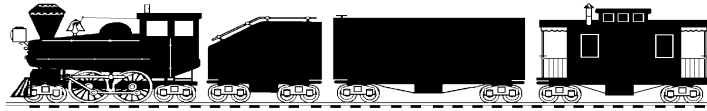


*Communiqué*  
*La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux*  
*Grande Voiture du Missouri*



**January 2014 - Grand Chef de Gare Ralph Turner - L'Editeur Grant Willis**

**The Grand Chef Sez**

Fellow Voyageurs:

Here it is another month, serving as your Grand Chef de Gare. I hope everyone had a great and safe Christmas and I wish each Voyager and their families a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

This is a very difficult time of the year for membership but if we are to keep La Societe then we must push that extra mile to obtain and retain members. We can't stop trying to renew our members - we need to keep trying until the end. Our membership is open to any honorably discharged veteran or anyone on active duty. It is still by invitation only. Today's military is composed of an ALL Volunteer Force. There are a massive amount of good compassionate people with the same beliefs as you that are Veteran's and personnel on Active Duty. All it takes is to go out and ask those potential applicants.

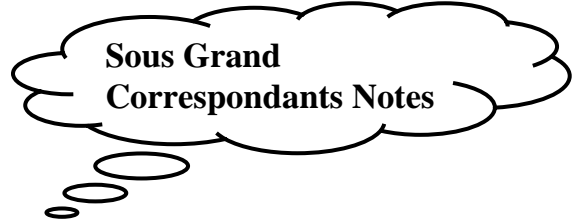
On the road this past month, I attended the Promenade of Voiture 1321. Thanks to Chef William Hoppe and the Voyageurs for the great hospitality. If I have not visited you Voiture be aware that I should be there soon.

I hope to see everyone at the Grande Cheminot and Spring Wreck that will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in St Louis—28-30 March, 2014. Thanks for all the hard

work that you do for *La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux!*

**Ralph Turner**  
**Grand Chef de Gare**

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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:  
 February – POW/MIA, and Special Awards  
 March – Distinguished Voyager Award  
 New address for John Kopp and John Paul Kopp:

5121 NE 47th Ter  
 Kansas City MO 64117

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**To help in lowering cost we are going to start sending this newsletter out electronically via email. If you are receiving this issue via ground mail, then I do not have an email address for you. If you have one please send it to the following email address:**

[willis.grant@sbcglobal.net](mailto:willis.grant@sbcglobal.net)

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## SPRING WRECK DERBY

The Grande is once again going to have a fundraiser at the Spring Grande Cheminot & Wreck.

Each Voiture that is represented at the banquet will have a Jockey and one decorated Stick (Hobby) Horse entry. The more realistic the better, Owners of the horse **wear your silks** (colors). Each Voiture will decorate their Stick horse and select their own Jockey to ride in the Stick Horse Derby Parade. There will be a \$20.00 per Voiture entry fee. **If a Voiture does not participate in the Derby there will be a \$50.00 fine.** At the banquet the men or women, dressed as Jockeys with their Stick Horses, will go around the audience to collect money to be used to feed the horses. Make sure your Horse has a full belly or you may find your Jockey and Stick Horse at the bar instead of the starting gate. The Jockey who collected the most money will win a prize. Next, the Jockey and Stick Horse will run 2 races. The races will be 10 (1 foot) squares and each Jockey representative will roll a die and the Jockey will move that many squares. Be careful, if your Horse number comes up you lose that turn. While the Stick Horses are getting into position at the starting gate, players can place their bets. \$2.00 bet for Win only. 50/50 split 50% to the Winning ticket holders and 50% to the Grande.

Stick Horses will be available for \$10 on Saturday or you can bring your own. Remember you will need to decorate the Horse.

Please plan on joining fellow Voyageurs at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Wreck, Stick Horse Decorating and Racing Contest. Brush off your STETSON; polish your Boots and Joy in on the fun.

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## AMERICANISM

Americanism is an unfailing love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, individual allegiance to the flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.

Our forefathers laid the foundation for a civilization that is the envy of the world. It has brought us greater spiritual and material wealth than any people has ever known. This is our heritage.

