

Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Rick Williams –Chef de Chemin de Fer



April 25, 2019 I was in Jacksonville Florida attending the Southland's Dixie 72nd Promenade. This event was hosted by the Grand du Florida under the Southland's President D. R. Richards and Corporation President Wanda Hunter. An active wreck at the event was sponsored by the North East Florida First Coast Regional Wrecking Association made up of Voiture 215, 304, 1352, 1604, and 1610. They did a fine job of introducing the PG's into La Societe as Voyagers Militaire. If you are in the area and would like some good seafood, check out Jack's Fish Camp, a place that will keep you entertained just looking around, along with some very good food. The weather was great for the occasion --sunny but not too hot.

May 17th – 19th my location was in Ocean Springs Mississippi at the Nutcracker Wreck. The weather cooperated again-- sunny and warm. A group of us were photographed in front of their new venue, Gulf Hills Hotel and Conference Center. Some very interesting history at this location involving Al Capone, Elvis Presley, and many more well known figures in U.S. history, and my accommodations were the most extravagant that I have been in! Located about 50 yards from the number 1 tee, too bad that I do not play golf. My escort for this event was our Nationale Directeur Carville Star Tom Adams and his wife Pat. My duties included the installation of Mississippi's



Grand Chef de Gare Tom Adams I assisted in wrecking seven new Voyagers into La Societe and being honored at the event, even had our National Color Guard post the colors. That Sunday I had a tour of the area by visiting a very outstanding and impressive Military Veterans Museum and the Memorial of the Mississippi Veterans Memorial For a great time I would encourage you all to attend next year.

Now, what I think of as the highlight of being Chef de Chemin de Fer. Place: Lorton, Virginia May 24th – 27th Memorial Day weekend. Sunday, with a trip to Arlington along with 30 others, boarded the bus for purpose of laying wreaths at the graves of some of the prominent figures of the Forty and Eight: our founder Joseph Breen, General Black Jack Pershing, and Sgt Edward Youngers. This was done along with the National la President Cheryl Jammick. Monday Memorial Day back at Arlington, Cheryl and I had VIP seats in box 36 about a hundred feet from the main stage. Before Vice President Pence arrived at the cemetery, Cheryl and I were escorted to the front of the amphitheater along with the other VIPs to watch VP Pence lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The arrival of the honor guard made up of the five branches of the service marched up the steps at the back of

the Tomb, then the Army band came in from our right and the color guard came in from our left. The stage was set. Cannon fire signaled the arrival of the Vice President. He laid the wreath and came up the steps beside Cheryl and I and into the amphitheater to deliver his speech. Later that day I and my Sous Chef de Chemin de Fers Tom Orval, Jim Coe, and Charles Gram where given the honor of placing a wreath representing the Forty and Eight on the Tomb of the Unknown, followed by our counterparts of the La Femmes. Once you have walked on that hallowed ground, a feeling that will never be forgotten and always cherished will be with you. I deeply encourage all of you to attend this function at least once as a member of the Forty and Eight. Before the wreath laying took place we Voyagers and Dames passed out American Flags to all who wanted them, and most did. There is no more touching sight than to see our flag waved by so many people and nationalities.

Joe, Angie, Cheryl and I even made the news on several stations, including CNN. Thank you so much Dick, Angie, and Randy for making this an unforgettable weekend.

The first part of June 6th – 8th I was in my home away from home, the Great Lakes Promenade being held in Akron, Ohio. The weather was great, the headquarters hotel was very pleasant. Being from the south, I thought that we were leading in hospitality. I was mistaken! We need to try a little harder to come in with the Ohio and Great Lakes bunch. I was escorted by the Great Lakes Aumonier (and wearer of a few other hats) John Murphy. The time spent was very enjoyable and relaxing, with their Dames providing a wonderful hospitality room with drawings and entertainment, of course there were Mexican train dominos being common place most places the La Femmes attend.

