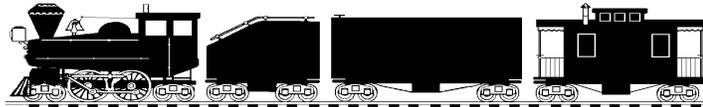




Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



February 2013 - Grand Chef de Gare Edward Jones

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs:

I hope everyone had a great and safe New Year. Now that the New Year parties are over, its time for us to get cracking on Membership. To all Chef de Gares and Correspondants, I call on each and everyone one of you to step up and ensure that each Voyageur have the honor of carrying their 2013 Membership Card for their respective Locale. To those that have reach the % 100 or more, thank you for a job well done. Go TEAM.

In January 16,2013, I travel to V-130 and attended their Promenade In St. Joseph, Mo. I then drove to Salina, Kansas on 1-19-13 and attended the Grand Mid-Winter Promenade. I received a hearty welcome from Grand Chef de Gare Wayne McReynolds of Kansas. Had my picture taken with the famous Gavel (weighs 45 pounds) and the Grand Chef de Gare. He had it double hand cuffed to a two wheeler for carrying purposes. Plus he had another set of cuff in his brief case for an emergency. Had a good time. On 1-21-13, I went to St. Roberts, Mo and attended the Martin Luther King dinner sponsored by V-460. Chef de Gare Chris Bryson and his lovely wife did a lot of the cooking with help from several others who

donated food. Thanks to all. I went to Cameron, Mo on 1-23-13, I attend V-1379 Promenade and met a forthcoming PG. Best of Luck. For dinner we had home made Chili. Humm good. That concludes my schedule for January 2013.

Remember the Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck on April 12-14, 2013 to be held at the Ramada Inn, Springfield, Mo.

Voiture 1541 Night at the Races on Saturday, March 2, 2013 has a new location:
 American Legion Post 312
 2500 Raymond Drive
 St. Charles, Mo 63301

Happy Hour: 1800-1900
 Races Begin: 1900

Hope to see many of you there.

God Bless You and God Bless America

Ed Jones
Grand Chef de Gare

Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes

Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end of each month. The schedule for articles due from the Directeur's will be as follows:

March – Distinguished Voyageur Award
Do not forget to send in any address changes to the Grand Correspondant.

Sam Guenther had hip surgery this past month. He is doing good after his hip operation. He is now in a Versailles Rehab facility and will be there for about 2 weeks.

SPECIAL AWARDS

On the 6th of November 2012, 25 Law Officers received the Medal of Valor at the Crusade Against Crimes 43rd Annual Medal of Valor ceremony in the St Louis area. With all of the news we hear lately, particularly “another catastrophe has been averted due to”, there must be other officers around the State that are deserving of our Law Officer of the Year Award as well. We are small in numbers but powerful in actions.

The purpose of Law Officer of the Year award is to recognize and pay tribute to a Law Enforcement Officer who has done an outstanding job of performing his or her duties at the level of his employment, as well as their off-duty contributions to the community, both past and present.

Candidates for this award may be obtained by seeking recommendations from the agency chief executive (Superintendent, Sheriff, Chief, etc.) or directly by a Voiture Locale. Some of the more specific guidelines are: a previous Law Officer of the Year may not be submitted a second time, the candidate must be living at the time of application, the candidate must reside in and perform their duties within the State, and the candidate need not be a veteran. Please address the application to

either Kenneth Goth or myself and be sure to put Forty and Eight Law Officer of the Year in the Subject Line.

The candidate's “packet” must be received on or before April 14, 2013 by Sous Grande Director Special Awards,
Norm Gentry
6872 Fox Bend Ct, Florissant, MO 63033
Email: npentry@swbell.net



MAVO

Missouri Association of Veterans
Organizations

**STATUS OF HOUSE
AND SENATE BILLS
OF INTEREST TO
VETERANS**
**1st Regular Session,
97th General Assembly**
**PRE-FILED as of
1/6/2013**

**HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES**

Bills Filed: HB 26-119: HJR 1-7

HB 57 --- Sponsor: Fitzpatrick, Scott (158)
Co-sponsors: MILLER AND CURTMAN

Prohibits an agency, political subdivision, employee, or member of the military of Missouri from assisting an agency of the armed forces of the U.S. in the unlawful detention of a citizen

