



## Communiqué



# La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

## Grande Voiture du Missouri

July 2021 - Grand Chef de Gare Franklin V. Angelo

L'Éditeur Robert C. Emery



Greetings Voyageurs,

I hope this article finds everyone doing well. I would like to take this time and Thank every Voiture and each and every Voyageur Militaire and family

members for the hospitality and support I received as the Grand Chef de Gare. Unfortunately, I was not able to travel and get to visit and socialize with every Voiture; due to the pandemic and scheduling conflicts. My time as Grand Chef de Gare is almost over, this time next month I will be the Alternate Chemonit for Grande du Missouri.

In Membership we have done an outstanding job! We attained our goal of 100% in Membership. Congratulations and Thank You to every Voiture and Voyageur Militaire for putting in the effort to retain and add to our ranks new Voyageur Militaires allowing Grande du Missouri to finish over 100% in membership. We finished June with 711 paid members out of the 708 quota for a 100.42%! In the month of June the Grande du Missouri added three members. We still have about 30 days remaining in our membership year, to get some of our members that are not in good standings with Voiture Nationale in good standings for membership. I would love to see Grande du Missouri have back-to-back years of 100% membership. We are in a great position to start working on next year's membership. We also attained our other goal of being able to sit up front at Promenade Nationale.

The 102ND Promenade Nationale is still scheduled for the week of September 14TH – 18TH 2021 in Springfield, MO. I believe with the support of our Voitures and Voyageur Militaires we will have an outstanding Promenade Nationale. We are still looking for volunteers to help out. If you are planning on attending, please get your registration sent in soon please. The link is on the Grande's webpage for the form to be mailed in to Voiture Nationale. Grand Chef de Gare Passe Richard Heigert is the Chairperson for the Promenade Nationale.

I think we have had a great year and I thank everyone again for this past year. I am sure Grande du Missouri will have another great year next year, especially with support eve-

ryone will give to the incoming Chef de Gare AJ Noonan and the rest of the Officers. Please stay safe and I hope to see everyone in Springfield for the Grande Chemonit and Promenade the 23RD – 25TH of July. If I can ever do anything for anyone, please let me know. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Grand Chef de Gare for Grande du Missouri this past year and I would like to say Thank You for this opportunity.

Frank Angelo

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Sous Grand Correspondants

Notes :

As we end one membership year and prepare for the new one.

Those taking positions please be ready to send me articles about your programs.

I will put a list of when I would like articles for the newsletter.

If you know someone who would benefit from receiving the newsletter, please send me their email address so I can add them to my Grande du Missouri list.

If you have an event planned please send me the information and I can post on the Grande du Missouri web site.

## GI Bill

### 77 Years In The Making

June 22, 2021, marked the 77th Anniversary of the GI Bill, originally titled the “Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944.” The GI Bill set out the authority and responsibility for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide Veteran education and training benefits, as well as loan guaranty services. Some may only associate the GI Bill with just education and training benefits, but there’s much more to it and its associated programs and benefits. VA set a record last fiscal year by providing more than 1.2 million home loans totaling \$375 billion. VA helped almost 120,000 Veterans avoid foreclosure, saving taxpayers more than \$3.4 billion in mortgage servicing fees. VA also provided nearly 2,100 adaptive housing grants worth over \$116 million.

VA continues to improve and expand the benefits and services that were connected to the GI Bill. This year saw several pandemic-related acts administered by VA.

The Isakson-Roe Veterans Improvement Act of 2020 is a good example of how recent changes made by Congress recognize that the GI Bill is an economic opportunity engine. This new law features 32 provisions that impact the administration and oversight of GI Bill benefits including new requirements for enrollment verification, expanded restoration of entitlement opportunities, the sunseting of the Montgomery GI Bill, substantial changes to our oversight of GI Bill approved schools, and other education related issues.

To better support education, VA is implementing a Digital GI Bill that will modernize the information technology platform supporting the GI Bill. This will allow VA to deliver direct, online, one-stop access to GI Bill benefits and information to all GI Bill students, revolutionizing how Veterans and beneficiaries can interface with VA and their benefits while allowing them to receive benefits uninterrupted and on-time.

Another goal is to improve overall outreach and usage of the GI Bill programs for special populations, such as women Veterans, military spouses, children and minority Veterans.

