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Chef de Gare's Corner

Bonjour comrade Voyageurs!

Hoping all of you are well.

It is with heavy heart that I acknowledge the passing of Passé Grande Chef Ed Dunkle on St. Patrick's Day morning. Each one of us has a 'Dunkle' story. Please share it, if you're not too worried about the incrimination, and hold it

close to your heart. He truly loved this organization.

The deployment to Oklahoma City went exceedingly well. Learned good, vital information; met some great people; met a cousin at a world famous steakhouse near the stockyards for an incredible dinner and even scored a Challenger as my rental car! Yes, only got charged for a compact!! We can count that one as a true success.

Spoke with our Civil Air Patrol squadron commander last week. He confirmed that they'll begin using the Boxcar as soon as they can process the facility use agreement. Excited for them to move in with their energy and build our new relationship.

When last we spoke, Barb was working on our new liquor license. I plan on getting with her in the next couple of days to find out where it stands. As soon as we get the green light on that, our event space in the Boxcar will be appropriately advertised and marketed.

Our new lunch days will start in mid-April after Jon returns from vacation. Anxious to see how the new flow will work with our kitchen consumables.

Friday morning my Goof met me at the chateau for breakfast. On our way out I was trying to find the collection bin that we've used in the past for our current challenges. Found out that we've used two different bins, that neither of them belonged to us and both are now gone. My plan was to head over to Lowe's or Home Depot to find a new bin. Got a call about an hour later from the goof letting me know that he'd found a used food service barrel, was going to pick it up and clean it out so we can get it in place before you receive this! Ralph Harris, you will make a top notch Voyager!

Wishing you all good health and enough wealth!

Confido,

Todd "T-Bone" Boyd, Chef de Gare

Correspondants Notes

Happy Spring! Man, I wish the weather would make up its mind! Speaking of making up our minds, we need to start thinking about leadership for the upcoming year. If you have questions or interest in any position, please reach out to myself or Chef Boyd until a chair of nominations can be appointed. We have made amazing strides in the past few years, and we need to keep that momentum going in the right direction. Please think about how you can share your skills to help us continue to grow and improve as a Voiture.

There are also changes coming with our Chateau operations schedule. Chef Jon will be out of the country the first part of April so no lunches on April 3&4 and 10&11. When he returns mid-April, we will be going to a new, more streamlined schedule that is streamlined for efficiency and less waste. So, lunch will be served Wednesday through Saturday starting on about April 17th.

Voyageur Jonny Shults has challenged us to be more involved in our community. We will be doing this by collecting food to donate to those less fortunate through St. Vincent de Paul. The fun part of this is he has challenged each military branch to see who is the most generous. I personally have donated 10 jars of peanut butter to get the Navy off to a strong start. I am loaning a collection container to the Voiture for this purpose. Please label your donation bag or box and place it in the bin. I will keep you updated on the results.

En Service,

Annie

From the Grande Chef de Gare

The Petite Grande Promenade is rapidly approaching! It will be held in Ephrata on April 28th and 29th and I would love to have lots of participation from Voiture 99. If you need a registration form I will get you one. I'm hoping to take the Voiture van to encourage more participation.

I have also created a "Challenge Chip" to help remind us about our important mission as Voyageurs. Each of us can be a "Force for Good". If you haven't received one yet, please ask for one. I want them all to be given out and even have to order more.

Grande Chef Annie



Chateau Schedule for April 2023

Chateau Manager (360)574-3872

Voiture 99 Meetings Reminder
Promenade - April 03, 2023
Dinner 5:00pm / Meetings 6:00pm

Voiture 99 Meetings Reminder
Cheminot - April 18, 2023
Dinner 5:00pm / Meetings 6:00pm

Voiture 99 Reminder -
Weekday Temporarily Lunch closed. Will
reopen mid April on Thursday and Friday.
Date TBA

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Changes in lunch dates starting week of Promenade for Details					01
					WRECK Saturday Lunch 12:00 - 3:00 pm
03	04	05	06	07	08
Lunch Closed Promenade TBA - \$13	Lunch Closed	Nutter 5:30 – 7:30 am	Donuts 6:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast 6:30 – 9:00 am	Saturday Lunch Limited Menu 12:00 - 3:00pm
10	11	12	13	14	15
Lunch Closed	Lunch Closed	HDSCBA 11:45 - 1:00 pm DAV 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Donuts 6:30 – 9:00 am MOAA 11:00 -1:00 pm	Breakfast 6:30 – 9:00 am CMAC 8:30 – 10:00 am	Saturday Lunch 12:00 - 3:00 pm
17	18	19	20	21	22
Lunch Possible change in days	Lunch Possible change in days Cheminot TBA \$13	Dietrich Trucking 5:00 – 6:00 am KWVA 10:00 – 11:30 am	Donuts 6:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast 6:30 – 9:00 am	Saturday Lunch 12:00 - 3:00 pm
24	25	26	27	28	29
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Cabane 99 La Femmes



