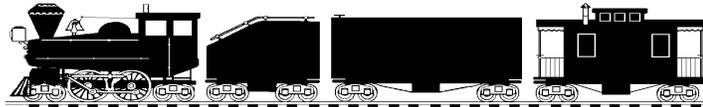




*Communiqué*  
*La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux*  
*Grande Voiture du Missouri*



September 2017 - Grand Chef de Gare David Voyles

- L'Éditeur Grant Willis



**The Grand Chef**

Fellow Voyageurs,  
 Another month has passed us by. August has been a busy and productive month for me. I had the privilege to install three more local Voiture's during August. I want to thank all the Voyageurs for their hospitality. It has been an honor to serve the Voyageurs this year as Grand Chef de Gare of Missouri.

Chef de Gare George Ridley out of Voiture 448 has several Past Grand Chefs de Gare serving in his Voiture. With their knowledge and support I feel that Chef de Gare George Ridley will have a successful year for his Voiture. I wish him and his Voiture the best.

Chef de Gare Elizabeth Picray of Voiture 292 also has a Past Grand Chef de Gare Chip Berkley, who would help and support her with good advice for their Voyageurs. I feel that Chef de Gare Elizabeth Picray has the potential to give her Voyageurs good leadership for the upcoming year.

Chef de Gare Larry Alderson of Voiture 1292 has several Voyageurs who are active in the Grande de Missouri. These Voyageurs have experience and dedication to their Voiture. With their help I can see that

these Voyageurs of local 1292 can be a great asset to Chef de Gare Larry Alderson and his Voiture.

There are many Voyageurs in the Grande that I owe a thank you, for your service during my last two years of serving to the Grande. Also the ladies that have helped my wife Ruth to take care of the hospitality rooms for the Grande over the years. Go with GOD.

Grand Chef de Gare  
 David N. Voyles



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 August 31<sup>st</sup> 2017.

Carville Star, and Child Welfare

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## AMERICANISM

Americanism is attachment or allegiance to the traditions, interests, or ideals of the United States this is our heritage. The many activities of the Forty and Eight are designed to acknowledge and preserve that heritage, recognizing all or the inalienable rights of man.

Here are just a few of the programs that the Forty and Eight uses to promote Americanism.

Americanism - Promote respect for the flag, Constitution, Law and Order and the proven willingness to defend these principles is evident in the day-to-day activities of members of our society.

Flags for First Graders – This program helps educate American youth in the history, respect and protocol.

Nurses Training program In 1941 we began issuing Nurses Scholarships to deserving individuals willing to undergo formal training and make a career of that very noble profession. In 1946 an acute shortage of nurses came to the attention of our Voyageurs and a Nurses Training Program was initiated at the Voiture Locale level. In 1955 Voiture Nationale formally established our current Nurses Training Program.

Child Welfare program founded in 1923 to help ease the pain and suffering of those children whose fathers never returned or who were unable to care for their needs after the "Big War." Today, this program has grown to include all children with emergent needs and our efforts amount to over eight millions of dollars annually.

Box Car - The National Box Car Association set goals of making contributions to Hospitals, Children's Homes and Orphanages. Expanding its 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 cities 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.

Every year I ask Locales to report on their participation through the preceding year. Yet our numbers seem to be far below what they should be because as a Forty and Eighter and a veteran almost every activity you do can be reported somewhere on the Americanism Consolidated report.

The Americanism Consolidated report tracks your activities in terms of hours, dollars spent, and miles traveled and these items can count towards the 40et8 even if you are doing them for another organization.

Remember that you are always a 40et8'er. So please keep track of your good deeds and report them so we can let the world know our good work.

Your Voiture may also help support the Americanism program by purchasing pins. The 2018 Americanism pins are available now. If you would like to obtain some pins for yourself or your Voyageur please contact me and I will get them to you right away.

