



## Communiqué



# La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

## Grande Voiture du Missouri

December 2022 - Grand Chef de Gare Hallie Williams

L'Éditeur Robert C. Emery



Greetings Voyagers,  
We are approaching the holiday season. It's imperative that we contact our Voyagers that have not paid their dues. It starts with me, I will be making calls and visits.  
Please contact me in helping you on membership drives. Remember the Buddy Check. Keep up the good work, remember this is our Voyager.  
Alone we can do little, but together we can do so much more.  
Our goal is to RECRUIT RECLAIM RETAIN.  
Hallie Williams  
Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri

"Below are some changes to the new Grande Yearbook.

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### Sous Grand Correspondants Notes

Another year is upon us and it is time to hear from our new dircteurs. The articles for the next newsletter will be due by September 30, 2022 Ritual, Carville Star, and Child Welfare

Please share with others.

If your Voiture is planning an event be sure ti send me the information so I can include it in the Grande Newsletter and Grande Web Site.

Please keep me updated on your email address so you may keep receiving the Grande newsletter.

If you know anyone who would like to receive the newsletter please send me their email address (remery18@comcast.net)



# La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux Grande Voiture du Missouri

## OFFICIAL CALL

TO: ALL GRAND CHEMINOTS  
ALL GRAND OFFICERS  
ALL GRAND CHEFS de GARE PASSE  
ALL VOITURE'S CHEFS de GARE & CORRESPONDANTS  
ALL VOYAGEURS OF GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI

This is the OFFICIAL CALL for the Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck to be held March 10th to March 12th, 2023 at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803, phone (417) 866-5253, or (888) 532-4338.

The Active Wreck will be held on Saturday, March 11th, 2023, at 9:00AM in Springfield.

The Spring Grande Cheminot will be held on Sunday March 12th, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center.

There may be an Executive Board Meeting scheduled on Saturday. If there is one, the time and place will be posted in the Hospitality Room.

ALL GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND CHEMINOTS ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE A REPORT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND SUBMIT A COPY IN WRITING TO THE GRAND CORRESPONDANT.

All Voyageurs are to be in proper attire. The following male Officers are expected to be in coat, tie, shirt, long pants, socks and shoes, whereas female Officers are expected to be in a dress or skirt and blouse or slacks and blouse and shoes: Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Train, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Correspondant, Grand Garde de la Porte, Grand Lampiste, Grand Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteurs, and Grand Aumonier.

Terry L. Lanning  
Grand Correspondant

Hallie Williams  
Grand Chef de Gare

## Pearl Harbor survivors make trek to Hawaii for ceremony on 81st anniversary of attack

Six Pearl Harbor survivors, all over 100 years old, attended the remembrance ceremony in Hawaii on the 81st anniversary of the attack

Six centenarian survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor were among the thousands of attendees at the Hawaii memorial on Wednesday to commemorate the thousands of lives lost 81 years ago.

The ceremony began at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial. An emotional moment occurred 25 minutes later at 7:55 a.m., as over 2,500 people sat in silence in remembrance of the time the attack began on Dec. 7, 1941.

As part of the ceremony, the USS Daniel Inouye passed by the attendees and the USS Arizona Memorial to honor the survivors and the lives lost in the attack. Sailors aboard the guided missile destroyer could be seen along the rails offering a salute as the ship passed.

Ken Stevens, a 100-year-old survivor who was on the USS Whitney the day of the attack, returned the salute.

Approximately 2,403 people, almost all service members, died in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, which launched the U.S. into World War II.

The USS Arizona alone, which was stationed at the naval base, lost 1,177 sailors and Marines, accounting for nearly half of the bombing's death toll. Most of the fallen remain entombed in the ship, which lies on the harbor floor below today's memorial.

"The ever-lasting legacy of Pearl Harbor will be shared at this site for all time, as we must never forget those who came before us so that we can chart a more just and peaceful path for those who follow," said Tom Leatherman, superintendent of the Pearl Harbor National Memorial.

Only six survivors attended this year's ceremony, noticeably fewer than the dozen or more who traveled from all over the country in recent years. The decline reflects the dwindling number of survivors, as the youngest active-duty military personnel in December 1941 would have been about 17 years old.

Many of those still alive are at least 100 years old, including all six of the men who attended Wednesday's event.

Ira Schab, 102, a tuba player in the USS Dobbin's band, recalled seeing Japanese planes flying overhead before the attack.

"We had no place to go and hoped they'd miss us," he told the Associated Press before the ceremony began.

Schab ended up feeding ammunition to machine gunners on the vessel, which was not hit in the attack. He has now attended the remembrance ceremony four times.

"I wouldn't miss it because I got an awful lot of friends that are still here that are buried here. I come back out of respect for them," he told the AP.

