



Communiqué



La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri

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

L'Éditeur Robert C. Emery



Fellow Voyageurs:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving this past week. A special time to spend with family and friends during the Holiday season. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep our less fortunate Veterans in your thoughts and prayers during the Holidays.

Thanks to everyone for the Veterans Day messages taken during Homecoming for the Warrensburg Veterans Home virtual celebration. I look forward to the upcoming Christmas parties scheduled for this month along with the Christmas Parade in St James this weekend. Always nice to talk with the Veterans at the St James Veterans Home.

Spring Wreck is just around the corner and will be here before we know it – I would ask that everyone attending submit their registration forms and make hotel reservations as soon as possible. If Voitures have PG's that will be attending – please identify them when submitting registration form so the Conducteur and his Wrecking Crew can plan accordingly. Looking forward to welcoming our new Voyageur Militaires into the Forty and Eight and Grande du Missouri.

MEMBERSHIP: As of 24 November 2021, Grande du Missouri is at 68.35% an increase of over 13% this past month. I want to congratulate the following Voitures for obtaining 100% or better for their Locale. Voiture 966, 1379 and 1541 achieved at least 100% - great work by all in submitting their renewals. I challenge every Voyageur to identify eligible Veterans and talk to them about the 40 and 8 and the programs of this organization. Invite these Veterans into the 40 and 8 organization and make them feel welcome.

If any Voiture has a special event coming up in the next few months; send Robert Emery a flier to include in the monthly Communiqué.

Sincerely,

A.J Noonan
Grand Chef de Gare
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Jan 2022 - Special Awards,
Voiture Activities
Feb 2022 - Distinguished Voyageur
Mar 2022 - Carville Star
Apr 2022 - VAVS
May 2022 - Nurses Training, PR

Child Welfare

In 1923, there were no government programs to assist children whose fathers perished in WWI or came home with wounds that limited their income. In response, La Societe developed its Child Welfare program. By 1925, La Societe established the Child Welfare Fund, later called The Charles Ardery Child Welfare Trust. That trust now funds aid to children regardless of connection to a veteran.

The Ardery Trust is funded by donations, the first \$0.25 of your annual dues, shirt sales, and pin sales.

From the Ardery Trust, 40 & 8 Locales can seek reimbursement for aid given to children who suffered a home fire, flood, or other extreme weather event. Locales can request up to \$300 per child and up to \$1,000 for all siblings.

This past year five Missouri Locales reported spending over \$29,000 in cash and services in kind to children. None of the Locales requested reimbursement.

Terry B. McDonald, Grand Directeur Child Welfare

Jeremy P. Lachut, Sous Grand Directeur Child Welfare

Why Buy Box Car Pins and Cards?

Did you know that The Box Car Association is the only program in Naθonale that gives away all its money at the Naθonale Promenade? No other program does that. Box Car donates money to Hero of the Year, Membership, Law Okcer of the Year, VAVS, VAVS Emergency Fund, Merci Box Car Maintenance Fund, and the Local VA at Naθonal just to name a few.

As you can see the Naθonal Box Car Program is very important to the Naθonal programs, and why your support is not only appreciated but needed for the beŹerment of all programs.

This is why a Voyageur is always asking you to buy Box Car pins and cards. We need your help so Box Car can continue donating money to help support these programs. Since 2014 Box Car donations have dropped over, . \$10,000. That is a big hurt for all the programs. Instead, we all hoped to see it increase. Why the big drop? Membership has dropped severely. Maybe it is because you do not know how much the additional money does for these programs. Stop and think for a moment about how much good happens because of this additional revenue.

Anyone wanting pins and cards please contact Virgil Blum phone number 402-779-6827. Virgil is still working so if he does not answer your call, he will return it when he can. Jim Maxwell
Naθonal Directeur Box Car

Lower the "Yellow Jack" and Don't Fence Me In

by Tom Adams, Directeur Carville Star The concept of quarantine dates back to Old Testament times. In the Middle Ages, ships that arrived port from places known to be experiencing plague were required to anchor off port for 40 days to allow any disease on board to run its course.

