

Voiture Nationale 40&8

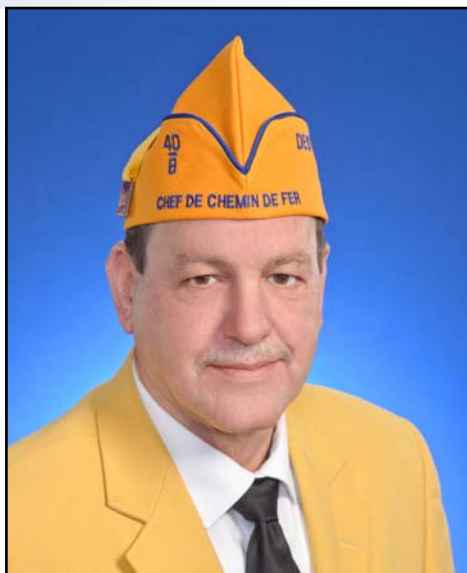
# VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

## Mark Moots –Chef de Chemin de Fer



Well Independence Day is over with. I'd like to say mine was more productive, but it seems Mother Nature had her plans and rained on my parade. By now all of our Locale elections are over. We are either preparing for or have installed Grande. The membership year is not over! As new Locale & Grande Officers we should be attempting to contact any Voyageurs Militaire who have not renewed. In talking to these individuals it will give you an idea of what needs to be done to retain Voyageurs Militaire this coming year and hopefully get a couple stragglers to renew. This can be a challenging time for many with new responsibilities. Just take things in stride and maintain a Positive Attitude. Keep in mind we are all volunteers and should be respected for our accomplishments. We all have different personal commitments which limit our time given to La Société. Above all remember, we all have different personalities and that we are all Comrades in a Fun Loving Société!

I would like to say every Voyageur Militaire did not join La Société to sit idly by. Another good tool is to look at the reports that were filed this year.



What areas do you need to work on? Was there a Voyageur, Police Officer, Hero, or Americanism of the Year? Now is the time to start getting your Voyageurs Militaire involved in locating candidates for next year. As to Voyageur of the year, maybe coming up with your own incentive at the Locale level to stimulate participation/competition. As many of you know this is one award I've tried to push this year! I hope to see more candidates for National Voyageur of the Year! Start a committee for Veterans Day. Bottom line is get your Voyageurs Militaire involved, interested, and "Make Them Feel Important"! Each Voyageur & Voiture is different; there is never truly one guide to being a Great Leader. Stay flexible for what works for one may not work for another. As with any relationship, respect, being able to listen, and compromise helps. In doing so you should have no problems with Recruiting, Retaining and Reinstating Voyageurs Militaire!

This is also a challenging time for

our National Program Treasurers. As well as assuming a new position in Locale and/or Grand you also have assumed the "Property Book". Any consignments due these Programs need to be settled now. Our Treasurers are attempting to close out their books for the Finance Committee. Any outstanding balances will hinder their efforts.

Your Correspondant has had a demanding year, this is all too often a thankless position. Please let them know how much you appreciate their efforts. Your Reports are due, make sure they are legible. Your Correspondant will need to compile each report for final transmission. Don't forget to file Voiture Activities, Ritual, and Public Relations Reports! These are all too often overlooked by many. Each year at Promenade National I hear how few participants for the History & Scrapbook Contest have been submitted! This is a good way to get your Voiture recognized and possibly build some comradery.

For those who have not recently visited our National web site Headquarters has incorporated a "contact form" for those Veterans who are interested in becoming Voyageurs. If you have a Locale or Grand web site you may choose to also incorporate something similar. I understand we have been receiving good results that will be filtering down through the Membership Team. When you receive them they should be what is known as a Soft Sale since these candidates already know of our organization and are interested. There are ample qualified deserving Veterans out there who only need you to reach out and extend an invitation if you only Simply Believe!

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## 98th Promenade Nationale Schedule

### Tuesday, September 12, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Early Bird Party

### Wednesday, September 13, 2017

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration: Pre-Function Area

8:00 a.m.

