



Communiqué

La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri



October 2019 - Grand Chef de Gare Janice Hartley L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Greetings Voyagers and Partners,

I recently returned from Nationale, it interesting to say the least. On behave of the Grand, we received several awards: Voiture 1541 re-

ceived 1st place for their history book and also 1st place for Americanism; Voiture 1321 got first place for Ritual. The Grand received an award in Nurses Training. We also received honorable mention for another area. I was one of five Grand Chefs de Gare that we're privileged to be consider for the honor of carrying the Paul Bunyan Gavel for the year. Thank goodness I didn't get it - it's bigger than I am!

The password has changed and you will receive it next week. It's not to late to register for Saturday functions, but I must give final head count for the banquet Wednesday afternoon. You can pay at the door. Call Allen Schulz or email him or myself.

I'm on the road once again for another veteran organization this time to Bloomington, MN.

Be safe in your travels and remember to keep our country and our troops in your prayers.

Janice Hartley
Grand Chef de Gare

Grande du Missouri

Sous Grand Correspondants Notes

Please get your articles in early.

Nov 2019 - Nurses Training, PR
Dec 2019 - POW/MIA, Carville Star
Jan 2020 - Special Awards,
Voiture Activities
Feb 2020 - Distinguished Voyageur
Mar 2020 - Ritual

VAVS

Welcome to the world of VAVS. For those who are already participating but may not know what this means, let me explain. VAVS stands for Veterans Administration Voluntary Service. There are a lot of people that volunteer their time at the VA Hospitals and Clinics as well as the State Veteran's Homes but fail to report it. Your volunteer time at any of these facilities can be counted towards your Locale's end of year reports. You can also count the hours you spend visiting with friends and patients at the Veteran's Home who reside there.

Last May I was asked to serve as a Sous Directeur VAVS for Nationale. Part of my duty is to get someone in each of our VA facilities and Veteran's Homes to represent the 40/8 on the advisory committee. Our representation on committees for the VA in Washington is based on the number of VA Hospitals we have "Representatives" registered on local VA committees. We currently have volunteers going into many of the facilities but only some of them have Representatives sitting on the committee. A lot of the facilities have no one representing us on their VAVS advisory committee simply because they don't like meetings. The VAVS committee usually meets four (4) times a year for an hour or two. Those serving on the committee have input as to what happens at those facilities for our veterans. They get information to share with us about what is happening at the facility in "real" time to help us know what is needed by us to help our vets. If you are volunteering at any of the facilities and would like to help me and the 40/8 out, I would like to sign you up as a Representative. WE NEED LOCAL SUPPORT IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE 40/8 NATIONAL REPRESENTATION.

The last subject I would like to touch on is a contest we run each year. The VAVS Nationale Committee is given money each year by the Nationale Boxcar committee to be used to help our VA's. Last year we received \$7000 from Boxcar and another \$1000 from the German Club for prize money. We have been running a "Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling" contest for several years. All you need to do is submit a request for money from your facility to support their wish list. I have obtained several hundred dollars over the last few years for the Columbia VA and Mexico Veteran's Home. You can do the same for your facility. This year it was suggested we change the name of the contest since some thought it was only for wheelchairs and didn't take advantage of the funds available. This year we will accept recommendations for that change.

Come join us and VOLUNTEER.

Chip Berkley, Grande Directeur VAVS

The Missouri National Veterans Memorial in Perryville is a full-scale black granite Vietnam Veterans Memorial identical to that in Washington D.C. on the National Mall. It has been built privately to the exact specs inclusive of the black granite slabs quarried from the same India source, to the same size, same polishing, same everything. Engraving names include the same errors, omissions and duplication's, Orientation of the monument follows the same as in Washington, with statuary and environmental settings also duplicated. This all started in 1968, when Jim Eddleman made a promise to himself in Vietnam: He would one day honor his comrades if he made it out alive. Fast-forward to 2011, when Jim and his wife Charlene were involved with another veterans' project. Jim spoke of his promise to the organizers, and they helped connect him with those who now make up our Board of Directors. In 2016, plans began coming together, and in 2017, the growing Board of Directors began convening weekly. After meeting with officials in Washington, D.C. and gaining the support of Robinson Construction, the planning began for the campus layout of Missouri's National Veterans Memorial. Volunteers checked about 60,000 names three times to ensure the spellings

