Ethellynn Neville PNP 2001 Nationale Avocat, Joyce Low Finance Committee member and Correspondant Nationale Carol Austin seated met at National Headquarters in November to advise and make appropriate changes in improving communication and productivity at Headquarters.

## FLAGS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADERS

### V-890

Voiture Locale No. 890 Ft. Lauderdale Grande du Florida visited Christ Church School and presented all of the 1st graders with a flag and then had a question and answer period following the presentation.



# MEMBERSHIP

## Joe Story, Nationale Directeur-Membership



January 11, 2020

As of the National Membership Report of January 9, 2020, La Societe is 6,873 memberships away from our goal of 21,036. What this means is that, by La Societe's Constitution, there are now 6,873 Voyageurs that are not eligible to participate in La Societe's activities. I am sure that some of these Voyageurs have transferred to Voiture Everlasting and that transfer has not been reported to Voiture Nationale. This does not surprise me.

What else that does not surprise me is the lack of the enthusiasm for inviting veterans to become members of the 40 and 8. I am also surprised at the lack of enthusiasm for retaining membership. We, as a veteran's organization, must figure out how to attract younger

veterans to our organization. We also need to figure out how to retain our current Voyageurs Militaire.

Reaching out to those Voyageurs who we have not been seen for a while by phone, letter or visiting are just some ideas on how to make that contact.

Recently, Sous Directeur Membership Terry Chatfield published a letter emphasizing the fact that membership is the responsibility of every Voyageur Militaire. The real problem with membership, like in many veterans' organizations, is everyone believes recruiting new members is someone else's job. As Sous Directeur Terry and I have said numerous times, inviting qualified veterans to become new members of the 40 and 8 is the responsibility of every Voyageur.

For La Societe to grow in member...we must get serious about membership. For us to get serious about membership we must publicize who we are and what we do. La Societe will be celebrating 100 years this March 20th. Each Voiture Locale in La Societe should use one of the articles on the Nationale's website to publicize who we are and what we do.

Remember: **WE ARE NOT A SECRET ORGANIZATION!** Public Relations is what we need now more than ever. There is a great how to do Public Relations Manual on Nationale's website. You can download the manual and follow the instructions. It is so easy that even I can do it!!! Nationale Directeur of Public Relations, Bob "OB1" did an excellent job writing this manual.

In closing, I have one last question...With 20.4 million veterans in American why are there only 21,036 on the membership roster of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux?

Joseph Story  
Joseph Story  
Nationale Directeur-Membership

Grande Voiture Du Ohio invites you to attend the 101<sup>st</sup> Promenade & 57<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous Nationale Sandusky, Ohio September 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Come Enjoy Ohio's Summer Playground**

PLEASE SUBMIT SEPARATE FORM FOR LA SOCIETE REGISTRATION

Registration Form completed

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests in Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by Check? (Enter Check Number): \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by Credit Card? (Check one below)

VISA  Master Card  Discover

REGISTRATION AND RESERVATIONS

NOTE: ALL VOYAGUEURS & GAMES MUST REGISTER WITH THE PROMENADE NATIONALE CORPORATION. Requester lodging room types and preferences are a request ONLY, and CANNOT BE GUARANTEED by the Promenade Nationale Corp. Complete this form as applicable and other provide your credit card information or make your check payable to "101<sup>st</sup> Promenade Nationale Corp." Then mail form and payment to:

Voiture Nationale, 250 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 14, 2020

Additional forms available on-line at [www.fortysandeight.org](http://www.fortysandeight.org)

The first night's room deposit is required (credit card or check) to guarantee your hotel room. The deposit will be deducted from your hotel bill. All rooms are subject to 7.0% State Sales and Local Room Occupancy Taxes. Parking at the hotel is complimentary to guests.

CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS

Reservations may be changed or cancelled 72 hours, or more prior to arrival to receive full refund less \$25.00 processing fee, by contacting the Promenade Nationale Corp. at 317-634-1804. NOTE: REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE

**SORRY PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED**

Print Form Save Form

La Presidente Nationale 2020  
Dorothy Powell Haugler's  
Homecoming April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Make hotel reservation directly: Comfort Inn 1103 Lanada Ave Greensboro, NC 27407  
Phone 336-297-1055  
Mention Nationale Presidente Homecoming for special rate \$84.99 per night plus tax.  
Cutoff date for Registration and Hotel is: March 15, 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation available from Piedmont Triad International Airport Greensboro, North Carolina  
Please send your itinerary to [coppercentpenney@outlook.com](mailto:coppercentpenney@outlook.com)

Schedule of Events: Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> Hospitality Room 4:00 PM until 1:00 PM (dinner on your own)  
Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> Hospitality Room 8:00 AM until midnight  
Shopping + Lunch (leave the hotel 8:00am until 1:00pm) if interested check \_\_\_\_\_  
Gulf (leave the hotel 8:00am for 4 holes of golf) if interested check \_\_\_\_\_  
(if not enough interest event will be cancelled)  
Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> Hospitality Room 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM (reopens after banquet)  
Social Hour 1:00 PM - Banquet 6:00 PM (Dress code "dressy" not formal)  
Transportation will start at 4:00 PM to American Legion Post 28

Dinner - Herb Chicken Breast + Roast Beef - served with salad, mashed potatoes, steamed veggies, buttered corn, bread and dessert  
\$50.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Program Book Ads: Full Page \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 Page \$35 \_\_\_\_\_ Boosters (\$6 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total of check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Booster Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Program Book will be xxc - Please email ad in word doc format to [coppercentpenney@outlook.com](mailto:coppercentpenney@outlook.com)  
Cutoff date March 15, 2020

Make check payable to: Nationale Presidente's Homecoming  
Mail to David Van Wormer 311 Chapel Hill Rd Burlington, NC 27215

## MID-ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION

### 87th Annual Promenade

April 17-19, 2020

Country Inn & Suites  
17612 Valley Mall Road  
Hagerstown, MD  
301-582-5003

Room Rates are \$109.00 (plus tax)  
**Deadline for room and dinner reservations - March 17, 2020**  
(\*Notify the Hotel that you are attending the Mid Atlantic 40/8 Cheminot)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Voiture: \_\_\_\_\_ Grande \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Dinners: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Program Book  
Deadline for Ads: April 3, 2020  
Book Dimensions: 8.5 x 5.5, half-inch outside borders

Back Page/Inside Cover \$85.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Page: \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Half Page: \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Quarter Page (Business Card): \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City, State Zip	_____
Grande, Voiture, Company Name	_____
Amount Enclosed:	_____

Make checks payable to: Grande du Maryland  
Mail Banquet, Registration, Ad Fees to:  
Norman M. Covert, 627 Grant Place, Frederick, MD 21702  
Phone: 301-694-9554

## CHEF de CHEMIN de FER 2020

### Michael "Mike" McGary

### Homecoming March 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> 2020

Make hotel reservations directly: Hilton Grand Wayne Convention Center  
1020 S. Calhoun Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802  
(260)-420-1100 (use code MK for price \$109.00 + tax)  
Or book online at: [https://www.hilton.com/en/hil/groups/personalized/F/WFAFHFF-MIK-20200305/index.html?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://www.hilton.com/en/hil/groups/personalized/F/WFAFHFF-MIK-20200305/index.html?WT.mc_id=POG) Cutoff date is February 13, 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Free shuttle service from Fort Wayne International (FWA) airport. Send flight information to Jim Maxwell ([jimmax6@frontier.com](mailto:jimmax6@frontier.com))

Banquet (Sat night) \_\_\_\_\_ Choice of Pork medallions, \_\_\_\_\_ Herbed Chicken breast, \_\_\_\_\_ Haddock served with salad, potatoes, vegetable, bread, and desert  
\$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Program Book Ads: full page \$60 \_\_\_\_\_, 1/2 page \$35 \_\_\_\_\_, Booster \$2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Check Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Booster Name(S) \_\_\_\_\_

Program Book will be 5 x 7 - Please email in Word or JPEG format to [jimmax6@frontier.com](mailto:jimmax6@frontier.com)  
Cutoff date for ads is February 1, 2020

Make checks payable to: Mike McGary's Homecoming and mail to:  
Jim Maxwell, 6409 Bayberry Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46825

# MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY



The 40&8 Memorial Day Observance has been conducted for over 30 years. Early on, the Chef de Chemin de Fer was invited to attend and participate in the ceremonies. This occasion has expanded continuously throughout the years.

Wreaths have been purchased and laid at GEN John Joseph "Black Jack" Pershing's gravesite, and the gravesite of Joseph W. Breen, Breen, with a few of his fellow American Legion members, founded the Forty and Eight in 1920. In the last few years we have also been laying a wreath on Sgt Edward Younger's gravesite as well.