C. Frank Martin Memorial Walk –

**Assemble in Lobby**

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Boxcar Hobos/Business Meeting:

**Topaz Salon**

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Finance/Directeurs: **Garnet Salon**

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Color Guard Competition: **Ruby Salon**

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Committee on Committees: **Carnelian**

**Boardroom**

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Past Chef's Club Breakfast: **Topaz**

**Salon**

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Children's Party: **Emerald Room**

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Resolutions/Constitution: **Sapphire**

**Salon**

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Closing Cheminot Nationaux: **Emerald**

**& Ruby Rooms**

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Attitude Adjustment (pre-Germany

Party): **Sapphire & Garnet Salons**

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Germany Party: **Sapphire & Garnet**

**Salons**

### Thursday, September 14, 2017

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration: **Pre-Function Area**

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Finance/Directeurs: **Garnet Salon**

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Committee on Committees: **Carnelian**

**Boardroom**

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

General Session/Memorial: **Emerald &**

**Ruby Salons**

### PROMENADE NATIONALE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

1. Child Welfare Meeting; **Topaz Salon**
2. Box Car Association Meeting; **Sapphire Salon**
3. Membership Meeting; **Amethyst Salon**

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

1. Time & Place: **Sapphire Salon**
2. VAVS: **Topaz Salon**
3. Carville Star: **Amethyst Salon**

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

1. Time & Place Meeting: **Sapphire Salon**
2. Public Relations Meeting: **Amethyst Salon**
3. Historiens Meeting: **Topaz Salon**

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

1. Special Awards Meeting; **Sapphire Salon**
2. Youth Sports Meeting: **Amethyst Salon**
3. Nurses Training Meeting: **Topaz Salon**

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

1. Americanism Meeting: **Amethyst Salon**
2. Ritual: **Sapphire Salon**
3. POW/MIA Meeting: **Topaz Salon**

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1. Finance Meeting: **Garnet Salon**
2. Rules/Credentials: **Sapphire Salon**
3. Voiture Activities: **Amethyst Salon**

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

OPENING SESSION/MEMORIAL – **Emerald & Ruby Rooms**

### Friday September 15, 2017

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration: **Pre-Function Area**

11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Generals Club Brunch: **Sapphire Salon**

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

General Session: **Emerald & Ruby Rooms**

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Attitude Adjustment: **Crown Ballroom**

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Banquet: **Crown Ballroom**

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. SECOND SESSION:

**Emerald & Ruby Rooms**

11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

General's Brunch: **Sapphire Salon**

6:00 p.m.

Promenade Nationale Attitude Adjustment Hour:

**Crown Ballroom**

7:00 p.m.

Promenade Nationale Banquet: **Crown Ballroom**

### Saturday, September 16, 2017

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

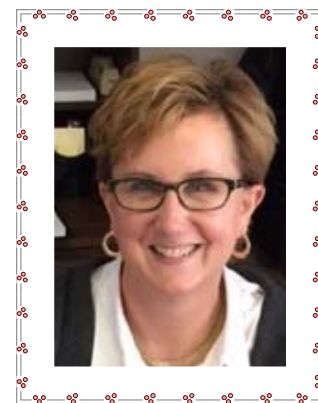
Closing Session: **Emerald & Ruby Rooms**

## Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



This month's highlight features our Business Attaché Bag. The main compartment has two flat pockets in front and a media pocket on the inside. Another zippered pocket is on the flap, an ID window on the back, a cell phone pocket on the side and a mesh water bottle pocket on the other side. The size of this bag is 13"x16"x4". The price is \$29.95 and the part number is 19BAG. You can

purchase this item at our emblem sales store online at: <http://store.fortyandeight.org/> or contact Landry Foley, E-mail: sales@fortyandeight.org Ph. (317) 634-1804 Fax. (317) 632-9365  
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## Hansen's Disease on Postage Stamps

Reprinted from the June-December 2016 Issue of The Star

By Thomas R. Adams (Carville STAR Directeur, 40&8 Voiture 1411)

As a long-time postage stamp enthusiast, I have been afforded the opportunity to combine areas of personal interest like history, geography, and medicine with stamp collecting. Of late, I have begun to acquire worldwide stamps related to Hansen's Disease (HD) and in the process have expanded or reinforced my knowledge of the disease.

way to raise global awareness of HD. In 1964 Belgium was the first to honor this Day with a stamp (Scott 604). A distinctive and colorful stamp from Spain (Scott 3199) recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Day.