His hope is that people will remember those who served that day.

"Remember what they're here for. Remember and honor those that are left. They did a hell of a job. Those who are still here, dead or alive," he said.

Schab remained in the Navy during the war. After the war, he studied aerospace engineering and worked on the Apollo program. He now lives in Portland, Ore.

Herb Elfring, a 100-year-old Army veteran from Jackson, Mich., told the AP it was great that so many members of the public showed interest in the commemoration by attending the ceremony.

"So many people don't even know where Pearl Harbor is or what happened on that day," he said.

Elfring was assigned to the 251st Coast Artillery, which is part of the California National Guard, when he heard bombs exploding down the coast at Pearl Harbor. He initially thought it was part of an exercise until he saw a red ball on the fuselage of a Japanese Zero fighter plane as it strafed the ground near his barracks at Camp Malakole.

"That was a rude awakening," he said.

One soldier in his unit was injured by the bullets, but no one was killed.

### PEARL HARBOR VETERANS SHARE WHY AMERICA 'MUST UNITE'

Robert John Lee, a 20-year-old civilian at the time of the attack, was living with his parents on the naval base where his father ran the water pumping station. Their home was about one mile across the harbor from where the USS Arizona was moored on battleship row.

Lee said he was woken up by the first explosions before 8 a.m. by what he thought was a door slamming in the wind. When he got up to yell for someone to shut the door, he saw Japanese planes dropping torpedo bombs from the sky.

He then saw the hull of the USS Arizona turn a deep orange-red after it was hit by an aerial bomb. He said he still remembers the hissing sound of the fire.



# GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI



## Spring Wreck & Cheminot

**March 10 to March 12, 2023**  
**Oasis Hotel and Convention Center**

**2546 North Glenstone Ave.**  
**Springfield, MO 65803**  
**417-866-5253**  
**888-532-4338**

Room Rate \$104.00 (+Tax) per night For  
Deluxe King or Deluxe Double  
PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS  
POSSIBLE Handicapped Rooms Available  
Make your reservations directly with Oasis Hotel ASAP  
Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations

**Friday**  
Registration 3 P.M. until 6 P.M. in Kalahari Prefunction Hospitality

Room 3 P.M. until 11:59 P.M. Mojave Ballroom  
Room

**Saturday**  
9 A.M. until 12 P.M. Registration in Kalahari Prefunction room  
Promenade/Spring Wreck Coco & Fiji Ballrooms

LUNCH 12 P.M. until 1 P.M. in Mojave Ballroom  
Spring Wreck Continuation 1 P.M. in Coco & Fiji Ballrooms  
Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour: 5 P.M. to 6 P.M. in Arabian  
room Social Hour 6 P.M. -Cash Bar/Banquet 7 P.M. in Mojave  
Ballroom Hospitality Room will be open after the Banquet

**Sunday**  
9 A.M. until 12 P.M. Grande Cheminot in Coco Ballroom

Deadline to register for the Banquet is March 01, 2023 Make  
your check payable to: Voiture 1379 for registration

**SEND TO: Robert C. Emery**  
**16001 E 31<sup>ST</sup> St. S**  
**Independence, MO**  
**64055-2709**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture Locale's # \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Buffet \$35.00/Person x Number of Guest \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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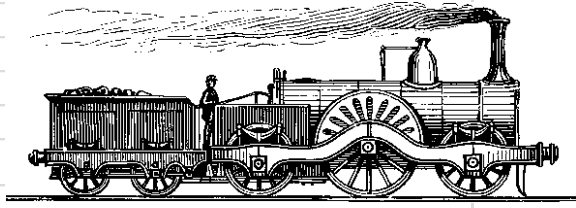
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## Membership Grande Voiture du Missouri

1-Dec-22

	<b>Voiture</b>	<b>2022 Year End</b>	<b>2023 To-date</b>	<b>2023 Quota</b>	<b>Sh/Ov Quota</b>	<b>% of Quota</b>
HEART OF AMERICA	3	27	17	34	-17	50.00%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	51	53	56	-3	94.64%
JESSE JAMES	130	33	26	37	-11	70.27%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	29	30	30	0	100.00%
STATE FAIR	333	91	92	105	-13	87.62%
GATEWAY	448	46	40	67	-27	59.70%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	45	37	59	-22	62.71%
KICKAPOO	760	14	14	27	-13	51.85%
MARK TWAIN	966	3	2	3	-1	66.67%
CAPITAL	1292	32	49	64	-15	76.56%
MINERAL AREA	1321	49	52	73	-21	71.23%
Neuf Comtés	1379	38	30	38	-8	78.95%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	1	1	13	-12	7.69%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	7	9	12	-3	75.00%
TWO RIVERS	1541	54	48	55	-7	87.27%
Missouri Total		520	500	673	-173	74.29%