



# Communiqué

## La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

### Grande Voiture du Missouri



March 2020 - Grand Chef de Gare Janice Hartley

L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



**Greetings everyone;**  
I find myself on the road again for one of many veteran organizations

that I belong to, heading to Virginia this time. Be assured I will be back before our Spring Wreck in Springfield.

I hope everyone had a great Valentines Day and Presidents Day.

Our fund raiser this year is "Hillbilly Golf" - lets have some fun and relax after a long day with our PGs.

We must address a subject that everyone raises their eyebrows at - MEMBERSHIP. Grande du Missouri is almost there! We only need 144 more to be 100%.

Hopefully winter is almost over, and I will be able to attend some of your promenades.

Safe travels and I'll see you in Springfield.

Janice Hartley  
Grand Chef de Gare

#### SPRING WRECK HILLBILLY GOLF

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 voyageur dressed up like a Hillbilly Golfer.

The more realistic and the more colorful the better. There will be a \$50.00 per Voiture entry fee. If a Voiture does not participate there will be a \$50.00 fine. At the banquet the men or women, dressed as Hillbilly Golfers, will go around the audience to collect money. The Hillbilly Golfer who collected the most money will win a prize. Polish up your golf balls and get out your Hillbilly clothes and let's have some fun.

Terry Lanning

#### Sous Grand Correspondants Notes



**RITUAL OF CELEBRATION FOR THE BIRTHDAY OF  
LA SOCIETE DE QUARANTE HOMES ET HUIT CHEVAUX**

March 15, 1920

CHEF DE GARE:

“Welcome fellow Voyageurs Militaire, honored guests and all who hold service to God and Country as sacred. Today marks the 95th Birthday of “La Societe de Quarante Homes et Huit Chevaux” commonly known as the Forty and Eight, or La Societe.

In March of 1920, Joseph W. Breen, a member of the newly formed American Legion and an officer of Breen-McCracken Legion Post 297, met in Philadelphia with fifteen other prominent Legionnaires where they originated the idea of The Forty & Eight. They envisioned a new and different level of elite membership and camaraderie for leaders of the American Legion. The box car of the French Railways, so familiar to American ground troops of the First World War, was chosen as the symbolic heart of the new organization. The French/Railroad theme was applied to officer titles and organizational functions.

During the last 95 year La Societe has endeavored to seek out and satisfy the needs of our nations Veterans, Local Communities and the nation’s children.

For example in 1932 The Forty & Eight declared War on Childhood Diphtheria. Vaccination toxin was distributed via Voiture Nationale to children whose parents could not afford it. Physicians donated their services, and educational campaigns were carried out to combat the disease.

From 1932 through 1936, the Forty & Eight sought to influence Congress regarding veteran's benefits. These were the “Bonus March” Depression years when WWI veterans and the federal government were at times in open conflict. The Forty & Eight sponsored national radio programs, featuring well know political figures, to bring equitable treatment of war veterans to the national forefront. Realizing that power came with numbers, the Forty & Eight brought in 111,159 new American Legion members. The efforts of the Forty & Eight ultimately helped convince Congress to pass, over a presidential veto, the compensation act for America’s war veterans.

These endeavors only scratch the surface of the many accomplishments of the 40&8. In your program leaflet you will find a more complete history. As you read it you will understand the pride each Voyageur Militaire takes in having been invited into the ranks of La Societe de Quarante Homes et Huit Chevaux.

Therefore, let us celebrate these accomplishments and the birthday of La Societe de Quarante Homes et Huit Chevaux in the true spirit of “The fun and honor Society of American Veterans”.

Aumonier please bless this assembly with an opening prayer.”

AUMONIER:

Let us pray. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, bless this assembly and its purpose in celebration of La Societies’ birthday. Provide your peace upon those who founded our Societe and have passed on to serve you in Heaven. Help us to carry on the their great works and honor our oath to You, our fellow Voyageurs Militaire, Comrades and citizens of our beloved United States of America.

Amen.

CHEF DE GARE:

“Monsieur Conducteur, you will cause the Flag of our Country to be posted in the place of honor at the right of the podium.”

CHEF DE GARE:

“You will join me in pledging allegiance to the Flag.”

[Recite pledge]

“Attention”

CHEF DE GARE:

Now, as it is our intention to celebrate the Birthday of our beloved Societe, let us proceed! Chef de Cuisine, bring forth the Birthday Cake.

CHEF DE CUISINE:

[Chef de Cuisine brings forth the cake to a point in front of the podium]

The Chef de Cuisine salutes the Chef de Gare with the traditional 40et8 Salute and while holding the salute;]

“Monsieur Chef de Care, the celebratory confection has been placed in its position of honor!”

