



## Communiqué

# La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

## Grande Voiture du Missouri



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

L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Fellow Voyageurs:

Spring is almost here. Hopefully everyone gets a chance to get out and start enjoying the warmer weather and do a little traveling.

I hope this finds everyone in good health as the Pandemic is starting to ease and normal daily activities are starting to emerge. Enjoy this time with family and friends but keep our Soldiers currently deployed and their families in our prayers.

I had a wonderful time attending the Lincoln Pilgrimage in Springfield Illinois on 11 and 12 February. Weather didn't cooperate but enjoyed the Camaraderie within our organizations and the opportunity to meet the American Legion National Commander Paul Dillard and the 8 and 40 Le Chapeau National Judy Zimmerman. Enjoyed visiting with the Chef de Gare Grande du Illinois Paul Pardo at American Legion Post 32.

Lincoln Pilgrimage 2022 Springfield, Illinois

Spring Wreck:

If you haven't sent your registration paperwork in or made hotel reservations

for the Spring Wreck – I encourage everyone to do so as soon as possible. Deadline for hotel reservations is 04 Mar 2022 and for registration and banquet is 15 Mar 2022. Registration form is included in the article. I look forward to seeing everyone there and welcoming our Voyageurs Militaires into this great organization.



### MEMBERSHIP

: As of 28 February 2022, Grande du Missouri is at 82.84%. The Grande is still 122

short of reaching our goal. Keep up the effort. Our focus should be Recruit and Renew for the organization. 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.

Reminder, as of 31 December 2021, those members who have not paid their dues are delinquent. Continue to 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.

Sincerely,

A.J Noonan

Grand Chef de Gare

Grande du Missouri

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### **Spring Wreck:**

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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. 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. 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. There will not be any betting.

Terry Lanning, Grand Correspondant

### **WWII Barefoot Marines 1st Samoan Battalion, Marine Corps Reserve**

During World War II, Pago Pago, on Tutuila, was a lightly-manned base in the Samoa Islands vital to preserving communications between the United

States, Australia, and New Zealand. Though the U.S. Navy was tasked with holding it, the 7th Marines were ordered to fortify the garrison. But they didn't do it alone. "The Samoans, who were American nationals, would help the 7th defend Tutuila's 52 square miles of mountainous and jungled terrain," according to records from the National Park Service.

Thus, the 1st Samoan Battalion, Marine Corps Reserve, was founded in 1941. And they didn't wear shoes. The 500-man reserve unit that patrolled and defended the beaches of Tutuila became known as the "Barefoot Marines." Their uniform featured a kilt-like khaki wraparound which was called a "Lava-Lava" with the Marine Corps insignia sewn on the lower end along with rank

chevrons. It was made of a thick cotton canvas fabric and was wrapped around the Marine's waist and folded tightly in place. A red sash or cartridge belt assists in keeping it firmly in place. The Marines would pair this with a khaki covering and a white shirt.

"Marine uniforms are often appreciated for their history and refined simplicity," according to the National Museum of the Marine Corps. "But, when it comes to the uniforms of the World War II era, it would be hard to find a more stripped-down or simple ensemble than that of the 1st Samoan Battalion." The battalion was dismantled near the end of the war, and in the summer of 1945, Pago Pago resumed peacetime operations like serving as a port for refueling, ship repair, weather forecasting, and supply depot.

Greetings Voitures,

We are into a new year now. There are some areas that we need to look at, such as membership.

We need your help in finding new Voitures. If possible, stop your membership from cascading downward.

Please push to collect your 2022 dues. Some Voitures are doing good. Keep up the good work.

