

Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Rick Williams –Chef de Chemin de Fer



In the town of Compiegne, France on the eleventh day, eleventh month at the eleventh hour in the year of 1918 a cessation of hostilities between the Axis powers and the Allies involved in World War I ended for a period of 36 days. The armistice expired, with World War I formerly ending a year later when the Treaty of Versailles was signed. This day became known as Armistice Day. Which is a National Holiday in France and other Allies countries.

Remembrance Day, came about as a way and time of honoring all of the service men and women of World War I and all conflicts of the future. The United States called it All Veterans Day, shortening it to Veterans Day. It still takes place on the eleventh (11th) hour, the eleventh day in the eleventh month of the year. The United States chose All Veterans Day, and shorten it to Veterans Day, to explicitly honor military veterans on this day.

This Veterans Day finds myself along with Voyagers, Kenneth “Doc” Lafleur Chef de Chemin de Fer 2018 his wife Patricia, two of my Aid de Camp Larry Butts and Tom Russell, and Voyager



Rich Richardson from IN. in Ft Leavenworth KS enjoying their Veterans Day. This Weekend was hosted by Grand du Kansas Americanism Directeur Jack Le Roy and Grand Cheminot Tony Monaco a Great job and very impressive weekend. The Veterans’ Day Parade which is one of the oldest and largest observations west of the Mississippi River and seems to be growing according to some of the locals along with the records that have been kept.

Even the cold and snow, did not keep the viewers away. It is encouraging to see that the populace of these towns being so supportive of the remembrance of the men and women who have or those still serving their country. The parade was attended by Generals and other staff officers along with staff officers from various countries that are friendly with the US. With wreath laying, prayers, music, letters from troops, taps, rifle volley and other military honors. For the veterans a well-planned and eventful weekend for all. A Tour of the Ft Leavenworth Post which was included in the

weekends event, which has some very rich history, dating back to the Indians wars with the Buffalo Soldiers.

I did not get to see the Kansas Boxcar in person but, the history in photographs along with the description of each being provided by the Grand Boxcar Directeur/ caretaker Vance Charter was very impressive, I was presented with a memento made from some of the original boxcar wood, after a wonderful job of rehab of the car to its’ present condition, it is located in Haynes KS, if you are interested in some history of the boxcar which is a museum in itself.

This is the time for the family to give thanks and rejoice together at Thanksgiving and Christmas. But let us not to forget all of the others working still to make this possible for us all, we have been there and some still are. Our service men and women protecting our way of life, the police officers keeping peace here at home, the fire and rescue personnel standing by and praying to GOD that they are not needed, but are there if the need arises, the EMT’s to take care of our injured, sick, and infirmed. Keep them in your prayers and thoughts, shake their hands and thank them, that small jester goes a long way not only at this time of year but anytime of the year.

Headed to Lafayette IN for their annual hawg butcher at Voiture 364 it is a good place to help them out with our programs and have some good times, this takes place on the 17th of November at their Chateau.

May you all have a safe and thankful Thanksgiving Day, and every day.

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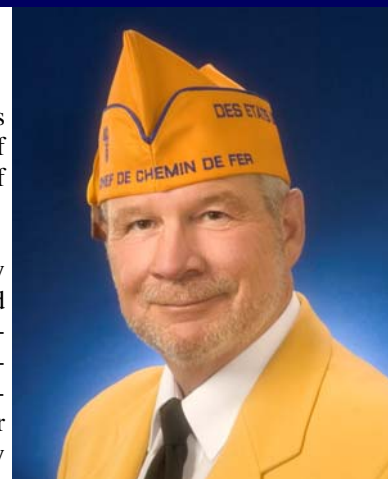
Terry Sims- Acting Correspondant National



National Past Chef de Gare Club

The National Past Chef de Gare club (NPCC) of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, is an organization of members in good standing who have served as Chef de Gare of a Voiture Locale and/or Grand Voiture.

Several important objects of the organization are to directly support the Forty & Eighter Magazine with revenue derived from NPCC membership dues, donations, gifts and other special fundraising projects that the NPCC members may undertake. President Bob Shuping and the 2018 Officers and membership have some very good fundraising ideas this year for our Forty & Eighter Magazine, which we all know, really needs funding.



Each year at Promenade Nationale the Annual Meeting is held along with the breakfast. Each member is entitled to one vote at the annual meeting. There is a cost for the breakfast which will be printed at a later date.