One change that beneficiaries may also have noticed recently is that Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) services have changed its name from the previous “Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment.” The change reemphasizes our mission to encourage, promote and support transitioning service members 20 and Veterans with service-connected disabilities to achieve maximum independence in daily living and, to the maximum extent possible, to become employable and to obtain and maintain suitable employment. VR&E counselors work on military installations and college campuses across the nation to provide outreach and readiness services to service members and Veterans. VR&E is also currently undertaking a modernization effort to ensure the next generation of service members and Veterans reach their employment goals. It includes tele-counseling, e-VA communications, centralized mail, a web-based orientation tool and a state-of-the-art case management system.

Since 1944, over 26 million home loans have been guaranteed by VA worth nearly \$3 trillion. Since 1948, VA has made almost 45,000 housing grants totaling nearly \$1.7 billion. The GI Bill was a triumph when it was passed 77 years ago. Its impact today only grows as it continues to benefit Veterans and their beneficiaries. [Source: Vantage Point | Dan Kuester | June 22, 2021 ++]

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### Vocabulary Some Words to Enhance Yours

**Aggrandize** [ ag-ruhn-dahyz ] to make something appear greater.

**Anfractuous** [ an-frak-choo-uhs ] characterized by windings and turnings; sinuous; circuitous.

**Aspergillum** [ as-per-jil-uhm ] a brush or instrument for sprinkling holy water

**Burgeon** [ bur-juhn ] begin to grow or increase rapidly; flourish.

**Clerestory** [ klee-r-stawr-ee ] a portion of an interior rising above adjacent rooftops and having windows admitting daylight to the interior.

**Curmudgeon** [ ker-muhj-uhn ] a bad-tempered, difficult, cantankerous person.

## Military Mental Health Disorders

HR.0000/S.0000 | Brandon Act

National Defense Authorization Act last year but was taken out in final negotiations. “We’re back here again demanding Congress pass the Brandon Act,” Moulton said Wednesday outside the Capitol. “By passing this bill, Congress could empower service members to quickly get help in an emergency situation as soon as they confided in someone that they needed it.” Under the bill, all service members would have to tell their supervisor or commanding officer is that they had a “Brandon Act concern” to receive a referral for mental health care, Moulton said.

Caserta’s parents, Patrick and Teri Caserta, have pushed for the change since their son died three years ago. The couple spoke outside the Capitol on Wednesday afternoon, continuing to advocate for the bill. “Brandon had a smile that made everyone want to smile,” Patrick Caserta said. “He cared about everyone. Please support the Brandon Act. This is truly a matter of life or death.” Brandon Caserta was one of 325 active-duty service members who died by suicide in 2018, and one of 68 sailors, according to military data. Suicides have increased since then. In 2019, 348 active-duty service members died by suicide, and in 2020 that number rose to 377. The military saw a significant spike in suicides during the end of 2020.

The Brandon Act creates a system modeled off the process available to victims of sexual assault, which would allow serve members who experience mental health issues to receive care without notifying their command or opening an official investigation of any allegations. The Casertas believe the change would help reduce the perceived barriers of self-reporting for mental health evaluations and ease service members’ path to care. “While we can’t get Brandon back, we can honor his legacy, honor his service and prevent tragic losses like these from ever happening again,” Kelly said. [Source: Stars & Stripes | Nikki Wentling | June 16, 2021 ++]

## Coffee Drinkers

Goodbye? Service Members Might Soon Be Fueled By a Jolt to the Brain

Joe, mud, java. There are many names for the steamy brown sludge we robotically pour into mugs adorned with clever caffeine-centric quotes. But now, thanks to a study performed by the Air Force Research Lab, coffee will perhaps someday be replaced ... with a jolt to the brain. Forty active-duty military personnel from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base participated in the study, one funded by NASA, in an attempt to analyze the efficacy of Transcutaneous Cervical Vagus Nerve Stimulation in treating migraines and the impacts of sleeplessness.