# Gateway Voiture Locale 448

La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux



PROMENADE 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Gateway Voiture Locale 448, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, St. Louis County, Missouri has a Voyageur Militaire who is deserving of your consideration for the high office of

GRAND CORRESPONDANT du MISSOURI

and

WHEREAS: Voyageur Terry L. Lanning was initiated into Voiture 448 in 1978, and subsequently served Voiture 448 with distinction as Cheminot Locale, Commissaire Intendant, Chef de Gare, and Directeur Youth Sports, and

WHEREAS: Voyageur Terry L. Lanning has served the Grande Voiture du Missouri in various offices including Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Train, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Cheminot, Alternate Grand Cheminot, Sous Grand Directeur AAU/JO, Grand Directeur Voiture Activities, Sous Grand Correspondant, and Grand Correspondant for several years, and

WHEREAS: Voyageur Terry L. Lanning has served Voiture Nationale as: Alternate Cheminot National, AAU/JO National Committeeman, National Finance Committee, Sous Commissaire Intendant National, and Commissaire Intendant for several years, and

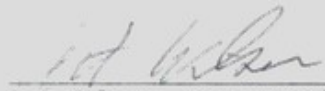
WHEREAS: Voyageur Terry L. Lanning is and has been an active Legionnaire serving his Post, the Tenth District, and the Department of Missouri


WHEREAS: Voyageur Terry L. Lanning has the qualifications for this high office by being a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), has worked for the Internal Revenue Service for 30 years, and has a Bachelors of Science degree majoring in business from Southwest Baptist College, and is currently retired, and

WHEREAS: Voyageur Terry L. Lanning joined the U.S. Army in January 1971 for 3 years, with a tour of duty in Vietnam, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By Gateway Voiture 448, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, St. Louis County, Missouri by a vote by the Cheminot Locale in February 2022, do hereby enthusiastically endorse Voyageur Terry L. Lanning for the high office of Grand Correspondant, Grande Voiture du Missouri for the year 2022-2023, to be voted on at the Grande Promenade du Missouri, held in June 2022.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, on February 22, 2022 by the Cheminot Locale of Gateway Voiture 448, St. Louis County, Missouri.

  
Art Wilson, Correspondant  
Gateway Voiture Locale 448

  
James Christman, Chef de Gare  
Gateway Voiture Locale 448

## VA Hearing Care

### Veterans Hearing Benefit Act of 2022

Minnesota Senator Tina Smith is introducing a bill that would help veterans get care for service-related hearing loss. Senator Smith says she was made aware of the issue while taking her through ten Minnesota communities on a veterans healthcare tour. She says hearing loss was one of the most common issues reported by veterans but says they had enormous hoops to jump through to get hearing tests and hearing aids covered by their VA benefits.

“Well, you have to basically go back and sort of track where you served and how long you served, and you have to provide that documentation to the Veterans Administration and then they have to validate it, and then you’ve got to find the right person and you can keep pushing at it and many of the claims, you can be successful, but it’s just takes a lot of time. And then sometimes veterans end up hiring somebody to help them with that process, and that costs money and meanwhile, they’re struggling and it seems to me, hearing is part of our overall health. It doesn’t make any sense to me that you would have to jump through all these special hoops to get hearing coverage.

Why should that be different from other coverage that you receive? Hearing his health and that is our commitment to our veterans to cover their healthcare needs after they’ve served.” The legislation, dubbed the Veterans Hearing Benefit Act of 2022, would make it easier for veterans to get coverage by automatically assuming their hearing loss was due to their service. Smith explains that “if I am a veteran, I have hearing loss and I served, say I worked for an extended period of time around artillery. The Veterans Administration would just presume that the reason I had hearing loss was because of my service, and they would automatically cover the cost of the hearing aids that I needed. And that means it’s so much simpler for veterans and also just get them the care that they need a lot quicker.”

Now that the government is more aware that hearing loss is such an issue with older veterans, measures are being taken on the front end for those serving now and in more recent conflicts to protect their hearing and prevent service-connected hearing loss. During World War II, in Korea, and the Vietnam War, hearing protection wasn’t as advanced as it is today, so Smith says, “those are the veterans I am thinking about the most.” The new legislation, which she hopes will garner bi-partisan support, would cover all veterans regardless of their service date.



