



Communiqué



La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri

Febuauary 2026 - Grand Chef de Gare Rose Noonan

L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Greeting Voyageurs

I hope everyone is doing okay and staying warm with the frigid weather we have had lately. I encourage our Voitures to check on our Voyageurs to ensure they are doing alright and assist where needed.

The next Missouri Association of Veteran Organizations (MAVO) is scheduled for 2 February 2026 in Jefferson City. I plan on attending along with Grand Correspondant and will pass along notes from that meeting along with the Missouri Veterans Commission meeting highlights. The MAVO Legislative Priorities for 2026 are included in this month's Communiqué for situational awareness.

Reminder - Spring Wreck is scheduled for 6-8 March 2025 in Springfield, MO - ensure to get your hotel reservations in before the deadline. If Voitures have PG's that will be attending - please identify them when submitting registration form so the Conducteur and his Wrecking Crew can plan accordingly. It will be here before we know it.

Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Ralph Binion from Idaho will be attending as our guest for the Grande.

Central States Promenade 2026 is being held this year in North Platte, NE on 23-26 April 2026.

I would like to see a good showing from Grande du Missouri and support Grande du Nebraska.

Let's bring back the traveling trophy to the Grande for 2026. Registration and Ad Forms are located on the Grande Webpage.

MEMBERSHIP: As of 01 February 2026, Grande du Missouri is at 69.80%. We made some headway this past month and I appreciate everyone's effort. We still have way to go - keep up the work.

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

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From the Grande Chef de Train

Commrades,

30 January 2026

I hope this finds everyone doing well. I hope all survived the range of winter weather that passed across the Show Me State last week. I would like to update you on our membership as our numbers have changed a little. As of January 29, 2026, Grande Du Missouri is at 69.80% and 180 short of quota meaning we gained 8 last week. The individual region Sou Chef statistics

show Hallie Williams (V38, 448, 966 and 154) still out front with 77.63% with V966 Mark Twain at 100% and V1541Two Rivers gaining 1. Dan Levasseur with (V292, 333,1292 and 1403) is close behind Hallie at 75.38%, V1403 Lake of the Ozarks still needs that 1 to hit their mark. V1292 gained 6 this week for that region, great work. Calvin Bumgarner (V3, 130, 1379 and 1402) is at 67.80% thus far with V130 Jesse James leading the way in that Region with 100% they finally got that last 1, great job. Roger Wallenberg (V460, 760, and 1321) is at 53.54% with V460 leading in that region with 73.21%. If these numbers or the numbers sent out by Bob Emery each week are not correct, please let me know. As we are now halfway through our membership year, I would encourage the Chef De Gare's, Chef De Train's, and Correspondant's to scrub your rosters and reach out to those who have not renewed. I also encourage all Voyageurs to reach out to qualified Veterans you feel would/could bring something to this great organization and invite them to join.

Membership being addressed, I would also like to remind all that Spring Wreck is approaching March 6th through March 8th. I have attached a corrected registration form which includes the cut-off date for individual room reservations of 5 February 2026, even if you have not sent a registration form to me, I encourage you to insure you make the hotel reservation prior to the 5 February cutoff. I would appreciate registration forms by 25 February to update the Oasis catering staff for the Banquet. I updated the list of those registered below. Please let me know if you have sent a registration and are not listed or give me a call. As a reminder the Grande agreed a few years back that the Grande will only pay for rooms and banquets for VIP's invited by the Grande and this leaves the responsibility of the registration, banquet and room costs to the individual PG's or sponsoring Locales if they choose. I would like to have the Names and Locales of your PG's to be wrecked by 1 March. I have 3 PGs and a possible from Central Ozarks V460 so far.

Thank You for all you do and have done for La Societe.

V/R

Ben Sargent

Grande Chef de Train

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MAVO Position Statement

At this time, these are the bills MAVO supports; positions may evolve as legislation progresses.

- MAVO always supports the full, long-term funding of the Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC);

this is always our top priority until the end of time

- ! • Support for HJR 115 (Griffith) and SJR 88 (Carter) – 100% Disabled Veterans Property Tax

and Homestead Exemption.

- Support for HB 2672 ,HB 2588, and HB 2869 (Jones) – Personal Property Tax Credits and Homestead Exemptions.

- Anticipating legislation addressing unaccredited claims consultants ("Claim Sharks").

- Additional veteran-related bills may be added as filed or amended.

- MAVO is supportive of any legislation that strengthens and increases any funding for the Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC).

Action Needed

"You get what you FIGHT for ... Not what you HOPE for ..."

- Encourage Missouri legislators to co-sponsor MAVO-supported measures.
- Push MAVO social media & email campaigns.
- Invite legislators to veterans' events to meet local veterans and families.
- Support transparency, accountability, and veteran-centered reforms.

THE 40 & 8 NURSES TRAINING PROGRAM

By National Directeur of Nurses Training Kevin Johnson



Nursing students in the 1950s, when the Forty & Eight first launched the Nurses Training Program.