The initial dues for a new member is \$15.00, then renewal membership is \$10.00. There is also a “Paid For Life” membership available. You can find all this information on the 40/8 website under the Program tab. If you are a Past Chef de Gare or have been in arrears, get behind Bob Shuping and the Officers and help them make 2018 a huge success for the NPCC. You sure will be helping our Forty & Eighter Magazine by joining or keeping your dues current.

The Staff wishes everyone the safest and most joyful Thanksgiving.

National Nurses Training Program



GRAND VOITURE of the MONTH

October

With the 2019 Nurse Training Program into our 4th month of the current 2019 Pin year, support is off to a great start. Many Grands have already received their Pin Consignments and paid for them, while many more are now working on getting their Pins out to their Locales.



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.

The most recent member of this group to make their statement known through the month of October, with a great effort in support of the National Nurse Training Program by demonstrating the commitment needed to effectively support this vital program of the 40/8;

“Grand Voiture of the Month for October” of the NORTHWEST REGION of Sous Directeur Jim Vissers

GRAND du WYOMING

with current sales of 50 Pins, for \$150,
These Voyageurs Militaire currently hold a Per-Capita of \$ 3.49

“MERCII, Fellow Voyageurs Militaire”, National Secetaire/Treasurer, *H.T.* “Terry” Sharp

Voiture 338 Nurses Training



Voiture #338 of Sonoma County California are very proud of our efforts to provide nursing scholarships in our area. National told us years ago of the continued need of nurses. In 1964 we started our own scholarship program at Santa Rosa Junior College. They have a very good program that prepares students for the state certification for RN. We started sponsoring flea markets as a fundraiser for our program. 54 years later it is still going strong. We started with 2 awards in 1964 and increased it numbers and dollars till we hit a plateau at 10 awards of \$ 1000.00. Our fundraising continued to improve so we went to \$ 1200.00 and increased awards to 12. In 2010 after reviewing our income and investments we increased to 15 awards of \$ 1500.00 which we have been able to maintain. Over these years we have given 450 awards of \$ 550,000.00. Our outlook for the foreseeable future is to continue at this level. Its not all work, each December we sponsor a Nurses Appreciation Dinner for all students and Voyageurs . We typically serve 80 – 90 and have a great time.

Voiture 15 Nurses Training



*Chef de Gare Paul King, Awardee Sarah Simmons,
Correspondant Ernest Massie*

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It is the pleasure of Voiture Locale 15, Grand du Ohio, to extend this opportunity to Sarah Simmons and Jillian Tatro for the 2018/2019 year. Both are students at Columbus State Community College.

Both awardees will receive \$450 each from Voiture 15 of the 40&8 along with \$100 each from VFW Post 4719.
Ernest C. Massie

Correspondant/Voiture 15/Grand du Ohio

State History

Alabama is a state in the southeastern region of the United States. It is bordered by Tennessee to the north, Georgia to the east, Florida and the Gulf of Mexico to the south, and Mississippi to the west. Alabama is the 30th largest by area and the 24th-most populous of the U.S. states. With a total of 1,500 miles (2,400 km) of inland waterways, Alabama has among the most of any state.



Alabama is nicknamed the Yellowhammer State, after the state bird. Alabama is also known as the "Heart of Dixie" and the "Cotton State". The state tree is the longleaf pine, and the state flower is the camellia. Alabama's capital is Montgomery. The largest city by population is Birmingham, which has long been the most industrialized city; the largest city by land area is Huntsville. The oldest city is Mobile, founded by French colonists in 1702 as the capital of French Louisiana.

Indigenous peoples of varying cultures lived in the area for thousands of years before the advent of European colonization. Trade with the northeastern tribes by the Ohio River began during the Burial Mound Period (1000 BC–AD 700) and continued until European contact.

With exploration in the 16th century, the Spanish were the first Europeans to reach Alabama. The expedition of Hernando de Soto passed through Mabila and other parts of the state in 1540. More than 160 years later, the French founded the region's first European settlement at Old Mobile in

1702. The city was moved to the current site of Mobile in 1711. This area was claimed by the French from 1702 to 1763 as part of La Louisiane.

After the French lost to the British in the Seven Years' War, it became part of British West Florida from 1763 to 1783. After the United States victory in the American Revolutionary War, the territory was divided between the United States and Spain. The latter retained control of this western territory from 1783 until the surrender of the Spanish garrison at Mobile to U.S. forces on April 13, 1813.