were correct. The MNVM Board was adamant that this would be an exact replication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, character by character. Over time, the project has gained significant support from more community members and national organizations across America. In 2018 the final touches of Missouri's Vietnam Wall replica project (Phase I) were completed. The names on the replica are arranged exactly as they are on the original wall in Washington D.C. The MNVM is also directionally situated so that the sun rises and sets almost identically on both memorials. It offers veterans, civilians and those currently serving a place to reflect on the sacrifices of all service men and women in the quiet, peaceful setting that Perryville offers – at no cost. The wall was just a first step, and work is ongoing on the overall memorial. "Phase 2 includes walking paths and other memorials to other wars. All features are wheelchair accessible. The Memorial at 1172 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, Perryville, MO 63775 is located 1.5 hours from St. Louis, Mo., and approximately 3 miles off a major interstate, making it easily accessible for visitors, especially those with limited capacity for travel. There is no entry fee but for those who have the means a \$10 donation per person is requested.

This helps them ensure upkeep and growth of the Memorial. Parking is free. America's Wall and other outdoor areas have year-round access, day and night. The Welcome Center is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. [Source: <https://www.mnvmfund.org>]

Arlington National Cemetery

New Burial Eligibility Criteria Proposed In order to stay ahead of shrinking burial space, the Army is proposing new criteria to decide who is and is not eligible to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, the service announced on 25 SEP. Under current criteria, "[n]early all of the 22 million living armed forces members and veterans are eligible for less than 95,000 remaining burial spaces." Without changes, the Army says the cemetery will hit capacity by the 2050s. The Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act directed the Army Secretary to come up with "revised eligibility criteria" in order to keep the cemetery functioning, the Army press release said. "The hard reality is we are running out of space," Karen DurhamAguilera, the executive director of Army National Military Cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery, said. "To keep Arlington National Cemetery open and active well into the future means we have to make some tough decisions that restrict the eligibility." The current plan is to preserve 1,000 remaining gravesites for current and future Medal of Honor recipients, and add 37 acres in a planned expansion project. The new criteria, according to the Army, proposes that below-ground interments be restricted to those who are killed in action, including repatriated remains of troops; recipients of the Silver Star and above who served in combat; Purple Heart recipients; those who were killed in combat-related incidents "while conducting uniquely military activities;" former prisoners of war; U.S. presidents and vice presidents; and veterans with combat services who served as civilian government officials and "made significant contributions to the nation's security." Above-ground interment currently is available for "most veterans, who have at least one day of active service (other than for training) and an honorable discharge," according to the Arlington Cemetery. New criteria for above-ground interments, however, would extend only to World War II-era veterans, including legislated active duty designees; armed forces retirees eligible to receive retired pay but not eligible for interment; combat veterans who served a minimum of two years; and veterans with no combat service who served as civilian government officials and contributed to national security "at the highest levels of public service." 9 | P a g e The implementation of the new criteria will not interfere with burials that were previously scheduled, nor will it interfere with the veterans' burial benefits or veteran eligibility at the VA's national cemeteries, and state veterans cemeteries. The criteria isn't yet final. The Army will offer a period of public comment and review before publishing the final rule, according to the press release.

WWII Merchant Marines Update 01: HR.550/S.133 |

Merchant Mariners of WWII Congressional Gold Medal Act The U.S. House of Representatives has given unanimous approval to a bipartisan bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the merchant mariners of World War II. "Throughout the Second World War, our armed forces relied on the Merchant Marine to ferry supplies, cargo and personnel into both theaters of operation, and they paid a heavy price in service to their country," said Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA), the bill's sponsor. "The Merchant Marine suffered the highest per capita casualty rate in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II. An estimated 8,300 mariners lost their lives, and another 12,000 were wounded, to make sure our service members could keep fighting. Yet, these Mariners who put their lives on the line were not even given veteran status until 1988."

