



Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Mike McGary – Chef de Chemin de Fer



I will be on my way back to Indiana after Memorial Day traffic has cleared. They have opened the beaches here in southern Alabama and restaurants are starting back up at 50% capacity. To be honest I think it's just another invitation for a spike in the virus cases for the older generation. Peggy and I have decided whether we are here or back home in Indiana, we will more than likely stay hunkered down inside our home.

All travel has been cancelled through June except for Madam President's homecoming scheduled for the 18th of June. I'm sure they are keeping an eye on the numbers, and will make any adjustments necessary if needed.

As most of you know, one of the highest honors given to the veteran that holds my position, is the laying of the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown during the Memorial Day celebration. At this point Arlington Cemetery is still going to be open for business as usual, while requiring everyone to wear masks and social distance themselves. If you have ever been there, you know that this is an impossibility with 10,000 people joining the celebration in honoring our fallen heroes. Our committee that oversees our participation has



stepped up and put the health and welfare of our senior membership first by cancelling the Forty and Eight's participation this year. I know that this will not limit our members in showing their respect that weekend. For an example our Locale has been invited to join with one of the American Legion Post's to post flags on the veteran graves, in one of the local cemeteries. Although I won't be able to perform that sacred ritual, with the wreath, this year, in my mind and heart I will remember the

sacrifices these veterans have made

A point I want to make is "of course" about membership. This thankless job must always get done, pandemic or not. Since it seems to still be stuck in first gear, I want EVERYONE to contact their Locale Correspondant and see if there is something you can do to help get the numbers in. Sending an email, a text, or even using the old rotary phone to contact a delinquent friend, we are all capable of lending a hand. It's not liked our schedules are overflowing with things to do since most of us are still on lockdown. Please help us out. The future of our organization depends on YOU!

I would like to thank all of my Directeurs and those individuals that sent in articles for the latest edition of the Forty and Eighter magazine. It was a great issue with a ton of information for everyone. This type of communication is truly needed in these trying times. Thanks Tom, great job.

In closing I want to thank everyone for their service to this Country, and to the Freedoms we still enjoy today. Remember those that gave the ultimate, and pray that their sacrifices will never be in vain. Lest we forget.

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Terry Sims -Correspondant National

The Heritage Company that has solicited ads and printed our Program books for Promenade Nationale has declared bankruptcy. This unfortunate situation has created an advertising problem for Grande du Ohio. If Voyageurs and Voitures can get behind Ohio and buy an ad, it sure would be a help to Grand du Ohio. There is a link under the “Promenade Nationale” drop down menu on the National website, stating the information for submitting an ad.

Holly will be sending the forms for Voyageur Recommendations to our National Programs, Election of Officers for 2021 and names of the Grand Directeurs and other positions listed on the forms. Please return your inputs by August 1, 2020.

I hope to report more positive information to you in the June issue of The Briefs.

Your Voiture Nationale Staff wishes everyone safe & healthy travels.



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Promenade Nationale

Grande Voiture Du Ohio invites you to attend the 101st Promenade & 57th Rendez-vous Nationale Sandusky, Ohio September 13th - 19th, 2020
Come Enjoy Ohio's Summer Playground



If you will be needing transportation from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, contact Grande Correspondant Howard (Mike) McClain. Phone (330) 571-1374, email:

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Please indicate Date of arrival, Airline, Flight number and Arrival time.

Voiture 1637

Voiture 1637 celebrated The 40 & 8 Society's birthday on 3-11-20 during their regular March Promenade held at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 60 in Burlington, Ontario, Canada.

Pictured from LEFT to RIGHT:

Chef de Gare, Wayne Sorrentino – US Navy – Vietnam Vet – Lives in Buffalo, NY

Voyageur Charles Weber – US Army – Korea Vet – Born in Detroit – Calls Woodstock, Ontario, home.

Drapeau, Ronald Zabrok – US Navy – WWII & Korea Vet – now 95-years young – Born in Minnesota – calls Hamilton, Ontario, home.

Garde de la Porte, Arnold Tuchow – US Air Force – Vietnam Era Vet – Born in Montreal, Quebec – Now calls Hamilton, Ontario, home.

Chef de Train, Robert Williams – US Navy – Vietnam Era Vet – Born in Missouri, Now calls Hamilton, Ontario, home.

Lampiste, Robert J. Winder – US Army – Vietnam Vet – From Montreal, Quebec – Now calls Milton, Ontario, home.



COVID Corner

COVID Corner is a collection of "Good News" Stories that we thought we would share nationally. If you or someone you know might want to share their story then please send your "Good News" Story by simply e-mailing Nat'l Directeur VAVS/SVH Ron Rolfes at rolfesr@hotmail.com. Please be sure to include pictures if you have them. Stay Safe!



South Dakota

The Grande du South Dakota, Voiture 773 of Watertown, SD has allocated funds for my team to make masks for VA health care system's and surrounding areas in need. Total to date over 350 masks have been made and mailed out to locations in South Dakota. More masks are in there making. Mailings go out every Tuesday. Also food boxes have been made and distributed to area Veterans families. Also receiving masks are Individuals having service dogs. Dog food donations have been made for those in need that have lost their job due to COVID-19. These donations have been made to Big Paws k9 in Sioux Falls SD on behalf of Grande du South Dakota. This is the non-profit organization that Daisy and I have received our training.

