



## Communiqué



# La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

## Grande Voiture du Missouri

August 2021 - Grand Chef de Gare A.J. Noonan

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Fellow Voyageurs:  
It is a true honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Chef de Gare for Grande du Missouri for this upcoming year. I am humbled and extremely proud

to be a part of this great organization and want to thank everyone that attended the installation at our Grande Promenade this past weekend. What an outstanding and enjoyable time had by all and a special thank you to 40/8 Conducteur Nationale Kevin Johnson for installing the Grand Officers for this year.

This year is special for Grande du Missouri as we host the 102nd Promenade Nationale from 14 - 18 September 2021 in Springfield, MO at the University Plaza Hotel. Thanks to everyone for their hard work in preparation to support this special event.

I look forward to visiting Voiture Locales this next year as Covid restrictions permit. I have several installations already scheduled within the next few weeks. If there are special events or fundraisers scheduled at your Voiture Locales - I would be happy to attend if possible. Our 2022 membership season has already started. It was an outstanding achievement last year as the Grande achieved over 100% thanks to everyone's effort. I challenge every Voyageur to continue your efforts for another successful year in bringing in new Veterans into this great organization.

The Grande Cheminot and Homecoming will be held at the Oasis Convention Center on 8-9 October 2021 in Springfield, MO. Please register early and reserve hotel rooms as soon as possible. See the registration form enclosed for further details. Hope to see everyone there. Once again, looking forward to a great year and extremely proud to serve as your Grand Chef.

Sincerely,

A.J Noonan

Grand Chef de Gare

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This is the first newsletter for this new term, the next issue of the Communiqué will be monthly with articles from our new Directeur's and Officers of the Grand.

Sep 2021 - Box Car, VAVS

Oct 2021 - Nurses Training, PR

Nov 2021 - Child Welfare, POW/MIA

Jan 2022 - Special Awards,

Voiture Activities

Feb 2022 - Distinguished Voyageur

Mar 2022 - Carville Star

GRAND CHEMINOT, JULY 24, 2021  
Oasis Hotel, Springfield, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Frank Angelo, opened the Grand Cheminot at 1:00 PM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Grand Aumonier Rose Noonan.

Roll call of officers showed some were there. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that twelve answered. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed that there was a quorum. Voyageurs don't know how to answer roll call so they paid a fine. Absent was Voitures 38, 333, 966, 1395, 1402, and 1403. The Chef appointed Ralph Turner to be acting Grand Conducteur.

Grand Avocat Rich Heigert said we will use the Grande Constitution and the Voiture Nationale Constitution and then Roberts Rules of Order. Rich Johnson offered such a notion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Johnson and passed.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson and seconded by Allen Schultz, that the Grand Spring Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning said he sent out a sheet to sign up if you are going to Promenade Nationale. Terry referred to some Tax reporting concerning raffles and an email from Charles Baker about where to have Central States in Oklahoma. Charles also wanted to know if anyone was interested in a golf tournament. Terry received an email from Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Kronen stating he had an absolutely, fun filled, and fantastic time at our Spring Wreck. Terry also said he needed the Locale Officers from Voiture 3, 130 (just Directeurs), and 760.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning read resolutions for Hallie Williams for Grand Chef de Train and Mike Scruby for Grand Commissaire Intendant.

Commissaire Intendant, AJ Noonan, discussed the finance report. There was \$332 in fines for the last year. The PG's collected \$654.67.

Grand Chef de Train A J Noonan said we are at 100.42% which is great. He called on the Sous Chef de Trains to report on their Voitures, to which Ron Leverenz stated his Voitures were 103.8%. His three Voitures 460, 760, and 1321 were at or over 100%. Mike Scruby said his Voitures were 103.1%. His Voitures 3, 130, and 1402 were at or over 100%. The Grand has a total membership of 711, up 3 from last year.

The highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 333 had 2 members over for 101.8%, presented a cadet the JROTC trophy, with the VFW and American Legion posts they presented a check for \$7,500 to the Pettis County Commissions for maintenance of the monuments on the Pettis County Courthouse grounds, has 4 nurses in training, replaced 46 flags downtown, placed flags on 250 veterans graves for Memorial Day, had Memorial Day BBQ, performed one memorial service for a deceased member, donated \$210 to Youth Sports, donated \$150 to the Warrensburg Veteran Home Volunteer Assistance League, in last 2 years have sold 870 rolls of stamps for a profit of \$9,500; Voiture 448 had a Christmas Party and Easter Party at Marygrove kids home, one of the Marygrove kids graduated from West Point, two others graduated from basic training, meeting at Post 338; Voiture 460, placed flags on veterans graves for Memorial Day, participated in Flag Day Ceremony, has 3 Nurses in Training, spent \$230 in Youth Sports, membership at 109%; Voiture 1292, will have a BBQ fundraiser, had a golf tournament; Voiture 1321 has 5 nurses in training, cooker is out at Buchheits in Herculanum on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month they sell sandwiches, pork steaks, hamburgers, brats and hot dogs, sent 1 boy to Boys State; Voiture 1379 will have their ChickNick on August, wrecked one PG, in May 2021 had a Super/meal served, Scruby was finally voted as Chef; Voiture 1541 submitted a history book, participated in numerous Memorial Services, installation will be August 25 at Wentzville, Christmas party tentatively on December 15, 2021, Night at the Races is March 5, 2022 at St. Charles Legion Post, has 3 nurses in training.

Grand Historien Allen Schultz said he received one Voiture History book from Voiture 1541 and they won 1<sup>st</sup> place. He also presented the history book to Grand Chef Frank Angelo.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare Terry McDonald could not be there so Ralph Turner gave his report. Terry received 5 reports. Reports show there was expended \$79,447 to benefit 1,132 children. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to 1292, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to 1321 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to 1541. He received 100 pins, which were distributed to Voitures, which have all been paid for.

Grand Directeur Voiture Activities Charles Kuehnel – Terry Lanning gave report presented awards 1<sup>st</sup> place went to 1292, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to 1379 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to 448. He received 7 reports.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training Rose Noonan 1<sup>st</sup> place went to 1292, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to 460 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to 1541.

Grand Publiciste David Bexten gave out his reports. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to 1292, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to 1321 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to 1541.

Grand Aumonier Rose Noonan said to let her know if any Voitures have any deceased for the Memorial Ceremony.

Grand Directeur Americanism Robert Emery Terry read Bob's report. There were 7 reports turned in. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to 448, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to 1292 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to 1321. There was a total of \$348,708 cash and services. If anyone wants 2022 Americanism pins then let Bob know.

Grand Directeur Box Car Ernie Parker Terry read his report. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to 1541 and received the trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to 333 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to 292.

Grand Directeur Carville Star Mike Scruby said he received 7 reports. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to 448, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to 1379 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to 1292.

Grand Directeur POW/MIA A. J. Noonan – said 7 reports were received and he has a few pins left. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to 448, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to 460 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to 1541.

Grand Directeur Special Awards Ben Sargent He received two reports. He had received one Law & Order nomination but it did not meet the standards.

Grand VAVS Chairman Chip Berkley said he received 7 reports. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to 1379, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to 1292 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to 292.

Sous Grand VAVS Chairman Gary Puck said much volunteer work and activity occurred in the last 4 months. Concerning the Kansas City VA him and Ann have had several teleconference meetings. There were 560 volunteer hours. KC received \$500 from Keep the Wheels Rolling contest. Ann attended the 75th VA Volunteer Services Conference. National VAVS Directeur Ron Rolfes wants a standardization of in value purchases. Several of the same items are being valued at different amounts.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports Ann Puck said 50 pins were sold this year. The Special Olympics team Missouri has been selected. They will need financial help. When Ann gets names then she will be asking for financial help for these athletics. The Special Olympics will be in Orland Florida June 5-11, 2022. You can go to the Special Olympics Missouri web site [somo.org](http://somo.org) to volunteer for any of their summer and fall sport events/games. She has the new Youth Sports pin so let her know if you want any. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to 448, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to 1321 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to 460. She received 7 reports for a total of \$76,283 for 1,037 athletics.

Grand Sous Correspondant Robert Emery Terry gave Robert's report. The Grand Chef and any other articles are due to Robert by the end of the month. If anyone else has anything to put in the Grande Newsletter then send it to Robert. If a voyageur wants the newsletter then send Robert their email address and he will email the newsletter to them. The newsletters go out the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. If a voyageur changes their email address then let Robert and Terry Lanning know.

Time and Place Committee Kevin Johnson said we will be here for the Homecoming October 8 to 10, 2021. For 2022 we will be at the Holiday Inn Earth City, dates are March 25-27, 2022, June 24-26, 2022, and September 30 – October 2, 2022. Kevin also said costs to have Grande function are increasing and offered a notion to have the registration fee be \$10 at each event. This would be effective immediately. Seconded by Barnes and passed.