Before Mississippi's admission to statehood on December 10, 1817, the more sparsely settled eastern half of the territory was separated and named the Alabama Territory. The United States Congress created the Alabama Territory on March 3, 1817. St. Stephens, now abandoned, served as the territorial capital from 1817 to 1819.

Alabama was admitted as the 22nd state on December 14, 1819, with Congress select-

ing Huntsville as the site for the first Constitutional Convention. From July 5 to August 2, 1819, delegates met to prepare the new state constitution. Huntsville served as temporary capital from 1819 to 1820, when the seat of government moved to Cahaba in Dallas County.

By 1860, the population had increased to 964,201 people, of which nearly half, 435,080, were enslaved African Americans, and 2,690 were free people of color. On January 11, 1861, Alabama declared its secession from the Union. After remaining an independent republic for a few days, it joined the Confederate States of America. The Confederacy's capital was initially at Montgomery. Alabama was heavily involved in the American Civil War. Although comparatively few battles were fought in the state, Alabama contributed about 120,000 soldiers to the war effort.

Alabama is the thirtieth-largest state in the United States with 52,419 square miles (135,760 km²) of total area: 3.2% of the area is water, making Alabama 23rd in

the amount of surface water, also giving it the second-largest inland waterway system in the United States. About three-fifths of the land area is a gentle plain with a general descent towards the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. The North Alabama region is mostly mountainous, with the Tennessee River cutting a large valley and creating numerous creeks, streams, rivers, mountains, and lakes.

The state is classified as humid subtropical (Cfa) under the Koppen Climate Classification. The average annual temperature is 64 °F (18 °C). Temperatures tend to be warmer in the southern part of the state with its proximity to the Gulf of Mexico, while the northern parts of the state, especially in the Appalachian Mountains in the northeast, tend to be slightly cooler. Generally, Alabama has very hot summers and mild winters with copious precipitation throughout the year. Alabama receives an average of 56 inches (1,400 mm) of rainfall annually and enjoys a lengthy growing season of up to 300 days in the southern part of the state.

Summers in Alabama are among the hottest in the U.S., with high temperatures averaging over 90 °F (32 °C) throughout the summer in some parts of the state. Alabama is also prone to tropical storms and even hurricanes. Areas of the state far away from the Gulf are not immune to the effects of the storms, which often dump tremendous amounts of rain as they move inland and weaken.

Building Donation Challenge Grand Total \$164,393.72
October 2018



<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOITURE</u>	<u>GR</u>	<u>AMT</u>
Voiture 1539	1539	AK	\$ 40.00
Voiture 183	183	NH	\$ 17.00
Voiture 1128	1128	CT	\$ 16.00
Voiture 419	419	AZ	\$ 10.00
Voiture 70	70	NH	\$ 7.50
Voiture 182	182	AR	\$ 3.00

Veterans Day Raffle



1998 Chef de Chemin de Fer Paul Sorrentino draws the lucky winners for the 2018 Veterans Day Raffle.

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRANDE/CABANE</u>	<u>TOTAL WINNING</u>
1ST	Sandra Robor	V1541-MO	\$3,000.00
2ND	Richard R Holeman	V1381-KY	\$500.00
3RD	Robert M Kagan	V1616-LA	\$500.00
4TH	James Beecher	V713-NY	\$100.00
5TH	Norma Lucas	C364-IN	\$100.00
6TH	Larry P Fogleman	V1136-NC	\$100.00
7TH	Ron Rindt	V986-WI	\$100.00
8TH	Richard L Jordan	V1530-VA	\$100.00
9TH	David Fischer	V146-SD	\$100.00
10TH	Allan M Geddes	V76-IA	\$100.00

Voiture 80 Americanism



Friday November 9, more than 600 students and faculty of Pleasant Hill Middle and High School held their Annual Veterans Recognition Assembly where they Honored World War II Rosie the Riveters, Active Duty Military Members and Veterans from World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan Wars.

The main speaker was retired Army Master Sergeant Kenneth Thomas, a member of Lane County Voiture 80 of the Forty & Eight, an International Veterans organization which was formed in 1920 by a group of World War I veterans in Philadelphia. Master Sergeant Thomas' presentation was entitled, "What is a Veteran?"

Following Master Sergeant Thomas, Pleasant Hill Teacher and coordinator of their annual Veterans Recognition Assembly Mr. Tim Mienzen was awarded one of Forty And Eight's 2018, Limited Edition, Americanism Lapel Pins.

