

Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Mike McGary – Chef de Chemin de Fer



Anyone bored yet? With all of National’s travels either being postponed or cancelled, until at least Memorial Day, it’s not been quite the year I had expected. Although with the age group of our organization, I believe it’s definitely the right decision. We have enough trouble retaining our membership without exposing it to the current pandemic.

One thing I would encourage our membership to do during these trying times, is to check in on your fellow members and veterans to insure they are okay and not going without any basic needs. That common thread of watching each other’s back needs to continue through this problem time.

I would like to thank everyone for their cards and emails expressing their sympathies and condolences on the passing of my mother last month. Although unexpected, at 91, she had a very good life. Dad has been gone for 34 years so I think it’s about time they’re back together again. I would also like to thank those of you that donated to my program, Boxcar, in her memory. She will be greatly missed by all that have known her, but will never leave us as long as we keep



her in our minds and hearts. Thanks again.

I have noticed that the communication from the program Directeurs is continuing. Even though our programs are way behind their funding compared to last year at this time. Since the funding of these programs are done through events that have been put on hold indefinitely or cancelled, we need to think of another way to get the funds so our programs can

help the kids in need and the nurses we definitely need. Do you have an idea? Inform your Grande Directeur or Sous National Directeur, we need to get something in place as soon as possible.

Peggy and I are still at our winter home in Southern Alabama. The stay at home rules are in place here also, with all bars closed and restaurants only doing carry out. I must admit the weather is a lot warmer here than the frozen north, but wouldn’t you know they’re starting to warm up to above normal temps. All the better, we’re planning on going north in early May.

There’s really not too much to report since nothing is going on. So, this brief is going to be a little shorter than normal. If you happen to notice that this month’s edition of the Forty and Eighter has some of these same comments in it, it’s only because I want you to really think about what I’m saying.

God Bless You All, be safe, and wash your hands.

En service,

Chef Mike 2020

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Terry Sims -Correspondant National



I hope everyone and their families are doing well during these unchartered times. Voiture Nationale has adapted very well to the National and state guidelines. Bill, as Office Manager,

has set-up a very good computer system making it easier for the Staff to work from home. It is working well, but we still need to get back to normal condi-

tions. Tammy does our membership and bookkeeping. By the way, she can answer just about any question you may have about these areas and more. Holly is Executive Secretary and Program Coordinator and is doing a tremendous job. We were very fortunate to have Terri Taylor back to handle our Emblem sales Department and her knowledge of the office functions are a mountain of information. Their contact information is on our National Website for your convenience.

One of our most important awards at Promenade Nationale is given to the

Americanism recipient. During these times that we have encountered, I'm sure there are individuals in the medical field that would qualify for this award. If you have someone that you think would qualify for this award, contact National Directeur Americanism Dan Evers (legionpost46@q.com).

Promenade Nationale to be held in Sandusky, Ohio September 16-19 is progressing well. Updates will be posted on the National Website.

Stay safe and healthy and we'll get through these trying times together.

Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



This month's Emblem Sales Item is the Centennial T-shirt. Celebrate 100 Years of the 40&8 with this new shirt. Available in White, Gray (Oxford) and Light Blue. (15100THT \$20.00). Sizes Small - 5XL. Delivery within 4 weeks. This item can be ordered at our emblem sales store online at:

<http://store.fortyandeight.org/>

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TAX DAY NOW JULY 15: TREASURY, IRS EXTEND FILING DEADLINE AND FEDERAL TAX PAYMENTS REGARDLESS OF AMOUNT OWED

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced that the federal income tax filing due date is automatically extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020.

Taxpayers can also defer federal income tax payments due on April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This deferment applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers as well as those who pay self-employment tax.

Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment relief. Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the July 15 deadline, can request a filing extension by filing Form 4868 through their tax professional, tax software or using the Free File link on IRS.gov. Businesses who need additional time must file Form 7004.

The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds are still being issued within 21 days. "Even with the filing deadline extended, we urge taxpayers who are owed refunds to file as soon as possible and file electronically," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "Filing electronically with direct deposit is the quickest way to get refunds. Although we are curtailing some operations during this period, the IRS is continuing with mission-critical operations to support the nation, and that includes accepting tax returns and sending refunds. As a federal agency vital to the overall operations of our country, we ask for your personal support, your understanding – and your patience. I'm incredibly proud of our employees as we navigate through numerous different challenges in this very rapidly changing environment."