Status: Pre-filed: 12/17/2012

HB 73 --- Sponsor: [Barnes, Jay \(60\)](#) Co-sponsors: DAVIS AND BURLISON

Empowering circuit courts to establish "veterans treatment courts" to preside over judicial supervision, drug testing, and substance abuse and mental health treatment for active and retired military personnel

Status: Pre-filed: 12/18/2012

HB 88 --- Sponsor: [Burlison, Eric \(133\)](#)

Allows a circuit court to establish a veterans treatment court to dispose of criminal cases which stem from substance abuse or mental illness of military veterans or current military personnel

Status: Pre-filed: 12/20/2012

HB 113 --- Sponsor: [Davis, Charlie \(162\)](#) Co-sponsors: SOLON

Establishes the Uniform Military Voters Act

Status: Pre-filed: 1/3/2013

HB 114 --- Sponsor: [Davis, Charlie \(162\)](#) Co-sponsors: SOLON

Requires institutions of higher education to award educational credits to a veteran for certain courses that were a part of his or her military training or service

Status: Pre-filed: 1/3/2013

HJR 3 --- Sponsor: [Elmer, Kevin \(139\)](#) Co-sponsors: JONES (50), MORRIS, LICHTENEGGER, DAVIS, KOENIG, BURLISON, CURTMAN, HAAHR, KORMAN, HOSKINS, RICHARDSON AND HOUGH

Proposes a constitutional amendment exemption from taxation certain property owned by active duty military personnel

Status: Pre-filed: 12/17/2012

SENATE

Bills Filed: SB 1-111; SJR 1-9

SB 106 --- Sponsor: [Brown, Dan \(16\)](#)

Requires higher education institutions to accept credits for military courses and professional licensing boards must consider military qualifications when considering licensing

Status: Pre-filed: 1/3/2013

2013 MAJOR DATES

9 January - General Assembly Convenes at 12:00 noon

13 January - State of the Judiciary

21 January - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday — NO SESSION

27 & 28 January - MAVO/MVC Veterans Day on Capitol Hill

28 January - State of the State

28 February - Last day to introduce Senate bills

14 March - Spring Break begins upon adjournment

25 March - Spring Break ends

1 April - Easter Break — NO SESSION

2 April - Easter Break ends

15 April - Last day to report House Consent Bills from Committees

10 May - Appropriation Bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

17 May - SESSION ENDS at 6:00 p.m.

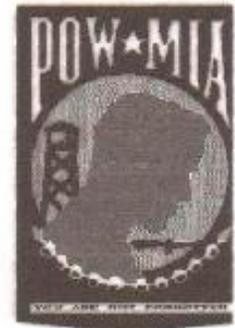
Grande Voiture du Missouri

GRANDE CHEMINOT AND SPRING WRECK

April 12-14, 2013



**Ramada Oasis Hotel and Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Ave.
Springfield, Mo. 65803
(888) 532-4338
(417) 866-5253**



Room Rate is \$ 75.00 per Night
For Single or Double Occupancy

Make reservations directly with Hotel by March 1, 2013

Inform the Hotel you are with the Society of 40/8 when making reservations.

Friday , April 12,2013

Registration: 3:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. UNTIL

Saturday , April 13, 2013

Registration: 9:00 A.M. - Noon

2013 Spring wreck 9:00 A.M. Until Completed (There will be a break in the
Wreck from 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. for lunch).

Hospitality Room will open upon completion of the wreck until 6:00 P.M.

Grand Chef de Gare Passe Social Hour: 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Banquet will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a Social Hour

Hospitality Room will reopen following the completion on the banquet

Sunday , April 14, 2013

Grande Cheminot: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

All Guests Try To Check-out By 11:00 A. M.



