



Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Bill Simpson – Chef de Chemin de Fer



Summer has arrived. It is just beginning and temperatures are setting record highs everywhere. Looks as if we will be in for a long hot season. However, let's take advantage of the heat while we are sitting around in our AC keeping somewhat cool, make use of your time by calling those who have not renewed and see if they are okay (Buddy Check) and ask them why they haven't renewed. Could be they just forgot. We still have until July 31st to obtain our goal of 100% or better. If you only get one or two to renew, it will make that ice tea, lemonade or adult beverage you are having taste a lot better.

July not only brings the heat, it brings that time of year for our end of year reports for our programs. Locale/Grand Chefs and correspondants, it's time for you turn the heat up and get these reports done and turned in to Nationale. The deadlines are fast approaching. I know the programs are being worked for I have witnessed it in my travels. You are doing a great job so why not get the credit for doing so. It only takes a little bit of your time to crunch the numbers. I am extremely pleased in what most of you are achieving. Keep up the good work. Just remember, No job is finished until the paper work is done. Since the last Voyageur Brief, my travels have continued with a trip to Bangor, Maine for the Grand Promenade in May,



and Great Lakes Promenade in Rochester New York in June.

Upon arrival in Bangor, Maine, we (First Lady Dell and I) were greeted by Past Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Ross Freeman and wife Nancy. Our adventure immediately began in the airport terminal. We were given the tour of the Maine Troop Greeters Museum. This is where volunteers greeted the inbound and out bound service members from overseas. The museum has thousands of military patches and challenge coins given by a service member from all the different areas. It was really a great sight to see. After getting to the hotel and resting for awhile it was off to dinner for a special treat of Maine lobster. What a way to end the evening. Yes, the lobster was delicious. Friday night we all attended a Roast for the Grand Chef and Madame Grand President. Loads of fun and laughter. Saturday night came with the banquet and Installation of the new Grand officers. It seems that Grand du Maine will continue to have outstanding leadership. Thank you Grand du Maine for an exciting visit.

June had us travelling to Rochester, New York for the Great Lakes Promenade. What a great event. The hospitality and camaraderie the entire weekend was fantastic. It was well attended by the Great Lakes Grandes

and also from outside the Great Lakes area (North and South Carolina, Maryland, Washington). While business wasn't being conducted, we were treated to the sights of Rochester. If you have never been to Rochester, you have to see the grass that is along side of I-640 at exit 19. It is really pretty and green. Just kidding, for we did try to do some sightseeing under the direction and guide of Charlie Ellis but unfortunately we didn't get very far for his truck (brand new) broke down and we had to be rescued off the interstate. Everyone had a good laugh about that the rest of the weekend. The weekend ended with a great meal for the banquet and gifts given out by all the grands of the Great Lakes Promenade to those lucky enough to have the winning tickets. Also monies were raised for our Boxcar and Youth Sports programs. It really made for a very enjoyable evening. Thank you Great Lakes for an outstanding Promenade.

July is now here and it is going to be a busy month. As of the writing of this article, First Lady Dell and I have just returned from visiting Arlington Cemetery. As we all know Memorial Day trip to Arlington had to be cancelled due to limitations set by the Cemetery administration in allowing visitors. However, our Memorial Committee Chairman was able to get Madame President and myself a special visit this past weekend (July 7th and 8th) to lay our wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown. On behalf of myself, my Sous Chefs, Madame President and her Sous Presidents, thank you for getting us the opportunity to have this honor. If you have never attended a ceremony at Arlington for the changing of the Guard, you really need to put it on your bucket list.

In closing, remember to get your end of year reports filled out and turned in. I have seen what you are doing so get the credit for it. Please keep our service members who have already served and those now serving in your thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and keep you safe.

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Arlington National Cemetery



**Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill Simpson with Sous Chefs
along with Madame President Janet Walsh and her
LA Sous Presidentes**

Terry Sims -Correspondant National

Position Opening

Accepting resumes for the position of Sous Correspondant National with the possibility of advancing to Correspondant Nationale. Must have management and computer skills with working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Works hand-in-hand with the Office manager in the National office establishing work methods and procedures. The Correspondant National is supervised by the Chef de Chemin de Fer and the National Finance Committee through conferences, reviews or reports. Has to be a member of LaSociete and have knowledge of the principles of the 40/8.