The many activities of the Forty and Eight are designed to acknowledge and preserve that heritage, recognizing all or the inalienable rights of man.

Here are just a few of the programs that the Forty and Eight uses to promote Americanism.

Americanism - Promote respect for the flag, Constitution, Law and Order and the proven willingness to defend these principles is evident in the day-to-day activities of members of our society.

Flags for First Graders – This program helps educate American youth in the history, respect and protocol.

Nurses Training program In 1941 we began issuing Nurses Scholarships to deserving individuals willing to undergo formal training and make a career of that very noble profession. In 1946 an acute shortage of nurses came to the attention of our Voyageurs and a Nurses Training Program was initiated at the Voiture Locale level. In 1955 Voiture Nationale formally established

our current Nurses Training Program.

Child Welfare program founded in 1923 to help ease the pain and suffering of those children whose fathers never returned or who were unable to care for their needs after the "Big War." Today, this program has grown to include all children with emergent needs and our efforts amount to over eight millions of dollars annually.

Box Car - The National Box Car Association set goals of making contributions to Hospitals, Children's Homes and Orphanages. Expanding its efforts the NBCA supports special projects at the annual Promenade Nationale (National Convention). A party for special children is held in the host city where the children and their escorts are treated to lunch, train rides on visiting Locomotives and entertainment by the NBCA HOBO Clowns and bands, etc.

Also a monetary donation is made to the host cities local VAVS Hospital or Clinic. Other donations go to the National Boland Nurses Training Trust Fund, the Charles Ardery Child Welfare Trust Fund and other programs requiring assistance, such as the National 40&8 Membership Committee, 40&8 Magazine, Law Officer of the Year program, and many others. All funding raised by the NBCA is distributed in the same year it is raised.

Hopefully soon I will have Americanism pins to sell. The initial batch of pins sold out quickly and Nationale is making a second run and will soon be distributing them and I will have them for sale.

Thank you for all of your support over the years and be sure to turn in you Americanism reports so your Locale and Grande du Missouri gets credit for its good works.

**Robert C Emery**  
**Grand Directeur Americanism**

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## **A note from Nationale**

We just wanted to let everyone know that if you want to order a Gold Blazer they are taking 16 weeks. If you need a Gold Blazer by Promenade in Virginia then your order must be placed by May 1, 2014. Any questions let me know

Thank you  
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## **FROM THE GRAND AUMONUER**

*A New Year's Thought*

Fellow Voyageurs.

The holidays are over and spring is just around the corner – sort of. But, it is the beginning of a new year, a new beginning, new hope, new wishes, new desires. But it is also a time to look back with a sense of thanksgiving. We had a wonderful year, filled with many positive things and events.

In light of this, I feel we should always be thankful for all we have been so blessed. I would like to share with you a Thanksgiving Day prayer my sister sent me this year. Read it carefully, there is a lot in it.

### *A Mystical Mini Prayer*

Most prayers or sentiments are too long. So simply say or pray, "Thank you."

Say it to your hungry appetite just before eating.

Say it to a glass of fresh water you're about

to drink.

Say it to the sun for a splendid bright  
day.

Say, it to the hot water shower or tub.

Say it to your favorite drink for its  
invigorating zest.

Say it to whatever you've lost upon finding  
it.

Say it as a toast when raising a glass to a  
dear friend.

Say it in restaurants or stores to the stranger  
who serves you.

Say it to your work or studies that daily  
challenge you to grow.

Say it to those you love and those you find  
difficult to love.

And yes, say it even to pain and to suffering  
you might not understand.

But of this mini prayer- be aware!  
Usually, it's so thoughtlessly robotic.

So before you say / pray "Thank you",  
fill its two holy words to overflowing  
with sincere love and gratefulness.  
Saints are made by praying it night and day.

Treasure this pint-size prayer  
mystically hiding this awesome truth:  
"Everything in life,  
absolutely everything,  
is gift, gift, gift"

Hope to see all of you in March

John Kopp  
Grande Aumonier

# GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI GRANDE CHEMINOT and WRECK

March 28, 29 and 30, 2014



**DOUBLETREE HOTEL ST. LOUIS AT WESTPORT**  
1973 Craigshire  
ST. Louis, MO 63146  
Phone: (314) 434-0100  
1-866-786-8088  
Fax: (314) 434-0140

Room Rate is \$79.00 (plus tax) per night  
For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy

**So Register EARLY**

**Handicap rooms available**

Make Hotel reservations directly with Doubletree Hotel by **March 7, 2014**  
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates when making reservation.