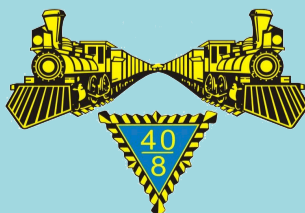
The Cabane has voted to hold their Rendezvous and Cheminot together on the third Tuesday of each month starting April 18. However, there are normally a few dames that get together for a social hour during Prom due to the fact that they provide transportation for their voyageurs. So feel free to come have dinner, socialize, and maybe even play a few rounds of nickels.

Membership is currently at 20, however will drop to 19 as soon as Marsha Keen's transfer to Oregon is finalized.

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.

Elaine Meis
Cabane 99 Correspondante
360-450-9089
cabane99@aol.com



Gone but not forgotten

Ed Dunkle



Passe Chef de Gare - Grande du Washington
Passe Chef de Gare - Voiture 99
Chairman Child Welfare Committee

Committee Reports

Americanism

Annie Beaton

Voyageurs please keep track and turn in your charity hours, milage, and dollars. These forms are how we keep our tax-exempt status. The forms are available on the brochure racks in the Chateau and Boxcar.

Boxcar

Steve Slegers

No report

Car Show

Earl Edwards

Plans are well underway to purchase trophies and other items. Volunteers are always needed.

Carville Star

Steve Slegers

No report

Child Welfare

Vacant

No report

Historian

Dixie Hoteling

Check out the album bookcase in the Chateau. You will find some LOCI photo albums there. Keep your 40 & 8 stories coming. You can include service story, committees you have served on, when you were wrecked. Anything else you want to add.

Thanks for participating.

Loci

Terry Hoyt

Terry Hoyt recently took over as the Loci chairman and he is working on the schedule. The next outing is May 6th and 7th in Long Beach WA. He will keep us updated as we get closer to the date.

Membership

Chef de Train

176/214 renewed 85%

Nurses Training

LCC - David Foslein

No report

POW/MIA

Steve Slegers

No report

Ritual

David Foslein

No report

VAVS

John Landhal

No report

The Historic Trust is excited to host the Vancouver Barracks Military Association's 2023 Military History Talk series.

April 27 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

O.O. Howard House, 750 Anderson St, Vancouver, WA 98661

FREE

John (Johnny) Lincoln Clem was arguably the youngest soldier to serve in the Civil War. In the course of his long career, he served at the Vancouver Barracks in the 1890s, before becoming the last Civil War veteran to retire from the United States Army. Part of his career was spent as an officer in the 24th Infantry, the Buffalo Soldiers, to which he was appointed in 1871 by President Grant.

www.vbma.us

To attend, call, 253 223-0125 or email jddavis@rocketmail.com

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

April 9, 1942 -Troops surrender in Bataan, Philippines, in largest-ever U.S. surrender

On April 9, 1942, Major General Edward P. King Jr. surrenders at Bataan, Philippines—against General Douglas MacArthur's orders—and 78,000 troops (66,000 Filipinos and 12,000 Americans), the largest contingent of U.S. soldiers ever to surrender, are taken captive by the Japanese.

The prisoners were at once led 55 miles from Mariveles, on the southern end of the Bataan peninsula, to San Fernando, on what became known as the "[Bataan Death March](#)." At least 600 Americans and 5,000 Filipinos died because of the extreme brutality of their captors, who starved, beat, and kicked them on the way; those who became too weak to walk were bayoneted. Those who survived were taken by rail from San Fernando to POW camps, where another 16,000 Filipinos and at least 1,000 Americans died from disease, mistreatment, and starvation.

After the war, the International Military Tribunal, established by MacArthur, tried Lieutenant General Homma Masaharu, commander of the Japanese invasion forces in the Philippines. He was held responsible for the death march, a war crime, and was executed by firing squad on April 3, 1946.

Upcoming CMAC Events

Our Community Salutes: The night reserved to honor the young men and women entering military service. More information at <https://cmac11.com/events/>.

