



### Voiture Nationale 40&8

# VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

## Rick Williams – Chef de Chemin de Fer



Welcome readers! Thanks for stopping in!

I'd like to welcome back Terri Taylor to our family at National Headquarters part time in Emblem Sales, as Holly Claunch has taken over as executive assistant. Both are doing an outstanding job. Tammy Bennett is working keeping our membership records that are sent in. There is a problem developing here-she is running out of work to do! Can we keep her busy by turning in memberships? What do you say?

I came in on the Thursday before the start of the Chefs Wreck to visit Voiture Nationale Headquarters and check in on the staff, then I headed down to Shelbyville for the night, for the next morning I was to meet up with Voyager Randy Page (heading up The Walk). He has some good looking t-shirts with pockets for sale in red and blue just \$20.00 each. We arrived later that day in Lafayette and had a little time to relax before The Razzberry held at Voiture Locale 364. Friday night Voyagers of Locale 364 honored 12 (twelve) new nurses that their Nurses Training fund put through school.



Great Job and many thanks to all of the Voyagers of Locale 364 for all that you do to promote this program. The Nurses training started out as a state program in 1936, was adopted by National in 1941, in 1955 Voiture Nationale established the current Nurses Training doctrine. Saturday we that is to say one of my aid de camp Tom Russell and I slogged thru the rain and headed down to Anderson and Voiture 510 to visit their Chateau and enjoyed a fine meal prepared by Chris Myers and the Voyagers of the Locale. Even though the

talk was that the river had risen with all of the rain and once again flooded the shack, this fortunately was not the case while we were there. The next morning Tom and I headed to Shelbyville and Voiture Locale 965 where they were in the process of wrecking 5 PGs' I was given the honor of giving them their Obligation. Afterwards as the PGs' became Voyagers we filled up on some good chow and some cold refreshments and got acquainted with the Voyagers there.

During my travels I have learned that many Voyagers are not getting the information being put out by our Sous Directors. To help everyone get the information I have requested that the Sous include the Local Correspondents on their mailing lists. Yes, I know it is late in the year, but better late than never! I do hope that this will help with our communications problem. In the long run, that we will start receiving some ideas from the body.

My next journey will be to Ocean Springs, MS for the Nutcracker Wreck then to Memorial Day in Washington DC. Check back for further adventures of your Chef de Chemin de Fer!

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## Chef's Travels - Southland Dixie Promenade



### Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



This month's Emblem Sales Item is the Swiss Knife. This knife is 2 3/8" long, red, and comes with the 40/8 emblem and La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux silk screened. Knife implements include scissors, nail file, tooth pick, and one sharp blade. (02SWISS \$3.50). This item can be ordered at our emblem sales

store online at: <http://store.fortyandeight.org/> or contact Terry Taylor, E-mail: [ttaylor@fortyandeight.org](mailto:ttaylor@fortyandeight.org) Ph. (317) 634-1804 Fax. (317) 632-9365 Voiture Nationale Emblem Sales 250 E 38th Street Indianapolis, IN 46205



### Terry Sims -Correspondant National

Holly has mailed out the forms to the Grand Correspondants for Cerification of Officers, recommendations for National Officers etc. It helps immensely if you return the information as soon as possible upon completion of your respective Grand Promenades. One clarification I would like to make concerning Recommendations for a National Office. If you list a Voyageur for a particular program, the Voyageur may not be placed into that particular program but may be placed into a different program, depending on availability.

Several changes have occurred at Voi-

ture National. Landry Foley has resigned to accept another offer. We wish Landry the best in her new endeavor. Holly Claunch is our new Executive Secretary (she will do very well in this position) and Terri Taylor has accepted the Emblem Sales position. Terri brings a huge amount of experience to Voiture Nationale.

Some National Officers are still sending copies of their 'Communication Letters' to my personal email account. Please send them to [cornat@fortyandeight.org](mailto:cornat@fortyandeight.org).

Promenade Nationale is fast approaching, make sure you send in your registra-

tions soon. This facility in Myrtle Beach, SC is a top notch resort with many attractions. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Don't forget to purchase your Frank Martin Memorial Walk shirts. They are moving very well. The proceeds are split between the Ardery and Boland Trust Funds.