The IRS will continue to monitor issues related to the COVID-19 virus, and updated information will be posted on a special coronavirus page on IRS.gov.

This article is provided by the IRS at IRS.gov.

Dan Dumas, Commissaire Intendant Nationale

2015 Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike Wood

My fellow Voyageurs,

As we all know COVID-19 has changed our lives but it also appears as to have put some things where they should be in my mind.

Now gas prices are reasonable, people have more time to spend at their homes, with their families, parents are communicating and participating with their kids, families are eating dinner together at the supper table and work is no longer the all consuming subject of life.

Now we again understand the meaning of the words faith, strength, love and compassion. We realize that we are all the same regardless of race, religion or financial status.

The supermarket shelves are empty, the hospitals are overcrowded, the streets are empty and we cannot seek the entertainment we had become accustomed to, movies, sports, bars or even attending church.

We have all suddenly realized that with or without money or influence the most important thing now is to survive this crisis. Now our health is the most important thing in life regardless of your bank account, job title, size of your house or what car you drive. It is amazing how a jolt of reality can bring people back to the basic qualities of life. Nature has a way of forcing us to solve all the complications we have created as being important to us. It only took a few weeks for the world to establish a social equality that was once thought to be impossible. Fear has replaced hate, love and trust has replaced arrogance in the human race. This has been a huge wake-up call to teach us just how fragile the human race is and that we all need to do what is right because we all have to inhabit this small space we call earth.

Things that now seem secondary to us;
Money, Sports, Fame, Power, Politics

What COVID-19 is teaching us;

Our best protection - Qualified Healthcare, Our best refuge - Home,
Our best company - Family, Our real time - Today, Our best hope - God

This virus has made us all realize that we don't control or dominate everything around us, it does prove to us that we are all part of a fragile, brittle and vulnerable world. We know that we are just part of the group of humans that must learn to live together and cooperate with one another if we are going to occupy this little space that we call earth. Telling us that to stop, think and go back to the basics of life and appreciate and respect the things that we take for granted. Let us all go back to the essentials of life, love, compassion, respect and mutual helpfulness and to remember to do the best with what we can control and prepare for what we cannot. We have lived centuries with a fairly arrogant attitude and have learned in just a few weeks that we need to think again.

Be safe everyone and I hope to see you again soon.

Aumonier National - John C. Murphy

The Lord be with you. I hope this finds all of you safe and well. Last week we celebrated Holy Week, that included Palm Sunday, Good Friday and ended with Easter. Last Wednesday as well was the beginning of Passover for those of the Jewish faith. But these holidays and every day for that matter, has changed this year. Due to the COVID - 19 Virus. To comply with all restrictions that has been placed on us by the Federal and State Governments of course for our own wellness and safety. This has resulted in many activities and events to be either canceled or postponed due to the virus and has change the religious holidays as well having to close churches and synagogues in the best interest of all our health. And certainly, there is nothing we can do about it. Or is there?

Actually, I think there is. We can leave it in the hands of our Lord. And I think this is an appropriate prayer to get us through it.

Lord, we are weary. Our energy is sagging, and our motivation is lagging. And we're so in need of you. We need your strength and your fresh touch to get back on track again. Your Word says the joy of the Lord is our strength. If that's true, then we need your joy to replace all the bone-tired parts of our mind, body, and soul.

The pressures of life sometimes push us into a corner, rendering us helpless to move forward. A hundred voices call our names, and we feel paralyzed at times to answer, not knowing where to turn. Lord, help us not to quit, to keep running the race faithfully, and to find strength in that safe, secret place of yours, under the shadow of the Almighty.

We need your strength to say no when we're tempted to surrender to harmful things, or when selfishness clings to our clothes and won't let go. We need your strength to say yes, when cowardice and fear nudge us to deny the convictions of our hearts. We need your strength to reach out in love to those both close to us and all around us. When don't we need your strength, God?

You are our rock, and we run to you today, believing that you will lift up our heavy arms, that you will fuel us for the tasks you've given us, and that your joy will completely consume the weakness of our life and make use strong again. We don't want to stay grounded, crippled by limitations and failed attempts. We're tired of feeble efforts. Lord, we want to mount up with wings like an eagle and not just fly. We want to soar.

