



# Boxcar Bulletin



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## Chef de Gare's Corner

Bonjour comrade Voyageurs!

Hoping all of you are well.

I was helping out a fellow MG club member Saturday afternoon and he asks me the inevitable question, "What IS the 40 et 8?" See, he lives off of Padden Parkway near 137<sup>th</sup> and passes the

chateau regularly. He only knows the old bingo hall and the loci. As soon as I told him our story, lights went on for him and he says, "Well that explains the locomotive!" I tell you that story because, even though our new sign won't tell our story, it will 'Brand' our property much more obviously than before.

Friends, our local Civil Air Patrol squadron has approached us about meeting in our boxcar room every Monday night. They meet in the Pearson Air Museum for years and all was well until National Park Service took control of the hangar. They've pretty much evicted all of the local influence from what I can tell. If anyone knows a better story, please fill me in. Anyway, the Cheminot was favorable, but had three big questions. Answers are all positive: 1) they DO have their own liability insurance, 2) there is NO ISSUE with our liquor license and 3) they have 66 active members with 30 to 40 attending each meeting. The ratio is about 60% kids and 40% adults. CAP's aim is similar to scouting in that they seek to provide a safe, fun, clean environment to train cadets for future leadership roles. Their main role is search and rescue during times of crisis or natural disaster. Totally within the Child Welfare wheelhouse! We will be voting on this Monday.

On the Property Tax Exemption issue, I will have Barb consolidate numbers in a report as best as possible for our prom. My inclination is to NOT renew our exemption at this time to explore possibilities that lie before us. I only see Pro's right now: we'll be able to legitimately rent the boxcar, we'll be able to sell beer and wine at those events (with the appropriate add on license), we'll be able to sell beer at both car shows this summer (with the appropriate add on license) and we'll be able to open comfortably to the public for lunches. We will also be voting on this Monday.

For the rest of my term, I hereby waive all fees for new Goofs relating to their chapeaux and marching medals. Basically, we'll cover their cover (couldn't help it), but still let them pay the \$30 yearly membership fee. Only one month left to round up your Goofs for the **April Fool's Wreck!**

Peanut butter bin should be set up in the foyer. Let's fill that sucker!

Tom Cates, it's Cougar Creek, right?

Unfortunately, I'll be deployed to Oklahoma during the March 6<sup>th</sup> promenade. Be assured that I leave you in capable hands!

Wishing you all good health and enough wealth!

Confido,

Todd "T-Bone" Boyd, Chef de Gare

## Cabane 99 La Femmes



This is a reminder that we will not be holding Rendezvous until April, however, there are normally a few dames that get together for a social hour during Prom due to the fact that they provide transportation for their voyageurs. So feel free to come visit, have dinner, and maybe even play a few hands of nickels.

Chef Jon has been making some pretty delicious meals prior to Prom/Rendezvous and Cheminot. I know many have been impressed with his skills in the kitchen and all for \$13.00. You can't buy a hamburger for that any more. Here is a picture of his chocolate mousse served in a peanut brittle cup, which was the desert after the dinner prior to Cheminot. Word has it that it was delectable.



Image courtesy of Judy Mead

Membership is currently at 20.

If you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99, please contact La Presidente, Judy Bailey at 360-798-5166, or Commissaire Intendante, Roberta Giesler at 360-909-5124.

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## Correspondants Notes

Correspondants Notes can be found on page 2 this month.