Over the years, much of our support has been expanded. We have many people participating for the entire Memorial Day weekend. We provide the transportation to Arlington National Cemetery for all attendees. The Chef de Chemin de Fer and La Presidente Nationale lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. We also pass out flags to everyone attending the ceremony in the Amphitheater at the Cemetery. Social activities and a banquet are provided near the Hotel where everyone is staying. This is a truly amazing weekend where we can all honor our fallen heroes.

Unfortunately, costs of hosting this incredible occasion have dramatically increased. Our site for much of the celebration, the Lorton American Legion Post #162, was practically destroyed by fire over a year ago, and has yet to be completely rebuilt. Costs of transportation, Flags, wreaths, food and drink, etc. have ALL increased. We don't wish to pass all the funding increases to our wonderful attendees, so we would like to ask for donations from our Voitures, Cabanes, and colleagues out there to help us continue this outstanding observance. This will help us afford every opportunity to provide transportation for those wishing to attend the Ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day

If you would like to make a donation to the Forty & Eight Memorial Day Committee, please send it to

Memorial Day  
P.O. Box 757  
Walterboro, SC 29445

Sincerely  
Robert Kaseman  
President



The Forty and Eight Memorial Day Ceremony is an annual event hosted by the 40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee. Planning for the weekend starts in October for the next year's Memorial Day Ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery. The Sunday evening banquet includes the Calvin Kain Memorial Service. Monday is a solemn occasion when we attend and participate in the National Memorial Day Ceremony at the Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery.

At the beginning of this event, the Nationale Drapeaux are marched into the Amphitheater along with Representatives of other VSOs. After Memorial Day addresses are given by the President of the United States and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chef de Chemin de Fer and La Presidente Nationale are invited to present a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. This is the only time that the 40&8 and La Femme leaders are recognized publicly by the US Government.

In 2002 we started a tradition of giving a US Flag to everyone entering the amphitheater for the Memorial Day Service. Because this requires about 10,000 flags, the Committee is requesting Donations. If you can help, please send your contribution to the Committee (as shown on the registration form). All donors will be listed in the Program Book. This is truly a weekend to remember and it is open to everyone who would like to attend. Because of limited space, we recommend you register early. On Sunday, the Chef de Chemin de Fer & La Presidente Nationale lay wreaths at the graves of Gen Pershing, Joseph Breen, and Sgt Younger.

The weekend is largely financed by the Memorial Day Program Book, so even if you are unable to attend, please consider purchasing an Ad or being a Booster.

Robert Kaseman  
President  
Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee



## FORTY AND EIGHT MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM May 23<sup>rd</sup> - May 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 REGISTRATION & RESERVATION (Please Print or Type)



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ VOITURE: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you plan on going to Arlington on Sunday with the Chef & La President  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

IF REGISTERING FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON, PLEASE LIST NAMES BELOW WITH CURRENT TITLE

Event	Cost Per	How Many	Total
Registration:	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
<small>(Please note registration covers Hospitality Room and transportation to Cemetery on Monday)</small>			
Banquet:	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____
Donation for Flags:		_____	\$ _____

<b>Program Ads:</b> Full Page - \$70, 1/2 Page - \$40, 1/4 Page - \$25 <small>(Please provide copy and size of Ad. Cutoff date May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020)</small>	
<b>Boosters</b> - \$2.00 per name, or \$4.00 For Mr. & Mrs.	
1. _____	
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Ads/Boosters:	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:</b>	\$ _____

**Attendees must make their own hotel reservations prior to April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** Room rates are \$109.00, Holiday Inn Express 8180 Silverbrook Road Lorton, VA 22079 Call (703)643-3100 and mention 40&8  
**Make checks payable to: 40 and 8 Memorial Day, and mail to:**  
Dave Hill P.O. Box 757 Walterboro, South Carolina 29488 Phone (517)673-6767  
**E-Mail ads should be in Word Document Format** and email to taz2k@att.net

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## Hillbilly Wreck 2020

### Cleveland, TN

March 26, 27 and 28 2020

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Voyager Name \_\_\_\_\_ Locale \_\_\_\_\_ du \_\_\_\_\_  
Dame Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cabane \_\_\_\_\_ du \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

**EARLY BIRD SOCIAL** \$15.00 ea

March 26 4:00 till (Glasses, drinkings, and BBQ in style with fixins)