Renew our strength, Lord. Fill us with your supernatural power to overcome each obstacle in our path. With our eyes on you, Lord, with you walking beside us, working through us, we can make it. Thank you, Lord! "In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" now and forever more Amen.



Kansas Proclamation Honoring the 40&8



March 12, 2020, at the Topeka Capitol in the State Senate, Senator Kevin Braun read into the Senate minutes a PROCLAMATION honoring the 40 & 8 for their 100th ANNIVERSARY for serving the Kansas Communities and our Veterans.

L-R Senator Kevin Braun, Jim Cook Grand Chef de Train, Vance Chartier Grand Lampiste, Directeur Americanism Pastor Jack Le Roy, PG Pat Proctor and Grand Cheminot Tony Monaco, all Voyageurs Militaire representing the Grand Du Kansas.

Voiture 80



March 12, 2020, Lane County Voiture 80 of the 100 Year Old Philanthropic Veterans Organization 40 & 8 Presented their Flags for First Graders program to Mrs. Lewellen's First grade Class at Mountainview Elementary, in Lowell, Oregon. Pictured with the Students and Mrs. Lewellen are Voyageurs, L-R, Cab Clark, Jerry Shorey, Glenn Knox and Flags for First Graders Director, Steve Woodford.

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Voiture 803



Nassau County Voiture 803's Nurses Training Annual Program. In 2020 Voiture 803 awarded 15 Nursing Scholarships. Maureen O'Connell, RN, Nassau County Clerk, Chef Frank Colon, Master of Ceremonies John Hassett, and 2003 CdCdf John T. Digilio, Jr.

Voiture 605 Flags For First Graders



Economic impact payments: What you need to know

No action needed by most people at this time:

The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service announced that distribution of economic impact payments will begin in the next three weeks and will be distributed automatically, with no action required for most people. However, some seniors and others who typically do not file returns will need to submit a simple tax return to receive the stimulus payment.

Who is eligible for the economic impact payment?

Tax filers with adjusted gross income up to \$75,000 for individuals and up to \$150,000 for married couples filing joint returns will receive the full payment. For filers with income above those amounts, the payment amount is reduced by \$5 for each \$100 above the \$75,000/\$150,000 thresholds. Single filers with income exceeding \$99,000 and \$198,000 for joint filers with no children are not eligible.

Eligible taxpayers who filed tax returns for either 2019 or 2018 will automatically receive an economic impact payment of up to \$1,200 for individuals or \$2,400 for married couples. Parents also receive \$500 for each qualifying child.

How will the IRS know where to send my payment?

The vast majority of people do not need to take any action. The IRS will calculate and automatically send the economic impact payment to those eligible.

For people who have already filed their 2019 tax returns, the IRS will use this information to calculate the payment amount. For those who have not yet filed their return for 2019, the IRS will use information from their 2018 tax filing to calculate the payment. The economic impact payment will be deposited directly into the same banking account reflected on the return filed.

The IRS does not have my direct deposit information. What can I do?

In the coming weeks, Treasury plans to develop a web-based portal for individuals to provide their banking information to the IRS online, so that individuals can receive payments immediately as opposed to checks in the mail.

I am not typically required to file a tax return. Can I still receive my payment?

Yes. People who typically do not file a tax return will need to file a simple tax return to receive an economic impact payment. Low-income taxpayers, senior citizens, **Social Security recipients**, some veterans and individuals with disabilities who are otherwise not required to file a tax return will not owe tax. **Social Security beneficiaries who are not typically required to file tax returns will not need to file a simple tax return to receive an Economic Impact Payment. Instead, payments will be automatically deposited into their bank accounts. The IRS will use the information on the Form SSA-1099 and Form RRB-1099 to generate Economic Impact Payments to Social Security recipients who did not file tax returns in 2018 or 2019. Recipients will receive these payments as a direct deposit or by paper check, just as they would normally receive their benefits.**

How can I file the tax return needed to receive my economic impact payment?

IRS.gov/coronavirus will soon provide information instructing people in these groups on how to file a 2019 tax return with simple, but necessary, information including their filing status, number of dependents and direct deposit bank account information.

I have not filed my tax return for 2018 or 2019. Can I still receive an economic impact payment?