Quarantine remains a way to limit the movement of those suspected of having a serious disease. In our country the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ;CDCJ runs the federal quarantine program, though states and local communities have broad powers.

As I write this, it seems like the COVID variant is on the wane and we will be able to symbolically lower our Yellow Jack flags - known historically by a vessel that might be harboring a dangerous disease making it a candidate for quarantine. With the flag lowered hopefully we can resume all the fun things that define us as voyageurs of La SociÉTÉ.

In 1921 when the Public Health Service took over Carville from the state of Louisiana, the appointed Medical Officer in Charge upset the Carville patient population by flying the Yellow Jack next to Old Glory. At the time, patients did not need this visible reminder of their constrained life at Carville with its barbed-wire fences, a jail for those who were captured after escape attempts, and limits to social interactions between the sexes.

Thanks to the use of effective new drugs, by 1945 conditions at Carville had greatly improved. For the first time, the majority of patients were getting better. Many patients were deemed cured of Hansen's disease and able to leave Carville. As a result, the cowboy song "Don't Fence Me In" was adopted as a kind of theme song by Carville patients. There was no longer a need to "escape" through a hole in the fence where for decades patients would sneak out to party for the night or sometimes to leave forever.

Let's pray that our days of quarantine and "fencing in" are in our rear-view mirror. Let's trade those days for days of fun

Our Program treasurer and sous were reappointed for the 2021-2022 year. Contact the Sous in your area to get Program updates and answer any questions. We are committed to serve La SociÉTÉ and look forward to seeing you at "fun" activities throughout the year. The inscription of the French "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler" on our 2022 pin reminds us that it's time to again "let the good times roll"

Whiskey on the Rocks

Cold War Russia-Sweden Sub Incident

In October 1981, the Soviet submarine S-363 accidentally hit an underwater rock about 6.2 mi from the main Swedish naval base at Karlskrona, surfacing within Swedish waters. The boat's presence coincided with a Swedish naval exercise, testing new equipment, in the area. Swedish - 85 - naval forces reacted to the breach of sovereignty by sending an unarmed naval officer aboard the boat to meet the captain and demand an explanation.

The sub's captain initially claimed that simultaneous failures of navigational equipment had caused the boat to get lost (despite the fact that the boat had already somehow navigated through a treacherous series of rocks, straits, and islands to get so close to the naval base). The Soviet Navy would later issue a conflicting statement claiming that the boat had been forced into Swedish waters due to severe distress, although the boat had never sent a distress signal, and instead attempted to escape.

The Swedes were determined to continue investigating the circumstances of the situation. The Soviet captain, after a guarantee of his immunity, was taken off the boat and interrogated in the presence of Soviet representatives. Additionally, Swedish naval officers examined the logbooks and instruments of the submarine. The Swedish National Defence Research Institute also secretly measured for radioactive materials from outside the hull, using gamma ray spectroscopy from a specially configured Coast Guard boat. They detected something that was almost certainly uranium-238 inside the submarine, localized to the port torpedo tube.

Uranium-238 was routinely used as cladding in nuclear weapons and the Swedes suspected that the submarine was in fact nuclear armed. The yield of the probable weapon was estimated to be the same as the bomb dropped over Nagasaki in 1945. Although the presence of nuclear weapons on board S-363 was never officially confirmed by the Soviet authorities, the vessel's political officer, Vasily Besedin, later confirmed that there were nuclear warheads on some of the torpedoes, and that the crew was ordered to destroy the boat, including these warheads, if Swedish forces tried to take control of the vessel.

As the Soviet captain was being interrogated, the weather turned bad and the Soviet submarine sent a distress call. In Swedish radar control centers, the storm interfered with the radar image. Soviet jamming could also have been a factor. As the Soviet submarine sent its distress call, two ships coming from the direction of the nearby Soviet armada were detected passing the 12- nautical-mile limit headed for Karlskrona. This produced the most dangerous period

of the crisis and is the time where the Swedish Prime Minister Thorbjörn Fälldin gave his order to "Hold the border" to the Supreme Commander of the Swedish Armed Forces, General Lennart Ljung.