Though far less than half the size of average postage stamps, postal tax stamps from Brazil (Scott RA3-RA30) honor giants

dem classification of HD was first proposed. Since then, several countries have issued stamps to commemorate some of these quinquennial Congresses that first met in 1897 in Berlin.

In 1970 the closing of Leprosy Hospital, Makogai was observed by Fuji by the issuance of four stamps, one of which depicts the gathering of the yield of a "chaulmugra tree". (The seeds of the Hydnocarpus tree are a source of chaulmoogra oil, at one time the mainstay of HD treatment.)

The Republic of Djibouti honored Follereau and Hansen in 1987 with a wooden stamp sheet (Scott C-231A, pictured) that includes the two on a perforated stamp. The inscription lutte contre la lepre ("fight against leprosy") is included on the wood below the

stamp as are the emblems of Lions Club International and Rotary International. (These two organizations are honored on stamps from other countries for their sustained assistance to those affected by HD.)

Conspicuously absent are any United States Postage Stamps related to HD. This despite the many contributions of physicians, staff, and residents at the United States Public Health Hospital at Carville, Louisiana.

There is much to learn about HD and its history from postage stamps of the world. HD related stamps continue to be issued by many countries of the world and can serve as an effective medium to educate the world's population and consequently reduce the stigma associated with the disease.

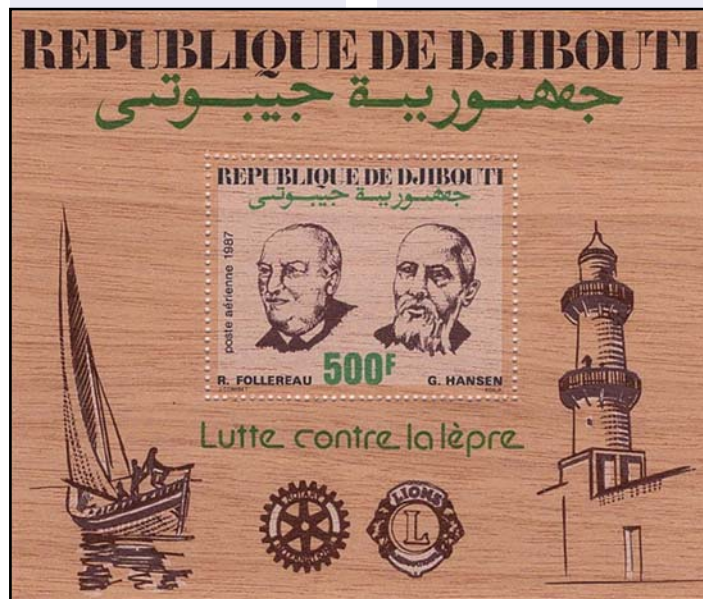


Stamps honor Dr. Gerhard Hansen, discoverer of Mycobacterium leprae, including many that were issued in 1973 in honor of the 100th anniversary of the discovery. One such stamp from Senegal (Scott C-125, pictured) is collected as an oddity because it also includes the causative bacteria growing on a Petri dish, which is not possible!

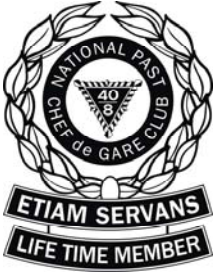
It is fitting that many stamps honor Raoul Follereau, French philanthropist and journalist who among countless contributions to combat HD, in 1954 promoted World Leprosy Day as a

among Brazilians and others who provided succor to HD patients. Included are Father Bento Dias, Eunice Weaver, Father Santiago Uchoa, Father Vincente Borgard, Father Nicodemos and Father Joseph Damien. Use of these stamps as supplements to regular postage was mandated for the expressed purpose of generating revenue for the care and treatment of patients affected with HD.