The bill now awaits consideration by the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, which has a parallel bill introduced by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) on its docket. Garamendi says that he will continue to push for its passage. The merchant marine played an essential role in the Second World War, delivering most of the material for the D-Day invasion and providing a lifeline for Russian forces via the notoriously dangerous Murmansk Run. In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt noted the merchant marine's critical contribution in undertaking "the biggest, the most difficult, and dangerous transportation job ever undertaken."

If passed, the bill will grant one Congressional Gold Medal to all WWII merchant mariners as a group - including the last surviving members, the youngest of whom are now in their ninth decade of life. "A Congressional Gold Medal would give them the recognition they deserve, and that's why I introduced this bill: to give these veterans and their families the honor and respect they are owed," said Rep. Garamendi.

FACTS ABOUT HANSEN'S DISEASE

Hansen's disease, is a complex infectious di

What is HD? sease which, although recognized for more than today we can treat the majority of cases with HD bacillus in 1873. Considerable progress has been made during the last 40 years, so that completely understood. Dr. Gerhard Amauer Hansen, Norwegian scientist, first discovered the two thousand years and found to be caused by a bacterium over a century ago, is not comout difficulty and counteract most of the fears HD affects the skin, peripheral nerves, and so generated by the folklore surrounding this disease. metimes other tissues, notably the eye, the There are both localized and disseminated form mucosa of the upper respiratory tract, and the testes. s of HD. If left untreated, HD causes nerve damage, which can result in loss of muscle control and crippling of hands and feet. Eye In 2016

Where is HD Found?

involvement can result in blindness. there were 216,108 new HD cases registered from 145 countries according to World Health Organization official figures. The countries with the highest number of new In the United States there are approximately 6, than half of all new cases of leprosy are diagnosed in India. diagnoses are India, Brazil and Indonesia followed by some of the African nations. More 500 cases on the registry which includes all cases reported since the registry began who are still living. This includes approximately 3,300 cases currently receiving medical treatment for HD by the NHDP Ambulatory Care Program Clinics or private physicians with assistance from the NHDP. 178 new cases were While this aspect of the disease remains a

How Does HD Spread?

Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, New York, and Texas. reported in the U.S. in 2015. Most of the new cases were reported in Arkansas, California, medical mystery, the most commonly accepted ing with HD contract the disease only rarely. % or more of the world's population have a natural immunity to the disease. Persons work among factors probably of great importance in transmission. Most specialists agree that 95 of susceptibility of the person, the extent of exposure, and environmental conditions are theory is that it is transmitted by way of the respiratory tract, and abraded skin. The degree Cases of HD which respond satisfactorily to weapon against the Hansen bacillus, Multidru Although the sulfone drugs, introduced at Carville in 1941, continue to be an important

How is HD Treated?

treatment become noninfectious within a short time. g Therapy (MDT) , which includes dapsone, rifampin, and clofazimine, is the recommended treatment for HD in the U.S. The rising inci within a few days, although it takes a number of Treatment rapidly renders the disease non-communicable by killing nearly all the bacilli dence of sulfone resistant disease necessitates treating all patients with more than one drug. years for the bacilli to be cleared from the body. This slow process is what can cause a condition known as "reaction," which can cause inflammation of the peripheral nerves, leading to nerve injury, pain, loss of sensation, and muscle atrophy. If not treated promptly, this process can cause deformity and disability.

NHDP SERVICES Website: www.hrsa.gov/hansens

Caregiver Support Line Help is just a phone call away with VA's Caregiver Support Line – 1-855-260-3274. Caring licensed professionals staffing the support line can connect you with VA services, a Caregiver Support Coordinator at your nearest VA medical center, or just listen if that's what you need right now. Caregivers can participate in monthly telephone education groups, where they can discuss self-care tips and ask questions on a variety of topics. If you want to learn more about the monthly calls, you can listen to a recording at <https://www.caregiver.va.gov/support-line/presentations.asp>

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Hi there!

