

Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Mark Moots – Chef de Chemin de Fer



13 – 15 January began with Joint Carolinas Promenade in Goose Creek SC. We arrived Friday morning to unseasonably warm weather, 86 degrees, and a warm welcome from all the Voyageurs & Dames who had moved outside under tents for shelter from the sun. A special thanks to this year’s President Jesse Cumbee. Grand du SC Chef Jerry Anderson Sr, Grand Chef du NC Terry Chatfield, Nationale Youth Sports Treasurer Bill Simpson, Nationale Sous Directeur Membership David & Michele Hill, Nationale Sous Directeur Voiture Activities Deb Reynolds. Debs husband Bud Reynolds treated us to his wonderful rendition of the Mayor in the Third Degree. Nationale Sous Directeur Box Car & Sous Medicin Dr. Kenneth LaFleur finally came out of the closet and began shaking hands and kissing babies as a Candidate for Chef de Chemin de Fer. Nationale Medicin Dr. Robert Sweet was also there and a Candidate for Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer. Special guest appearances were made by Nationale Presidente Joyce Willis, 2014 Chef de Chemin de Fer Pat Beamer, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams, and my Aide de Camp Mike Thorne.

20 - 22 January we were in the not so sunny, Sunshine State of Florida for their Petite Promenade in Panama City. Once



again unseasonably warm. Mother Nature threatened but did not let loose her wrath until after the weekend events ended which made our trek home interesting. My Aide during the event was none other than 2005 Chef de Chemin de Fer Mac McCarthy!!! My longtime friend and mentor, Directeur Americanism Tom Smith was there and is a Candidate for Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer. A special thanks to Grande Presidente Annie Anderson and Grand Chef de Gare D. R. Richards. Special guest appearances were made by National Presidente Joyce Willis, 2006 Chef de Chemin de Fer Tom Stockmal, 2014 Chef de Chemin de Fer Pat Beamer, 2015 Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike Wood and 2012 Nationale Presidente Sandy Wood, Nationale Directeur VAVS Ron Rolfes, Nationale Sous Directeur Membership Mike McGary, Nationale Child Welfare Treasurer and the Grand Correspondant John Kaiserian, and my Aide de Camp Charlie Craddock. So as you can see there was an All Star Cast.

27 – 29 January we visited Waite Park, Minnesota for their Mid-Winter Conference. Due to unseasonably warm weather and thin ice your Chef was not provided the opportunity to walk on water. Something I had already done when I visited in 2015. I believe it was all the warm hospi-

tality and comradery which kept the cold at bay. I felt as though I was at my Homecoming. Nationale Sous Directeur Voiture Activities Chuck Hartung took us on a tour of their wonderful VA Hospital. I was also provided the opportunity to award their Voyageur of the Year award to Grand Memorial Directeur Joe Brown. A Special thanks to Grand Chef Tom Allen, Grand Correspondant Jerry Block and Nationale Sous Directeur Box Car Steve Dircks and Passé Grand Chef Marland Ronning. Special guest appearances were made by Nationale Presidente Joyce Willis, 2016 Nationale Presidente Lorinda Kies, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Jim Vissers, and Preston Olson Grand du South Dakota.

By now we are all deep into our taxes. Those who provided 40&8 Reports last year will reap the benefits on this year’s return. If you haven’t, now is a good time to go to our website drop down tab “Resources” then “Forms & [Petite Communiquer](#)”. Each form is pretty well self-explanatory as to what can be submitted. If you have questions please contact your Grand or Nationale Sous Directeurs for those programs.

I certainly hope Minnesota follows through with their Voyageur of the Year to Nationale. As each Grand should do. We all have that one special Voyageur within each Locale Voiture, who should be submitted up to the Grand for this Truly Special Award. While you’re at it, take the time to identify a deserving Americanism, Police Officer, and Hero of the Year. Especially after all the criticism our Police Officers received last year. There is always one individual who stands out within your Community that If You Simply Believe in taking the time will make a world of difference for someone Truly Special.

Let me not forget to remind you of our 3R’s. For if you “Simply Believe” you can Recruit, Renew, and Reinstate!