“One possible way to enhance alertness could be by (non-invasively) stimulating an area of the brain called the locus coeruleus,” the study said. To do so, the study looked at how a noninvasive electrical neuromodulation device, which has also been used to treat drug-resistant epilepsy and depression, could influence the military’s exhaustion-fueled abuse of energy drinks and coffee. “Fatigue is a serious and unavoidable problem for many professions such as medicine, transportation, and the military,” reads the study. “In general, it is a serious public health risk. Fatigue induced by sustained wakefulness can cause slower reaction times, a reduced ability to multitask, and increases in lapses of attention that can lead to costly, even deadly mistakes.”

And who has to deal with “sustained wakefulness” more than service members? “We delivered cervical transcutaneous vagal nerve stimulation (ctVNS) via a handheld neurostimulation device originally approved to treat cluster headaches and migraines,” the study’s authors wrote. “This device passes a noninvasive electrical current pulsed at 25 Hz through the skin to the nerve via two electrodes placed over the neck.” Additionally, the treatment “only takes 6 min per stimulation dose,” the study reads, which sounds much more simple than all the rigmarole associated with making a cup of coffee. (Although it probably doesn’t taste as good.)

The therapy, the study concluded, is said to “increase wakefulness, attention, and arousal and improve mood during periods of sleep-deprivation-induced stress.” Perhaps the reign of Rip Its (Energy Drink) will soon come to an end. [Source: MilitaryTimes Observation Post | Sarah Sicard | June 25, 2021 ++]

## Cargo Rocket Delivery

### Military Wants Anywhere in the World in Under an Hour

The U.S. Air Force wants to test whether it's possible to move hundreds of tons of military equipment to forward operating locations and bases around the world using reusable rockets instead of mobility aircraft. In early JUN, the service announced that "Rocket Cargo" will be the fourth experiment under its Vanguard program, which examines how new technologies and commercial capabilities can be applied to its missions. The service is asking lawmakers for \$47.9 million in its 2022 budget request to develop the technology and test "whether it can deliver cargo anywhere on the Earth in less than one hour," according to budget documents. "We decided it's time to make an investment and see if this turns into an operational capability," Greg Spanjers, Rocket Cargo program manager at the Air Force Research Laboratory, said during a briefing with reporters Friday.

While the lab typically oversees the science and technology elements of Vanguard programs, the U.S. Space Force will take the lead on Rocket Cargo, a first for the fledgling service. The idea of using rockets for cargo delivery is not new. Last year, U.S. Transportation Command, or TRANSCOM, and aerospace company SpaceX began looking at the project. And in 2018, Gen. Carlton D. Everhart II, then head of Air Mobility Command, or AMC, laid out his vision for the command's future priorities, including rocket 53 logistics delivery. "About five years ago, when we brought this [idea] onboard, honestly, a lot of people looked at me and went, 'Are you nuts?'" Everhart said in an interview 7 JUN. Military.com caught up with the retired general on the recent developments.

"It's a game changer," Everhart said, "and I think it opens up a huge amount of avenues for logistics and new logistics systems, which further opens up avenues for jobs and the economy. "It also is a game changer in the fact that we can do point-to-point cargo rapidly, which gets inside the [decision-making process] of our enemy, which really opens up new avenues for strategy," he added. Spanjers on 4 JUN agreed there was skepticism about Everhart's initial proposal years ago. "I was, frankly, one of the scoffers at the time because we've looked at this for many, many decades, and it's never made sense," he said, adding that it's different this time.

Some key findings have changed, including upper limits on how many tons of cargo a rocket can carry. To start, it should be roughly the same as a C-17 Globemaster III, Spanjers said. "The cost per pound to transport it decreases as the rockets get larger," he said. "We also have multiple companies that are using their own money to develop various aspects of reentry systems that allows you to get the global reach to return the payload anywhere on the planet." Private industry tackling the issue gives the services leverage, said Todd Harrison, director of the Aerospace Security Project at the Center for Strategic & International Studies, a think tank in Washington, D.C. The private sector has been working on the technology to make rocket resupply feasible for years, with "SpaceX arguably at the forefront with its Starship and Super Heavy family of vehicles," Harrison said in an email Monday. "Blue Origin is also in the mix. "Suborbital cargo and passenger flights are likely to become a reality within this decade, so I wouldn't discount the idea [of rocket resupply]," he said. "If it is a fully reusable system that refuels before flying back, then it will need a fair amount of infrastructure on both ends. But if it is a capsule that flies out and may be considered expendable, then you could image 'space drops' of cargo into forward locations on unprepared terrain." He added, "It would still be a niche capability because of the price per pound, but it could be worth it under certain situations."