**HOSPITALITY AND WRECK REGISTRATION** \$35.00 ea

March 27 12:00 pm till 4:00 pm

Banquet Beef  Chicken  \$25.00 ea

**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE MADE AND RECEIVED BY MARCH 11 2020**

#### HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE ON YOUR OWN. SUGGESTIONS

BE SURE TO MENTION THAT YOU ARE WITH THE FORTY AND EIGHT

Clarion Inn	423 559 1001	185 James Asbury Dr	(NON SMOKING)
Red Roof Inn	423 472 5566	156 James Asbury Dr	(Both)
Quality Inn	423 478 5265	153 James Asbury Dr	(Both)
Classic Suites	423 339 4900	179 Bernham Dr	

All of the motels are within walking distance of the American Legion  
Events to take place at the American Legion Post 81 / 227 James Asbury Drive

#### Ad Book

Color Full page	\$80.00	\$ _____
Color Half page	\$50.00	\$ _____
Color Quarter page	\$35.00	\$ _____
Booster \$2.00 per name (list on back)		\$ _____
e-mail word format or jpeg to: voiture735_tn@charter.net		\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ _____

Make checks out to: Voiture 735 40 & 8 MAIL to: Voiture 735  
P.O. Box 2153  
Cleveland, TN 37320-2153

#### INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS?

Rick (423) 716 3370 , Calvin (423) 284 7835, or Gary (423) 364 9119  
voiture735\_tn@charter.net



**2020 Great Western Promenade**  
 April 16<sup>th</sup> - 19, 2020 North Pole Hotel (907)-488-4800  
 Registration Date: **April 18<sup>th</sup>**, Registration Fee: \$75 for Member  
 \$25 for Dinner Guest  
 Early Bird Party: Thursday April 16, Post 11 @ 6:00 pm \$???  
 Alaska Tour Sites Friday April 17, 9:30 am- 12:00 pm  
 American Legion & VFW Post Visits Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm  
 Promenade Registration: April 17<sup>th</sup>  
 April 18: **9:00 AM** Business Meeting (Voyagers Only) at North Pole Hotel  
 La Femme Meeting at North Pole Hotel  
**5:00 PM** Dinner: Cash Bar & Best Dressed Elf **Banquet 6:00PM**  
 April 19th Farewell at Post 11/7:00- 9:30 am  
**Registration Deadline: March 28, 2020**

Mail completed form and check or money order to: Walter Cray  
 129 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701  
 Contact: 907-322-6834 or Billy Smith 907-590-1441

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voiture/Grande: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please Make Checks Payable to Voiture 1159



**CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2020**  
**THURSDAY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**Registration Form**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL/WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voiture/Cabane #: \_\_\_\_\_ GRANDE DU: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will Spouse/Guest attend? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HIGHEST OFFICE HELD: VOYAGEUR: \_\_\_\_\_ DAME: \_\_\_\_\_

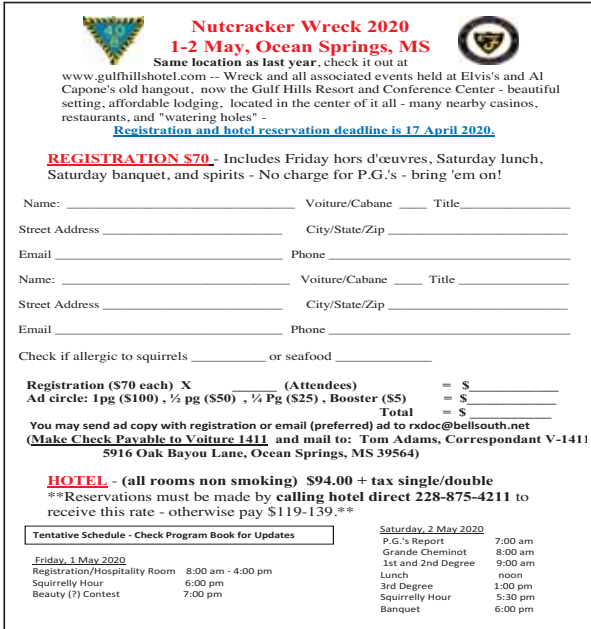
**REGISTRATION AND ACTIVITIES REMITTANCE**

Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$80.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voyageur's Saturday Luncheon: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ladies' Saturday Luncheon: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Booster: \_\_\_\_\_ \$2.00 each Name \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 2.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Booster: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Mr. & Mrs. Counts as 2 Names) If you are submitting Booster names they have to be in by April 1, 2020.