The coastal batteries, now fully manned as well as the mobile coastal artillery guns and mine stations, went to "Action Stations". The Swedish Air Force scrambled strike aircraft armed with modern anti-ship missiles and reconnaissance aircraft knowing that the weather would not allow rescue helicopters to fly in the event of an engagement. After a tense 20 minutes, General Ljung called Prime Minister Fälldin again and informed him that it was not Soviet surface ships but two German merchant ships. The submarine was stuck on the rock for nearly 10 days. On 5 NOV it was hauled off the rocks by Swedish tugs and escorted to international waters where it was handed over to the Soviet fleet.

At the time, the incident was generally seen as a proof of widespread Soviet infiltration of the Swedish coastline, and U.S. commentators encouraged Sweden to deploy incident weapons to deter future infiltration. On the basis of an investigation carried out after the incident, the Swedish government concluded that the submarine had entered Swedish waters knowingly, in order to conduct illegal activities. In an interview in 2006, Vasily Besedin, the political officer on board, gave a different picture. The vessel had dual navigation systems, a well-trained crew and the captain Pyotr Gushchin was amongst the best. On board was staff officer Joseph Avrukevich who was trained in security techniques. Besedin claimed the incident was caused by an error in calculations by the navigation officer. Besedin was however a political officer with no training in submarine operations.

The area in which the Soviet submarine ran aground was at the time a restricted military zone where no foreign nationals were allowed. The exact location served as one of only two routes that could be used to move bigger ships from the naval base in Karlskrona to open water. This incident is popularly known in the West as "Whiskey on the rocks" (the rock-grounded submarine being a Whiskey-class submarine). In the Soviet Navy the submarine came to be known as "Swedish Komsomolets", a pun on both the incident and the then widespread tendency to give the submarines Komsomol-themed names.



ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF THE BLUE CHEVALIERS PROJECT



Project Mgr. Robert Cearlock. Project advisors Mike Wood, Greg Hall & Frank Campo

The National Public Relations Committee is proud to announce the launch of the "Blue Chevaliers" project as of November 1st 2021. The project was unanimously and enthusiastically approved by the Committee at the 2021 National Promenade in Springfield Missouri.

This is the culmination of over eighteen months of research and discussion and we are grateful for all of the input from Grands and Locales that have encouraged the launch.

This Project offers a great opportunity to gain exposure for the Forty and Eight and help fight the demoralizing attempt and in some cases, successful attempt by some to defund and demoralize law enforcement.

As we Voyageurs Militaire have shown great allegiance to the founding principles of America and taken an unexpired oath to defend her from all enemies, foreign or domestic, it is our hope that Locales and Grands will enthusiastically support this Project.

Perhaps we will be the pioneers of something great. This is nonpolitical, so that is not an issue, this is just the right thing to do.

MISSION STATEMENT

Support the goals of the Generals Club with additional funds when required to support the 'Law Officer of the Year' expense.

*The Forty and Eight **General's Club** was formed in 1973. Its original purpose was to honor and dignify the profession of law enforcement. Funds generated by the annual dues in this elite club, underwrite the expenses of the Outstanding Law Officer of the Year program. In so doing, the **General's Club** affords each annual Outstanding Law Officer of the Year award recipient, the opportunity to attend Promenade Nationale, as a guest of the Forty and Eight. In recent years, the Club has taken on additional fiscal responsibilities associated with the Americanism Award program. For nearly 40 years, the General's Club has been a very important and select element within the Forty and Eight.*

- **Honor Locale, State & Federal Law Enforcement [including Military Police] Organizations and individuals for exceptional Community Relations activities and/or Projects**
- **Raise La Société's profile in Local Communities to promote interest in our organization.**

IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THE BLUE CHEVALIERS, the initial membership includes the Blue Chevaliers lapel pin and your 2022 membership card. Subsequent years after initial year will be \$2.00 for the current year and will issue the new card only.

SIMPLY FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND SEND YOUR CHECK OF \$15.00 TO THE ADDRESS ON THE FORM.

CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE "40/8 BLUE CHEVALIERS"

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE BLUE CHEVALIERS			INITIAL MEMBERSHIP		
NAME:			40ET8 MEMBER	LA FEMMES MEMBER	NON MEMBER SUPPORTER
ADDRESS:	STREET:	CITY:	ST:	ZIP:	
PHONE:	EMAIL:				

MAIL WITH CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO THE "40/8 BLUE CHEVALIERS" FOR \$15.00 TO:

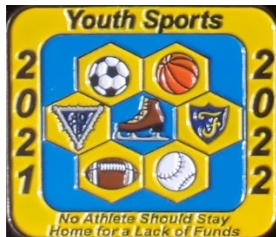
**40/8 Blue Chevaliers
c/o Robert Cearlock,
7 Lawnwood Dr.
Jackson, TN, 38305**

PLEASE JOIN US "IN SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT"



Special Olympics
Missouri

FIRST- A FEW LOCAL 'BASKETBALL' AREA COMPETITIONS:



Southwest Area Bowling; Fourth Street Bowl. October 28@ 9:30 am-12:30pm. KC METRO AREA BOWLING-11/06/2021, 8 AM -5PM. CENTRAL AREA BOWL-11/10/2021-9AM TO 2:30PM; STATE BOWLING-12/4/21-8am-5pm-St. Charles, MO.



No athlete should stay at home for a lack of funds!

FOR EXAMPLE- Individual sports: National USA Games: Athletics, Bocce, Bowling, Golf (Levels 1: female only; Levels 2-3: male only), Powerlifting, Swimming, & Tennis (1 female spot; 1 male spot; 1 female Unified Partner spot).

FYI-Every four years, Special Olympics conducts a national summer games in the United States that includes athletes from all 52 US Programs. The 2022 Special Olympics USA Games will bring 3,500 athletes to the greater Orlando area to compete in a variety of sports at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. **THUS, Youth Sports-** supports Special Olympics in many Locales. **YOUTH SPORTS ALSO** enhances physical, mental and moral development, good sportsmanship and IT'S FUN.

JOIN IN THE FUN. Grande du Missouri-Youth Sports Directeur-Ann Puck

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

GRANDE CHEMINOT and WRECK

March 25, 26 and 27, 2022

Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport West Earth City
3400 Rider Trail South
St. Louis, MO 63045
Phone: (314) 291-6800

Room Rate is \$109.00 (plus tax) per night



For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy

Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Holiday Inn by **March 4, 2022**

Mention "Forty & Eight" to receive room rate

Friday, March 25, 2022

Registration: 1500 until 1800

Hospitality Room 1500 - ????

Saturday, March 26, 2022

Registration 0900 - Noon

Wreck 0900-1130

LUNCH 1130 – 1300

1300 wreck continues

Hospitality Room open after Wreck until 1700

Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour – 1700 – 1800

Social Hour 1800 – Cash Bar

Banquet: 1900

Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ??????

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Grande Cheminot 0900 - NOON

Check Out

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline for registration for the banquet is March 19, 2022

To register for the Grande Cheminot, make Check payable to **Voiture 448**

Send to:

Terry Lanning
2045 Granada Drive
Florissant, MO 63033

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet/Person \$35.00 X No. Guests _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total \$ _____



	Membership	
Grande Voiture du Missouri		

2-Dec-21

	Voiture	2021 Year End	2022 To-date	2022 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	39	27	39	-12	69.23%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	59	51	59	-8	86.44%
JESSE JAMES	130	38	33	38	-5	86.84%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	32	29	32	-3	90.63%
STATE FAIR	333	111	91	111	-20	81.98%
GATEWAY	448	67	46	67	-21	68.66%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	59	45	59	-14	76.27%
KICKAPOO	760	32	14	32	-18	43.75%
MARK TWAIN	966	3	3	3	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	77	32	77	-45	41.56%
MINERAL AREA	1321	73	49	73	-24	67.12%
NEUF COMPT	1379	37	38	37	1	102.70%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	19	1	19	-18	5.26%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	12	7	12	-5	58.33%
TWO RIVERS	1541	53	54	53	1	101.89%
Missouri Total		711	520	711	-191	73.14%