To Register for the Wreck & Cheminot make Check payable to Voiture 460

Send To:

Kevin Johnson
605 Wildwood Lane
Waynesville, Missouri 65583

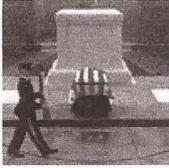
Last Name _____ Frist _____ Spouse/Guests _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet \$25.00 per Person/ total number _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

MEMORIAL DAY IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



The Forty and Eight Memorial Day Ceremony is an annual event hosted by the 40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee. Planning for the weekend starts in October for the next year's Memorial Day Ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery. The Sunday evening banquet includes the Calvin Kain Memorial Service. Monday is a solemn occasion when we attend and participate in the National Memorial Day Ceremony at the Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery. At this event, Voiture Nationale and Cabane Nationale Drapeaux are marched into the Amphitheater. After Memorial Day addresses are given by the President of the United States and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chef de Chemin de Fer and La Presidente

Nationale are invited to present a wreath at the tomb of the Unknowns. This is the only time that the 40 & 8 and La Femme leaders are recognized publicly by the US Government.

In 2001 we started a tradition of giving a US Flag to everyone entering the amphitheater. Because this requires about 10,000 flags, the committee requests donations. If you can help, please send your contribution to the Committee (as shown on the registration form). All donors will be listed in the Program Book. This is truly a weekend to remember and it is OPEN to everyone who would like to attend. Because of limited space, we recommend you register early.

The weekend is largely financed by the Memorial Day Program Book, so even if you are unable to attend, please consider purchasing an ad or being a booster.

Alvin R. "Dick" George, President
Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee



FORTY AND EIGHT MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

May 25th – May 27th 2013

REGISTRATION & RESERVATION

(Please Print or Type)



NAME: _____ VOITURE: _____ TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

IF REGISTERING FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON, PLEASE LIST NAMES BELOW

Event	Cost Per	How Many	Total
Registration: <small>(Please note registration covers hospitality room and transportation to Cemetery)</small>	\$25.00	_____	\$_____
Banquet:	\$30.00	_____	\$_____
Donation for Flags:			\$_____

Program Ads: Full Page - \$70, ½ Page - \$40, ¼ Page - \$25

(Please provide copy and size of Ad. Cutoff date May 10, 2013)

Boosters - \$2.00 per name, or \$4.00 For Mr. & Mrs.

1. _____

2. _____

Ads/Boosters: \$_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$_____

Attendees must make their own hotel reservations prior to April 23, 2013. Room rates are \$109.00, Gunston Corner Comfort Inn; 8180 Silverbrook Road; Lorton, VA 22079. Call 1-703-643-3100, mention 40&8/American Legion.

Make checks payable to: *Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee*, and mail to:

Alvin R. George, Jr.; 3384 Monarch Lane; Annandale, VA 22003 Phone: 703-403-1972

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

Michael S. Wood

Nationale Directeur Child Welfare

2631 Dell Rose Ave. * Richmond, VA 23228-5552

Phone: 804-266-3985 * Cell: 804-229-5133 * Email: Carblueheaven@aol.com

08 January 2013

I know that everyone enjoyed the Holiday Season, family, friends, food and gifts and just that general feeling of celebration and togetherness. I know that I personally had a wonderful Holiday. However we must realize that some of our friends, comrades, fellow Voyageurs, Dames and others were not as fortunate. I am of course speaking of the victims of Hurricane Sandy in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast United States. These people are still in the midst of recovery from the second most deadly natural disaster since Hurricane Katrina and as most of you have seen in the news, the federal government is once again very slow with financial aid. This is really a terrible shame and our citizens deserve much better. Now enter the Forty and Eight and the La Femmes to show the heart and character to aid our fellow man in time of need.

I have not sent out any recent news on the support that the Voyageurs and Dames have offered these individuals because we were all involved with the holidays in our own little worlds and concentrating on our immediate families and friends, but now is the time to address this need once again. First I want to extend my sincere thanks to all of you that have made donations to the Sandy Donation Appeal fund, your generosity is amazing. This country is comprised of the finest people on the face of the earth and the Voyageurs and Dames reflect the best of the best. Once again, thank you to all of you that have already supported this project, you truly represent the character and passion of our organization. Now I want to impress upon everyone that there is still a very large need for help.

You may have noticed that the news coverage of Hurricane Sandy is no where near the extent it was when Katrina struck, even though this area affected is much more populated. I believe this may be due to other events that dominated the news coverage. The Presidential election, fiscal cliff and of course the horrible shooting in Newtown, CT. But none the less the need to aid these victims of Sandy is still there. Believe it or not, as of Christmas there were still people without power and some that were still homeless and living in makeshift shelters. One of the things that make this country so much greater than others is that Americans always rally to the need of one another, and I know this case will be no different. So once again I am putting out the call for the Sandy Donation Appeal.