Total amount of Remittance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS**  
**CENTRAL STATES PROMENADE 2020**  
**APRIL 30 TO MAY 3, 2020**  
**RAMADA HOTEL & WASSERBAHN WATERPARK**  
**2211 U AVENUE WILLIAMSBURG IOWA 52381**  
 Telephone (319-668-1175)  
 Make sure to mention the 40 et 8 when making reservations

Make all Checks payable to **Central States Promenade 2020**  
 Mail remittance to **Bob Feiersen**  
 P. O. Box 144  
 Walford, Iowa. 52351



**Nutcracker Wreck 2020**  
**1-2 May, Ocean Springs, MS**  
 Same location as last year, check it out at [www.gulphillshotel.com](http://www.gulphillshotel.com) - Wreck and all associated events held at Elvis's and Al Capone's old hangout, now the Gulf Hills Resort and Conference Center - beautiful setting, affordable lodging, located in the center of it all - many nearby casinos, restaurants, and "watering holes" -  
Registration and hotel reservation deadline is 17 April 2020.

**REGISTRATION \$70** - Includes Friday hors d'oeuvres, Saturday lunch, Saturday banquet, and spirits - No charge for P.G.'s - bring 'em on!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture/Cabane \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture/Cabane \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check if allergic to squirrels \_\_\_\_\_ or seafood \_\_\_\_\_

Registration (\$70 each) X (Attendees) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ad circle: 1pg (\$100), 1/2 pg (\$50), 1/4 pg (\$25), Booster (\$5) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You may send ad copy with registration or email (preferred) ad to [rdxoc@bellsouth.net](mailto:rdxoc@bellsouth.net)  
**(Make Check Payable to Voiture 1411 and mail to: Tom Adams, Correspondant V-1411 5916 Oak Bayou Lane, Ocean Springs, MS 39564)**

**HOTEL** - (all rooms non smoking) \$94.00 + tax single/double  
 \*\*Reservations must be made by calling hotel direct 228-875-4211 to receive this rate - otherwise pay \$119-139.\*\*

Tentative Schedule - Check Program Book for Updates		Saturday, 2 May 2020	
Friday, 1 May 2020		P.G.'s Report	7:00 am
Registration/Hospitality Room	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Grande Cheminot	8:00 am
Squirrelly Hour	6:00 pm	1st and 2nd Degree	9:00 am
Beauty (7) Contest	7:00 pm	Lunch	noon
		3rd Degree	1:00 pm
		Squirrelly Hour	5:30 pm
		Banquet	6:00 pm

*You are invited to Pine River MN*  
**2020 MINN-DAKOTA 2020**



2020 President **Terry Steele**  
 651-402-3253  
[Tman4867@gmail.com](mailto:Tman4867@gmail.com)

Secretary/treasurer **Preston Olson**  
 605-362-5825 or 605-661-7839  
[ppiolson@gmail.com](mailto:ppiolson@gmail.com)

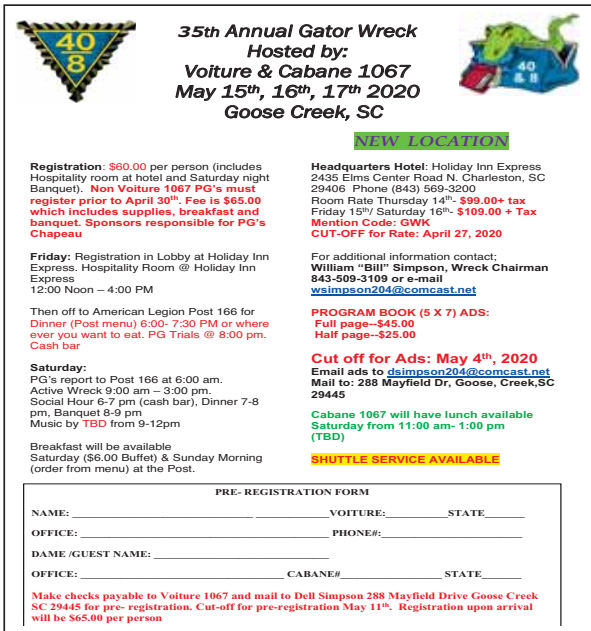
Promenade and Active Wreck Saturday morning @ 10am, goofs at 0900, Social hour and Banquet Saturday evening, Memorial service Sunday morning. All events will be held at the **Pine River American Legion Post 613 400 Front St. Pine River, MN 56474**