A 1948 stamp (Scott 414) from Cuba marks the occasion of the International Leprosy Congress in Havana in 1948, where the basis of the mo-



NATIONAL PAST CHEF de GARE CLUB  
ANNUAL PROMENADE NATIONALE BREAKFAST



Wednesday, September 13, 2017  
9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.  
Topaz Salon  
DIAMONDJACKS Casino & Hotel  
Bossier City, LA



**ADMISSION: \$25.00**

Tickets for this event may be purchased by completing this form, and then mailing it with the applicable payment to; Voiture Nationale, Attn: NPCC Annual Breakfast, 250 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46205

Or, if paying by credit card, you may e-mail the completed form to [HClaunch@fortyandeight.org](mailto:HClaunch@fortyandeight.org), or purchase tickets online at [www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org), by clicking on "Promenade Nationale". Tickets for this event are LIMITED, and should be purchased in ADVANCE to assure availability. On-site check-in for this event is required.

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TOTAL BEING PAID: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (# of tickets X \$25)

**THE GENERAL'S CLUB BRUNCH**

Friday, September 15, 2017 - 11:15 AM to 12:45 PM  
Sapphire Salon  
DIAMONDJACKS Casino & Hotel  
Bossier City, LA

\*\*\*\*\* **ADMISSION: \$30.00** \*\*\*\*\*

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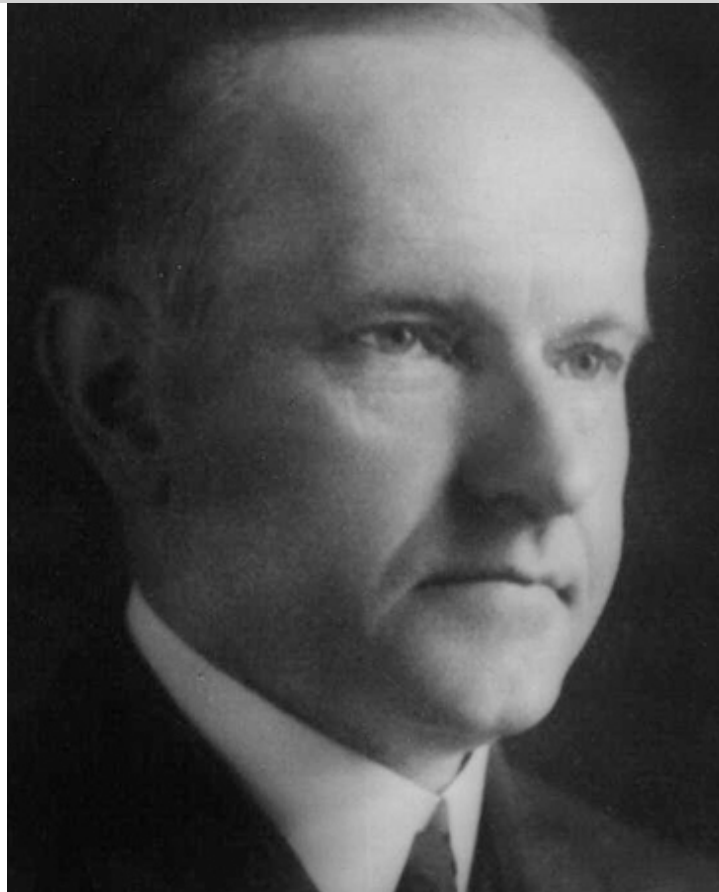
## Presidential Biographies

At 2:30 on the morning of August 3, 1923, while visiting in Vermont, **Calvin Coolidge** received word that he was President. By the light of a kerosene lamp, his father, who was a notary public, administered the oath of office as Coolidge placed his hand on the family Bible.

Coolidge was distinguished for character more than for heroic achievement," wrote a Democratic admirer, Alfred E. Smith. "His great task was to restore the dignity and prestige of the Presidency when it had reached the lowest ebb in our history ... in a time of extravagance and waste...."