Distinguished Voyageur Ralph Turner said no applications were received this year, but they are out there, so turn them in.

MAVO Chip Berkley said next meeting will be September 9, 2021.

Promenade Nationale Representative Rich Heigert said there was a meeting last night. Will need everyone's help.

Old Business – Rich Heigert said to see him to pay your Chef de Gare Club dues or to join.

New Business – none

Good of the Grande Voiture – Past Grand Chef breakfast, meet in lobby at 7:00am. Rose Noonan said she will have nursing training pins in the hospitality room.

Further business – Terry Lanning pointed out there were a number of errors in the program and it is the Grand Chef's responsibility to make sure it is correct. The Grand Chef paid a nice fine. Rich offered a notion for the Spring Wreck PG collection be sent to the Boland Trust Fund (which helps nurses), seconded by Janice and passed.

Grand Chef de Gare Angelo a fermé le Grand Cheminot de manière appropriée à 2:30 PM.

Submitted by, Terry L. Lanning, Grand Correspondant

GRAND PROMENADE, July 25, 2021  
Oasis Hotel, Springfield, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Frank Angelo, opened the Grand Promenade sharply at 9:00 AM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a much needed prayer by Grand Aumonier Rose Noonan.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused and the rest were sleeping. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed 11 answering. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed there was a quorum. Absent was Voitures 3, 38, 333, 966, 1395, 1402, and 1403.

Grand Avocat Rich Heigert said we will use the Grande and Voiture Nationale's Constitution and then Roberts Rules of Order. Kevin Johnson offered a notion to accept report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralph Turner passed.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Ben Sargent, that the minutes of the August 29, 2020 Grande Promenade be accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Rich Heigert was called on as National Vice Commander to say a few words. He said thanks for serving Missouri for 2 years.

Grand Chef Frank Angelo called on the Grande Promenade Committees starting with the Audit Committee chaired by Janice Hartley with the help of David Voyles and Hallie Williams. Also present were Grand Commissaire Intendant AJ Noonan, and Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning. Janice stated the audit took place on July 24, 2021 at the Oasis Hotel Fiji Room at 9:00 AM. The financial records were reconciled with the bank statements. The Grande began the year with \$2,358.65 and had deposits totaling \$6,098.52. Disbursements totaled \$5,757.44 leaving a final balance of \$2,699.73. The Grande Voiture has two one year CD's, #721 for \$3,000 and #722 for \$3,000. The Stifel-Nicolaus investment account is \$9,000. The Audit Committee recommends the Grande keep this investment another year. The Audit Committee congratulates Commissaire Intendant AJ Noonan and Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning for the excellent job done with the finances this past year. As Chairman I wish to thank David Voyles and Hallie Williams for their assistance. Janice offered a notion that this report and the financial report from yesterday be accepted, seconded by Kevin Johnson...passed.

Grand Chef Frank Angelo called on the Resolutions Committee chaired by David Bexten. David reported that he opened the committee at 9:30 AM. David stated he had resolutions for AJ Noonan for Grand Chef de Gare, Hallie Williams for Grand Chef de Train, Mike Scruby for Grand Commissaire Intendant, and Terry L. Lanning for Grand Correspondant. Committee recommended these be approved and passed on to the Nomination Committee for action. Notion to accept report by Ben Sargent and seconded by Kevin Johnson, passed. David said he had a proposal from Mike Wood to support the goals of the Generals Club with additional funds when required to support the Law Officer for the Year expense. Honor Locale Law Enforcement Organizations for exceptional community relations and/or Projects and to Raise La Societe profile in Local Communities to promote interest in our Organization. This is a request to raise funds. Notion by Rich Heigert to endorse and use the Promenade fines to donate if Voiture Nationale approved the Project. Seconded by Ben Sargent and passed.

Grand Chef Frank Angelo called on the Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Kevin Johnson said they met Saturday at 10:05 am. There were 8 voyageurs present. He gave the voting strength for each Voiture plus Grand Chefs de Gare Passe present for a total of 54 votes. Kevin offered a notion, seconded by Ben Sargent, that the report be accepted as given...passed.

