

Voiture Nationale 40&8

# VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

## Rick Williams –Chef de Chemin de Fer



Bonjour! I am reading a book written by Col Edward L. Hubbard entitled “Escape from the Box, The Wonder of Human Potential”. Now a book is all in the readers interpretation of the content, to what I am getting from the book, is that a lot of us have lost commitment to do what needs to be done. If someone has commitment, there is nothing they cannot achieve. This is what I would hope our membership team has. Now, everyone of us is on the membership team so we all need to recommit to do what is in our oath and our duty to the Forty and Eight.

This challenge is to all Voyagers to bring in ONE new member or reinstate a member, we should be on our way to achieving this challenge.

The end of January you would have found me in Camden, South Carolina. Camden, is a city rich in history and is very patriotic. When you visit you need to see our Boxcar and memorial in downtown main street Camden. Voiture 1444 was the host of the 49th Annual Joint Carolina’s Promenade. This was the first time they have ever hosted an event and all went well with the guidance of the president of the corporation, William “Bill” Simpson and secretary David Hill. The Chef de Gare Da-



vid Fuller and Correspondant Joyce Robers learned a lot and I am sure that they will host the event in the future. GREAT JOB Voyagers of Voiture 1444! The wrecking crew from Goose Creek gave them some valuable lessons on how to conduct a wreck and I am sure the five new Voyagers will agree. A harty welcome into our ranks, Voitures: Ed House, Chris Duschel, and Josh Greer from Voiture 1180 NC along with Paul Pierson and James King from Voiture 1444 SC.

After having pretty nice weather in South Carolina, I was on my way to the land of 10000 lakes, Minnesota. They tried to turn this southern boy into a popsicle with weather in the sub zero range, and they just about succeeded! Had some firsts in my life like: walking on water (even though it was frozen 20 inches deep, it still counts, I am told); inspection of an ice-fishing shanty too bad the fish were not biting, they were the smart ones and stayed where it was warm, I did leave my mark and even drilled a hole in the ice brr it was cold! I was introduced to this delight by Voyager Dwight Dupey, Grand Chef de Gare Passe of Min-

nesota. They also have a very nice veterans-only camp, with cabins, RV sites, tent sites, lake access boat rental and canteen with refreshments. Grand Chef de Gare Terry Steel, Grand Directeur of Americanism Angela Steele, Grand Correspondant Jerry Block, and Locale Chef de Gare Don Skow of Voiture 44 Lake Forest serving as host, of the 99th Mid-Winter Conferences, all did an OUTSTANDING job and extended a very large Northern hospitality to yours truly. The event took place in the American Legion Post 225 in Forest Lake. To you I extend a well earned THANK YOU!

I had the privilege of joining the Grand Chef de Gare in presenting the Minnesota Voyager of the Year to Voyager ROBERT R ROLANDER, a great start to Nationale Voyager of the Year. Congratulations Voyager Rolander and good luck. They have some very active programs working in Minnesota and with perseverance they should take home some awards from Nationale.

Now I am off to our Golden State California for their Spring Grand Cheminot. I will let you know how it turns out upon my return next month.

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## Chef's Travels -Minnesota Mid-Winter Cheminot



Left -(Jerry Block, Dwight Dupey, Joe Jannick, Chef Rick Williams)

Right -(Chef Rick Williams MN Voyageur of the year Bob Rolander, Grande Chef Terry Steele)



Left -(Jerry Block and Chef Rick Williams)

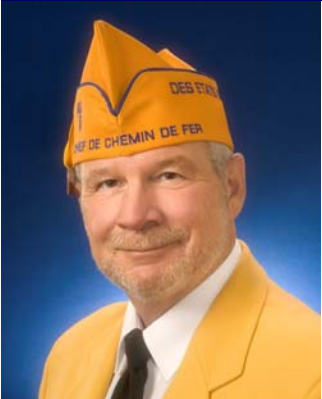
Right -(Grand Chef du MN Terry Steele and Chef Rick Williams)



Right -(Chef Rick Williams and Voitruie 44 Chef Don Skow)



## Terry Sims -Correspondant National



The "Cajun Wreck" is fast approaching and if you are going, try and visit the museum at Carville, LA. Directeur National Tom Adams and the Carville Star Committee is doing a tremendous job. Several projects they have been working on to promote the museum is as follows: brochures explaining Carville that will be passed out to all visitors, new signs giving directions (the signs may not be ready at the time of the Wreck), the monument being moved to a new location on the grounds and other projects for the future. The Committee is doing all of these projects within their yearly budget. Please try and attend to view these changes. Also, The Star is still being printed for \$2/yr.