The team leader is Voyageur Gena Keller, V 773, Watertown SD, Disaster Relief director, and Correspondant, Grande du South Dakota.



New York

Voyageur Don Miller and his wife have been calling, shopping and watching over an 81 year old lady who is staying home because she is afraid to go out. Don has also purchased food that was donated to the American Legion Post for distribution to needy Veterans and their families.

Arizona

Voyageur Roberta Kimmel, Correspondant V-1154, Grande du Arizona supporting the American Legion's District 12 in the Phoenix area, distributing food boxes to Veterans.

<https://www.facebook.com/District12AZ/videos/232133917880198/?t=68>

May 6th National Nurses Day

The U.S. celebrates National Nursing Week each year from 6 May to 12 May (the birthday of Florence Nightingale). In the U.S., National Nurses Week was first observed from 11–16 October 1954 in honor of the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's mission to Crimea. President Nixon later proclaimed a "National Nurse Week" in 1974. In 1982, President Reagan signed a proposal officially designating 6 May as "National Recognition Day for Nurses," now known as National Nurses Day or National RN Recognition Day. In 1990, the American Nurses Association (ANA) expanded the holiday into the current National Nurses Week celebrated from 6 May to 12 May.

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PROUDLY WEAR YOUR NURSES TRAINING PIN



Florence Nightingale (12 May 1820 – 13 August 1910) was a British social reformer, statistician, and the founder of modern nursing.

Nightingale came to prominence while serving as a manager and trainer of nurses during the Crimean War, in which she organized care for wounded soldiers. She gave nursing a favorable reputation and became an icon of Victorian culture, especially in the persona of "The Lady with the Lamp" making rounds of wounded soldiers at night.

Recent commentators have asserted Nightingale's Crimean War achievements were exaggerated by media at the time, but critics agree on the importance of her later work in professionalizing nursing roles for women. In 1860, Nightingale laid the foundation of professional nursing with the establishment of her nursing school at St Thomas' Hospital in London. It was the first secular nursing school in the world, and is now part of King's College London. In recognition of her pioneering work in nursing, the Nightingale Pledge taken by new nurses, and the Florence Nightingale Medal, the highest international distinction a nurse can achieve, were named in her honour, and the annual International Nurses Day is celebrated on her birthday. Her social reforms included improving healthcare for all sections of British society, advocating better hunger relief in India, helping to abolish prostitution laws that were harsh for women, and expanding the acceptable forms of female participation in the workforce.

Nightingale was a prodigious and versatile writer. In her lifetime, much of her published work was concerned with spreading medical knowledge. Some of her tracts were written in simple English so that they could easily be understood by those with poor literary skills. She was also a pioneer in data visualization with the use of infographics, effectively using graphical presentations of statistical data. Much of her writing, including her extensive work on religion and mysticism, has only been published posthumously.



Voyageur History

Voiture 414 MN 50+ Year Member Milburn “Dink” Henke

The British troopship, a converted luxury liner, slipped secretly out of the Manhattan darkness. It was January 1942, just a month after Pearl Harbor, and Milburn Henke, a 23-year-old cafe owner's kid from Hutchinson, Minn., was among 4,000 American soldiers with the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division.

When the ship docked in Belfast, Henke wasn't sure where he was but figured Ireland. Waiting to disembark, he was sitting around “doing nothing when the colonel came around looking awfully busy and bothered.” The colonel asked Lt. Springer for a man. Henke didn't think much about it when he was told to go with the colonel.

“When I was picked, I thought: Oh no, another dirty detail,” Henke later recalled, figuring he'd been tapped to go.

Instead, Henke walked 11 steps down a gangplank and into history's footnotes — becoming in that moment the first American combat GI to set foot on European soil in World War II. The 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day on May 8 makes it fitting to remember him now.

“The fact that I was just sort of picked out of the hat doesn't change the memories,” he said in 1971.

The Royal Ulster Rifles band played “The Star-Spangled Banner” and the crowd roared as Henke took those ceremonial steps. So many cameras greeted him that he needed to restage his walk multiple times until photographers had enough angles to stoke patriotic fervor.

“I never tried to downgrade what it meant,” he said. “I mean the symbol of America sending its boys to Europe to help win the war.”

On Henke's way down the gangplank and into history, Maj. Gen. Russell Hartle asked him if he could talk to the waiting radio and newspaper reporters. Henke shrugged: “Well, if I have to.”

In the process, he carved another notch in the history of the Minnesota-Iowa rivalry. “When I said I was from Minnesota, a whole bunch of army mouths fell open,” Henke said in 1956. “Our outfit was mostly from Iowa, and I think it was taken for granted ‘the first’ would be from Iowa.”

After saluting U.S. troop commander Maj. Gen. James Chaney, the Hutchinson kid asked: “When do we get a whack at those Germans?”