NURSING THEN AND NOW

Honoring Our Legacy While Supporting Today's Caregivers

When the Forty & Eight created the Nurses Training Program in 1955, nursing looked very different from the profession we know today. Training was hospital-based, roles were limited, and the Registered Nurse stood at the center of nearly all professional care. Yet even then, the heart of nursing — service, compassion, and dedication — was unmistakable.

THE EVOLUTION OF NURSING

1955

- One primary role: RN
- Hospital-based diploma programs
- Strict hierarchy
- Limited specialization

Today

- Multiple professional pathways
- College and university programs
- Broad clinical roles
- Team-based care

Over the past seven decades, nursing has expanded into a wide range of roles, including:

- Certified Nursing Assistants
- Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses
- Registered Nurses
- Advanced Practice Nurses
- Home health and long-term care professionals
- Public and community health nurses
- Mental and behavioral health caregivers
- Hospice, palliative, and rehabilitation specialists

Each role requires education, clinical training, and a commitment to caring for others.



Today's nursing workforce includes a wide range of roles, each essential to patient care.

WHY THIS MATTERS TO THE 40 & 8

The Nurses Training Program was founded to strengthen the healthcare workforce. That mission remains unchanged, but the needs of our communities have expanded. Supporting only one type of nursing role would overlook many of today's most essential caregivers.

By recognizing the full spectrum of healthcare education, we honor both our history and our future.

LOCAL CONTROL: A CORE PRINCIPLE

One of the greatest strengths of our program is that **each Voiture Locale earns its own funds and decides how those funds are used**. Locales understand their communities best, and they

have full authority to support **any healthcare-related educational path** they believe will make the greatest impact.

- CNA programs
- LPN/LVN programs
- RN degrees
- Advanced nursing education
- Specialized or community-based healthcare training
- Any healthcare-related educational path

Some communities may need more CNAs in long-term care. Others may need LPNs for rural clinics or RNs for hospital settings. All of these choices are valid and fully aligned with the spirit of the Nurses Training Program.

“Nursing may look different today than it did in 1955, but its purpose remains the same: to care for those in need with skill, dignity, and heart.”



Honoring our past while supporting the caregivers of tomorrow.

CONCLUSION

Nursing has transformed dramatically since 1955, but the mission of the Forty & Eight remains as strong as ever. By supporting students across the full range of healthcare roles, we continue to strengthen our communities and uphold the proud legacy of the Nurses Training Program.



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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 Spring Grande Cheminot and Wreck to be held March 6th to March 8th, 2026 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 7th, 2026, at 9:00AM in Springfield.

The Spring Grande Cheminot will be held on Sunday March 8th, 2026 at 9:00 AM at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center.

There will be a 2026-2027 Officer Slating Meeting on Friday evening. 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 Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteurs, and Grand Aumonier.

A.J. Noonan
Grand Correspondant

Rose Noonan
Grand Chef de Gare



GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI
Grande Spring Wreck & Chemlnot
March 06 to March 08, 2026
Oasis Hotel and Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Ave.
Springfield, MO 65803
417-866-5253

Room Rate \$119.00 (+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
Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations

Friday March 6th, 2026
Registration 1500 - 1800
Hospitality Room 1500 - ??? Kalahari / Mojave Room
2026-2027 Officer Slating Meeting 1900

Saturday March 7th, 2026
Registration 0900 – 1200
Spring Wreck Activities 0800-1130 Sahara Room
Lunch 1130 - 1300
Grande Promenade/Spring Wreck 1300 – 1600 Coco Room
Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 1700-1800 Hospitality Room
Social Hour 1800 Cash Bar
Banquet 1900 Maui
Hospitality Room will be open after the Banquet

Sunday March 8th, 2026
Grande Cheminot 0900 Coco Room

To register for the Grande Spring Wreck and Cheminot. Make check payable to Voiture 460

Send to:
Ben Sargent
25625 Swan Road
Richland, MO 65556

Last Name _____ **First Name** _____ **Spouse/Guest** _____

Title _____ **Voiture** _____

Banquet / Person: \$40.00 X No. Guest _____ **=** _____

Registration Fee \$15.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Membership Grande du Missouri

29-Jan-26

Voiture Name	Voiture	2025	2026	2025	Sh/Ov	% of
		Year End	To-date	Quota	Quota	Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	32	15	32	-17	46.88%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	44	42	44	-2	95.45%
JESSE JAMES	130	29	40	40	0	100.00%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	23	17	23	-6	73.91%
STATE FAIR	333	46	87	100	-13	87.00%
GATEWAY	448	34	38	61	-23	62.30%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	41	41	56	-15	73.21%
KICKAPOO	760	12	14	24	-10	58.33%
MARK TWAIN	966	2	2	2	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	64	43	72	-29	59.72%
MINERAL AREA	1321	16	13	47	-34	27.66%
NEUF COMPT	1379	28	25	32	-7	78.13%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	1	0	14	-14	0.00%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	4	3	4	-1	75.00%
TWO RIVERS	1541	45	36	45	-9	80.00%
Missouri Total		421	416	596	-180	69.80%

