



## Communiqué



# La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

## Grande Voiture du Missouri

January 2022 - Grand Chef de Gare A.J. Noonan

L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Fellow Voyageurs:

First of all – I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and had the opportunity to spend some time with family and friends. I would like to thank Voitures 292, 1321 and 1549 for the invite to their Christmas parties and Voiture 448 invite to their Promenade. If you have any pictures from the parties – please send them to me to include in the yearbook. Rose and I had a wonderful time at each event. I look forward to visiting more Voitures in the upcoming months leading up to our Spring Wreck on 25-27 March 2022 in Earth City, MO. December was a busy month, besides Christmas parties – I had the distinct honor to meet the Governor of Missouri, the Honorable Michael Parson and participate in unloading the wreaths for Wreaths Across America at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery on Fort Leonard Wood.



**Spring Wreck:** If you haven't sent your registration paperwork in or made hotel reservations for the Spring Wreck – I highly encourage everyone to do so as soon as possible. Registration form is included in the article. The Spring Wreck is always an enjoyable time but requires a lot of coordination and support to execute. Volunteers to work the Wreck are always appreciated. I look forward to seeing everyone there and welcoming our PG's into the organization.

**MEMBERSHIP:** As of 30 December 2021, Grande du Missouri is at 78.20% an increase of nearly 10% this past month – great job. Keep up the effort. I would ask each Voiture contact their members that have not renewed their membership. With your efforts – we can make 100% membership for Grande du Missouri. As of 31 December 2021, those members who have not paid their dues are delinquent. Reach out to those members and get them involved in your Voiture Activities. A phone call or letter may be all that it takes for that renewal.

**Reminder:** 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

Grande du Missouri

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The Grande Cheminot and Wreck will be on Friday, March 25, 2022 until Sunday March 27, 2022 at the Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport West Earth City. The registration form is in the newsletter. Make your room reservation and send in your registration form. Don't wait, it will be here before you know it. Come and have a good time.

## **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 \$50.00 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 a race(s). 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. There will not be any betting. Remember you will need to decorate the Horse. Please plan on joining fellow Voyageurs at the Spring Wreck, Stick Horse Decorating and Racing Contest. Brush off your STETSON; polish your Boots and join in on the fun. Terry

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## **WWI Christmas Truce**

### **The one and Only of the War**

The US declared war on Germany on April 6, 1917, nearly three years after WWI started. Before entering the war, the US had remained neutral, though it had been an important supplier to the United Kingdom, France, and the other powers of the Allies of WWI. And WWI had a Christmas - 52 - Truce. Starting on Christmas Eve 1914, many German and British troops fighting in World War I sang Christmas carols to each other across the lines, and at certain points the Allied soldiers even heard brass bands joining the Germans in their joyous singing. At the first light of dawn on Christmas Day, some German soldiers emerged from their trenches and approached the Allied lines across no-man's-land, calling out "Merry Christmas" in their enemies' native tongues.

At first, the Allied soldiers feared it was a trick, but seeing the Germans unarmed they climbed out of their trenches and shook hands with the enemy soldiers. The men exchanged presents of cigarettes and plum puddings and sang carols and songs. Some Germans lit Christmas trees around their trenches, and there was even a documented case of soldiers from opposing sides playing a good-natured game of soccer. German Lieutenant Kurt Zehmisch recalled: "How marvelously wonderful, yet how strange it was. The English officers felt the same way about it. Thus Christmas, the celebration of Love, managed to bring mortal enemies together as friends for a time." Some soldiers used this short-lived ceasefire for a more somber task: the retrieval of the bodies of fellow combatants who had fallen within the no-man's land between the lines.

The so-called Christmas Truce of 1914 came only five months after the outbreak of war in Europe and was one of the last examples of the outdated notion of chivalry between enemies in warfare. It was never repeated—future attempts at holiday ceasefires were quashed by officers' threats of disciplinary action—but it served as heartening proof, however brief, that beneath the brutal clash of weapons, the soldiers' essential humanity endured.



# BLUE CHEVALIERS PROJECT

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



## IN SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Welcome to 2022, the CHARTER YEAR of the Project.

As we start the year we want to thank everyone who has already joined during the launch period of the project! We were honestly not expecting the kind of response we have received with confusion we had with the address and the Pandemic resurgence.

I wish to present a motion that Post 141 join the Blue Chevaliers as a Charter Organization in support of Law Enforcement.

In any case, I hope you will all observe your Local Law Enforcement to recognize either an individual or organization for their contribution to local or State community relations or indeed, Heroism.

I hope all of you had an amazing Christmas and healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

I have attached the "Award Proposal" and the list of current members sorted by State. If you are on the list and have not yet received your membership package it is in the mail.

I hope to see many submittals for awards in the near future!

Bob "OB1" Cearlock  
and

***The Blue Chevaliers Project Team***

# Mineral Area Voiture Locale 1321

Du Missouri

La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux



## RESOLUTION

**SUBJECT: Nomenation for Grand Aumonier - Theadore W. McCart**

WHEREAS; Mineral Area Voiture Locale 1321, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, has a Voyageur Militaire who is deserving of consideration for the high office of

### GRAND AUMONIER du MISSOURI

And

WHEREAS; Voyager Theadore W. McCart earned his admittance into Voiture Locale 1321 by his Honorable service in the US Army from September 1970 to October 1990. and

WHEREAS; Voyageur McCart was initiated into Voiture 1321 in 2016, and subsequently served Voiture 1321 with distinction as Sous Correspondant, Chef de Gare, Grand Cheminot and Sous Grand Directeur POW/MIA. and

WHEREAS; Voyageur McCart is and has been an active Legionnaire serving his Post as the Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain, Adjutant and presently the Commander. He is currently the Thirteenth District Finance Officer. now, therefore be it

RESOLVED; By Mineral Area Voiture 1321, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Grand du Missouri by a unanimous vote of the Voyagers of Voiture 1321 on 19 December 2021, do hereby enthusiastically endorse Voyageur Theadore W. McCart for the high office of Grand Aumonier, Grande Voiture du Missouri for the year 2022-2023, to be voted on at the Grand Promenade du Missouri, held in June 2022.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021 by the Mineral Area Voiture 1321, Missouri.

*Richard A. Heigert*

Richard Heigert, Correspondant  
Mineral Area Voiture Locale 1321

*Duane DeClue*

Duane DeClue, Chef de Gare  
Mineral Area Voiture Locale 1321



# 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**

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



## 30-Dec-21

	Voiture	2021 Year End	2022 To-date	2022 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	39	34	39	-5	87.18%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	59	52	59	-7	88.14%
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	52	67	-15	77.61%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	59	48	59	-11	81.36%
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	60	73	-13	82.19%
NEUF COMPT	1379	37	38	37	1	102.70%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	19	8	19	-11	42.11%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	12	8	12	-4	66.67%
TWO RIVERS	1541	53	54	53	1	101.89%
Missouri Total		711	556	711	-155	78.20%