# Chateau Schedule for March 2023

Chateau Manager (360)574-3872

**Voiture 99 Meetings Reminder**  
Promenade - March 06, 2023  
Dinner 5:00pm / Meetings 6:00pm

**Voiture 99 Meetings Reminder**  
Cheminot - March 21, 2023  
Dinner 5:00pm / Meetings 6:00pm

**Voiture 99 Reminder -**  
We are open to the public for lunch  
Mondays and Tuesdays 11am - 2pm

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>01</b>  Nutter 6:00 - 8:00 am	<b>02</b>  DONUTS 6:30 - 9:00 am	<b>03</b>  BREAKFAST 6:30 - 9 am  CMAC 8:30 - 10 am ENTEK Breakfast	<b>04</b>  Saturday Lunch 12-3 pm
<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>  Lunch Open to Public 11am - 2 pm  <b>Prom</b> <b>TBA - \$13</b>	<b>07</b>  Lunch Open to Public 11am - 2 pm	<b>08</b>  HDSCBA 11:45 - 1:00 pm  DAV 630-830pm	<b>09</b>  DONUTS 6:30 - 9:00 am	<b>10</b>  BREAKFAST 6:30 - 9 am	<b>11</b>  Saturday Lunch 12-3 pm
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Lunch Open to Public 11am - 2 pm	<b>14</b>  Lunch Open to Public 11am - 2 pm	<b>15</b>  Dietrich Trucking 5 - 6:00 am  KWVA- 10 - 11:30 am	<b>16</b>  DONUTS 6:30 - 9:00 am  MOAA 11 - 1:00 pm	<b>17</b>  BREAKFAST 6:30 - 9 am  CMAC 8:30 - 10 am	<b>18</b>  Saturday Lunch 12-3 pm
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Lunch Open to Public 11am - 2 pm	<b>21</b>  Lunch Open to Public 11am - 2 pm SALT- 11am- 12pm <b>Cheminot</b> <b>TBA \$13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  DONUTS 6:30 - 9:00 am	<b>24</b>  BREAKFAST 6:30 - 9 am	<b>25</b>  Saturday Lunch 12-3 pm
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Lunch Open to Public 11am - 2 pm	<b>28</b>  Lunch Open to Public 11am - 2 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  DONUTS 6:30 - 9:00 am	<b>31</b>  BREAKFAST 6:30 - 9 am CMAC 8:30 - 10 am	

## Correspondants Notes

Voyagers I can't believe it is March already. Personally, is a very busy month for me as I have several commitments with other organizations this month. So please be patient with me. I will be able to be at both our Promenade and Cheminot. I hope everybody has survived through the crazy winter weather we are having. As it is March, we are looking ahead to those who will continue leadership roles in our organization. If you are interested in any officer positions or chairing any committees, please let Chef Boyd know. If you have any questions about what an office entails and what the duties are please reach out to me and I would be happy to share those with you. At the March

promenade we will be discussing our property tax exemption and this decision will greatly impact the operation of our facility. We encourage you to come to our Promenade to let your voice be heard and to answer any questions that you may have. It is your Voiture and all members need to share in the responsibility of the direction it will be taking in the future. Chef Jon has been preparing some fabulous meals for us. Please join us before our meetings to sample his wonderful fare. Please continue to bring your recyclable bottles and cans in for the PT boat. You can place them in the alcove outside of the Chateau behind the fence. I guess that's all I have for now except for the information about the Petite Grande Promenade in Ephrata April 28th and 29th. We will have sign-

up forms for registration meals and hotel information available at the Chateau.

En Service,

Annie

PS, if you need to get your Girl Scout cookie fix, Barbara in the office can help you, her granddaughter is selling them and you can pick them up at the Chateau.



## Committee Reports

### Americanism

No report

### Boxcar

25 February 2023 -The Boxcar Program is coming to the end of the fiscal year. As a Grande, we have submitted \$500.00 to Nationale. There is still some money in our account that should bring our total to \$800.00. Contact me if you haven't received your 2023 pin and I will furnish you one for a nominal fee.. I would like to thank everyone for your support of this Program. Boxcar helps all of the Programs within the 40 et 8, so it's very important that we continue our work to ensure we maintain GREAT Standards of participation.

### Carville Star

25 February 2023 - The Carville Star Program had not been available for several years. It's time to start supporting a great Program within the 40 et 8. At Nationale this past year I attended their Carville Star Meeting for the first time. A History of the facility, located in Louisiana, has been greatly supported since it was established. Hansons Disease is curable once it has been identified. It remains a Global problem that is slowly being eradicated. Your support is greatly appreciated. Merchandise is available from me. So far this year we have contributed \$300.00 in support.

### Child Welfare

No report

### Historian

No report

### Loci

Jim Resleff has resigned from the Loci

### Membership

176/214 renewed 82.2%

### Nurses Training

Jim Benson has resigned from the Nursing program.

### POW/MIA

Survivor Scholarship Fund  
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### Ritual

No report

### VAVS

No report

# Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

<https://www.dpaa.mil/>

## VISION

A world-class workforce fulfills our nation's obligation by maximizing the number of missing personnel accounted for while ensuring timely, accurate information is provided to their families.

## MISSION

Provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation.

## VALUES

**Compassion:** We conduct our work and communication with empathy.

**Integrity:** We live our lives with truthfulness and objectivity.

**Teamwork:** We are committed and willing to do all we can to assist each other, thereby strengthening our collective ability to partner with family organizations, veterans, public and private entities, foreign governments, and academia to achieve our mission.