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Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



Price \$15.75

This month's highlight features an attractive black T-Shirt with the Honor Society of American Veterans logo on both the front and back. The part number for this item is 15HSAV and can be

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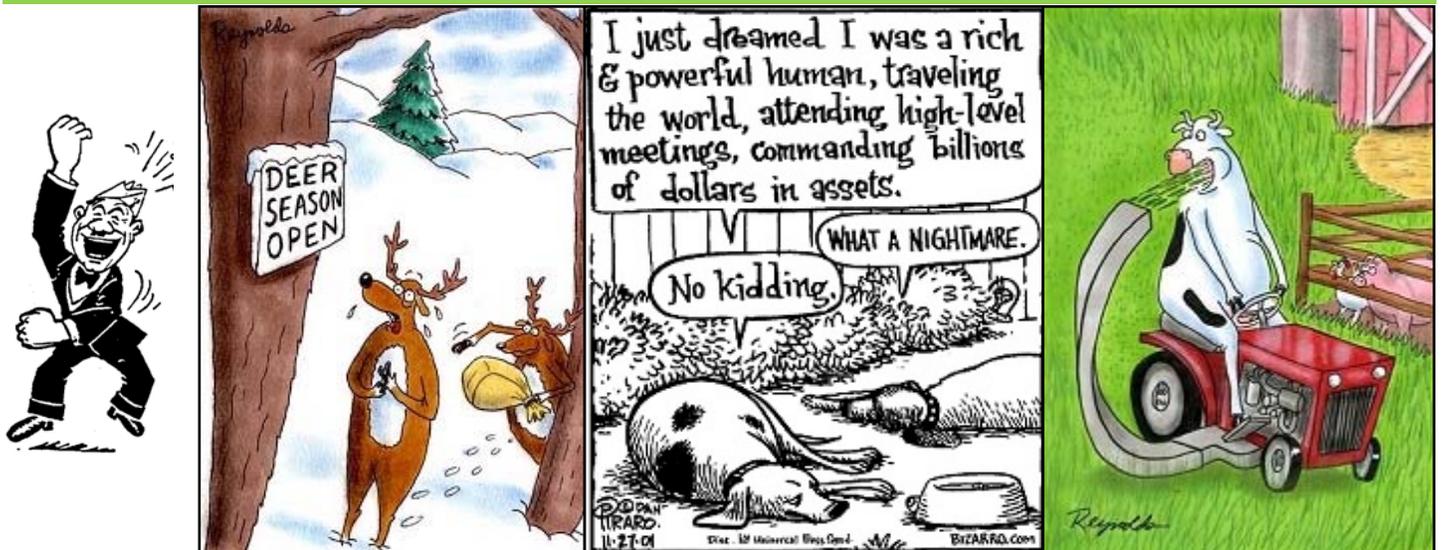
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Chef's Homecoming

March 17 & 18 2017

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The Star

RADIATING THE LIGHT OF TRUTH
ON HANSEN'S DISEASE

My name is Caitlyn Diamond, and I recently had the honor to portray the role of Sister Catherine in Bend in the River- Louisiana's Secret people, a play written by Tonya Hays and Dustin Ballard. The play focused on several residents, doctors, and nuns at the former National Leprosarium of Carville, LA, and was performed by the high school students at WINGS Performing arts on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. It traveled to many schools along the coast, and had several weekend performances as well as special performance at Carville for students in the Youth Challenge Program. The two casts were entirely made up of students from ages fourteen to eighteen. Being given the opportunity to radiate a light of truth on the stories of Carville and properly inform others of Hansen's disease (previously known as leprosy), we first had to educate ourselves...

At the beginning of our rehearsal process, we were

Our Journey to Carville

By Caitlyn Diamond



each assigned a research project to complete and present to the rest of the cast. Some of the projects included "Stories of Carville", "Cajun Music", "1940s New Orleans", "Louisiana Secrets", and "Daughters of Charity". Each project was presented in its own creative way. "...I wrote a rap because I wanted a unique way to present something ...Through this, I engaged a crowd and gave info." said senior Metri Lyons about his project on "Unlawful Incarceration".

Amanda Overmyer, a homeschooled junior, wrote about her group's project "Stories of Carville" saying,

"... We presented it like a talk show. We each researched our people and came up with several questions and answers." Senior Madison Gillam was the costumer for our play. She traveled to Carville to gather information for costume ideas and even hand made rosaries for nun costumes to look as close as possible to images she saw of the Daughter's of Charity rosaries.

To further learn about the people and place that inspired our play, many students had the opportunity to visit Carville. Several cast members commented on their experience there, "Being at Carville

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was such an incomprehensible feeling. I could not get over the fact that I was in the same building and grounds as the characters in the show", said Christina Larson, a junior in high school who played the role of Sister Benedicta, a nun who fought for the rights of the patients. Jeb Vonderbrugge, who portrayed Stanley Stein, after reading Stein's memoir and visiting Carville says, "...it was the place I had read about and it felt like the world came to life off the page!" Some of the cast even says that through visiting, they were able to get a better understanding of their characters, "...every one of us played a real person", says senior Elain Morrow.

It was spectacular to have told these people's stories, and it was an honor to have educated so many on an important part of history. I think one lesson we can all take away from this is one of acceptance, and to not stigmatize others.

