

Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Ken Lafleur - Chef de Chemin de Fer



Sean Habina, Chef du Gare Voiture 542, cordially invited Patricia and me to the 62nd Annual Pear Harbor Day Pancake Breakfast. Sean retired from the Air Force having served as both an enlisted person and commissioned officer. Her leadership philosophy was somewhat unusual in that she would not give an order for something she "could not or would not do". Shortly after receiving her commission sidewalks needed to be cleared. And there she was on the first day with a snow shovel in her hand much to the apparent consternation and bewilderment of her superior officer. He called her into his office and Sean gave an explanation that he eventually deemed adequate.

Napoleon had a similar philosophy relative to leadership and in battles would lead the charge rather than remain relatively safe in the rear as officers customarily did. In one instance leading the charge through the chokepoint of a bridge. That act particularly endeared him to his



men who would follow him through the gates of hell if so led. Sean was exactly that kind of leader but used a snow shovel instead of a sword.

We arrived at a beautiful hotel in San Antonio in the afternoon of Thursday, November 30. Sean took us out to dinner and we toured parts of the city including the beautifully lighted Alamo. The city is quiet a tourist attraction particularly at that time of year with a very impressive array of Christmas lights.

The following morning off to Camp Mabry in Austin with Voyageur Lowell Mix as our driver and guide. Another truly outstanding Voyageur Militaire, David Knutson, met us for a tour of the Military Museum. On display was an incredibly and thorough-

ly and accurately restored Box Car. That Box Car may be moved to San Antonio for part of next year to participate in the celebration of the city's 300th birthday.

Then back to San Antonio for a river cruise viewing the River Walk in all its' Christmas glory with Sean as our narrator and guide. We were picked up the next morning by Grand Chef de Gare George Murphy and taken to American Legion Alamo Post 2 for a Nurses Training fundraising Pancake Breakfast. The excellent pancakes were made with locally produced and donated Pioneer Pancake Mix. They were served with excellent thick bacon carefully hand selected at Sam's by Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Passé and true Texan, Ronnie Wheeler. Six scholarships were awarded to some quite impressive students.

I hope that subsequent Chef de Chemin de Fers are invited to future Pearl Harbor Day Pancake Breakfast activities and are able to attend and present the Nurses Training Scholarships. Attendance by the Big Chef is not a regular occurrence. Chef de Chemin de Fer Passé Paul Landry did attend that Breakfast as Chef in 1991. San Antonio is a beautiful city of two million filled with cordial people and home to a huge veteran population.

Merry Christmas! Andy Williams and I agree, "It's the most wonderful time of the year".

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Why Should I Support the Boxcar Association?

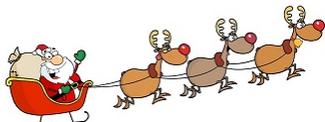
by Frank Kronen

Salute Voyageurs, in my continuing effort to explain why you should support The National Box Car Association I will start by pointing out that every year Nationale as well as your respective Grands send out the Petite Communique. Within that communique is a section for "Special Awards". There are four different categories. They are as follows, Hero of the Year, Law Officer of the Year, Voyageur of the Year and City or Town of the Year. Two of those mentioned are financially supported by the National Box Car Association. Those being Hero and Law Officer of the Year. And for your information the Voyageur of the Year pin is maintained and engraved by the Box Car Association and the pin presented to each year's recipient by the National Box Car Association Directeur. Over the last five years the National Box Car Association has in fact donated \$4,450.00 towards the Hero of the Year and \$4,350.00 towards The Law Officer of the Year.

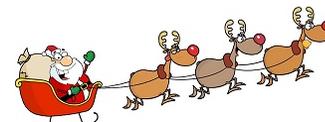


Voyageurs in each of my articles, I will continue to show why The National Box Car Association is such an important program and what it does to allow other programs to be successful. Our pin price has not increased as others have. The price remains at \$3.00. And I will continue to keep this price so long as it is financially possible to maintain. I ask you please continue to support this vital and worthy program. Each, and every year The National Box Car Association gives away all monies raised that year at Promenade Nationale.

As stated earlier pin price remains at \$3.00 and Crew and Associate cards remain \$1.00 each. A HOB0 stamp on your card is only \$1.00 additional. Voyageurs, I can remember in years past that unless you had a Crew, or Associate card, you were not allowed on any Rolling Stock be it Loci or Box Car. Perhaps we need to revisit that requirement. Voyageurs, I hope this is sufficient proof for my request of your continued support for the National Box Car Association.



A Brief Chuckle



As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped, "Didn't you get my E-mail?"

Q: Why did Santa bring 22 reindeer to Walmart?

A: Because what he wanted to buy cost around 20 bucks, but just in case it was more, he brought some extra doe.

Q: What do you get if Santa goes down the chimney when a fire is lit?

A: Crisp Kringle



Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month

This months highlight is a notepad and pen set that features 60 sheets of white paper, and a soft touch calendar pen. The pen features a 2018/2019 pull out calendar and a soft touch barrel. This convenient product is perfect for pocket or purse! Size: 3.7" W x 6.1" H x .51" D.

