



Communiqué



La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri

October 2021 - Grand Chef de Gare A.J. Noonan

L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Fellow Voyageurs:

What an incredible September – not sure where the month

went. Let me start out by saying Thank You!! to all who attended the 102nd Promenade Nationale from 13-18 September 2021 in Springfield, Missouri. It was an exceptional team effort of volunteers and hard work as Grande du Missouri hosted the event. I want to thank all the Voyageurs, spouses and other volunteers who planned, coordinated and worked diligently all week long. I also want to thank the American Legion Post 69 for their outstanding job hosting the Early Bird Dinner. The 102nd Promenade Nationale was truly a successful and professionally run event. Thanks again for everyone's hard work. The 103rd Promenade Nationale will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin next year. Looking forward to attending next year – more information will be provided as it becomes available.

I want to congratulate Gary Grigsby, a fellow Voyageur and the Commander for the Department of Missouri 2021-2022. I had the opportunity following the Promenade Nationale to attend his homecoming at the American Legion in Warrensburg, MO. Gary, I wish you the best in the upcoming year. Looking forward to working together.



I also had the honor of installing the Officers of Voiture 1292 on 9 Sep 21 in Jefferson City, Missouri at American Legion Post 5. Congratulations to Gary Kempker for a successful year as Chef de Gare especially during the challenges of last year. I appreciated the invite and allowing me to install him as the

Chef de Gare for a second year. The dinner was delicious – special thanks to the head cook and the other volunteers for a wonderful meal. Thanks again Gary for the opportunity and I wish you the best for the upcoming year. Rose and I had a wonderful time and enjoyed seeing the newly remodeled American Legion Post 5.

MEMBERSHIP: It is time to shift gears and focus our attention on our membership for this year. Grande du Missouri is currently at 44.4% with hard work ahead in retaining our Grande du Missouri members. I challenge every Voyageur to identify eligible Veterans and talk to them about the 40 and 8 and the programs of this organization. Invite these Veterans into the 40 and 8 organization and make them feel welcome.

If any Voiture has a special event coming up in the next few months; send Robert Emery a flier to include in the monthly Communiqué.

Sincerely,

A.J. Noonan

Grand Chef de Gare

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102nd Promenade Pins

102nd Promenade Pins available if any Voiture would like some - they are three dollars a piece and we will be selling them during Homecoming and Spring Wreck. If a Voiture would like to order several—Contact A.J.Noonan for pins

Please send me your articles and flyers for any events you will be holding.

Oct 2021 - Nurses Training, PR

Nov 2021 - Child Welfare, POW/MIA

Jan 2022 - Special Awards,

Voiture Activities

Feb 2022 - Distinguished Voyageur

Mar 2022 - Carville Star

MISSOURI BOX CAR

Let me introduce myself. I am Don Barbour (Voiture 333) newly elected Grand Director Box Car of Missouri.

With the State Fair now over your Box Car was shown and maintained by proud members of Voiture 333 and the Dames. Had a great turn out. I hope everyone was able to attend our National Convention and learned a lot from it. I hope you picked up the Box Car pins there.

If you did not get your pins there please let me know how many you want and I will get them to you. The pins are \$3.00 each. We all know where this money goes. Boland Nurses training fund, Child welfare trust fund, and other programs that may need assistance.

In addition to the pins I also have available membership cards to the National Box Car Association. The purchase of these makes you an associate of the Association. Cost of these are only \$1.00.

In as much as I will need a report from each Voiture as to the number of pins sold I urge each Voiture to participate so your voiture can receive either a Gold, Silver or White award at the end of the year.

Thank you in advance and I can be reached as below:

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National Box Car Association

In 1947, American newspaper columnist Drew Pearson was so moved by the conditions in war torn Europe that he called on Americans for donations of food, clothing, medical and other supplies to aid the plights of France and Italy. He proposed a plan for a train to cross America collecting car loads of donated supplies as it went.

The "Friendship Train", as it was called, left Los Angeles on November 7, 1947 with eight empty boxcars. The response from across America was overwhelming and eleven days later on November 18, 1947 the "Friendship

Train" arrived in New York with some 700 Box Cars loaded with donated goods worth \$40 million. The supplies were then shipped to the region.

As the aid began to pour in, a French veteran of WW I and railroad worker named Andre' Picard was so grateful for America's outpouring of generosity that he formulated a response and joined with the French Veterans Association to reply with a 49 car "Merci Train" of WWI era boxcars, each filled with mementos from the French people and sent to America.

The boxcars arrived in New York Harbor February 3, 1949 and as the "Gratitude Train", as came to be called in America, crossed the Nation one boxcar with it's contents was donated to each of the 48 States with one shared by the District of Columbia and the territory of Hawaii.