Born in Plymouth, Vermont, on July 4, 1872, Coolidge was the son of a village storekeeper. He was graduated from Amherst College with honors, and entered law and politics in Northampton, Massachusetts. Slowly, methodically, he went up the political ladder from councilman in Northampton to Governor of Massachusetts, as a Republican. En route he became thoroughly conservative.

As President, Coolidge demonstrated his determination to preserve the old moral and economic precepts amid the material prosperity which many Americans were enjoying. He refused to use Federal economic power to check the growing boom or to ameliorate the depressed condition of agriculture and certain industries. His first message to Congress in December 1923 called for isolation in foreign policy, and for tax cuts, economy, and limited aid to farmers.



He rapidly became popular. In 1924, as the beneficiary of what was becoming known as "Coolidge prosperity," he polled more than 54 percent of the popular vote.

In his Inaugural he asserted that the country had achieved "a state of contentment seldom before seen," and pledged himself to maintain the status quo. In subsequent years he twice vetoed farm relief bills, and killed a plan to produce cheap Federal electric power on the Tennessee River.

The political genius of President Coolidge, Walter Lippmann pointed out in 1926, was his talent for effec-

tively doing nothing: "This active inactivity suits the mood and certain of the needs of the country admirably. It suits all the business interests which want to be let alone.... And it suits all those who have become convinced that government in this country has become dangerously complicated and top-heavy...."

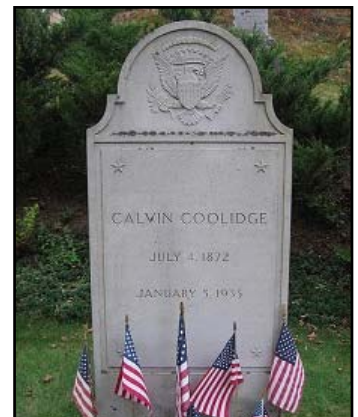
Coolidge was both the most negative and remote of Presidents, and the most accessible. He once explained to Bernard Baruch why he often sat silently through interviews: "Well, Baruch, many times I say only 'yes' or 'no' to people. Even that is too much. It winds them up

for twenty minutes more."

But no President was kinder in permitting himself to be photographed in Indian war bonnets or cowboy dress, and in greeting a variety of delegations to the White House.

Both his dry Yankee wit and his frugality with words became legendary. His wife, Grace Goodhue Coolidge, recounted that a young woman sitting next to Coolidge at a dinner party confided to him she had bet she could get at least three words of conversation from him. Without looking at her he quietly retorted, "You lose." And in 1928, while vacationing in the Black Hills of South Dakota, he issued the most famous of his laconic statements, "I do not choose to run for President in 1928."

By the time the disaster of the Great Depression hit the country, Coolidge was in retirement. Before his death in January 1933, he confided to an old friend, ". . . I feel I no longer fit in with these times."





Building Donation Challenge Grand Total \$138,621.88



**June 2017 Donations**

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Voiture 1379	1379	MO	\$ 63.00
Voiture 1628	1628	LT	\$ 60.00
Voiture 1626	1626	LT	\$ 59.50
Voiture 1098	1098	AK	\$ 45.50
Voiture 88	88	WA	\$ 43.00
Voiture 105	105	OH	\$ 24.50
Voiture 831	831	WI	\$ 16.00
Voiture 1634	1634	FL	\$ 10.50
Voiture 191	191	MS	\$ 6.00
Voiture 324	324	KS	\$ 4.00
Voiture 1363	1363	MI	\$ 4.00
Voiture 717	717	IL	\$ 3.50
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Deadline for Registration is August 4th!





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**Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling**

**Pictured: Left is Pam Smith, occupational Therapist. Right is 40&8 VAVS Nationale Rep. Carl Boyle.**

**They were very happy to receive this money for the Gilder Wheelchair as they were very much in need of this chair. It will receive many hours of therapeutic treatment for the patients of this VAMC as it is a long term care facility and many of the patients are in need of therapy. Pam is on cloud nine now that they can get this chair, thanks to the 40&8.**

**“Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling”.... Head them up, Head them Out!**

**Carl Boyle, 40&8 VAVS Rep.**