**Respect:** We always demonstrate the utmost regard for one another, our partners, and our missing personnel and their families.

**Innovation:** We apply fresh thinking and continuously improve everything we do.

## **“Defending Democracy: Founding of League of Women Voters in Clark County.”**

Clark County Historical Museum continues its 2023 Speaker Series on Thursday, March 2, with “Defending Democracy: Founding of League of Women Voters in Clark County.” The event will occur in person at the Clark County Historical Museum (1511 Main Street, Vancouver, WA 98660). Doors open at 5 p.m. and the event begins at 7 p.m.

On the heels of the ratification of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote in 1920, feisty Ruth Karr McKee gathered Vancouver's key women activists to found the League of Women Voters of Clark County (LWVCC). Join LWVCC members, Liz Backstrom and Tracy Reilly Kelly, as they explore this astonishing advocate, as well as what the early League did for progressive, non-partisan action. Their discussion will cover 1920 up to the early World War II years.

Tracy Reilly Kelly retired as Program Manager of Community Education at Clark College. Initially a history major, Tracy received her BA in Human Services from Evergreen State College and an MS in Teaching Health Education at Portland State University. In 2008, Tracy was honored as a Woman of Achievement by the YWCA of Clark County and Clark College. She currently teaches at Clark part-time.

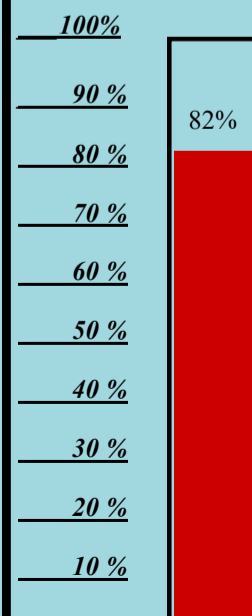
Elizabeth Backstrom is the Director of Grants and Contracts for YWCA Spokane, working remotely and enjoying life in Vancouver. She majored in journalism at Western Washington University and earned an MPA at Eastern Washington University. She enjoys reading, writing, and history. As a night owl, she gets through the day on coffee, humor, and sheer determination.

She joined the LWVCC in August 2021 because of a longtime passion for voting rights and a belief that with enough effort, democracy can work for everyone.

The CCHM Speaker Series is sponsored by the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission and League of Women Voters of Clark County. General admission is \$5; seniors and students are \$4; children under 18 are \$3; and the evening is free for CCHM members, veterans, and active-duty military personnel.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early, as seating is limited.

## **Voiture—99 Membership Goal for 2023**





# For Your Information

In case you know someone who would like to be involved in this.

Downloadable registration forms for sponsorship and individual/teams available at;  
<http://www.voiture-99.com/event/hole-on-the-range-golf-tournament-fundraiser-for-the-ccvac/>



**Clark County Veterans  
Assistance Center Presents:**



### Hole on the Range Golf Tournament

**Tuesday June 6, 2023**—7:00 am Registration Begins  
9:00 am Shotgun Start

Sponsor a Hole for \$250.00, or you can sponsor Golf Carts, Score Cards and/or be a Drink Cart Sponsor for \$300.00

**Tuesday, June 6, 2023**  
7:00 am Registration Begins  
9:00 am Shotgun Start  
Format: 4-person Scramble

**Golf Tournament Sponsorship Form**

Yes! Sign me up! Hole  
 Yes, we will have a representative from our company at the hole.  No, we won't

Business or Group Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name for the Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to "CCVAC"  
 Mail to CCVAC—1305 Columbia St.—Vancouver, WA 98660

For more information contact: CCVAC at 360-693-7030 or via email at chairman@ccvac.net.

If you want to sponsor a specific hole please call CCVAC to register by phone.

Tri-Mountain Golf Course  
1701 NW 299th Street, Ridgefield.



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Assistance Center Presents:**



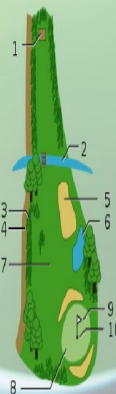
### Hole on the Range Golf Tournament

**Tuesday June 6, 2023**  
7:00 am Registration Begins  
9:00 am Shotgun Start

**\$150 Per Person or \$600.00 per Team: includes round of golf, golf cart, practice balls, dinner, swag bag & 10% off coupons for the Pro Shop. Includes 2 drink tickets and a hole-in-one golf trip**

Make checks payable to:  
CCVAC  
1305 Columbia St.  
Vancouver, WA 98660  
Or call 360-693-7030 to register

**Format: 4-person  
Scramble:**



**Team & Individual Sign Up**

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Player #1 _____	Player #2 _____
Email _____	Email _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Player #3 _____	Player #4 _____
Email _____	Email _____
Phone _____	Phone _____

**Tri-Mountain Golf Course 1701 NW 299th Street, Ridgefield.**



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The Community Military Appreciation Committee invites your family to join local civilian leaders, veterans and other families in honoring more than 100 local high school students who are about to enter military service.