Please send resumes to Chef de Chemin de Fer William Simpson via email to Wsimpson204@comcast.net by July 31, 2022.



Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling

Andrew Nagy HONORARY SOUS
DIRECTEUR VAVS NATIONALE
presenting a \$500 check from
Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling program
to Mitra Gobin Chief VAVS Tampa VA.



Grande du New Hampshire Nurses Training



Emily Huston being pinned in a ceremony at St Anslem College, Manchester, NH, as a registered nurse. She is a recipient of the NH 40/8.

Voiture 145 Nurses Training



Chef de Gare Jay Collars, Voiture Locale 145, Marion/Johnson County, IN met with Miss Kim Roach, Acting Dean of Lee Marchant School of Nursing, Bloomington, IN to discuss the Forty et Eight Nurses Training Program.

Central States Cornhole Tournament



Grande du Oklahoma hosted six states during the annual Central States Promenade April 28-30, 2022, in Oklahoma City. 68 Representatives from six of the seven states attended, including Iowa, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma. Only Colorado was absent from the weekend.

The La Femmes from 1540 assisted the Grande with ideas for activities, and the most successful one of all was a single elimination cornhole tournament Saturday evening April 29th. Surprisingly, 52 of the 68 attendees signed up for the tournament during registration, and as a “get to know you” rule, each team was created by drawing the names of the 52 players from a hat – ensuring most of the 26 teams would consist of players that didn’t know their teammates. “That idea was amazing” said Voiture 1540 Chef Bill Hart. “By the end of the tournament and weekend, new friendships were created over a simple game of tossing corn bags.”

Nearly three hours and 25 games later, the champions were crowned. Nick Weyers (Grand du Kansas) and Chip Berkley (Grand du Missouri) defeated Pam Benton (Grande Cabane de Oklahoma) and Marshall Edwards (Grande du Texas), with Oklahoma’s Master of Games Judy Peltzer handing out first and second place awards.

Tax-Exempt Status for Veterans Organizations under IRC 501(c)(19)?

A post or organization of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States must file Form 1024 to apply for recognition of exemption from federal income tax. The organization must also meet the qualifications described below.

Examples of groups that qualify for exemption are posts or auxiliaries of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and similar organizations.

To qualify for recognition of exemption, your application should show:

- 1.) That the post or organization is organized in the United States or any of its possessions,
- 2.) That at least 75% of the members are past or present members of the U.S. Armed Forces and that at least 97.5% of all members of the organization are past or present members of the U.S. Armed Forces, cadets (including only students in college or university ROTC programs or at armed services academies) or spouses, widows, widowers, ancestors, or lineal descendants of any of those listed here, and
- 3.) That no part of net earnings inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

In addition to these requirements, a veterans' organization also must be operated exclusively for one or more of the following purposes.

- 1.) To promote the social welfare of the community (that is, to promote in some way the common good and general welfare of the people of the community).
- 2.) To assist disabled and needy war veterans and members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their dependents and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans.
- 3.) To provide entertainment, care, and assistance to hospitalized veterans or members of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- 4.) To carry on programs to perpetuate the memory of deceased veterans and members of the Armed Forces and to comfort their survivors.
- 5.) To conduct programs for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes.
- 6.) To sponsor or participate in activities of a patriotic nature.
- 7.) To provide insurance benefits for its members or dependents of its members or both.
- 8.) To provide social and recreational activities for its members.

Auxiliary unit.

An auxiliary unit or society of a veterans' organization can apply for recognition of exemption provided that the veterans' organization (parent organization) meets the requirements explained earlier in this section. The auxiliary unit or society must also meet all the following additional requirements.

- 1.) It is affiliated with, and organized in accordance with, the bylaws and regulations formulated by the parent organization.
- 2.) At least 75% of its members are either past or present members of the U.S. Armed Forces, spouses of those members, or related to those members within two degrees of kinship (grandparent, brother, sister, and grandchild represent the most distant allowable relationship).
- 3.) All of its members either are members of the parent organization, spouses of a member of the parent organization, or related to a member of such organization within two degrees of kinship.
- 4.) No part of its net earnings inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

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Dan Dumas

Commissaire Intendant Nationale

Little Chef's 50/50 Raffle

Here's your chance to determine who you think the shorter Chef is between Chef de Chemin Der Fer Bill Simpson and Chef de Chemin Der Fer 2003 John Digilio.