I'm asking National Directeurs, National Sous Directeurs and Voyageurs to send their "Communication" letters or correspondence to my [cormat@fortyandeight.org](mailto:cormat@fortyandeight.org) email address.

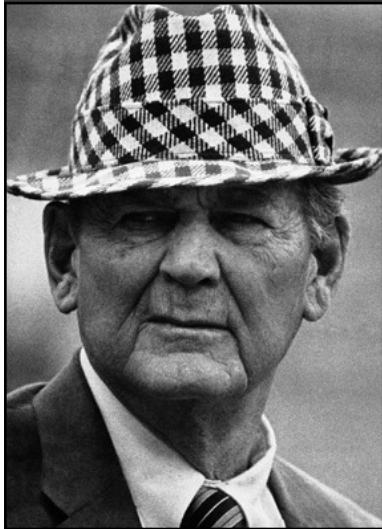
The next time you are on the Forty and Eight website, go to the "News and Notes" tab and click the drop down for "Policies". Several items have been added. This tab has been added for your convenience.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pin is in and it looks beautiful. They are being sold for \$5 each. Also, the Frank Martin Annual Walk shirts are being made. This year we are presenting two (2) different colors, Red & Blue. They will be \$20 each as in the past. I want to commend our National Staff, Tammy, Landry & Bill for their diligent work on these two projects.





## Aspire to be the Best for the Team



With the current climate and membership issues that exist in our beloved Forty and Eight, I think it is time we all step back and look at the big picture and follow the advice of Paul "Bear" Bryant;

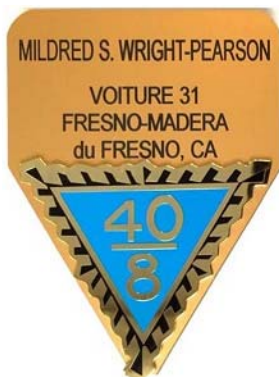
"Don't aspire to be the best on the team... aspire to be the best for the team."

This will take a concentrated effort from all members to park all personal issues outside the organization and strive to do what will make the Forty and Eight strong and united and that takes strong character. Are you willing to commit to the future or continue to create the past. Think about it please.

Mike Wood



## Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



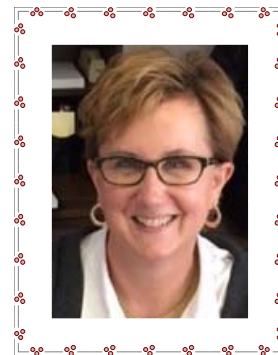
This month's Emblem Sales Item is the magnetic name badge (13NMBGM \$18.00). Forty & Eight emblem and up to 4 lines of personalized engraving are included. This item can be ordered at our emblem sales store online at:

<http://store.fortyandeight.org/>

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## *Ritual of Celebration for the Birthday of La Societe de Quarante Hommes et Huit Cheveaux:*

Remember March 15th is  
the day of the annual  
birthday celebration of La  
Societe de Quarante  
Hommes et Huit Cheveaux.

**Time to Celebrate!**



## RESTORATION OF THE 40 & 8 BOXCARS

### *The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gratitude Train*

Designs of the Coats of Arms and other boxcar plaques was researched by a group of very dedicated individuals who became involved in the project through [www.mercitrain.org](http://www.mercitrain.org) and worked to make the reproductions as close as possible in color and design to the original plaques of the 1949 Merci Boxcars. Other reproductions are vastly different and historically incorrect. These plaques were unique designs by R. Louis for the French Gratitude Train. Additional information can be found at [www.mercitrain.org](http://www.mercitrain.org)



To help promote the accurate restoration of boxcars for each state and in preparation for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the French Gratitude Train - the vendor approved by [www.mercitrain.org](http://www.mercitrain.org) has reduced the price of the Merci Train Boxcar Coat of Arms shields until ~~March 1, 2019~~ (EXTENDED TO JUNE 1, 2019). Supply of 3M materials for the outdoor shields is limited. Contact me for more details!

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## MID ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Promenade April 26-28, 2019

For More Information go to:  
<http://www.fortyandeight.org/events/>

## National Nurses Training Program



### GRAND VOITURE of the MONTH January

Our “La Societe” encompasses **54 Grand Voitures** with a total membership of **22,301 Voyageurs Militaire**. The level of participation in our National Nurse Training Club Pin program for the 2019 year stands at **38 participating Grands**. There are **16 Grand Voitures** that are not participating and these Grands make up a total of **1168 Voyageurs**. The reasons may vary for their non-participation, but the root cause stems from a lack of communications. These Voyageurs are not being apprised of the primary purpose of our Pin program.