Henke told reporters of his one regret: He'd left his girlfriend, Iola Christensen, back in Minnesota. “I don't know if she will wait for me,” he said. “She may be stepping out on me now, but I hope not.”

Not to worry. Milburn and Iola married in 1944, raised three children and were married for 53 years. After the war he operated Henke's Hamburger Shop near a highway filling station in Hutchinson. He wasn't far from the McLeod County farm where he was born in 1918, during the First World War. He died at 79 in 1998 from pancreatic cancer.

“He was proud,” Iola said when he died, “but he always said it wasn't just him. He represented all the American soldiers.”

The spotlight brought him meetings with Queen Elizabeth and Eleanor Roosevelt, not to mention 1,000 letters from all 50 states, England and South America. “I had a barracks bag full, my parents had two,” he said.

Iola said some of the letters to her came from women who wrote to say they never regretted waiting for their World War I soldiers. She said that one soldier wrote her to say “he'd personally pin my ears back” if he heard she'd stepped out on Henke.

During the fighting in North Africa, Sgt. Henke crawled under heavy fire and pulled wounded Lt. Springer to safety, earning a Silver Star. But by the time victory in Europe was secured on May 8, 1945, Henke was out of the limelight. He had fractured his back in a jeep accident before the invasion of Italy, spending four months in the hospital before a brief return to duty and then a ship ride home with less fanfare than what had greeted his arrival.

“For a while there with all the attention I got, it looked as though the Army's plan was for me to win the war single-handed,” he told Minneapolis Star columnist Jim Klobuchar in 1971, while pouring coffee at his Hutchinson cafe.

His father had run a diner since 1930 and couldn't afford to send Milburn to college. “I vowed I'd hock my shoes if I had to, to be sure my kids had the chance,” he said. All three kids went to college.

Henke returned to Belfast in 1967 on the 25th anniversary of his historic gangplank walk. “They sure didn't have trouble getting me over the first time. But this time, I wasn't so sure,” he said.

His passport application took longer than expected, delaying the trip. And the airline ticket provided him by a Belfast TV station had him leaving from Kansas City. He guessed that someone had mixed up Hutchinson, Kan., and his hometown in Minnesota. “They thought I could take a taxi to the Kansas City airport,” he joked in 1967.

Henke's uniform is part of the Minnesota Military Museum at Camp Ripley, Little Falls, Minnesota, where director Randal Dietrich said it's important to remember the Hutchinson soldier on this anniversary.

Even amid the coronavirus crisis, Dietrich said, “Some things should not be overshadowed.”



MILBURN HENKE 1918-1998 Pvt. Milburn Henke, a Hutchinson, Minn., native selected from among the first U.S. troops sent to the British Isles in World War II, stepped down the gangplank from his transport to be the first soldier ashore in Belfast, Northern Ireland, on Jan. 26, 1942. -Minneapolis Star

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10TH	Thomas Wagner	V713-NY	\$100.00





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Vice Presidential History

Chester Alan Arthur (October 5, 1829 – November 18, 1886) was an American attorney and politician who served as the 21st president of the United States from 1881 to 1885. Previously the 20th vice president, he succeeded to the presidency upon the death of President James A. Garfield in September 1881, two months after Garfield was shot by an assassin.

Arthur was born in Fairfield, Vermont, grew up in upstate New York, and practiced law in New York City. He served as quartermaster general of the New York Militia during the American Civil War. Following the war, he devoted more time to New York Republican politics and quickly rose in Senator Roscoe Conkling's political organization. President Ulysses S. Grant appointed him to the post of Collector of the Port of New York in 1871, and he was an important supporter of Conkling and the Stalwart faction of the Republican Party. In 1878, President Rutherford B. Hayes fired Arthur as part of a plan to reform the federal patronage system in New York. Garfield won the Republican nomination for president in 1880, and Arthur



was nominated for vice president to balance the ticket as an Eastern Stalwart. Four months into his term, Garfield was shot by an assassin; he died 11 weeks later, and Arthur assumed the presidency.

At the outset, Arthur struggled to overcome a negative reputation as a Stalwart and product of Conkling's organization. To the surprise of reformers, he advocated and enforced the Pendleton Civil Service Reform Act. He presided over the rebirth of the US Navy, but he was criticized for failing to alleviate the federal budget surplus which had been accumulating since the end

of the Civil War. Arthur reluctantly signed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which barred the entry of Chinese laborers. The 1875 Page Act barred Chinese women from entering the country and was the first total ban on a nation or ethnic group from immigrating to the country.

Suffering from poor health, Arthur made only a limited effort to secure the Republican Party's nomination in 1884, and he retired at the end of his term. Journalist Alexander McClure wrote, "No man ever entered the Presidency so profoundly and widely distrusted as Chester Alan Arthur, and no one ever retired... more generally respected, alike by political friend and foe." Arthur's failing health and political temperament combined to make his administration less active than a modern presidency, yet he earned praise among contemporaries for his solid performance in office. The New York World summed up Arthur's presidency at his death in 1886: "No duty was neglected in his administration, and no adventurous project alarmed the nation." [3] Mark Twain wrote of him, "It would be hard indeed to better President Arthur's administration."