Grand Chef Frank Angelo called on the Constitution Committee chaired by Robert Phillips. Committee met Saturday at 9:15 AM with 5 voyageurs present. Robert reported Voitures should look at their Constitution to see if they can only notify their members by mail for a special Promenade or amendment to their Constitution or the like. This should be changed to say mail, email, video chat and phone. If a Voiture makes this change then you do not need to send it to the Grand Advocate for approval, since it is a minor change. There were no amendments pertaining to the Constitution. Robert offered a notion to accept his report, seconded by Ann Puck...passed.

New Business —. Grand Chef Frank Angelo called on the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Kevin Johnson. Kevin reported that the meeting was held at the Oasis Hotel on July 24, 2021.

Four resolutions were given to the committee and made available for those present at the meeting to read. After a very short discussion in was agreed the following recommendations would be presented

to the Grand Promenade. Kevin read the recommendation of the Committee for elective officers for 2021-2022

ELECTIVE OFFICERS	NAME	VOITURE
Grand Chef de Gare	A. J. Noonan	460
Grand Chef de Train	Hallie Williams	448
Grand Commissaire Intendant	Mike Scruby	1379
Grand Correspondant	Terry L. Lanning	448
Cheminot Nationale	Janice Hartley	1541
Alternate Cheminot Nationale	Frank Angelo	460
Voitures (460-760-1321) Sous Grand Chef de Train	Harry T. Barnes Jr.	1321
Voitures (38-448-966-1541) Sous Grand Chef de Train	Forrest Johnson	1541
Voitures (3-130-1379-1402) Sous Grand Chef de Train	James (Jay) Pflugradt	130
Voitures (292-333-1292-1403) Sous Grand Chef de Train	Ernie Parker	333
Grand Medicin	Tommy Thomas	460
Sous Grand Medicin	Jeremy Lachut	460
Grand Garde de la Porte	Dan Levasseur	1292
Grand Historien	Rose Noonan	460
Grand Avocat	Richard A. Heigert	1321
Sous Grand Avocat	David Voyles	130
Grand Directeur Child Welfare	Terry McDonald	292
Sous Grand Dir. Child Welfare	Jeremy Lachut	460
Grand Directeur Voiture Activities	Ken Nettesheim	460
Grand Directeur Nurses Training	James Christman	448
Grand Aumonier	Rose Noonan	460
Sous Grand Aumonier	Sam Guenther	1403
Grand Drapeau East	C. J. New	1541
Grand Drapeau West	David Voyles	130
Grand Lampiste	Bowman McArthur III	460
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Ralph Turner	460
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Kevin Johnson	460
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Arthur L. Wilson	448
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Clarence Buckley	760
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Robert Phillips	1541

AJ Noonan was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Gare. Hallie Williams was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Train. Mike Scruby was elected by acclamation as Grand Commissaire Intendant. Terry Lanning was elected by acclamation as Grand Correspondant. Motion offered by Rich Heigert, seconded by Kevin Johnson, that the balance of the officers be elected by acclamation...passed.

Kevin read the appointed officers with permission by Grand Chef de Gare Elect, AJ Noonan, which are:

APPOINTED OFFICERS	NAME	VOITURE
Sous Grand Correspondant	Robert Emery	1379
Grand Publiciste	David Bexten	1292
Grand Organizer	Thomas (Chip) Berkley	292
Sous Grand Organizer	David Bexten	1292
Sous Grand Organizer	David Voyles	130
Grand Conducteur	Forrest Johnson	1541
Sous Grand Conducteur	Jennifer Blake	460
Sous Grand Conducteur	Benjamin Sargent	460
Sous Grand Conducteur	Dan Levasseur	1292
Sous Grand Conducteur	C. J. New	1541
Sous Grand Conducteur	Mark Horeschmeyer,	1541
Sous Grand Conducteur	Bob Evenson	1541
Grand Directeur Americanism	Robert Emery	1379
Grand Directeur Box Car	Don Barbour	333
Grand Directeur Carville Star	Ron Leverenz	760
Grand Directeur POW/MIA	Harry T. Barnes Jr.	1321
Sous Grand Directeur POW/MIA	Theadore McCart	1321
Grand Directeur Ritual	Larry W. Elliott	460
Grand Directeur Special Awards	Benjamin Sargent	460
Grand Directeur VAVS	Thomas (Chip) Berkley	292
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Don Newman II	1541
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Gary Puck	1379
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Ann Puck	1379
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Dennis Ecker	1321
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Samuel Mercer	1321
Grand Directeur Youth Sports	Ann Puck	1379
Sous Grand Directeur Youth Sports	Shiran Jackson	460
Executive Committee "Advisory" & Protocol	Richard A. Heigert	1321
Time & Place Committee	Janice Hartley	1541
(chair)	David Bexten	1292
	Kevin Johnson	460
Distinguished Voyageur	Calvin Bumgarner (2)	13679
	Terry L. Lanning (2)	448
	David Christian (1)	38
	Robert W. Phillips (1)	1541
	Ralph Turner (3)	460
	David Bexten (3)	1292
Distinguished Guest Committee	Robert Phillips	1541
	Terry L. Lanning	448
	Richard A. Heigert	1321
MAVO	Tom Goodin – Legislative Representative	1292
	Thomas (Chip) Berkley– Delegate at Large	292
	Grand Chef de Gare A.J. Noonan -Delegate	460
	Grand Chef de Train Hallie Williams - Delegate	448
	Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning - Delegate	448
Promenade Nationale Representative	Richard Heigert	1321
Aide de Camp	Rose Noonan	460