CHEF DE GARE:

“Monsieur Conductor, escort the oldest Voyageur and the youngest Voyageur to the Chef de Cuisine’s side.”

CONDUCTEUR:

[Salute and while holding the salute;] “Monsieur Chef de Gare, our oldest Voyageur and youngest Voyageur are in place.”

CHEF DE GARE:

“Monsieur Conducteur you may retire to your station.”

“Monsieur Chef de Cuisine, proceed with the cutting of the Birthday cake.”

[At this point the Chef de Gare and Guest of honor proceeds to a position directly behind the Chef de Cuisine]. the would be presented a piece of cake and the Chef de Gare would give the command to eat and honor La Societe, At that point those four would take a bite of the cake and the Chef de Cuisine would retire the cake to the appropriate table. The Aumonier would offer prayer and then all would be invited to to share in the celebratory cake. This way all would be honored at first including the Chef de Gare and Guest of Honor.

CHEF DE CUISINE:

“Oui Monsieur Chef de Gare.” [As the first slice is made to the cake] “In Honor of our first Chef de Chemin de Fer, Joseph W. Breen and the 15 other Veterans of World War I who founded the 40&8 as an honor society for certain Legion members. The first slice is presented to the oldest Voyageur as a symbol of our founder Joseph Breen and honoring those that built La Societe into what it is today.

[As the second slice is made to the cake] This second slice is presented to the youngest Voyageur symbolizing the present and future members that will build upon that heritage.”

[The Chef de Cuisine then prepares two more slices of cake for the Chef de Gare and Guest of honor and presents each of the four their slice]

CHEF DE GARE:

“Eat in honor of La Societe”

[Each take a bite of cake]

“Monsieur Chef de Cuisine, please retire the cake to the desert table.”

“Ladies and Gentlemen, you are invited to visit the desert table as you desire. But now, Monsieur Aumonier, will you please lead us in a prayer before we adjourn to dinner, dance, and comradeship.”

AUMONIER: [Appropriate prayer]

CHEF DE GARE:

“Monsieur Conductor, you will call the hall to attention and cause a hand salute to be presented to the flag of our country.”

CONDUCTEUR: “Oui Monsieur Chef de Gare!” “GARD A VOUS!” “PRESENT ARMS!” “TWO!

CHEF DE GARE: “Thank you all for you participation and now.... Laissez les bons temps rouler!”



*Neuf Comtés  
40 et 8 Voiture 1379  
Grande Du Missouri*

**Resolution**

**Whereas:** Neuf Comtés Voiture Locale 1379, Grande du Missouri, La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, has a Voyageur Militaire who is deserving of Consideration for the high office of: Grand Chef de Train Grande du Missouri

**AND**

**Whereas:** Voyageur Militaire Robert C Emery was initiated into Voiture 1379 in 2004, served as Correspondant Locale, Americanism Directeur Locale, and newly elected Chef de Gare 2018-2019.

**AND**

**Whereas:** Voyageur Militaire Robert C Emery has served the Grande Voiture du Missouri as, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteur, Grand Cheminot, Sous Grand Chef de Train, And currently Grand Directeur Americanism, Grand Publiciste, Grand Historien, Grand Aid de Camp .

**AND**

**Whereas:** Voyageur Militaire Robert C Emery has been a member of the American Legion and Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 for 20 years, serving on various committees and holding the office of Post Adjutant. And

**Whereas:** Voyageur Militaire Robert C. Emery has served the 3rd District, American Legion, Department of Missouri as District Adjutant.

**AND**

**Whereas:** Voyageur Militaire Robert C. Emery has served The United States Submarine Veterans Inc. Topeka – Jefferson City Base as Base Commander, Base Secretary, and Base Military Funeral Honors Team Member.

**AND**

Now there for it be resolved that we, the members of Neuf Comtés Voiture Locale 1379 at a regular Promenade assembled this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2019 do enthusiastically and unanimously endorse Voyageur Militaire Robert C. Emery for the high office of Grand Chef de Train, Grande du Missouri for the year 2020 – 2021 to be voted on at the Grande du Missouri Promenade, to be held in June, 2020. Adopted unanimously this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2020 by Neuf Comtés Voiture Locale 1379, Caldwell County, Missouri, at its regular Promenade assembled.