## National Nurses Training Program



### GRAND VOITURE of the MONTH March / April



With our Nurse Training Program now entering the final quarter of the 2019 membership year, Pin revenues have been doing well. There are, however, some loose ends that we now must begin to clear up if we wish to finish with a “Banner Year” in sales. Our “La Societe” has 43 participating Grands and 11 Non-participating. 26 Grands are at 100% of their consignments on Pin sales and 17 Grands still have outstanding consignments totaling 838 Pins with projected sales of \$2514. Our Nurse Training Pin program is on track for another great finish with all Grands reconciling their consignments. All Voyageurs Militaire are urged to contact your Grand Directeur for Nurse Training and join with us for the sprint to the finish.

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 past two months have seen some great support coming in for our 2019 Pin program. We wish to recognize two of these Grands which have 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 MARCH “GRAND du LOUISIANA”** Southeast Region. Posting earned sales to-date of **187 Pins for \$561**. Along with a donation of **\$1500** these Voyageurs hold a member per-capita of **\$ 3.01**  
and

**GRAND VOITURE of the Month for APRIL “GRAND du MASSACHUSETTS”** Northeast Region Posting earned sales to-date of **75 Pins for \$225**. These Voyageurs hold a member per-capita of **\$ 1.47**.

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

## VSO: Blue Water Veterans should file claim now.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced they will not appeal a federal court ruling that awards disability benefits to thousands of Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange, according to Ricky Johnson, director of Davidson County’s Veteran Service Office.

Johnson said the move to let the decision stand is a victory for “blue water” Navy veterans who have been prevented from receiving VA disability claims. Blue water veterans refer to those who served on ships in open waters off the coast of Vietnam during the war while brown water veterans refer to those who operated on inland waterways. Before the decision, blue water veterans were not eligible for the same disability benefits as brown water veterans.

According to Johnson, if you served on a U.S. Navy or Coast Guard ship off the coast of Vietnam and you were denied VA compensation for a presumptive illness because of the “blue water rules,” you should refile your claim immediately. If you have never filed a claim for compensation because of the “blue water rules,” you need to file now.

Additionally, if you are the surviving spouse of a veteran who died from an Agent Orange presumptive illness, you should also file. Johnson’s office will assist veterans in this process for free. For more information, call the Davidson County Veteran Service Office at (336) 242-2037 or email [ricky.johnson@davidsoncountync.gov](mailto:ricky.johnson@davidsoncountync.gov). Agent Orange presumptive illnesses include:

- AL amyloidosis
- Chronic B-cell leukemia
- Chloracne
- Type 2 diabetes
- Hodgkin’s lymphoma
- Ischemic heart disease
- Multiple Myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma
- Parkinson’s disease
- Early onset Peripheral Neuropathy
- Porphyria cutanea tarda
- Prostate cancer
- Respiratory cancers
- Soft tissue sarcomas

## Voiture 80



Acknowledging National Child Abuse Prevention Month Lane County Voiture 80 of the veterans group 40 & 8 invited Peggy Whalen, Executive Director of the Family Relief Nursery, who provides assistance to children and families in Creswell, Cottage Grove and Drain to dinner at their monthly Promenade and presented her this ceremonial check along with a donation of Seven Hundred Dollars.

## Voiture 327



Nurses taking blood pressure of V327 du Minnesota, coffee & cake in appreciation for our donation to scholarships for Nurses Training. Pictured is Past Grand Chef Richard Skillestad. Submitted by Jerry Block.

## My Thanks on Memorial Day

I thank all Americans that take time to observe and pay homage on this most important day to all Americans. I find it all together fitting and proper that we gather on this given day in the Spring every year in observance and to pay tribute to those that paid the supreme price to keep America as The Land of the Free. Let us not look at this as a time of morning, but as a time of honored remembrance to those people. I believe that is what they would want, and that is for us to enjoy the liberties, freedom and way of life they guaranteed by their sacrifice. So let us pay homage to them in proper manner, but not be sad, but be hopeful that we continue to live the American Dream, protect the veterans rights and preserve the Constitution of the United States.