**Friday, March 28, 2014**

Registration: 3:00 until 5:00 P.M. (In Hospitality Room)  
Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. - ????

**Saturday, March 29, 2014**

Registration 9:00 A.M. until Noon  
Wreck 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.  
LUNCH 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
1:00 P.M. Wreck Continues

Hospitality Room opens immediately after Wreck till 5:30 P.M.  
Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour - 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
Social Hour 6:00 P.M. - Cash Bar  
Banquet: 7:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room: After Banquet - ???????

**Sunday, March 30, 2014**

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

**ALL GUESTS TRY TO CHECK OUT BEFORE 12:00 P.M.**

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME**

You may make Hotel Reservations for Grande Promenade July 18, 19, and 20, 2014 & Grande Cheminot and Homecoming September 26, 27, and 28, 2014 at this time.

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To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 1541  
Send to:

**Allen Schultz**  
1427 Summergate Parkway  
ST.Charles, MO 63303-6384

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

Voiture Number \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet/Person \$35.00 X No. Guests \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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National Public Relations Directeur  
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PALS Members and Voyageurs all,

How do you communicate; telephone, cell phone, snail mail, Face Book, twitter, email? It is amazing in this day of instant information that we still have those who refuse to participate in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



Is this the way you feel about computers? If so, it explains why there are so many among us that just don't get the word. Expect the entire organization from Locales to Nationale to expend extraordinary amounts of money to keep them informed. This is especially frustrating when Officers responsible for getting the word out and accomplishing vital tasks do not have modern communication skills.

If you have been a part of La Societe for very long you have come to realize that the Correspondant on every level, Locale, Grand, and Nationale is the most important position to the 40et8. Every function of the Voiture is centered on the Correspondant through membership, reporting, and communicating information to the Voyageurs. Each day that we progress forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century without modern communication puts us a little farther behind. Simply put, the Correspondant as a bare minimum must have access to email and the internet so the information flow can be maintained in a timely manner and at the minimum cost.

All Veterans Service Organizations have National Websites that convey their message to the members instantly. The present generation of Veterans communicates almost exclusively via electronic media! If you don't have access then you are in the dark. More to the point; you are missing an amazing pool of new members!

Grand Officers and Directeurs who do not have electronic communications available are easily left out of the loop on important updates and announcements and should not rely of their Correspondants to convey information to them relating to their duties.

So what is the answer? Obviously no one is going to run out and buy a computer and get on the internet, sign up for email and become computer savvy just because I think it is important. I can only suggest that when you select your officers you consider their ability to perform in today's environment. It is their connection to information and their ability to pass on that information that is vital to the organizations success going forward. In the same light, if you are responsible for communications in your Voiture [Chef de Gare, Correspondant, Publiste or Public Relations Directeur] then I highly recommend that you should be a member of the Press Association of La Societe. This will give you access to tips and suggestions for a professional approach to publicity, public relations and communications. This is important enough that I recommend that at least one membership be maintained in every Voiture and paid for by the Voiture.

This letter is being transmitted by the PALS Newsletter and email only, so if you know those who don't have access to email or membership in PALS please pass it on. Believe it or not, the cost of paper, stamps, envelopes, and time to send this one letter to every Voyageur would be in the range \$15,000.00 and as many as 1000 Voyageurs would still not receive it because their addresses are not up to date!

*Bob "OB 1" Cearlock*  
National Directeur, Public Relations  
**La Societe 40 et 8**



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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D C. 20224

TAX EXEMPT AND  
GOVERNMENT ENTITIES  
DIVISION

November 26, 2013  
Control No: TEGE-04-1113-21  
Affected IRM: IRM 4.76.26

Expiration Date: Nov 26, 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL EO EXAMINATIONS MANAGERS,  
ALL EO EXAMINATIONS REVENUE AGENTS

FROM: Nanette M. Downing /s/ *Nanette M. Downing*  
Director, EO Examinations

SUBJECT: Verification of Statutory Membership Requirements of  
Veterans' Organizations

This memorandum revises examination guidelines for tax-exempt veterans' organizations described in section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) by eliminating an agent's discretion to request DD Forms 214 at the outset of examinations for the purpose of determining whether the organization meets statutory membership requirements.