Date/ Time May 24th at 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Location Skyview High School

Memorial Day: We are also planning to host another remembrance at the Gazebo on the parade ground across from the Marshall house at 11:00 am on May 29th.

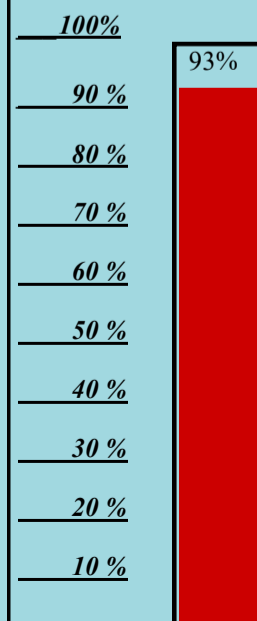
Heroes Night: A special night we have set aside to honor Veterans and First Responders. There will be Organization information tables and a Car Show.

Date/Time June 24th from 3 to 7 pm

Location: Historic Hanger behind Pearson Air Museum 1115 E 5th St

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Membership Goal for 2023





Forty and Eight Voiture 1213



c/o Ken Slininger
30 F St N.E.
Ephrata WA 98823-1717
E-mail: kslin@nwi.net

REGISTRATION FORM FOR GRAND PETITE PROMENADE DU WASHINGTON April 28 – 29, 2023 Hosted by Voiture 1213

LOCATION: Art Semro American Legion Post 28
276 8th Avenue NW, Ephrata WA 98823
(509) 754-2761

SCHEDULE:

Friday Night – no host meet & greet at Post 28 from 5pm – 9pm. Dinner or bar food will be available from 5pm – 7pm.

Saturday:

- 9am – 10am – Coffee and donuts provided, no host bar
- 10am – 11am – Cheminot
- 11am – 1pm – Break for lunch (not included)
- 1pm – 2pm – Promenade
- 5pm – 6pm – Social hour
- 6pm – 9pm – Dinner and socializing (meal is included in the cost of registration – make your choice below, menu is on page 2)

REGISTRATION (Please return completed form by April 17 so we can be sure to order enough food):

Name: _____ Voiture: _____

Address: _____ City, ST, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registration Fee: \$35 per person Number attending: _____ Total: _____

Meal only for La Femmes/Guests: \$22 per person Number attending: _____ Total: _____
(tips are included in the price of the meals for all attendees)

Meal Choice & Qty: Pork _____ Chicken: _____ Salmon: _____

Make checks payable to Voiture 1213. Mail checks to Voiture 1213 c/o Ken Slininger, 30 F St NE, Ephrata WA 98823-1717

www.fortyandeight.org

See Accommodation information and meal choices on next page.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS:

Best Western Rama Inn
1818 Basin Street SW
Ephrata WA 98823
(509) 754-7111

Be sure to say you are reserving a room for 40 and 8. Cost is \$98 per night. There are 15 rooms blocked for us at this rate so reserve your room as soon as possible.

Other hotels are available in Moses Lake, about 17 – 20 miles or Soap Lake, about 5 miles.

Post 28 has 10 RV sites available, 4 sites have water and electricity, 6 sites are available with water only. Dry camping in the parking lot is also an option. There is a dump station on site. **Call Post 28 at (509) 754-7111 for prices and more information.**

MEAL OPTIONS:

Pork Loin with loaded baked potato, veggie, and salad

Baked Chicken with loaded baked potato, veggie, and salad

Salmon Filet with loaded baked potato, veggie, and salad



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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.

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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

Click [HERE](#) for information on Volunteering

Don’t Forget

WRECK

Saturday April 1st

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

with lunch following the Wreck

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.



**Clark County Veterans
Assistance Center Presents:**



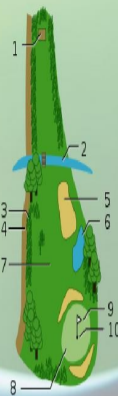
Hole on the Range Golf Tournament Tuesday June 6, 2023

7:00 am Registration Begins
9:00 am Shotgun Start

\$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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IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR STUDENT'S DECISION TO ENLIST INTO THE ARMED FORCES AFTER GRADUATION

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, 6:30 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.

We are meeting every Friday at 11:30am. Mark your calendar for this event, and remember: 1st responders and veterans are encouraged to attend this service/support group for those having experienced trauma and or combat.

We will be talking about Esther, an interesting and mysterious book of the Bible.

Coffee, snacks and materials provided. If you missed the previous 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!

Next meeting
When: Friday March 3^{1st} at 11:30am
Where : 1600 W. 20th St. Vancouver, Wa.