The Rocket Cargo program will study how the military can safely land a rocket "near personnel and structures, engineer a rocket cargo bay and logistics for rapid loading and unloading, and air-drop cargo from the rocket after reentry in order to service locations where a rocket or aircraft cannot possibly land," the Air Force said in a release. The research lab also is looking at ways "to rapidly measure high-altitude weather, which is a key aspect of the launch," Spanjers said. Rocket resupply potentially could be used for disaster relief and humanitarian or nontraditional missions in remote areas, easing the burden on TRANSCOM and AMC units, officials said.

The Air Force's Space and Missiles Systems Center, or SMC, will be responsible for transitioning the Vanguard to a Space Force program of record, said Brig. Gen. Jason Cothorn, vice commander and primary executive officer for the Space Enterprise Corps at SMC. The organization would treat rocket resupply similarly to the way it oversees space launch activities today, Cothorn said during Friday's briefing. As the Pentagon pivots to the Pacific, rocket resupply would be useful in the vast expanses of that region, Everhart said. As noted by Popular Mechanics, it takes a C-17 cargo aircraft 12 hours to make the trip from California to Okinawa, Japan; a rocket could do it in 30 minutes. "That is the gator next to the boat, if you will," he said, referring to the region to watch

Everhart predicts there will be further applications for the technology. "Could you preposition cargo in space?" he mused. "Could you bring it down and place it where you want it to? I mean, there's a whole lot of branches and sequels to this thing. "I think any region would benefit with it," including the U.S., Everhart added. [Source: Military.com | Oriana Pawlyk | June 9, 2021 ++]

# RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS: Neuf Comtes Voiture 1379, La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux Grande du Missouri has a Voyageur Militaries who is deserving of your consideration for the high office of Grand Commissaire Intendant and...
- WHEREAS: Voyageur John "MIKE" Scruby was initiated into Voiture 1379 in 2012 and subsequently served Voiture 1379 in various offices Chef de Train, Avocat, Grand Cheminot and...
- WHEREAS: Voyageur John "MIKE" Scruby has served the Grande Voiture du Missouri as: Sous Chef de Train, Grand Drapeau West , Aide de Camp, and Grand Directeur Carville Star, and...
- WHEREAS : Voyageur John "MIKE" Scruby is and been an active Legionnaire serving his Post in several offices including Commander, Vice Commander and Executive Board
- WHEREAS: Voyageur John "MIKE" Scruby has demonstrated his Qualities of leadership and devotion to La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, and the American Legion, and...
- NOW: There be it resolved by Neuf Comtes Voiture Locale 1379 La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, in regular Promenade duly assembled this 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of June, 2021, do hereby enthusiastically endorse Voyageur John "MIKE" Scruby for the high office of Grand Commissaire Intendant for the year of 2021 – 2022, to be voted on at the Grande Promenade du Missouri to be held July 2021, and..
- ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2021 by Neuf Comtes Voiture 1379 at its regular Promenade assembled.

*Robert C. Emery*

Robert C. Emery Correspondant  
Neuf Comtes Voiture 1379

*Gary Puck*

Gary Puck, Chef de Gare  
Neuf Comtes Voiture 1379



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# _____	La President Luncheon (9/16/21) @ \$28.00	\$ _____
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	Select one meal for each person:	
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## 1-Jul-21

Voiture Name	Voiture	2020 Year End	2021 To-date	2021 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	39	39	39	0	100.00%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	68	59	68	-9	86.76%
JESSE JAMES	130	30	38	30	8	126.67%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	34	32	34	-2	94.12%
STATE FAIR	333	109	111	109	2	101.83%
GATEWAY	448	65	67	69	-2	97.10%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	52	59	54	5	109.26%
KICKAPOO	760	28	32	31	1	103.23%
MARK TWAIN	966	3	3	3	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	63	77	72	5	106.94%
MINERAL AREA	1321	68	73	73	0	100.00%
NEUF COMPT	1379	41	37	41	-4	90.24%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	19	19	19	0	100.00%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	12	12	13	-1	92.31%
TWO RIVERS	1541	53	53	53	0	100.00%
Missouri Total		684	711	708	3	100.42%