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Chef's Travels



Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery



Chef's Travels - cont'd



Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams was the National guest at the 59th annual Great Lakes Promenade in Akron, Ohio on June 6th – 8th. Big Chef Williams is shown here with L to R: Grand Chef de Gares Mike Vance – Illinois, Ted Ganda – Ohio, Clayton Pickens – Pennsylvania, Sam Queen – Indiana, Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams, Robert Bialecki – Michigan, Charles Ellis – New York, Joe Story – Wisconsin.



2019 Nutcracker Wreck

Terry Sims -Correspondant National

We are moving closer to Promenade Nationale in Myrtle Beach, SC. The registrations are coming in at a rapid pace. Be sure and register soon and join us at a tremendous resort.

Each Grande was sent a Recommendation form to recognize Voyageurs that you feel would be worthy to hold a National position. These Voyageurs should not be recommended by friendship but can promote our National Programs. The other form is your Grande Officer list. These forms are very important so Holly, Tammy and Terri can compile their

forms for Promenade Nationale.

When forwarding your Communications to Voiture Nationale please use my cornrat@fortyandeight.org email rather than my personal email address. Your questions and/or answers will be forwarded to you more quickly.

If you know of any Veteran events that are being held in your area that our Voyageurs would be interested in attending, contact Bill at Voiture Nationale and he would be happy to list them under our new Veteran Events page on our National

website.

The new 2020 membership cards will be shipped to Locale Correspondants around July 1st.

I thank all Voyageurs for their input and patience during this year and supporting the changes at Voiture Nationale.

Terry Sims



Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



This month's Emblem Sales Item is the Red Flag Cotton Cap. This cap is 100% cotton with Velcro closure. The 40&8 emblem is embroidered on the front in full color. (08RFLAG \$18.75). This item can be ordered at our emblem sales store online at: <http://store.fortyandeight.org/>

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Keep the Wheel Chairs Rolling



Dale Mitchell VAVS Director for Grande de Wisconsin presenting to Paul Rickert, Community Relation Director at the Middleton VA hospital Madison, WI a \$400.00 check for the homeless from Keep the Wheel Chairs Rolling.

Keep the Wheel Chairs Rolling



Locale 1411 presents a Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling check to the Biloxi VA Medical Center to purchase supplies for the Veterans Food Pantry. Pictured left to right are Eileen Burke (HUD/VASH Assistant Program Manager), Robert Cunningham (Chef de Gare), Angel Anderson (Grand Cheminot), Tom Adams (Correspondant), Robert Davis (Voluntary Services Officer).

Flags for First Graders



Hamilton County Ohio voiture 29 flags for first grader program at Monroe Elementary School New Richmond Ohio School District. Left to right Voyager Ken Ewing Voyager Jerry Manis La Femme Joann Dolwig Voyager Joe Dolwig La Femme Mary Ewing Voyager Bill Martin. The girl in the wheelchair is holding the folded American flag after we did the flag folding ceremony her comment was "boy is that heavy" -Ken Ewing voiture 29 correspondent

Voiture 1219



Locale Chef de Gare Charles Klyap, Grand Chef de Train Mike Klyap, Grande Presidente de Grande 2017-2018 Carol Kaiserian and Sous Chef de Gare 2015 John Kaiserian presenting a bike to Parker Batsy, the only Crystal River Primary 5th grader to achieve 100% attendance for this school year.