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Rich Heigert, that the appointments by the Grand Chef de Gare Elect, AJ Noonan, be approved as read...passed.

Notion offered by Terry Lanning, 2nd by Ralph Turner, that the delegates to the 2021 Promenade Nationale at Springfield, Missouri be Kevin Johnson, Rich Heigert, Harry Barnes, Rose Noonan and AJ Noonan. The Alternates will be Dave Bexten, Frank Angelo, Ann Puck, Forrest Johnson, and Calvin Bumgarner. AJ Noonan being the Chairman of the delegation with the right of appointment and Terry Lanning being the Secretary of the delegation...passed.

Grand Chef Frank Angelo relieved the members of the Grande Promenade Committees.

Newly elected AJ Noonan thanked everyone for electing him. He is humbled and honored. He is happy and proud to be part of the 40/8. He would like to travel during his year. Hopefully Covid will get better and we can get back to normal.

The Promenade was recessed at 9:55 AM to let the families and friends in for the Memorial Service and installation of officers.

The Grande Promenade came back to order at 10:10 AM. Grand Chef Frank Angelo turned the podium over to Aumonier Rose Noonan. She was assisted by Kevin Johnson and Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning for the Memorial Service.

Grand Chef Frank Angelo asked that the installing officer Passe Grand Chef Kevin Johnson come to the podium. Kevin installed the newly elected Grand Chef de Gare, AJ Noonan, first. Afterwards Kevin installed the rest of the elected and appointed officers.

Installing Officer, Kevin Johnson, took out of office the Grand Chef de Gare Frank Angelo and presented him with a Passe Grand Chef's pin. Frank Angelo then spoke to the membership thanking them for the great year he had. Going over 100% is an accomplishment that he will remember.

Installing Officer, Kevin Johnson, gave the gavel of authority to the new Grand Chef de Gare AJ Noonan.

At this time, the families and friends were asked to leave so that we may proceed in closing the Grande Promenade.

Kevin Johnson offered a notion to replace Leon Hill on the Distinguished Voyageur Committee with Calvin Bumgarner, seconded by Ralph Turner and passed.

The new Grande Chef de Gare AJ Noonan closed the Grand Promenade in the proper manner at 10:52 AM.

Submitted by  
Terry L. Lanning  
Grand Correspondant

#### POW/MIA-

- Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class George M. Gooch, 22, of Laclede, Missouri, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 2021. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Gooch. He will be buried Oct. 9, 2021, in his hometown.



## Membership Grande Voiture du Missouri

29-Jul-21

Voiture Name	Voiture	2020	2021	2021	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
		Year End	To-date	Quota		
HEART OF AMERICA	3	39	39	39	0	100.00%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	68	59	68	-9	86.76%
JESSE JAMES	130	30	38	30	8	126.67%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	34	32	34	-2	94.12%
STATE FAIR	333	109	111	109	2	101.83%
GATEWAY	448	65	67	69	-2	97.10%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	52	59	54	5	109.26%
KICKAPOO	760	28	32	31	1	103.23%
MARK TWAIN	966	3	3	3	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	63	77	72	5	106.94%
MINERAL AREA	1321	68	73	73	0	100.00%
NEUF COMPT	1379	41	37	41	-4	90.24%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	19	19	19	0	100.00%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	12	12	13	-1	92.31%
TWO RIVERS	1541	53	53	53	0	100.00%
Missouri Total		684	711	708	3	100.42%