Proceeds Benefit the Boxcar ASSOCIATION \$1.00 Donation. Drawing to be held September 16, 2022

For tickets contact Terri Taylor at Nationale (317) 634-1804 or ttaylor@fortyandeight.org



75th Anniversary of the Gratitude Train is Around the Bend

In 2024 we will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Gratitude Train. There are 43 of the 49 Merci Box Cars remaining and almost every state has gifts from their respective boxcar on display in a variety of locations. Each Grande Voiture is asked to identify a primary point of contact for their respective boxcars and/or gifts from their state's boxcar. Please send POC information to merciboxcar75@gmail.com

A plan to help coordinate and publicize activities nationwide is in the works to help each Grande Voiture celebrate this event. Coordination with museums to display gifts from the Merci Box Cars must be done far in advance to get on their calendars which usually push out 12-24 months so starting this planning now is important.

A few of our boxcars are in process of being restored or have recently been updated. Some of our boxcars have been restored improperly and have Coat of Arms plaques incorrectly displayed or missing! Please refer to the [Merci Boxcar Restoration Guide](#) at www.mercitrain.org for information on proper display and restoration of your state's Merci Box Car.



Grand du Texas



**Building Donation Challenge Total \$196,058.15
June – July 2022**



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**Congratulations to all the Winners of
the 2022 Nurses Day Sweepstakes**

1st Place \$2,500 Joseph McCullough V542- TX	2nd Place \$1,000 Lester Brosset V137- LA
3rd Place \$100 James Gibson V2000- VN	4th Place \$100 Kenneth Pierce V1061- MI
5th Place \$100 George Barnett V1254- SC	6th Place \$100 Joseph Curtz V1250- IN
7th Place \$100 Finn Donaldson V111- NY	8th Place \$100 Mylene Depalma V269- PA
9th Place \$100 Lester Wallace V1298- OK	10th Place \$100 Howard Patton V549- PA
11th Place \$100 Ronald Namest V1237- NC	12th Place \$100 Stephan Mercado V622- AZ

Vice Presidential History

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller (July 8, 1908 – January 26, 1979), sometimes referred to by his nickname Rocky, was an American businessman and politician who served as the 41st vice president of the United States from December 1974 to January 1977, and previously as the 49th governor of New York from 1959 to 1973. He also served as assistant secretary of State for American Republic Affairs for Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman (1944–1945) as well as under secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) under Dwight D. Eisenhower from 1953 to 1954. In 1980, HEW split into 2 cabinet level agencies: Health & Human Services (HHS) & Department of Education. A grandson of Standard Oil founder John D. Rockefeller and a member of the wealthy Rockefeller family, he was a noted art collector and served as administrator of Rockefeller Center in Manhattan, New York City.

Rockefeller was a Republican who was often considered to be liberal, progressive, or moderate. In an agreement that was termed the Treaty of Fifth Avenue, Rockefeller persuaded Richard Nixon to alter the Republican Party platform just before the 1960 Republican Conven-



tion. In his time, liberals in the Republican Party were called "Rockefeller Republicans". As Governor of New York from 1959 to 1973, Rockefeller's achievements included the expansion of the State University of New York, efforts to protect the environment, the construction of the Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza in Albany, increased facilities and personnel for medical care, and the creation

of the New York State Council on the Arts.

After unsuccessfully seeking the Republican presidential nomination in 1960, 1964, and 1968, Rockefeller was appointed vice president of the United States under President Gerald Ford, who ascended to the presidency following the August 1974 resignation of Richard Nixon. Rockefeller was the second vice president appointed to the position under the 25th Amendment, following Ford himself. Rockefeller declined to be placed on the 1976 Republican ticket with Ford. He retired from politics in 1977 and died two years later.

As a businessman, Rockefeller was president and later chair of Rockefeller Center, Inc., and he formed the International Basic Economy Corporation in 1947. Rockefeller assembled a significant art collection and promoted public access to the arts. He served as trustee, treasurer, and president of the Museum of Modern Art, and founded the Museum of Primitive Art in 1954. In the area of philanthropy, he founded the Rockefeller Brothers Fund in 1940 with his four brothers and established the American International Association for Economic and Social Development in 1946.