*Calvin Bumgarner*

Sous Correspondant - Calvin Bumgarner

*Robert C Emery*

Chef de Gare Robert C Emery



“YOUTH SPORTS BROCHURE 😊 SOMETHING GOOD TO READ A FEW TIMES MORE. 😊

<https://static1.1.sqspcdn.com/static/f/741376/28198033/1570197993717/Youth+Sports+Brochure.pdf?token=iCvoTgzD0BqNc2eJgr%2B8gE25ENY%3D-->

## **NEW: Families—How we can help SOMO athletics and their families**

Special Olympics Missouri is dedicated to not only serving our 15,000 athletes, but their families as well. However we can make the process easier for you, please just let us know.

### **Pitch in!**

Just like we are here to help you and your athletes, we need YOUR help to keep this program running. Here's how you can pitch in:

#### **Help your coaches by:**

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- Transporting other athletes to and from practices/events
- Procure facility usage
- Procure equipment/uniforms
- Become a [coach](#)
- Form a [Fan Club](#) and help raise funds, provide transportation, State Games Assessments, uniforms, etc.
- Help with paperwork
- Keep track of uniforms and wash them after events
- Keep track of physicals and make sure they are updated as needed
- Learn how to use GMS (a computer program) and register your teams and athletes
- Keep track of ID Badges
- Seek sponsorships or grants to help pay for State Games Assessments, uniforms, equipment, facilities, transportation and banquets- Asking what you can do for them. AGAIN, THIS IS NEW!!



Missouri

[State Indoor Games](#) (St. Charles) March 21-22: Basketball and Bowling – **MAYBE, YOU CAN HELP , AND HAVE FUN DOING SO TOO. 😊**

## Jefferson Barracks

Treated More than 18,000 Sick and Wounded During Civil War

The most important function of Jefferson Barracks during the Civil War was as a hospital, treating Union and Confederate soldiers alike. The Western Sanitary Commission began construction at Jefferson Barracks in 1862. The completed hospital facilities would hold 3,000 patients. More than 5,000 had been admitted by the end of the first year, and more than 18,000 sick and wounded had been treated by the end of the war. Many patients never left the hospital and were buried in the Jefferson Barracks cemetery. The cemetery had been created Aug. 5, 1827, when an officer and his wife lost their infant daughter. Jefferson Barracks became a national cemetery by an act of Congress on July 17, 1862. Those buried there include Union, Confederate, foreign, unknowns, black, white, women and children.

Jefferson Barracks, originally named Cantonment Miller after Missouri's Gov. John Miller, was established in 1826, south of St. Louis on the Mississippi River. Built on land that was originally part of the Louisiana Purchase, it was formally named after Thomas Jefferson in 1827 and designated the first "Infantry School of Practice." By the time the Civil War started about 220 generals had already served at Jefferson Barracks. Union generals included Grant, Sherman and Sheridan. The South had equally impressive names: Lee, Longstreet and Bragg. Former American President Zachary Taylor and Confederate President Jefferson Davis had also served at Jefferson Barracks. For 120 years (1826-1946), soldiers at Jefferson Barracks participated in every conflict on American soil: the Black Hawk War, the Seminole War, the Mexican-American War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II. Jefferson Barracks was decommissioned as a military post at the end of World War II. The area 62 once covered by Jefferson Barracks is now two St. Louis County Parks, a National Guard base, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and a VA Hospital. The Missouri Civil War Museum was founded in 2002 and is being restored in the old 1905 Post Exchange Building. [Source: News Tribune | Elizabeth Davis | January 14 2020 ++]



**GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI**

Grande Promenade & Cheminot

June 19th TO June 21st, 2020  
Oasis Hotel and Convention Center



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

Room Rate \$99.00 (+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 by May 19th, 2020  
Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations

**Friday**

Registration 1500 HRS until 1800 HRS in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms  
Hospitality Room 1500 HRS until 1800 HRS in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms

**Saturday**

Registration 0900 HRS until 1200 HRS  
Committee Meetings 09:00 HRS until 1130 HRS

LUNCH 1130 HRS until 1300 HRS

Grand Cheminot 1300 HRS – 1600 HRS.

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 17:00 HRS until 18:00 HRS in Hospitality Room  
Social Hour 18:00 HRS – Cash Bar/Banquet 19:00 HRS in Maui Ballroom

Hospitality Room after the Banquet

**Sunday**

Grande Promenade 09:00 HRS – 12:00 HRS

Guest will be admitted for Memorial Service and Installation of Officers around 1030

Deadline to register for the Banquet is June 5, 2020

Make your check payable to: Voiture 460 for registration

SEND TO: AJ Noonan

20165 Highway 28

Dixon, Missouri 65459

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

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

Registration Fee \$5.00 (Voyageurs Only) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

