



## Communiqué



# La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

## Grande Voiture du Missouri

November 2022 - Grand Chef de Gare Hallie Williams

L'Éditeur Robert C. Emery



Greetings Voyagers,  
We are approaching the  
holiday season. It's  
imperative that we con-

tact our Voyagers that have not paid their  
dues. It starts with me, I will be making  
calls and visits.

Please contact me in helping you on mem-  
bership drives. Remember the Buddy  
Check. Keep up the good work, remember  
this is our Voyager.

Alone we can do little, but together we  
can do so much more.

Our goal is to RECRUIT RECLAIM RETAIN.  
Hallie Williams

Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri

"Below are some changes to the new Grande  
Yearbook.

Voiture 292

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### Sous Grand Correspondants Notes

Another year is upon us and it is time to  
hear from our new dircteurs. The articles  
for the next newsletter will be due by  
September 30, 2022 Ritual, Carville Star,  
and Child Welfare

Please share with others.

If your Voiture is planning an event be  
sure ti send me the information so I can  
include it in the Grande Newsletter and  
Grande Web Site.

Please keep me updated on your email ad-  
dress so you may keep receiving the Grande  
newsletter.

If you know anyone who would like to re-  
ceive the newsletter please send me their  
email address (remery18@comcast.net)

FALL GRAND CHEMINOT, October 1, 2022  
Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport West Earth City Hotel, St. Louis County, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Hallie Williams, opened the Fall Grand Cheminot at 1:00 PM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a needed prayer by Grand Aumonier Ted McCart.

Roll call of officers showed some were there. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that thirteen answered. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed we had a quorum. Voyageurs don't know how to answer roll call and paid fines. Absent were Voitures 3, 38, 966, 1402 and 1403.

Grand Chef Williams recognized Missouri Department Commander Rose Noonan.

Grand Avocat Richard Heigert said we will follow the Promenade Voiture Nationale rules and then Roberts's rules.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Janice Hartley, that the Grand Promenade and Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning gave the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, held October 1, 2022 at 9:00am. The budget was read by Ron Leverenz. Kevin Johnson offered a notion to accept the budget as printed, seconded by Ralph Turner ... passed. Discussed what fundraiser we should have at the Spring Wreck. Decided to do Hillbilly golf with Chip in charge. We will have preliminary runoffs after the wreck with the final 4 participating at the banquet. We will bet on the final 4 and half of the winners bets will be split to those that selected the winner. If a Voiture does not participate then there will be a \$50 fine and \$50 for participating. It was decided the Grande should invite the Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Debra Reynolds (Florida) to the Grande Cheminot and Wreck. Discussed the lack of Voitures bringing gifts for attendance prizes to the Grande Promenade. We will do it one more year and Terry will send out a notice to all Voitures to remind them. Terry said we need a policy for when the Grande will pay for banquet and one nights lodging for Distinguished Voyageur, Law Officer of Year, Hero of the Year and City of the Year. It was decided the Grande will pay for one night lodging and 2 banquet tickets for the Law Officer of the Year but nothing for the others, besides a plaque and/or certificate. It is encouraged that the Voiture pick up one nights lodging and banquet tickets. Notion by Kevin and seconded by Terry to establish this policy, passed. Closed the Executive Committee meeting at 9:33am. Notion by Ralph Turner to approve the minutes seconded by Allen Schultz and passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning stated the new yearbooks are in the back. As well as envelopes for the Grand Directeurs and travel chits for Grande Officers. Terry also said he sent out notice to Voitures if they had a credit or balance due to Voiture Nationale. If they have a credit then take it off of your membership dues when you sent them in, just tell Voiture Nationale that you are doing this.

It was brought to the attention of Grand Chef Williams that one voyageur did not have a chapeau on. This just happened to be David Bexten. Dave said it was Patty's fault. After some bidding as to how much his fine should be it was established Dave will pay \$10 for no chapeau.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Ron Leverenz, read the finance report and discussed it. Notion offered by Kevin Johnson to accept the budget and the finance report, second by Ralph Turner... passed.

Grand Chef de Train Mike Scruby reported the Grande had a membership of 386, 57%. Sous Grand Chef de Train's Rose Noonan was at 52%, CJ New 65%, Robert Emery 39% and Ernie Parker 65%.