This project is sponsored by the Child Welfare Program and administered by Voiture Nationale in a separate fund that will respond to claims by the Ardery Trust Fund Committee. That Committee is comprised of Past Chefs de Chemin de Fer Bob Kaseman, John Digilio, Jr. and Bob Molina.

I, as the Directeur of the Child Welfare Program, and with your help, am just trying to help raise the funds to make it possible for the Ardery Trust Committee to be able to answer all of the claims that we receive. Make no mistake about it, these funds are for the victims of Hurricane Sandy and are not a substitute for support of the Child Welfare Program, this is a special one time Appeal, but however it may be used as credit on your Child Welfare year end reporting as credit for your Grande or Locale.

We will extend this donation project for one fiscal year from the date of Hurricane Sandy's strike to the affected area, so that will be until early November 2013. So if you, your Locale or Grand has not found room in your budget at this point, I beg you to do so. I realize that every Voyageur, Dame, Locale and Grande has different financial needs and abilities, but it is my hope that everyone can find something to support this Appeal. Remember, no donation is too small because it is what you can do and that is all that counts. Other organizations are also working to raise funds to assist these families and one that is worth mentioning is the American Legion. They have begun a Sandy fund raising campaign under their National Emergency Fund. So as you can see when disaster strikes the American people, the first responders are veterans and the woman's organizations that support them.

Please make your donations payable to the Sandy Donation Appeal and mail them to,
Voiture Nationale
ATTN: Sandy Donation Appeal
777 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204-1420

Thank you for taking the time to read this Appeal and I thank you, Voyageurs and Dames in advance for your support. I am sure that the families in the affected area of Sandy's destruction also send you their thanks for your kindness and open hearted giving. All donors will be recognized with a formal letter of thanks and a complete listing of all donors in the Forty and Eighter magazine. After reading this, please spread the word amongst those that do not get my emails or correspondence. I am attaching a list of donations that we have received as of this date.

Yours in Service
Mike Wood

Nationale Directeur Child Welfare

Grand Voiture du Missouri

Membership

January 31, 2013

Attached is the excel spreadsheet for membership. This report keeps Missouri in 31st or 71.37%. January 15, 2013 was the goal for 75%, but as you can see we missed it. 74% of the Voiture's in the Grand made the 75% goal. We now need to push a little bit harder and get those 75% goal Voiture's to be at 100% by the end of February. The balance of five Voiture's just need a little push to get them moving. Please get your memberships submitted ASAP.

Voiture Name	Voiture	2012 Year End	2013 To-date	2013 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	58	44	58	-14	<u>75.86%</u>
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	125	80	125	-45	64.00%
JESSE JAMES	130	30	30	30	0	<u>100.00%</u>
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	52	49	52	-3	<u>94.23%</u>
CROSSROADS OF MISSOURI	293	11	10	11	-1	<u>90.91%</u>
RUSSELL H. MILLER	333	277	121	277	-156	43.68%
TABLE ROCK LAKE	447	2	2	2	0	<u>100.00%</u>
GATEWAY	448	117	88	117	-29	<u>75.21%</u>
CENTRAL OZARK	460	63	57	63	-6	<u>90.48%</u>
COON COOKERS	520	12	11	12	-1	<u>91.67%</u>
KICKAPOO	760	80	59	80	-21	73.75%
MARK TWAIN	966	6	5	6	-1	<u>83.33%</u>
CAPITAL	1292	80	55	80	-25	68.75%
MINERAL AREA	1321	69	58	69	-11	<u>84.06%</u>
NEUF COMPT	1379	46	42	46	-4	<u>91.30%</u>
HEART OF THE OZARKS	1395	17	15	17	-2	<u>88.24%</u>
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	25	26	25	1	<u>104.00%</u>
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	37	23	37	-14	62.16%
TWO RIVERS	1541	70	65	70	-5	<u>92.86%</u>
			31st			
Missouri Total		1177	840	1177	-337	71.37%