Hotel- AMERICINN \$109+tax 32912 Paul Bunyan Trail Drive, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472  
 P: 218-568-8400 cutoff date for booked rooms April 1. Group block 40/8 Minn-Dakota

Registration \$25 as set by the membership at last year's Promenade which also includes a memorable pin. For the Banquet- the best Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, veggie and salad, or a baked quarter chicken option available, \$20 per person. PLEASE preregister as we need to have a count for the banquet. Please let us know how many goofs you will have. **PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 1, 2020**

Send registration and money or check to:  
 Terry Steele Minn-Dakota  
 2534 20<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Pine River, MN 56474

Voyageur Registration \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet \$20 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 VOITURE \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND DU \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 Banquet roast beef number \_\_\_\_\_ chicken option \_\_\_\_\_



**35th Annual Gator Wreck**  
**Hosted by:**  
**Voiture & Cabane 1067**  
**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**Goose Creek, SC**

**NEW LOCATION**

**Registration: \$60.00** per person (includes Hospitality room at hotel and Saturday night Banquet). **Non Voiture 1067 PG's must register prior to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Fee is \$65.00 which includes supplies, breakfast and banquet. Sponsors responsible for PG's Chapeau**

**Friday:** Registration in Lobby at Holiday Inn Express. Hospitality Room @ Holiday Inn Express 12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM

Then off to American Legion Post 166 for Dinner (Post menu) 6:00- 7:30 PM or where ever you want to eat. PG Trials @ 8:00 pm. Cash bar

**Saturday:**  
 PG's report to Post 166 at 6:00 am.  
 Active Wreck 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.  
 Social Hour 6-7 pm (cash bar), Dinner 7-8 pm. Banquet 8-9 pm  
 Music by TED from 9-12pm

Breakfast will be available Saturday (\$6.00 Buffet) & Sunday Morning (order from menu) at the Post.

**Headquarters Hotel:** Holiday Inn Express 2435 Elms Center Road N. Charleston, SC 29406 Phone (843) 569-3200  
 Room Rate Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> \$99.00+ tax  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup>/ Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. \$109.00 + Tax  
 Mention Code: **GWK**  
**CUT-OFF for Rate: April 27, 2020**

For additional information contact:  
**William "Bill" Simpson, Wreck Chairman**  
**843-509-5109 or e-mail**  
[wsimpson204@comcast.net](mailto:wsimpson204@comcast.net)

**PROGRAM BOOK (5 X 7) ADS:**  
 Full page-\$45.00  
 Half page-\$25.00

**Cut off for Ads: May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
 Email ads to [dsimpson204@comcast.net](mailto:dsimpson204@comcast.net)  
 Mail to: 288 Mayfield Dr, Goose, Creek, SC 29445

**Cabane 1067 will have lunch available Saturday from 11:00 am- 1:00 pm (TBD)**

**SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE**

**PRE- REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ VOITURE: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DAME /GUEST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_ CABANE# \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Voiture 1067 and mail to Dell Simpson 288 Mayfield Drive Goose Creek SC 29445 for pre- registration. Cut-off for pre-registration May 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration upon arrival will be \$65.00 per person**



**60th Great Lakes Promenade**

State College, Pennsylvania  
 June 4, 5, 6, 2020  
 Hosted by  
 The Grande Voiture du Pennsylvania

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration \$50.00 per person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Booster Club Ad \$2.00 per name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tour of Happy Valley Winery \$35.00: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tour of Penn State Creamery \$35.00: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in Golf? ( ) Yes Need a Scooter? ( ) Yes

**BUFFET STYLE MENU**  
**Prime Rib - Haddock - Chicken Marsala - Baked Potato**  
**Vegetable Medley - Rolls - Dessert - Drinks**  
**DEADLINE** - for receipt of payment for Registration and Tours is  
 May 12th, 2020

Make checks payable to Grande Voiture du Pennsylvania  
 Mail checks C/O: Dave Kessling  
 92 Eves Street - Port Matilda, PA. 16820

**HOTEL INFORMATION**  
 Comfort Suites 132 Village Drive  
 (off North Atherton Street)  
 State College, Pennsylvania. 16803  
 King or Double Rooms - \$79.00 per night Tax included  
 You are responsible for your own reservations  
 which must be made by May 12th, 2020