Cheminot Nationale Frank Angelo said the password did not change. Janice Harley discussed the Box Car meeting where it was reported that Box Car sold \$11,500 in pins and cards. Awards went to the following for pin sales: WY, KS, LA, and IL. For Crew cards: MT, AZ, LA, and OH. For Associate cards: TN, AZ, MN, and IL. Because of low sales they did not give anything to the Law Officer of the Year. She also reported on the Carville Star meeting. Donations go towards publishing the Star twice a year, maintenance of the grounds, cemetery maintenance, and up keep of the buildings. Cost of subscriptions to the Star is only \$2 per year. Only received 14 or 15 reports from the Grand's and only 4 or 5 from Locales. Currently India has the most reported cases in the world and Texas and Florida within the US.

AJ Noonan reported that the Grande received a certificate at Promenade Nationale for Youth Sports. Missouri was one of the few Grande's that sent in all of their reports.

Some of the highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 130 sold out of their towels and are trying to get some more; Voiture 292 said Fisher House is coming to VA at Columbia, they do a lot of volunteer work at VA hospital; Voiture 333 has sold \$37,000 rolls of stamps, made \$14,000, has 12 nurses in training for \$8,000, donated \$1000 to Warrensburg Veterans Home, JROTC trophies and Awards \$2,881 during a Smith-Cotton JROTC Raider meet in September, downtown flags and flags for First Graders \$3,430, Girls State

\$300, had 2 voyageurs at the Boxcar during the State Fair received \$321 in donations, will be doing a second monthly evening meeting in Tipton; Voiture 448 will provide gifts to kids at Marygrove for Christmas and Easter, several of the graduate students at Marygrove are in the Service ; Voiture 460 puts out flags at Veterans Day and State Fair, has a military appreciation day; Voiture 760 has 2 nurses in training; Voiture 1292 had a June golf tournament for nurses training and raised \$7,500, had an August BBQ and raised \$1,200, will have a sausage sale, will have a Special Needs xmas party, and will do a Bra and undies auction; Voiture 1321 reached 100% last year, their cooker is out, have 4 nurses in training, participated in the Missouri Guard's Funeral Honors Program did 130 funeral, supports Boys State and Cadet Patrol, Perryville was City of the Year and had Law Officer of the Year in Cpl Faulkner, have a VAVS representative at Poplar Bluff and Jefferson Barrack ; Voiture 1379 has 2 nurses in training spends, \$750 each; Voiture 1541 had their installation by Grand Chef de Gare Hallie Williams, has 3 nurses in training, bought Box Car cards and pins, have 40 members paid, Christmas party at Wentzville Post December 14th, Night at Races will be March 4, 2023 at St. Charles Post 313, bought 55 Box Car cards and 10 pins, will have one new PG, at Grande Promenade received 3<sup>rd</sup> place Child Welfare, Public Relations and Americanism, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ritual and 1<sup>st</sup> Place VAVS and History Book..Took first place 1st Place at Promenade Nationale for History Book.

Grand Historien Allen Schultz congratulated last years Grand Historian Rose Noonan and Grand Chef AJ Noonan for winning first place at Nationale on the Locale side. If any Locales have any pictures they would like to include in the Grande History book then send them to him.

Grand Avocat Richard Heigert said some Voitures did not update their Constitution and need to do so.

Grand Aumonier Ted McCart said Leon Hill is not in good health so everyone keep him in your prayers.

Grand Directeur Carville Star Forrest Johnson has pins for sale.

Grand Directeur Special Awards Ben Sargent said for any awards the packet of information is on the 40/8 web site.

Grand Chairman VAVA Chip Berkley said the Grande turned in a report to Nationale. Everyone needs to turn in all of their Volunteer hours. We are missing a lot.

Sous Grand Chairman VAVA Gary Puck said he attended video meeting. Ann Puck said VA is now doing Telahelp and doing more compassionate care.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports Ann Puck said she will order pins. So let her know if anyone wants any pins. Each Voiture needs to check to see if any local sports teams need help.

Sous Grand Correspondants Bob Emery said to send him articles and any events going on.

Time and Place Committee Kevin Johnson said the Spring Wreck and Grand Cheminot will be March 10-12, 2023 at Oasis Hotel Springfield room rates will be \$104 plus tax. Grand Promenade and Cheminot 2023 will be June 30-July 2, 2023 same hotel and rate and the Grand Chef's Homecoming and Cheminot will be October 13-15, 2023 at same hotel and rate. Central States Promenade will be in Manhattan Kansas.