Robert Emery

GRAND DIRECTEUR

AMERICANISM

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## RITUAL

Some very interesting facts for Veterans concerning some of our Rituals and Customs submitted by Kevin Johnson Grand Directeur of Ritual:

## DRAPING THE CASKET WITH THE NATIONAL FLAG:

This custom began during the Napoleonic Wars (1796-1815). The dead carried from the field of battle on a caisson were covered with a flag. When the U.S. flag covers the casket, it is placed so the union blue field is at the head and over the left shoulder. It is not placed in the grave and is not allowed to touch the ground.

## FLAGS FOR MILITARY FUNERALS:

Flags are provided for burial services of service members and veterans. The flag for one who dies on active duty is provided by one's branch of service. Flags for other veterans are provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The flag is presented to the next of kin at the end of the funeral, usually by the military chaplain. If there is no next of kin present, the flag may be presented to the veteran's close friend or associate if requested. The flags that have draped the caskets of the Unknown Soldiers are on display in the Memorial Display Room of the Memorial Amphitheater.

## PRACTICE OF FIRING CANNON SALUTES:

The custom of firing cannon salutes originated in the British Navy. When a cannon was fired, it partially disarmed the ship. Therefore, firing a cannon in salute symbolizes respect and trust. Click here for information on the [Order of Arms](#) of Cannon Salutes

## PRACTICE OF FIRING THREE RIFLE VOLLEYS OVER THE GRAVE:

This practice originated in the old custom of halting the fighting to remove the dead from the battlefield. Once each army had cleared its dead, it would fire three volleys to indicate that the dead had been cared for and that they were ready to go back to the fight. The fact that the firing party consists of seven riflemen, firing three volleys does not constitute a 21-gun salute.

## 21-GUN SALUTE:

All personal salutes may be traced to the prevailing use in earlier days to ensure that the saluter placed himself in an unarmed position. Salute by gunfire is a most-ancient ceremony. The British for years compelled weaker nations to make the first salute, but in time international practice compelled "Gun for Gun" in the principle of an equality of nations.

In the earliest days, seven guns was a recognized British National Salute. Those early regulations stated that, although a ship could fire only seven guns, the forts could fire for honors three shots to one shot afloat. In that day powder of sodium nitrate was easier to keep on shore than at sea. In time, when the quality of gun powder improved by the use of potassium nitrate, the sea salute was made equal to the shore salute -- 21 guns as the highest national honor. Although for a period of time, monarchies received more guns than republics, eventually republics claimed equality.

There was much confusion caused by the varying customs of maritime states, but finally the British government proposed to the United States a regulation that provided for "Salute to be Returned Gun for Gun." The British at that time officially considered the international salute to be 21 guns and the United States adopted the 21-gun and "Gun for Gun Return" August 17, 1875. Previous to that time, our national salute was one gun for each state. The practice was also a result of usage -- John Paul Jones saluted France with 13 guns (one for each state) at Quiberon Bay when the Stars and Stripes received its first salute. This practice was not authorized until 1810.

By the admission of states to the Union, the salute reached 21 guns by 1818. In 1841, the national salute was reduced to 21 guns. In fact, the 1875 adoption of the British suggestion because a formal announcement that the United States recognized 21 guns as an international salute.

## "TAPS":

"Taps" is an American call, composed by the Union Army's Brigadier General Daniel

Butterfield while in camp at Harrison's Landing, Virginia, in 1862. Butterfield wrote the call to replace the earlier "Tattoo" (lights out), which he thought too formal. The call soon became known as "Taps" because it was often tapped out on a drum in the absence of a bugler. Before the year was out, sounding Taps became the practice in both Northern and Southern camps. The call was officially adopted by the U.S. Army in 1874. Colonel James A. Moss, in his Officer's Manual first published in 1911, gives this account of the initial use of Taps at a military funeral:

"During the Peninsular Campaign in 1862, a soldier of Tidball's Battery A of the 2nd Artillery was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods. It was unsafe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave, on account of the proximity of the enemy, and it occurred to Capt. Tidball that the sounding of Taps would be the most appropriate ceremony that could be substituted. The custom, thus originated, was taken up throughout the Army of the Potomac and finally confirmed by orders."