**Neuf Comtès Voiture 1379**  
**La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux**



**Grande du Missouri**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Neuf Comtes Voiture Locale 1379, La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux has a Voyager Militaires deserving of your consideration for the high office of

GRAND CHEF de TRAIN du MISSOURI

and

Whereas; Voyager John "Mike" Scruby was wrecked into La Societe in the year 2012 , and subsequently served Voiture 1379 with distinction as Chef de Gare and Directeur Carville Star and

Whereas; Voyager John "Mike" Scruby has served the Grande Voiture du Missouri in varioius offices including Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Sous-Chef de Train, Grand Drapeau West, Grand Directeur Carville Star, and Aide de Camp and

WHEREAS; Voyager John "Mike" Scruby served in the U.S.Army in Vietnam and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; By Neuf Cometes Voiture 1379, La Societe des Quarante Hommes e Huit Chevaux in regular Promenade duly assembled this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2022, do herby enthusiastically endorse Voyager John "Mike" Scruby for the high office of Grand Chef de Train, Grande du Missouri for the year 2022 – 2023, to be voted on at the Grande Promenade du Missouri , held in June 2022,

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2022, by Neuf Comtes Voiture 1379 at its regular Promenade assembled.

At Voiture Locale 1379 regularly scheduled Promenade assembled at Kansas City, Missouri

This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February , 2022

Robert C. Emery, Correspondant

Neuf Comtes Voiture Locale 1379

Calvin Bumgarner, Grand Cheminot

Neuf Comtes Voiture Locale 1379

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WHEREAS: Gateway Voiture Locale 448, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, St. Louis County, Missouri has a Voyageur Militaire who is deserving of your consideration for the high office of

GRAND CHEF DE GARE du MISSOURI

and

WHEREAS: Voyageur Hallie Williams was initiated into Voiture 448 in 2006, and subsequently served Voiture 448 with distinction as Cheminot Locale, Commissaire Intendant, Chef de Gare, and Directeur Child Welfare, and

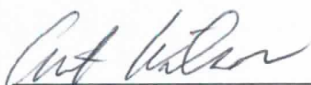
WHEREAS: Voyageur Hallie Williams has served the Grande Voiture du Missouri in various offices including Grand Chef de Train, Grand Cheminot, Grand Directeur Special Awards, and Sous Grand Directeur Box Car, and

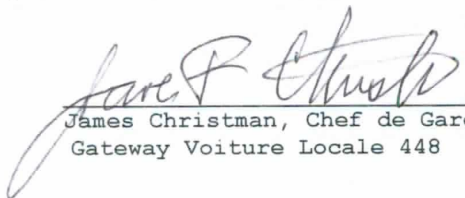
WHEREAS: Voyageur Hallie Williams is and has been an active Legionnaire serving his Post as Commander, the Tenth District as Commander, and was the Department of Missouri Commander, and

WHEREAS: Voyageur Hallie Williams served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam, Dessert Storm, and Iraqi Freedom conflicts, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By Gateway Voiture 448, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, St. Louis County, Missouri in regular Promenade duly assembled this 22nd day of February 2022, do hereby enthusiastically endorse Voyageur Hallie Williams for the high office of Grand Chef de Gare, Grande Voiture du Missouri for the year 2022-2023, to be voted on at the Grande Promenade du Missouri, held in June 2022.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, this 22nd day of February 2022 by Gateway Voiture 448, St. Louis County, Missouri at its regular Promenade assembled.

  
Art Wilson, Correspondant  
Gateway Voiture Locale 448

  
James Christman, Chef de Gare  
Gateway Voiture Locale 448

# 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

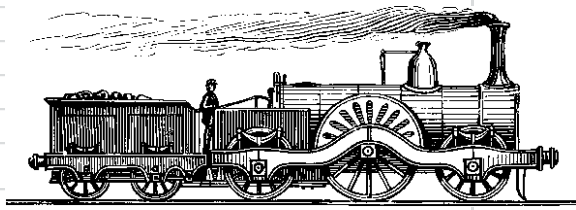
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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



## Membership Grande Voiture du Missouri

24-Feb-22

	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	35	38	-3	92.11%
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	53	59	-6	89.83%
KICKAPOO	760	32	14	32	-18	43.75%
MARK TWAIN	966	3	3	3	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	77	50	77	-27	64.94%
MINERAL AREA	1321	73	67	73	-6	91.78%
Neuf Comtés	1379	37	38	37	1	102.70%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	19	8	19	-11	42.11%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	12	9	12	-3	75.00%
TWO RIVERS	1541	53	54	53	1	101.89%
Missouri Total		711	589	711	-122	82.84%