Kevin Johnson reported that 2023 Promenade Nationale will be in Kalahari Resort, Sandusky Ohio September 12-16, 2023 and also in 2024.

Distinguished Voyageur Award was given to James Jones from V130.

Last year's Directeur Box Car Ernie Parker presented awards for 1<sup>st</sup> to V333, 2<sup>nd</sup> V1541, and 3<sup>rd</sup> V1379.

Old Business – none

New Business – Terry Lanning reported the Nationale Officers from Missouri were Kevin Johnson National Treasurer Nurses Training, Frank Angelo Sous Directeur Membership, and Sous Directeur Carville Star Ralph Turner. and Chip Berkley is Sous Directeur VAVS.

Good of the Grande Voiture – none.

Grand Chef de Gare Hallie Williams closed the Fall Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 2:30 PM.

Submitted by,  
Terry L. Lanning  
Grand Correspondant



# La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux Grande Voiture du Missouri

## OFFICIAL CALL

TO: ALL GRAND CHEMINOTS  
ALL GRAND OFFICERS  
ALL GRAND CHEFS de GARE PASSE  
ALL VOITURE'S CHEFS de GARE & CORRESPONDANTS  
ALL VOYAGEURS OF GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI

This is the OFFICIAL CALL for the Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck to be held March 10th to March 12th, 2023 at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803, phone (417) 866-5253, or (888) 532-4338.

The Active Wreck will be held on Saturday, March 11th, 2023, at 9:00AM in Springfield.

The Spring Grande Cheminot will be held on Sunday March 12th, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center.

There may be an Executive Board Meeting scheduled on Saturday. If there is one, the time and place will be posted in the Hospitality Room.

ALL GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND CHEMINOTS ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE A REPORT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND SUBMIT A COPY IN WRITING TO THE GRAND CORRESPONDANT.

All Voyageurs are to be in proper attire. The following male Officers are expected to be in coat, tie, shirt, long pants, socks and shoes, whereas female Officers are expected to be in a dress or skirt and blouse or slacks and blouse and shoes: Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Train, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Correspondant, Grand Garde de la Porte, Grand Lampiste, Grand Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteurs, and Grand Aumonier.

Terry L. Lanning  
Grand Correspondant

Hallie Williams  
Grand Chef de Gare

## MEMORIAL DAY IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



The Forty and Eight Memorial Day Ceremony is an annual event hosted by the 40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee. Planning for the weekend starts in October for the next year's Memorial Day Ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery. The Sunday evening banquet includes the Calvin Kain Memorial Service. Monday is a solemn occasion when we attend and participate in the National Memorial Day Ceremony at the Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery. At this event, Voiture Nationale and Cabane Nationale Drapeaux are marched into the Amphitheater. After Memorial Day addresses are given by the President of the United States and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chef de Chemin de Fer and La Presidente

Nationale are invited to present a wreath at the tomb of the Unknowns. This is the only time that the 40 & 8 and La Femme leaders are recognized publicly by the US Government.

In 2001 we started a tradition of giving a US Flag to everyone entering the amphitheater. Because this requires about 10,000 flags, the committee requests donations. If you can help, please send your contribution to the Committee (as shown on the registration form). All donors will be listed in the Program Book. This is truly a weekend to remember and it is OPEN to everyone who would like to attend. Because of limited space, we recommend you register early.

The weekend is largely financed by the Memorial Day Program Book, so even if you are unable to attend, please consider purchasing an ad or being a booster.

Alvin R. "Dick" George, President  
Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee



FORTY AND EIGHT MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM  
May 27<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup> 2023



### REGISTRATION & RESERVATION (Please Print or Type)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ VOITURE: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

IF REGISTERING FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON, PLEASE LIST NAMES BELOW WITH CURRENT TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_

Event	Cost Per	How Many	Total
Registration:	\$35.00	_____	\$ _____
(Please note registration covers hospitality room and transportation to Cemetery)			
Banquet:	\$40.00	_____	\$ _____
Donation for Flags:			\$ _____

<b>Program Ads:</b> Full Page - \$70, ½ Page - \$40, 1/3 Page - \$25 (Please provide copy and size of Ad. <b>Cutoff date May 5, 2023</b> )	
<b>Boosters</b> - \$2.00 per name, or \$4.00 For Mr. & Mrs.	
1.	_____
2.	_____
Ads/Boosters:	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:	\$ _____

**Attendees must make their own hotel reservations prior to April 24, 2023.** Room rates are \$119.00 + 13% room tax. Holiday Inn Express; 8180 Silverbrook Road; Lorton, VA 22079. Rates available 5/26 thru 5/31 2023  
Call 1-703-643-3100, mention 40&8/American Legion.