Building Donation Challenge Grand Total \$166,501.57
 May 2019

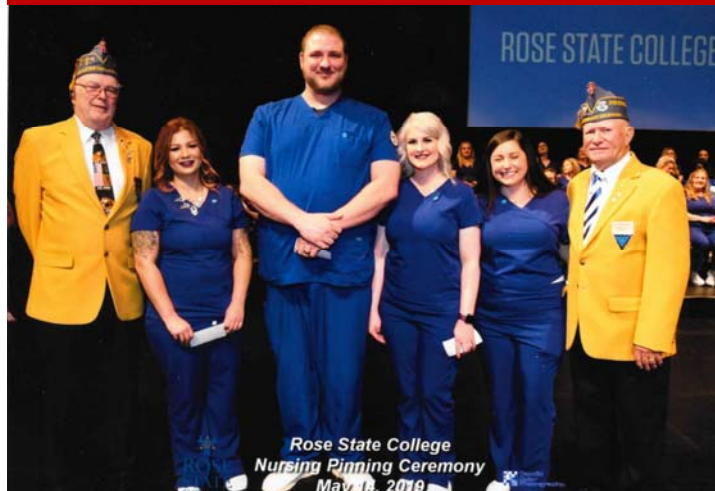


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Edward Guthmueller	523	CO	\$ 100.00
Voiture 1204	1204	WI	\$ 72.50
Voiture 130	130	MO	\$ 50.00
Grand du TN	Grand	TN	\$ 22.50

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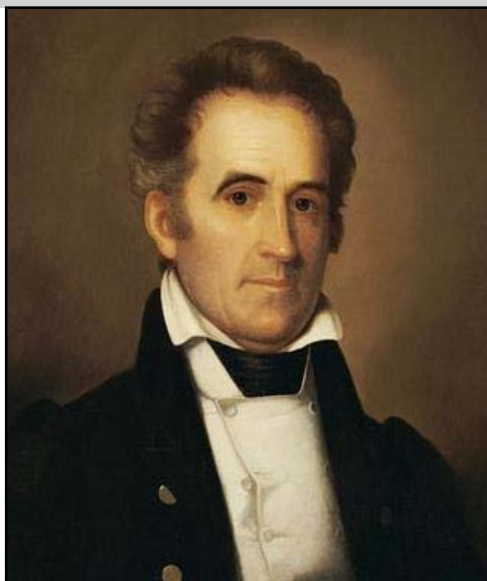
Student nurses sponsored by Grande du Oklahoma and V-1540 who graduated from Rose State College. L-R Bill Hart Chef de Gare Voiture 1540. Danyelle Judson, Christopher Cavins, Kara Harvey, Ma'Rena Henson and B.J. Longenbaugh Grande du Oklahoma Nursing Director.

Vice Presidential History

Richard M. Johnson (October 17, 1780 – November 19, 1850) was a politician and the ninth vice president of the United States from 1837 to 1841. He is the only vice president elected by the United States Senate under the provisions of the Twelfth Amendment.

Johnson was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1806 in the early Federal period. He became allied with fellow Kentuckian Henry Clay as a member of the War Hawks faction that favored war with Britain in 1812. At the outset of the War of 1812, Johnson was commissioned a colonel in the Kentucky Militia and commanded a regiment of mounted volunteers from 1812 to 1813. He and his brother James served under William Henry Harrison in Upper Canada. Johnson participated in the Battle of the Thames. Some reported that he personally killed the Shawnee chief Tecumseh, a claim that he later used to his political advantage.

After the war, Johnson returned to the House of Representatives. The state



legislature appointed him to the Senate in 1819 to fill the seat vacated by John J. Crittenden. With his increasing prominence, Johnson was criticized for his interracial relationship with Julia Chinn, a mixed-race slave who was classified as octoroon (or seven-eighths white). It

worked against his political ambitions because Johnson did not hide the relationship.

In 1836, Johnson was the Democratic nominee for vice-president on a ticket with Martin Van Buren. Campaigning with the slogan "Rumpsey Dumpsey, Rumpsey Dumpsey, Colonel Johnson killed Tecumseh", Johnson fell one short of the electoral votes needed to secure his election. Virginia's delegation to the Electoral College refused to endorse Johnson, abstaining instead.

He was elected to the office by the US Senate. Johnson proved such a liability for the Democrats in the 1836 election that they refused to re-nominate him for vice-president in 1840. President Van Buren campaigned for re-election without a running mate. He lost to William Henry Harrison, a Whig. Johnson tried to return to public office but was defeated. He finally was elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives in 1850, but he died on November 19, 1850, just two weeks into his term.