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part number is 13PAD. 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 Voiture Nationale Emblem Sales



Grande du Oregon Fall Cheminot's Toy's For Tot's Drive



Left to right: La Societe de Femme's La Presidente Nationale Joyce Robberstad, Salem, C-153; The Paul Bunyan Gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Grande du Oregon Garry Klinghammer, Lane County V-80; La Societe de Femme's La Presidente Grand de Oregon Pam Seelye, C-153; Rod Schill, Senior Vice Commandant Marine Corps League 373; And Passé Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Joe Lindsay, V-222, both of Klamath Falls

V542 Fundraiser for Nurses Training Pearl Harbor Day Pancake Breakfast



L-R Lowell Mix (Grand Chef Passé), Kenneth C. Lafleur (Chef de Chemin de Fer) holding gift from David, and David Knutson (Grand Chef Passé)

Voiture 414 Nurses Training



Christmas came early to 9 Minnesota nursing students who were recipients of scholarship awards totaling nearly \$8000. Awards were presented Sunday, December 10 at the Hutchinson VFW at a banquet sponsored by Voiture Locale 414 – 40&8. The local McLeod County Voiture has awarded over \$150,000 in nursing scholarships the past 25 years.

Front row-Grand Chef de Gare, Dave Hector, Travis Krueger, Elizabeth Honnold, Allie Einck, Voiture 414 Chef de Gare, Larry Heller. Back row- Grand Nurses Training Directeur Sam Mattson, Megan Eckberg, Jacey Nelson, Kelsey Kramer, Grand Correspondant Jerry Block. Not pictured because of distance or classes Shawnee Krueger, Morgan Streich, Aimee Smahel.

Voiture 605 Flags for First Graders Mitzibond Elementary School



Presidential Biographies

On November 22, 1963, when he was hardly past his first thousand days in office, **John Fitzgerald Kennedy** was killed by an assassin's bullets as his motorcade wound through Dallas, Texas. Kennedy was the youngest man elected President; he was the youngest to die.

Of Irish descent, he was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, on May 29, 1917. Graduating from Harvard in 1940, he entered the Navy. In 1943, when his PT boat was rammed and sunk by a Japanese destroyer, Kennedy, despite grave injuries, led the survivors through perilous waters to safety.

Back from the war, he became a Democratic Congressman from the Boston area, advancing in 1953 to the Senate. He married Jacqueline Bouvier on September 12, 1953. In 1955, while recuperating from a back operation, he wrote *Profiles in Courage*, which won the Pulitzer Prize in history.

In 1956 Kennedy almost gained the Democratic nomination for Vice President, and four years later was a first-ballot nominee for President. Millions watched his television debates with the Republican candidate, Richard M. Nixon. Winning by a narrow margin in the popular vote, Kennedy became the first Roman Catholic President.

His Inaugural Address offered the memorable injunction: "Ask not what your country can do for you--ask what you can do for your country." As President, he set out to redeem



his campaign pledge to get America moving again. His economic programs launched the country on its longest sustained expansion since World War II; before his death, he laid plans for a massive assault on persisting pockets of privation and poverty.

Responding to ever more urgent demands, he took vigorous action in the cause of equal rights, calling for new civil rights legislation. His vision of America extended to the quality of the national culture and the central role of the arts in a vital society.

He wished America to resume its old mission as the first nation dedicated to the revolution of human rights.

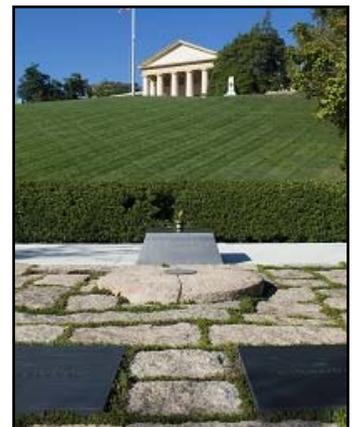
With the Alliance for Progress and the Peace Corps, he brought American idealism to the aid of developing nations. But the hard reality of the Communist challenge remained.

Shortly after his inauguration, Kennedy permitted a band of Cuban exiles, already armed and trained, to invade their homeland. The attempt to overthrow the regime of Fidel Castro was a failure. Soon thereafter, the Soviet Union renewed its campaign against West Berlin. Kennedy replied by reinforcing the Berlin garrison and increasing the Nation's military strength, including new efforts in outer space. Confronted by this reaction, Moscow, after the erection of

the Berlin Wall, relaxed its pressure in central Europe.

Instead, the Russians now sought to install nuclear missiles in Cuba. When this was discovered by air reconnaissance in October 1962, Kennedy imposed a quarantine on all offensive weapons bound for Cuba. While the world trembled on the brink of nuclear war, the Russians backed down and agreed to take the missiles away. The American response to the Cuban crisis evidently persuaded Moscow of the futility of nuclear blackmail.

Kennedy now contended that both sides had a vital interest in stopping the spread of nuclear weapons and slowing the arms race--a contention which led to the test ban treaty of 1963. The months after the Cuban crisis showed significant progress toward his goal of "a world of law and free choice, banishing the world of war and coercion." His administration thus saw the beginning of new hope for both the equal rights of Americans and the peace of the world.



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National Nurses Training Program



The 2018 Nurse Training Pin Program is approaching the end of the 2017 year with excellent participation from our Voyageurs Militaire. We are now embarking on the New Year 2018 with great expectations for the trend to continue as Pin sales and requests have increased thanks to the great efforts of our Sous Directeurs. 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 NOVEMBER “GRAND du VIRGINIA”

Southeast Region

Posted earned sales to-date of **100 Pins** for
\$300 and a member per-capita of **\$.64**

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