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## YOUTH SPORTS

Article/News: Greetings, Voyageurs-Comrades,

2017-2018 will be happy and promising for '40 & 8 Youth Sports-in Grand du Missouri.'

As we move through our new year, please consider submitting a picture or brief description of what your Locale is doing in Youth Sports. I have also ordered 50 Youth Sports pins. If you want me to mail you some pins, please let me know-via Email: [annroberts977@gmail.com](mailto:annroberts977@gmail.com). To begin this year Voyageur John Kopp and myself participated and helped at the Kansas City, MO Special Olympics 'Soft Ball games in Lee's Summit. Enjoy the pictures.

I am submitting a few pictures for the Communique. However, Grant, I can only submit the pictures one at a time.

Ann





**La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux  
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**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 David Voyles Homecoming to be held October 6th to October 8th, 2017 at the Oasis Hotel and 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 7th, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Oasis Hotel and 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 Officers are expected to be in coat, tie, shirt, long pants, socks 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

David Voyles  
Grand Chef de Gare



## GRANDE CHEMINOT AND HOMECOMING



October 6<sup>th</sup> to October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Oasis Hotel and Convention Center  
2546 North Glenstone Ave.  
Springfield, Missouri 65803  
417-866-5253  
888-532-4338

Room Rate \$84.00 (+TAX) per night  
For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

Make your room reservations directly with Ramada Plaza by September 8, 2017

Handicapped Rooms Available

Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations

### Friday

Registration 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. in the Sahara Room  
Hospitality Room 3 P.M. until ??? in the Sahara Room

### Saturday

Registration 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. in the Sahara Room Lunch 11:30 A.M. to 1  
P.M. in the Sahara Room Grande Cheminot 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. in the Coco  
Ballroom Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 5 P.M. to 6 P.M. in the  
Arabian Room Social Hour 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. – Cash Bar/Banquet 7 P.M. in  
the Maui Ballroom Hospitality Room opens after Banquet

### Sunday

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

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Deadline to register for the banquet is September 22, 2017 - NO EXCEPTIONS

Make your check payable to Voiture 130 for registration

Send to: David Voyles

P.O. BOX 36

Amazonia, MO 64421

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

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

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

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

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

**MEMBERSHIP  
August 10, 2017**



**Grande du MISSOURI**

Voiture	2016	2017	2016	% of	short/over	Goal	% of	Short/over
	YTD	YTD	Year					
	Total	Total	End	Quota				
3	42	45	42	107.14%	3	45	100.00%	0
38	88	84	88	95.45%	-4	93	90.32%	-9
130	30	35	30	116.67%	5	32	109.38%	3
292	40	40	40	100.00%	0	42	95.24%	-2
333	166	155	166	93.37%	-11	175	88.57%	-20
448	96	84	96	87.50%	-12	101	83.17%	-17
460	69	63	69	91.30%	-6	73	86.30%	-10
760	56	40	56	71.43%	-16	59	67.80%	-19
966	4	4	4	100.00%	0	5	80.00%	-1
1292	73	69	73	94.52%	-4	77	89.61%	-8
1321	66	68	66	103.03%	2	70	97.14%	-2
1379	55	45	55	81.82%	-10	58	77.59%	-13
1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0	16	93.75%	-1
1402	22	21	22	95.45%	-1	24	87.50%	-3
1403	22	18	22	81.82%	-4	24	75.00%	-6
1541	86	71	86	82.56%	-15	91	78.02%	-20
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>92.15%</b>	<b>-73</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>87.01%</b>	<b>-128</b>

This is the final 2017 membership report; hopefully everyone is working to do better by starting the 2018 membership year with a BIG BANG.