Today these "Box Cars" stand in their respective States as a testament to these two incredible displays of goodwill and have evolved through the efforts of "La Societe de 40 and 8" and the National Boxcar Association to annually raise funding to support the many charitable programs of the 40/8 in support of our communities across this great Nation.

The National Box Car Association was founded in 1965 as an affiliate of "La Societe' de Forty & Eight" with the primary purpose of preserving the Box Car as the symbol of the Forty & Eight. Over time Locomotives were added to the symbolic rolling stock of the NBCA since they were connected and needed to haul the Box Cars.

The National Box Car Association set goals of making contributions to Hospitals, Children's Homes and Orphanages. Expanding it's efforts the NBCA supports special projects at the annual Promenade Nationale (National Convention). A party for special children is held in the host city where the children and their escorts are treated to lunch, train rides on visiting Locomotives, and entertainment by the NBCA HOBO Clowns and bands, etc.

Also a monetary donation is made to the host city's local VAVS Hospital or Clinic. Other donations go to the National Boland Nurses Training Trust Fund, the Charles Ardery Child Welfare Trust Fund and other programs requiring assistance, such as the National 40&8 Membership Committee, 40&8 Magazine, Law Officer of the Year program, and many others. All funding raised by the NBCA is distributed in the same year it is raised. Funding comes through the sales of Box Car Pins, Crew Cards, and Associate Cards. Crew cards are sold only to Voyageurs Militaire

Carville Star

Hansen's disease (leprosy) is named for the Norwegian scientist that discovered the causative agent, a bacteria that closely resembles the bacteria that causes tuberculosis. For centuries, Hansen's disease (HD) patients have been shunned and ostracized by society.

In the US and elsewhere in the world, no other disease has ever led its victims to comparable extremes of isolation, confinement, discrimination and stigma.

In 1894, the first HD patients were transported up the Mississippi River by barge from New Orleans to a dilapidated plantation home, the centerpiece of a former sugar cane plantation. No one would have believed that this site would ultimately become a US Public Health Hospital, where effective treatment of HD would be discovered and thousands of HD patients would be rehabilitated and afforded education and training opportunities enabling a return to the world outside the hospital.

However, it was an arduous journey that took many years to get to the point where HD patients could enjoy freedoms of communication with the "outside" world, unrestricted travel, the right to vote, and even get their deposits back on bottles of Coca-Cola.

Remarkably, reaching that point is where veterans organizations made a big difference. In 1931, 20 Spanish-American War and World War I veterans formed a Post of what was for many years the parent organization of the Forty and Eight. Working on behalf of the welfare of veterans, for the first time all hospital patients were to benefit from "outside" advocacy. Improvements in recreational activities came first, followed by legislative activity that resulted in an initiative to build a state-of-the-art hospital and new patient quarters.

Carville patient Stanly Stein began publishing a patient newspaper The Star in 1931 for the purpose of airing patient grievances and reaching the outside world. One of its campaigns was to promote use of "Hansen's disease" instead of "leprosy" and to halt the use of the word "leper." Stein recognized the Forty and Eight as the third veterans organization to appear at Carville. He notes, "I hesitate to think what the hospital would be like today if veterans had not been committed here, for it was through the vets that the national organizations

became interested in Carville as a whole."

The first documented contribution of the Forty and Eight at Carville occurred in 1943, when a voyageur from Arkansas contacted the 40&8's Grand du Louisiana regarding the need for a printing press for The Star. In December 1943 the Grand presented a press and all its accessories as a Christmas present to Stanley Stein and The Star.

While the influence and activity of its one-time parent organization at Carville waned with the passing of the years and diminished demand for advocacy of patient grievances, 40&8's support to Carville remained steadfast. The Carville Star Program is currently one of the 40&8's seven major programs. As such it funds publication and distribution of The Star, keeping alive the legacy of "radiating the truth about Hansen's disease." . [Because there are no longer patients at Carville - The Star is now edited by a former patient. Now the magazine has as its purpose to: 1) Promote an educated public opinion of Hansen's disease. 2.) Serve as advocate for those who have experienced or been impacted by HD. 3) Foster self-empowerment of those who have experienced HD.]

The Carville Star Program funds projects for the Carville Historic District, including the cemetery and the museum. Recently the Program installed interpretive signage throughout the District for touring visitors. The National Hansen's Disease Museum at Carville, the beneficiary of 40&8 support, houses displays to tell the story of 40&8's involvement at Carville.

The 40&8 is a proud organization with Carville tightly bound into its history and tradition. No other veterans organization has as a declared mission to disseminate information to promote understanding of a disease.