Membership Math - Mike Wood 2015 Chef de Chemin de Fer

I think every Voyageur has their own formula or idea of what percentage or number of members we can recruit or retain. I have heard that we cannot recruit any of the younger Veterans so that percentage would be .00% and the number would be zero. I have also heard that we would be fortunate if we got 1 out of every 100 we recruited and that percentage would be .01%. I have even been told numbers as high as 1 out of every 10 recruited or 10% is what we could do. As in many other things in life when it is all "said and done", there is usually more said than

done.

As far as renewals I have heard from some members that we could get ½ or 50% to renew and others say ¾ or 75%, very few say that we can get 100% to renew and I guess that has been true for the last 20 some years. It has been the pattern for the last several years that we lose approximately 1700 members or roughly 5% - 7% per year nationally. These numbers are all speculation and in many ways and different opinions depending on what Grande you talk with.

All these numbers are all well and good and I am

not disputing any of them, but there is only one true fact that I have learned over the year in La Societe that cannot be argued and is the only factual true membership math and it applies to recruiting and renewals. We cannot renew or recruit 100% of the veterans that we never talk with about La Societe. So it all comes back down to the same formula that has worked for years and that is each member needs to shoulder their part of the responsibility of making our organization stronger by seeking out and talking with Veterans about joining or talking with

Voyageurs about renewing their dues. So as you see the membership math is very simple and until we can convince every Voyageur in La Societe of this fact, the only 100% that we will achieve is the one of not talking to qualified Veterans that we need. It would be so rewarding to reverse that 100% number of not talking to enough prospective members to 100% in total National Membership, but that is up to each and every Voyageur. You control the destiny of La Societe, so we need to do the proper membership math to achieve that goal.

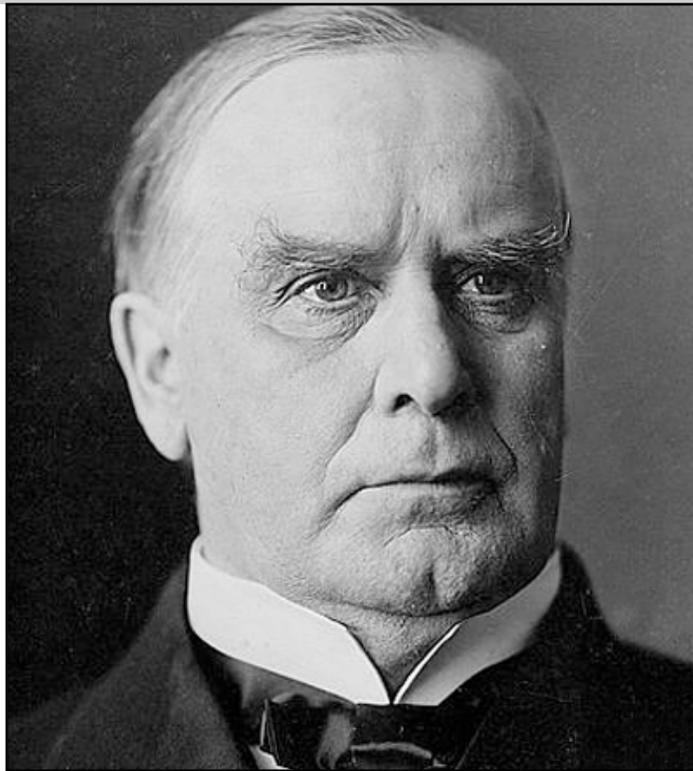
Presidential Biographies

At the 1896 Republican Convention, in time of depression, the wealthy Cleveland businessman Marcus Alonzo Hanna ensured the nomination of his friend **William McKinley** as "the advance agent of prosperity." The Democrats, advocating the "free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold"--which would have mildly inflated the currency--nominated William Jennings Bryan.

While Hanna used large contributions from eastern Republicans frightened by Bryan's views on silver, McKinley met delegations on his front porch in Canton, Ohio. He won by the largest majority of popular votes since 1872.

Born in Niles, Ohio, in 1843, McKinley briefly attended Allegheny College, and was teaching in a country school when the Civil War broke out. Enlisting as a private in the Union Army, he was mustered out at the end of the war as a brevet major of volunteers. He studied law, opened an office in Canton, Ohio, and married Ida Saxton, daughter of a local banker.

At 34, McKinley won a seat in Congress. His attractive personality, exemplary character, and quick intelligence enabled him to rise rapidly. He was appointed to the powerful Ways and Means Committee. Robert M. La Follette, Sr., who served with him, recalled that he generally "represented the newer view," and "on the great new questions .. was generally on the side of the public and against private interests."