Yes. The IRS urges anyone with a tax filing obligation who has not yet filed a tax return for 2018 or 2019 to file as soon as they can to receive an economic impact payment. Taxpayers should include direct deposit banking information on the return.

I need to file a tax return. How long are the economic impact payments available?

For those concerned about visiting a tax professional or local community organization in person to get help with a tax return, these economic impact payments will be available throughout the rest of 2020.

Where can I get more information?

The IRS will post all key information on IRS.gov/coronavirus as soon as it becomes available.

The IRS has a reduced staff in many of its offices but remains committed to helping eligible individuals receive their payments expeditiously. Check for updated information on IRS.gov/coronavirus rather than calling IRS assistants who are helping process 2019 returns.

This article is provided by the IRS at IRS.gov.

Dan Dumas
Commissaire Intendant Nationale

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To paraphrase a famous quote, more people have found God in foxholes than all the churches in the world. I think the statement has special meaning for our great Country in this moment. As we are told to shelter in place and practice social distancing we are now in some ways experiencing a similar conditions of being stuck in a foxhole with the bullets flying. We are not dodging bullets but we are attempting avoid an invisible threat that can have the same result. The condition that increases the anxiety is the isolation from family and Friends.



La Société's long time mantra has been "Faith, Family and Forty & Eight" with the first being Faith. I hope we all incorporate that into our daily routine and add a daily prayer for all those who are experiencing the effects of this pandemic. That is ALL of us!

We can all help by connecting with our Comrades through the many communications methods available; phone, twitter, email, face time, face book, and a multitude of other means. Don't allow anyone to feel alone in this battle. We have faced many challenges as a nation in the past and come through stronger and more united for the effort. We will get through this also!

Robert "DB1" Cearlock

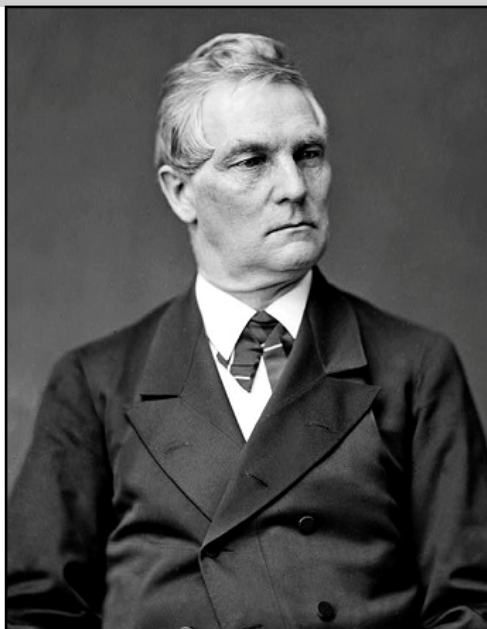
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Vice Presidential History

William Almon Wheeler (June 30, 1819 – June 4, 1887) was an American politician and attorney. He served as a United States representative from New York from 1861 to 1863 and 1869 to 1877, and the 19th vice president of the United States from 1877 to 1881.

Born in Malone, New York, Wheeler pursued a legal career after attending the University of Vermont. After serving in various local positions, he won election to the New York State Legislature. He served in Congress from 1861 to 1863 and from 1869 to 1877. He was widely respected for his integrity, and refused his salary increase after Congress passed an 1873 pay raise that he opposed.

After the 1876 Republican National Convention settled on Rutherford B. Hayes as the party's presidential nomi-



nee after seven ballots, the delegates nominated Wheeler for vice president. Nominated by Congressman Luke P. Poland,

Wheeler surged into an early lead over Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, Marshall Jewell, and Stewart L. Woodford to clinch the nomination on the first ballot. Wheeler was nominated because he was popular among his colleagues, having worked to avoid making enemies in Congress. In addition, as a resident of the populous Eastern state of New York, he provided geographical balance to the ticket, since Hayes was from the populous Midwest state of Ohio. The Republican ticket prevailed in the contentious 1876 presidential election, though they lost the popular vote. Though they had not known each other before the convention, Wheeler and Hayes got along amicably while in office. They chose not to seek second terms, and Wheeler returned to Malone, New York after the end of his term. He died in 1887, and was buried at Morning-side Cemetery in Malone.