★  
**MAY 24, 2023, 6:00 PM**

Skyview High School  
1300 NW 139th Street  
Vancouver, WA

Speakers will be Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver; Gary Medvigy, Clark County Councilor; Dr. Jeff Snell, Vancouver Public Schools Superintendent; and Sarah Fox, Vancouver City Councilor.

Light refreshments will be served at a reception following the presentation.

Representatives will host booths to provide information about military life and support services.

Please join us, and we encourage you to bring guests!

Larry J. Smith  
Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)

Mike Burton  
Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Retired)

For the safety of everyone, we will adhere to Vancouver School District Covid protective measures.

## Point Man Ministries Service/Support Group

Point Man Ministries will be meeting once again at Friends of the Carpenter, Fruit Valley area, 1600 W. 20th St. Vancouver, Wa. Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30am; Inclement weather shut us out last week so we are back. Mark your calendar for this event, and remember: 1<sup>st</sup> responders and veterans are encouraged to attend this service/support group for those having experienced trauma and or combat.

Coffee, snacks and materials provided. We will be taking a look at a remarkable character by the name of Jonah this week, after we review a little of Nicodemus (ben Gorian, brother of Josephus ben Gorian.) If you missed the previous 3 meetings, we will furnish you with notes from those events.

We will be having our usual 'check-in' around the group and time for brief testimonies; (emphasis on 'brief.!) prior to looking at Jonah. You are going to find this a fascinating study, learn things you never knew and have a much greater knowledge of Jonah than ever before!

When: Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30am  
Where : 1600 W. 20th St. Vancouver, Wa.



## U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters 2023 National Tour- Clackamas Oregon

The Navy Band Sea Chanters are the United States Navy's official chorus. The ensemble performs a variety of music including traditional choral music, sea chanteys, patriotic fare, opera, Broadway and contemporary music. The Sea Chanters regularly perform for the public in the Washington, D.C., area and throughout the United States while on national tours. At home in Washington, they perform for the president, vice president and numerous congressional, military and foreign dignitaries. In 1956, Lt. Harold Fultz, then the band's assistant leader, organized a vocal group from the Navy School of Music to sing chanteys and patriotic songs for the State of the Nation dinner. Recognizing the ensemble's immediate success, Adm. Arleigh Burke, then Chief of Naval Operations, transferred the group to the Navy Band, named them the Sea Chanters and tasked this all-male chorus with perpetuating the songs of the sea. In 1980, the group added women to its ranks and expanded its repertoire to include everything from Brahms to Broadway.

The Sea Chanters are frequently found at the center of our most important national events, including inauguration day performances and state funerals. They have played a vital role in comforting the nation in times of mourning, including appearances at memorials for the astronauts of the space shuttle Columbia and the presidential wreath laying ceremony at the United Airlines flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Monday March 13, 2023 7:00—8:30 pm

Camp Withycombe, 15300 SE Minuteman Way, Clackamas, OR 97015

You can read more at <https://www.navyband.navy.mil/ensembles/sea-chanters>

Free tickets available at <https://usnavyband.ticketleap.com/us-navy-band-sea-chanters-clackamas/>



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## National Veterans Wheelchair Games Mission & History

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games is the world's largest annual wheelchair sports and rehabilitation event solely for military veterans. The event demonstrates the unstoppable character of veterans and seeks to foster wider respect and opportunities for all people with disabilities.

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games is open to all U.S. veterans with spinal cord injuries, amputations, multiple sclerosis, or other central neurological conditions who require a wheelchair for athletic competition. Every year, hundreds of American heroes from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the post-9/11 era compete in this celebration of sport, courage and camaraderie.

### EMPOWERING VETERANS SINCE 1981!

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games is a sports and rehabilitation program for military Veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, amputations or other neurological conditions.

Each year, hundreds of Veterans train and travel from around the country to compete in the games, the world's largest annual multi-sport wheelchair competition for Veterans. More than 20 Wheelchair Games events

Volunteers needed. Numerous positions available.

Click [HERE](#) for information on Registration

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