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La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

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La Societe Des Quarante Hommes Et Huit Chevaux (The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses) is an independent, by invitation, Honor society of American veterans, more commonly known as "The Forty and Eight" committed to Charitable and Patriotic Aims.

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Simpson elected 40 & 8 National Commander for 2021-2022

INDIANAPOLIS The national Forty & Eight Veterans Organization is pleased to announce that William "Bill" Simpson was installed Chef de Chemin de Fer or National Commander by action taken at 102nd National Promenade held in Springfield, MO, September 14 - 17, 2021. The following Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer's or National Vice-Commanders were also installed by unanimous vote, Joseph Story of Tomahawk, WI; Paul J. Emmert Sr of Westminster, MD; Gary D. Cox of Cleveland, TN; and Michael Worrel of Huntington, IN.

Chef de Chemin de Fer William "Bill" Simpson is the 101ST National Commander since our founding in 1920. The first Chef de Chemin de Fer was the founder Joseph W. Breen of Pennsylvania, along with the first Honorary Chef de Chemin de Fer Gen. John J. (Black Jack) Pershing following World War One.

Following graduation from high school in Columbia, South Carolina, Chef de Chemin de Fer Simpson entered the United States Air Force in 1966, and served his country with distinguishing honor for twenty-two years in many overseas and stateside bases. He retired as a Master Sergeant from military service in 1988. Following his military service he started a second career in Intermodal Transportation supervising numerous warehouses and overseas shipments for the next twenty-two years retiring in 2010.

Bill is married to the love of his life, the former Dell Cranshaw, and they have two adult children, along with four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Bill and Dell celebrated their 47th anniversary this year, and currently reside in Goose Creek, SC.

Chef Simpson is a fifteen year member of Voiture 1067 in Goose Creek, SC and has served his Grand (State), and the National Organization of the Forty & Eight in multiple high offices working for the betterment of the organization. Big Chef Bill is also active in his American Legion Post 166 in Goose Creek, along with his memberships in the Masonic Order Pacific Lodge &

Mystic Order of the Shrine Jamil Temple both in Columbia, SC. Bill is also a respected member in the Air Force Sergeants Association at Charleston AFB, SC.

The Forty & Eight known as the Honor Society of American Veterans is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Membership is by invitation, and open only to honorable discharged veterans, and those honorably serving members of the United States Armed Services. More information on membership can be obtained by going to the Home page of www.fortyandeight.org and submit your name and contact information.