La Societé is an organization filled with traditions incorporated into our rituals and our programs like the Carville Star Program. In the musical Fiddler on the Roof, Tevye addresses the importance of tradition when he says "Because of our traditions, we have kept our balance for many, many years...we have traditions for everything...You may ask, how did this tradition start? I'll tell you. I don't know. But it's a tradition. And because of our traditions, every one of us knows who he is, and what God expects him to do. Traditions, traditions. Without our traditions, our lives would be as shaky as... as... as a fiddler on the roof!" And so it is with La Societé with our traditions insuring our identity - who we are and what we stand for."

New Chef and Correspondant at Voiture 1402

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Military Myths

Saltpeter Use for Libido Manipulation

Learning to stand at attention for extended periods during basic training is key, yet after reporting for duty many new military recruits discover that their membrum virile is unable to do the same. Decades ago a rumor began circulating that the U.S. military was adding saltpeter to the chow of young service members to keep libidos in check. The urban legend, according to one Quora user, has been rumored to have started during the Navy's colonial days before carrying on well into the 20th century. "There was a belief long ago that eating saltpeter would drive down a man's sex drive, which was seen as beneficial for military personnel when their wives and girlfriends were far away," wrote user Stephen Merkel. "The story went that saltpeter was added to the breakfast eggs for this purpose."

Formerly "saltpetre," the chemical has, among other uses, previously been employed to prevent people from dying a painful death courtesy of the bacteria *Clostridium botulinum* — more commonly known as the rare poisoning botulism. "Up until the 1980s, corned beef was prepared using saltpeter as a curing agent ... until such time as better nitrates for food preservation were discovered," Merkel added. "Since cured meat was often used in military rations,

this might also [lend] credence" to the saltpeter myth. The compound is also "a common term for potassium nitrate," according to Culinary Lore. "It is used to preserve meat, temper steel, and to make gunpowder and fireworks." But there's no chemical proof that saltpeter has ever had any impact on the male sex drive. Instead, any loss of interest in the pursuit of hanky panky during boot camp or otherwise is likely from the sort of mental and physical exhaustion that accompany rigorous training.

The military, meanwhile, remains adamant that no amount of saltpeter comes in contact with any of the food consumed by service members. "According to Army Natick Combat Capabilities Development Command Soldier Center, items procured for military rations are under the guidance of the Food and Drug Administration and the United States Department of Agriculture," a Defense Logistics Agency spokesperson told Military Times. "In 1999, the FDA no longer allowed the use of saltpeter, sodium or potassium nitrate in curing smoked and cooked meats, non-smoked and cooked meats, or sausages." So, your sausage is safe — at least from saltpeter. [Source: AirForceTimes | Sarah Sicard | September 22, 2021 ++]

VA SUD Program

Substance Use Disorder Resources

VHA-enrolled veterans diagnosed with substance use disorders (SUD) had higher rates of suicide than those with depression or PTSD according to the 2020 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report at <https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/docs/data-sheets/2020/2020-National-Veteran-Suicide-PreventionAnnual-Report-11-2020-508.pdf>. Spreading awareness and reducing the stigma related to SUD is important in addressing and eliminating veteran suicide. Resources are available for anyone who needs help and can be instrumental in preventing someone from reaching the crisis point. VA's SUD Program offers specific treatment programs in many states. Refer to <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/sud.asp> to find a location near you. However, VA is dedicated to providing access for all veterans and areas without the program still offer SUD treatment. For any veteran in crisis, you are not alone. The Veterans Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by phone (1.800.273.8255, press 1), text (838255), or online chat by visiting VeteransCrisisLine.net.



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 Grande Fall Cheminot and Grand Chef de Gare A.J. Noonan Homecoming to be held October 8th and October 9th, 2021 at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803, phone (417) 866-5253, or (888) 532-4338.

There will be an Executive Board Meeting on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. Place will be posted in the Hospitality Room.

The Fall Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 2021 at 1:00 PM at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center.

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

A.J. Noonan
Grand Chef de Gare



30-Sep-21

	Voiture	2021 Year End	2022 To-date	2022 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	39	17	39	-22	43.59%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	59	45	59	-14	76.27%
JESSE JAMES	130	38	1	38	-37	2.63%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	32	29	32	-3	90.63%
STATE FAIR	333	111	57	111	-54	51.35%
GATEWAY	448	67	26	67	-41	38.81%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	59	32	59	-27	54.24%
KICKAPOO	760	32	4	32	-28	12.50%
MARK TWAIN	966	3	3	3	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	77	27	77	-50	35.06%
MINERAL AREA	1321	73	45	73	-28	61.64%
NEUF COMPT	1379	37	28	37	-9	75.68%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	19	1	19	-18	5.26%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	12	6	12	-6	50.00%
TWO RIVERS	1541	53	30	53	-23	56.60%
Missouri Total		711	351	711	-360	49.37%