**Make checks payable to:** *Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee*, and mail to:  
John M. Schenk; 406 E. Randall Ave.; Norfolk, VA 23503 Phone: 757-588-7732

E-Mail ads should be in Word Document Format = [legionjohn@cox.net](mailto:legionjohn@cox.net).

If cancelled, circle portion of the above you want refunded? Reg / Banq / Donation / Booster

**40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee**  
**Registration / Ads /Boosters / Flag Donations**  
**2023**

*MEMORIAL DAY 2023*  
*"Lest We Forget"*



4 October 2022

Salut Voyageurs!



One of the highlights of the Chef de Chemon de Fer year in office, is his attendance at the Memorial Day Ceremonies on Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery. This is the only time that our organization is recognized as a Veterans Service Organization. Our Chef de Chemon de Fer, along with the Sous Chefs have the honor of placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

COVID-19 hit and cancelled the ceremony at Arlington in 2020 and 2021. As the pandemic situation decrease, limited access to Arlington was allowed. In 2022, the cemetery authority allowed visitors if they had family members buried within the cemetery.



The 40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee **will not** be informed that this remembrance ceremony can take place until March-April 2023. **We hope** that we will be allowed, as in the past, to hand out 4x6 inch flags to every person that attends the ceremony at the amphitheater. Traditionally, the 40 & 8 attendees that attend, hand out 5,000 plus flags every year. We pay for these flags with the donations to the flag fund and boosters in the program book.

Grande du Virginia and Grande du Maryland was asked and agreed to put the program back together and go forward with it for Memorial Day 2023. Voyageur Dick George has agreed again to chair this program as Committee President, as long as he has assistance. So, all of us military minded individuals know the difference between "volunteer and voluntold". We have a staff! I have agreed to chair the registration and program book part of the program. The Voyageurs of Voiture Locale 1569 agreed to take care of all the local requirements up in the Arlington area.

So, with all of this said, I prefer not to wait until the last minute to put a program book together. **Attached, please find the registration form and a booster sheet** for you to use at your Grande Cheminot, and/or Locale Promenades, whenever you meet. First received, first included in the book is my motto. **The Hotel has said they will honor the \$119.00 rate up to three (3) days pre-arrival and three (3) days post-departure based on room availability.**

Those who donated the years the program was cancelled and did not want a refund, or said carry my donation over to the next year will be recognized in the 2023 book. Personally, I hope this doesn't happen again.

Merci in advance

s/s John Schenk

Grande Correspondant du Virginia / Registration / Program Book

406 E. Randall St., Norfolk, VA. 23503 757-588-7732 legionjohn@cox.net

# FORTY AND EIGHT MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

LA SOCIETE DES QUARANTE HOMMES ET HUIT CHEVAUX

2023 Program Booster Page – (PLEASE PRINT)

\$2.00 per name/ \$4.00 for Mr. & Mrs.

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Make checks payable to "Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee"  
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# PROMENADE NATIONALE COMMITTEE MINUTES