Let us never forget that we cannot rightfully celebrate the joy of our freedom without remembering the great price paid for that freedom. They displayed the very meaning of courage and dedication to their country and we must

remember, Courage is not in the uniform, it's not in the rank, it's not in the race or gender. Courage is a matter of the heart, a matter of answering duty, a matter of character. I thank God that Americans are a people that are made up of these ideals. We are the finest people on the face of the earth, and our veterans are the best of what we have to offer of these fine people. They have been answering the call to duty of the United States since 1776 and continue to do so today.

For all Veterans, regardless of their branch of service or the era in which they served, they have paid the price time and time again in defense of America and freedom. They have sought neither fame or fortune, it was merely devotion and love of America and freedom. All veterans know what it is like to be on guard in the middle of the night while others slept. They understand the meaning of hardship and sacrifice, standing watch at freedoms frontiers, far from home and loved ones. It is this

devotion to duty and honor that gives all Americans strength. To all our veterans, Americans have a simple yet heartfelt message to you and that is ----- THANK YOU----- Thank you for your unwavering service in peace time as well as war, here in this nation and throughout the world.

From Valley Forge to Afghanistan, our veterans have protected Liberty, Justice and Freedom for all Americans. So on this Memorial Day weekend let us take advantage and display the fact that we are free to live the American Way of Life and join in celebration to those Patriots that provided that to us, with the rights and liberties afforded to us and, be thankful because, "No greater love hath one man for another than to lay down his life for his friend" and we are all friends. Please say a prayer for our troops in Harms Way and may God Bless America and each of you as well. Thank you and Rest Well my Absent Comrades.

Mike Wood

Building Donation Challenge Grand Total \$166,256.57  
 April 2019



| NAME         | VOITURE | GR   | AMT      |
|--------------|---------|------|----------|
| Grand du TN  | Grand   | TN   | \$ 18.00 |
| Voiture 1539 | AK      | 1539 | \$ 20.00 |



Memorial Day May 27, 2019

## 2019 Nurses Day Raffle



Correspondant National Terry Sims draws the lucky winners for the 2019 Nurses Day Raffle.

| PLACE | NAME               | GRANDE/CABANE | TOTAL WINNING |
|-------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1ST   | George Isele       | V448-MO       | \$3,000.00    |
| 2ND   | Edmund Thall       | V549-PA       | \$500.00      |
| 3RD   | Terry Bigham       | V1100-IL      | \$500.00      |
| 4TH   | James Pesek        | V11-OH        | \$100.00      |
| 5TH   | Sheldon Konowitz   | V604-IL       | \$100.00      |
| 6TH   | Charles Graham     | V395-CA       | \$100.00      |
| 7TH   | Larry Wegner       | V2000-VN      | \$100.00      |
| 8TH   | Edward Guthmueller | V523-CO       | \$100.00      |
| 9TH   | Monty Stone        | V174-DC       | \$100.00      |
| 10TH  | Mike Batnick       | V94-WA        | \$100.00      |

## Vice Presidential History

**Martin Van Buren** (born Maarten Van Buren, December 5, 1782 – July 24, 1862) was an American statesman who served as the eighth vice president of the United States from 1833 to 1837 as well as the president of the United States from 1837 to 1841. He was the first president born after the independence of the United States from the British Empire. A founder of the Democratic Party, he previously served as the ninth governor of New York and the tenth United States secretary of state. He won the 1836 presidential election with the endorsement of popular outgoing President Andrew Jackson and the organizational strength of the Democratic Party. Van Buren's response to the Panic of 1837 centered on his Independent Treasury system, a plan under which the Fed-



eral government of the United States would store its funds in vaults rather than in banks. He also continued Jackson's policy of Indian removal; he maintained peaceful relations with Britain but denied the application to admit Texas to the Union, seeking to avoid heightened sectional tensions. In the 1840 election, the Whigs rallied around Harrison's military record and ridiculed Van Buren as "Martin Van Ruin", and a surge of new voters helped turn him out of office.

He lost his 1840 reelection bid to Whig Party nominee William Henry Harrison, due in part to the poor economic conditions of the Panic of 1837. Later in his life, Van Buren emerged as an elder statesman and important anti-slavery leader, who led the Free Soil Party ticket in the 1848 presidential election.