

**Members must be female, age eighteen (18) or older, and affiliated with a Veteran.**

**If you qualify, please consider joining us.**

*There are yearly dues associated with membership & they vary depending on where you join. Contact us!*

*Membership dues make a difference in the lives of those in need.*

*It's Personal.....*

\*when the dues provide the first graders with U.S. Flags!!

\*when the dues buys clothes, shoes, & coats for kids who lost all of their things in a fire!

\*when a homeless veteran gets a safe place to live after giving so much & asking for so little.

\*when a woman or man chooses nursing for a life's occupation & dues buys their books!

\*when each of us can tell our friends how wonderful it is to be a member of such a fine organization that helps so many who need it.

\*when our children & grandchildren see us helping others & learn to do the same.

\*when a young athlete can afford to participate in their favorite sport because dues helped to fund the program & purchase uniforms and supplies.

\*when a victim of Hansen's Disease has their prayers answered & the cure is within their reach.

\*when a family of a POW/MIA soldier realizes a dream come true as a scholarship comes into their lives & someone's dream comes true of achieving an education.

\*when clowns visit hospitals & nursing homes to bring cheer to the patients.

It's all personal & it's a small amount of money compared to the kindness it gives! We have fun & do much, much more.....

**Come join us, BE A DAME!!!**

### **Our Preamble Reads:**

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, to support and assist the organization of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux and to advance its principles and programs.

### **Our Dames Catachism**

I faithfully promise to obey the rules and regulations of La Societe de Femme, to always remember my obligations and to obey the legal orders of Madame La President. To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America and to always conduct myself in such a manner as to reflect credit upon La Societe de Femme.

La Societe de Femme



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## About Us

*La Societe de Femme*  
The Society of Women



Supporting the principles and programs of the 40 & 8's military veterans since 1963

### **Questions?**

**Visit us on the web**  
[www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org)

or

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## La Societe de Femme

**We are happy to invite you to be a member in our organization.**

La Societe de Femme is a fraternal organization composed of female members 18 years of age or older. It is a non-political and non-sectarian organization. Our members are called Dames, our meetings are Rendezvous, our official headgear is the Beret and our officers all have French titles. Organized by three main parts; La Cabane Nationale (the national level), La Grande Cabanes (state level), and La Cabane Locale (local level). Our objectives are to support and assist the Veterans Organization of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, also known as the 40 and 8.

When called upon by the 40 et 8, we shall strive to aid and support them in their many illustrious programs. These programs are charitable and patriotic and always hold the best interest of the public, including many times the youngest citizens, in mind. We may adopt a family who is in dire need, perhaps with a child that is mentally or physically handicapped. We provide meals for the hungry and make sure their holidays are bright. We proudly march in parades, handing out and waving American flags. Each Cabane Locale must decide how active they choose to be in their community, but in each community where La Societe is present, their presence is felt.

Started on September 19, 1963, founders Edith Schwindler, Eda Kirkpatrick, Grace Bunch, and Helen Jolliff worked with one outstanding Indiana Voyageur Militaire Joel A. Bunch. Together they made themselves available to answer questions on the new organization and made it what it is today, taking us from a mere 48 members nationwide to a now 4,502.

## PROGRAMS WE SUPPORT

Some of the programs are as follows: Americanism is the activity of service to the public. The Charles W. Ardery Memorial Child Welfare Trust Fund provides reimbursement of funds spent by Voitures and Grandes when the emergency needs of children age 17 or younger are taken care of when agencies are unable to move rapidly or cannot act. The National Nurses Training Program and Boland Nurses training trust provide scholarships to train the future nurses of America. Carville Star is a bi-monthly magazine published by the patients of the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center in Carville, LA. Its primary purpose is to promote and enlighten public opinion on Hansen's disease (better known as Leprosy). National Boxcar Association's purpose is to preserve the Box Car as the symbol of the 40 et 8 and to contribute to hospitals, children's homes, or orphanages. POW/MIA Survivors Scholarship Program provides funds raised as scholarships to the direct descendants of verifiable POW/MIA servicemen and women. National Child Welfare Program asks each Voiture and Grande to seek out children in need of help. Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service asks for volunteers to help our veterans in the medical centers, out-patient clinics, and nursing home centers throughout the country. Youth Sports Program gives financial assistance for individual youth or teams in need of funding. The Boxcar Hobos are a special group of La Societe men and women who dress up as clowns to entertain the children and adults of their community. This organization is one of charity, giving, and happiness.

**For more information, visit the La Femmes link on the web:**

[www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org)



**La Societe des Quarante Hommes Et Huit Chevaux** is an independent, by invitation, honor organization of male and female U. S. veterans, more commonly known as the **Forty & Eight**.

The Forty & Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is to uphold and defend the United States Constitution, to promote the well being of veterans and their widows and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include programs that promote child welfare and nurse's training.

The titles and symbols of the Forty & Eight reflect its First World War origins. Americans were transported to the battle front on French trains within boxcars stenciled with a "40/8" denoting its capacity to hold either forty men or eight horses. This uncomfortable mode of transportation was familiar to all who fought in the trenches; a common small misery among American soldiers who thereafter found "40/8" a light-hearted symbol of the deeper service, sacrifice, and unspoken horrors of war that bind all who have borne the battle.

The Forty & Eight was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France. Originally an arm of The American Legion, the Forty & Eight became an independent and separately incorporated veteran's organization in 1960. Membership is by invitation of honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces.

**For more information visit the website:**  
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**Or call the National Headquarters**

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