## 103<sup>rd</sup> Nationale Promenade, Radisson Hotel and Casino, Green Bay, WI

Committee Name: Americanism

Date: 9-15-22 Time: 1400 Room: Huron

- A. 1. Directeur call to order 1400 hrs  
2. Salute & Pledge of Allegiance Done  
3. Opening Prayer by: Walley Hammond, Grande Correspondant IL
- B. Name of person taking minutes: Mildred S. Wright-Pearson, Grande Cheminot CA
- C. Roll Call of Committee Members: Frank Campo, Director; Ken Laatsch, Sous Directeur; Ron Garland, Treasurer, were present. 3 Sous Directeurs were excused. There were 19 Grands present.
- D. Reading of minutes from previous Promenade Nationale Committee meeting:  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Corrected: \_\_\_\_\_ Dispense: X by motion
- E. Attendance sign in sheet: Grandes 19 Voyageurs 30
- F. Chef de Chemin de Fer Visit: Chef William Simpson 1404 – 1408 Flags for 1st graders is important, children are our future, they love to learn; practice Americanism every day; support is appreciated, spread the wealth of being American. Offered Chef's pin to those who wanted one. Keep up the good work.
- G. Directeurs Report:
1. 25 Grande Americanism reports received – 2 locales (Mass/Min) counted as Grande reports
  2. Flags for 1<sup>st</sup> graders – 47 schools, 7399 kids received a flag
  3. Americanism Awards Programs
  4. Speeches flag day, memorial, retirement ceremonies
  5. Youth Activities
  6. Community Activities
  7. Meetings – any place where we have an American flag needs to be reported
  8. Michael Embry – selectee for Americanism Award from Illinois

### Treasurer Report:

1. We lost some money this past year; 3300 pins ordered – 3000 sold. There were 3000 pins ordered this year – currently 1300 left to be sold. We started with \$17,382.29 and ended with \$16,778.37; we have \$13,910.13 invested and a total of \$29,683.50 in our accounts. We paid \$3200 for pins and \$1200 for Memorial Day program.
2. Expenses Proposed:



1. \$1200 – Arlington Memorial Day Committee.
  2. \$1200 – Americanism Award Recipients coming to National Headquarters.
  3. \$3000 – Pay balance of mortgage at National Headquarters.
  4. \$500 – Hero of the Year Fund at National Headquarters.
  5. \$786.35 – Americanism Directeur; \$1,271.35 Americanism Treasurer
  6. \$100.00 each Sous Director per year
- Motioned and seconded to approve – motion carried/passed.

H. Unfinished business: None

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

I. New business: Americanism Awards

1. Paul Sorentino Award: NY/Min
2. J. Frank Baker Award: V605, TX/ V806 Min
3. Paul L. Landery Award: V1530, VA/V605 , TX

J. Good of the Committee:

1. Enlarge the area for reporting flags for 1<sup>st</sup> graders- reporting
- 2.
- 3.

K. Directeur gives thanks to Committee, Correspondant, Aumonier and plaques to Ron Garland and Ken Laatsch

- L.
1. Closing Prayer – Walley Hammond
  2. Salute to Colors
  3. Committee Adjourned at: 1432

Committee Directeurs Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**VOITURE LOCALES-WHAT DO ALL THESE PICTURES HAVE IN COMMON? 🤔 IN YOUR COMMUNITY, PLEASE LETS ALL GET INVOLVED! No athlete should stay at home for a lack of funds. Respectfully, Ann Puck-Youth Sports Directeur/Voiture 1379.**





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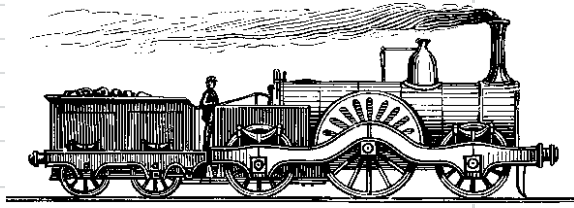
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## Membership Grande Voiture du Missouri

27-Oct-22

	<b>Voiture</b>	<b>2022 Year End</b>	<b>2023 To-date</b>	<b>2023 Quota</b>	<b>Sh/Ov Quota</b>	<b>% of Quota</b>
HEART OF AMERICA	3	27	17	34	-17	50.00%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	45	53	56	-3	94.64%
JESSE JAMES	130	1	23	37	-14	62.16%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	29	30	30	0	100.00%
STATE FAIR	333	63	86	105	-19	81.90%
GATEWAY	448	45	35	67	-32	52.24%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	40	37	59	-22	62.71%
KICKAPOO	760	11	10	27	-17	37.04%
MARK TWAIN	966	3	2	3	-1	66.67%
CAPITAL	1292	27	47	64	-17	73.44%
MINERAL AREA	1321	45	47	64	-17	73.44%
Neuf Comtés	1379	33	28	38	-10	73.68%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	1	1	13	-12	7.69%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	7	9	12	-3	75.00%
TWO RIVERS	1541	38	43	55	-12	78.18%
Missouri Total		415	468	664	-196	70.48%