IRC sections 501(c)(19) and 170(c)(3) provide statutory membership requirements for certain tax-exempt veterans' organizations. Compliance with these requirements has a direct effect on the qualification for tax-exempt status and the deductibility of contributions.

In order to confirm whether a veterans' organization meets statutory membership requirements, IRM 4.76.26.12(1) provides that examining agents may request, among other documents, DD Forms 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, of veterans' organizations. DD Form 214 is a military service discharge certificate issued to veterans, providing proof of military service. However, DD Form 214 also contains private information, such as medical information.

Effective immediately, if an agent needs to determine the composition of membership of a veterans' organization, the agent shall *initially* request and collect from the organization four sets of documents, as follows:

1. Membership list(s) that contain the names of the members, the military service dates, and the status of each individual member. This status information is to indicate whether the member is active duty, veteran, cadet, or spouse. The organization may provide list(s) from its affiliated parent organization.
2. A document that shows the dues structure and classes of memberships.
3. The documentary information used by the organization to create the membership list(s) noted above. Organizations should be informed that to satisfy this request they may provide membership applications, membership cards, or other similar documents, *other than* DD Form 214.

4. Documents showing the organization's policies and procedures on how it decides an individual is eligible for membership, including documents which show the means by which it enforces its membership requirements.

If an agent possesses information that contradicts documentary information provided or if the organization fails to satisfy a reasonable request, agents may *then* request DD Forms 214 or other discharge documents from the organization in order to ascertain compliance with the federal tax laws cited herein. DD Forms 214 must include the name, department, component and branch of service, and record of service dates. All other personal information may be redacted.

The contents of this memorandum will be incorporated in IRM 4.76.26.

Please submit your questions to Mandatory Review via \*TEGE EO Review Staff.

cc: IRS.gov



# 40 & 8 Voiture #1541

## “Coon Supper”

When: Saturday January 18, 2014

Time: 6-7PM Happy Hour. Meal 7PM

Location: Wentzville American Legion

Menu includes BBQ and plain coon, Ham, German Potato Salad, Green Beans, Dessert

Donations accepted after the meal

All proceeds benefit Child Welfare and Nurses Training programs. For any questions contact Chef de Gare James Hartley at (314)607-1433.

**Thank you in advance for your support**

## Membership Report as of 12/26/2013

	2013	2014	2013		
	YTD	YTD	Year	% of	
Voiture	Total	Total	End	Quota	Short
3	44	46	58	79.31%	-12
38	75	88	114	77.19%	-26
130	30	26	30	86.67%	-4
292	49	50	52	96.15%	-2
293	10	0	10	0.00%	-10
333	109	110	211	52.13%	-101
447	2	2	2	100.00%	0
448	88	78	117	66.67%	-39
460	57	61	60	101.67%	1
520	10	13	12	108.33%	1
760	58	47	71	66.20%	-24
966	5	5	5	100.00%	0
1292	43	49	75	65.33%	-26
1321	51	55	70	78.57%	-15
1379	37	50	48	104.17%	2
1395	15	16	17	94.12%	-1
1402	26	13	26	50.00%	-13
1403	21	19	31	61.29%	-12
1541	47	67	71	94.37%	-4
Totals	777	795	1080	73.61%	-285

### **Membership**

Happy Holidays! During the Holiday season; as you attend various organizations and club activities remember to work on Membership. One of your acquaintances might be a Veteran interested in joining. The guideline for Membership is as follows: **Membership is by invitation of honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces.**

Membership is going good, currently at 74%. This means we need an additional 15 renewals to achieve our goal of 75% by January 31<sup>st</sup>. This is great, but let's not stop now, let's get those renewals turned in and look at those members that dropped last year and try to get them back. Thank you for all your Hard Work with membership, I appreciate it. We need to continue to attract new members in order to grow this great Organization.

Leon Hill  
Grand Chef de Train