I urge the Officers of these non-participating Grands to give their Locales the opportunity to choose to support our Nurse Training efforts or just say “**NO**”. I cannot believe that **579 Voyageurs** would turn down the opportunity to support such a vital endeavor. A token **\$3 donation** would provide these Voyageurs a **Pin to proudly display** on their Chapeau or Lapel and all participation levels are for a worthy cause. Talk with your fellow Voyageurs and Locales and urge them to contribute at some level.

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 by demonstrating the commitment needed to effectively support this vital program of the 40/8.

### GRAND VOITURE of the Month for January GRAND du Florida

Southeast Region posting earned sales to date of 211 Pins for \$633 and a member per-capita of \$.71.

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



## Salute the Hospitalized Veterans Week



**Pictured are the 5 Connecticut voyageurs who helped at the Bingo on Saturday afternoon, Feb 9, 2019. During "Salute the Hospitalized Veterans Week" there were 20 blind unit veterans who attended. Gave out Oranges, Bananas and water. Each winner received a \$1 Patriotic Bucks. The Grand bought 50.**

Left to right: Grand Commis Voyageur: Eileen Richard V1128, Grand Lampiste: Dana Murphy V328 & Grand Chef Passe, Wayne Morgan V328 Grand Chef Passe Bingo organizer & Caller, Grand Commissaire Indentent Roger Anderson V370, Grand Correspondant & VAVS Rep Frazier Brinley V1128 & Grand Chef Passe

## Voiture 605 Valentines Dinner for Nurses Training and PR Interviews



Pictured above is our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentines Steak Dinner FBA Nurses Training Scholarship Fund. 120 beautiful 12 oz. rib-eyes with fixings were served in a beautifully decorated hall with KFox and KDBC TV media in attendance. Four media interviews were given. Roger Folmar, Locale Chef de Gare and Renny Keagle, Grande Chef de Gare du Texas each gave interviews in regards to local VA service and issues, etc. Then with Chapeaus, Roger gave an interview on the Valentines Dinner and Nurses Training, and then Renny gave an interview on the Flags for First Graders Program. A formal Press Kit was given to the media with a schedule of all future FFFGs programs.

The evening was concluded with drawings, speeches and our nurse in training receiving her \$500.00 semester check for her school. The Gavel made \$31.00.

Special thanks to Roger, Renny, Dale, Donnie, Sam, Mary, Dave, John, Gene, Ron, our volunteers and helpers, those who bought tickets and helped sell and donated in so many ways. Pictures by Renny and Historien Joe Salazar.

Building Donation Challenge Grand Total \$165,167.22  
January 2019



NAME	VOITURE	GR	AMT
Chef P.J.	In Memory of Walter E Ciokajlo		\$ 100.00
Voiture 358	358	CA	\$ 83.00
Grand du TN	Grand	TN	\$ 9.00





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## Ringling in the New Year Raffle



**Sous Commissaire Intendant National Paul Sorrentino draws the lucky winners for the 2019 Ringling in the New Year Raffle.**

PLACE	NAME	GRANDE/ CABANE	TOTAL WINNING
1ST	William E Streuber	V1067-SC	\$2,500.00
2ND	Francis Sullivan	V1524-GR	\$1,500.00
3RD	Ernest Anderson Sr	V903-PA	\$1,000.00

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## Vice Presidential History

**Elbridge Gerry** (July 17, 1744 – November 23, 1814) was an American statesman and diplomat. As a Democratic-Republican he served as the fifth vice president of the United States under President James Madison from March 1813 until his death in November 1814. He is known best for being the namesake of gerrymandering.

Born into a wealthy merchant family, Gerry vocally opposed British colonial policy in the 1760s, and was active in the early stages of organizing the resistance in the American Revolutionary War. Elected to the Second Continental Congress, Gerry signed both the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation. He was one of three men who attended the Constitutional Convention in 1787 who refused to sign the United States Constitution because it did not then include a Bill of Rights. After its ratification he was elected to the



inaugural United States Congress, where he was actively involved in drafting and passage of the Bill of Rights as an advocate of individual and state liberties.

Gerry was at first opposed to the idea of political parties, and cultivated endur-

ing friendships on both sides of the political divide between Federalists and Democratic-Republicans. He was a member of a diplomatic delegation to France that was treated poorly in the XYZ Affair, in which Federalists held him responsible for a breakdown in negotiations. Gerry thereafter became a Democratic-Republican, running unsuccessfully for Governor of Massachusetts several times before winning the office in 1810. During his second term, the legislature approved new state senate districts that led to the coining of the word "gerrymander"; he lost the next election, although the state senate remained Democratic-Republican. Chosen by Madison as his vice presidential candidate in 1812, Gerry was elected, but died a year and a half into his term. He is the only signer of the Declaration of Independence who is buried in Washington D.C.