During his 14 years in the House, he became the leading Republican tariff expert, giving his name to the measure enacted in 1890. The next year he was elected Governor of Ohio, serving two terms.

When McKinley became President, the depression of 1893 had almost run its course and with it the extreme agitation over silver. Deferring action on the money question, he called Congress into special session to enact the highest tariff in history.

In the friendly atmosphere of the McKinley Administration, industrial combinations developed at an unprecedented pace. Newspapers caricatured McKinley as a little boy led around by "Nursie" Hanna, the repre-

sentative of the trusts. However, McKinley was not dominated by Hanna; he condemned the trusts as "dangerous conspiracies against the public good."

Not prosperity, but foreign policy, dominated McKinley's Administration. Reporting the stalemate between Spanish forces and revolutionaries in Cuba, newspapers screamed that a quarter of the population was dead and the rest suffering acutely. Public indignation brought pressure upon the President for war. Unable to restrain Congress or the American people, McKinley delivered his message of neutral intervention in April 1898. Congress thereupon voted three resolutions tantamount to a declaration of war for the liberation and inde-

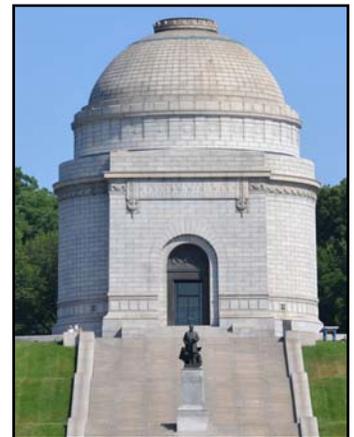
pendence of Cuba.

In the 100-day war, the United States destroyed the Spanish fleet outside Santiago harbor in Cuba, seized Manila in the Philippines, and occupied Puerto Rico.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon, later Speaker of the House, once said that McKinley kept his ear so close to the ground that it was full of grasshoppers. When McKinley was undecided what to do about Spanish possessions other than Cuba, he toured the country and detected an imperialist sentiment. Thus the United States annexed the Philippines, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

In 1900, McKinley again campaigned against Bryan. While Bryan inveighed against imperialism, McKinley quietly stood for "the full dinner pail."

His second term, which had begun auspiciously, came to a tragic end in September 1901. He was standing in a receiving line at the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition when a deranged anarchist shot him twice. He died eight days later.



Building Donation Challenge Grand Total \$136,900.13



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An opportunity exists for a Voyageur to serve as **Photographe National**. This is a volunteer position; a Voyageur wishing to serve La Société in this capacity must have their own equipment. This should include digital camera(s), as well as variety of equipment such as tripods, filters, and flash attachments. Additional requirements include:

Requirements

- Must be willing to travel at own expense
- Determine desired images and picture composition, selecting and adjusting subjects, equipment, and lighting to achieve desired effects
- Adjust apertures, shutter speeds, and camera focus based on a combination of factors such as lighting, field depth, subject motion, film type, and film speed

- Set up, mount, or install photographic equipment and cameras, create artificial light, using flashes and reflectors
- Transfer photographs to computers for editing, archiving, and electronic transmission
- Review sets of photographs to select the best work
- Take pictures of individuals, families, and small

- groups, on location for good composition
- Produce and provide three Photo Albums annually. One each for the Chef de Chemin de Fer, Madame La Presidente and Voiture Nationale.
- Write photograph captions

Interested parties should contact the Correspondant National at pmobley@fortyandeight.org

National Nurses Training Program



Our **2017 National Nurse Training Club** Pin program has drawn outstanding support to-date which speaks well of the pride and dedication of the **Voyageurs Militaire** of our **“La Societe”**. Pin sales are at **42.6% of our National quota** with another **47.6% still out on consignment**. That totals a **90.2% participation** level and we have **41 Grands** participating. That is a great effort, but we need to work to reach that **100% mark** and **“we can do it”**.



The pride that goes with being a member of a contributing Grand goes a long way in indicating the attitude and dedication of the Voyageurs of that Grand. While many Grands are putting forth those extra efforts, there is always a **Grand Voiture** that stands out with their hard work at any given time.

This month one such Grand from the **Southeast Region** has shown a great effort in support of the National Nurse Training Program in partnership with **Sous Directeur Kevin Owens**. By working with understanding and support we can make a difference.

Grand du Dist. Of Columbia

Grand du Dist. Of Columbia has posted earned sales to-date of **\$ 25.00** and maintain a Nurse Training contribution per-capita of **\$ 2.78**.

“MERCII” Voyageurs Militaire and Congratulations!

National Secretaire/Treasurer,
H.T. “Terry” Sharp