September 2019

It's Calendar time again.

We are in the progress of putting together the Annual Spirit of St.-Louis Voiture Locale 38 Calendar. We are again offering the opportunity of adding your Birthdays, Anniversaries, In Memorials or other special days of remembrance to our 2020 Calendars. These selected dates will remind your family and friends of these important dates.

Please forward your selected dates to us by return mail along with the \$50.00 cost for each these important dates for inclusion in our 2020 Calendar.

Your benefit is the support of the important programs of 40&8, to provide additional drawings each month, and your personal copy of the 2020 calendar with a December Grand Prize of \$500.00.

It is a delight for each winner to receive an unexpected letter during the year containing a notification of winning and check for each winner. You also may purchase additional calendars for \$10.00 each to sell to others, as well for your use as Holiday Gifts for family and friends. Each numbered ticket is available to be drawn at each and every drawing.

Duplicate Order Form as necessary

Order Form

Important Date Information	Calendar	Owner Name _____
Date of event Event:	Birthday	Address _____
_____	Anniversary	City State Zip _____
	In Memory of	Phone No _____
	Other _____	

Cost \$ 50.00 each		\$ 50.00
Calendars _____	Number _____ @ \$10.00 =	_____
	Total	\$ _____

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 3734 Louisiana Avenue
 St. Louis, MO 63118
 Phone 314-771-2089

Thanks for your participation.



GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

Grande Cheminot & Wreck

March 6th TO March 8TH, 2020
Oasis Hotel and Convention Center



2546 North Glenstone Ave.

Springfield, MO 65803

417-866-5253

888-532-4338

Room Rate \$94.00 (+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 February 6, 2020
Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations

Friday

Registration 15:00 HRS until 18:00 HRS in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms
Hospitality Room 15:00 HRS until ??? in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms

Saturday

Registration 09:00 HRS until 12:00 HRS in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms
WRECK 09:00 HRS until 11:30 HRS

LUNCH 11:30 HRS until 13:00 HRS in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms
13:00 HRS – WRECK Continues

Hospitality Room open after the WRECK until 16:30 HRS

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 17:00 HRS until 18:00 HRS in Kalahari and Mojave Rooms

Social Hour 18:00 HRS – Cash Bar/Banquet 19:00 KRS in Maui Ballroom
Hospitality Room after the Banquet

Sunday

Grande Cheminot 09:00 HRS – 12:00 HRS

(times and rooms subject to change)

**Deadline to register for the Banquet is February 15, 2018 Make
your check payable to: Voiture 460 for registration Send to:**

**Kevin T. Johnson
16810A Huntington Lane
Saint Robert, MO 65584**

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet Buffett \$30.00/Person x Number of Guest _____ \$ _____

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

Total \$ _____

Membership Grande Voiture du Missouri

19-Sep-19

Voiture Name	Voiture	2018 Year End	2019 To-date	2019 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	43	15	43	-28	34.88%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	74	53	74	-21	71.62%
JESSE JAMES	130	35	1	35	-34	2.86%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	34	6	34	-28	17.65%
STATE FAIR	333	115	31	115	-84	26.96%
GATEWAY	448	75	10	75	-65	13.33%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	57	30	57	-27	52.63%
KICKAPOO	760	35	13	35	-22	37.14%
MARK TWAIN	966	4	0	4	-4	0.00%
CAPITAL	1292	67	4	67	-63	5.97%
MINERAL AREA	1321	70	12	70	-58	17.14%
NEUF COMPT	1379	42	19	42	-23	45.24%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	11	1	11	-10	9.09%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	15	7	15	-8	46.67%
TWO RIVERS	1541	53	22	53	-31	41.51%
Missouri Total		730	224	730	-506	30.68%