



## Communiqué



# La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

## Grande Voiture du Missouri

January 2026 - Grand Chef de Gare Rose Noonan L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



### Greeting Voyageurs

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I want

to thank Voiture 292, 1321 and 1541 for their hospitality and invitation to their Christmas Parties and Meals. AJ and I had a wonderful time seeing fellow Voyageurs and their families during this special time of the year.

With the Holiday Season behind us - it is time to focus on our Programs within the 40 and 8 in 2026. I encourage everyone to promote these Programs throughout your communities and within your Voiture. Whether it is the Nurses Training Program, Youth Sports, VAVS, Americanism, Child Welfare, Box Car Association or Special Awards recognition - they are all important and sets our Organization apart from other Veteran Organizations.. Ensure we are tracking our Volunteer hours, money spent (Pins / Donations / Scholarships etc) and mileage so we can capture this in our yearly reports up to Nationale.

Spring Wreck is scheduled for 6-8 March 2025 in Springfield, MO - let's make this a great

experience for our PG's. I would ask that everyone attending submit their registration form and make hotel reservations as soon as possible. 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. Looking forward to welcoming our new Voyageur Militaires into the Forty and Eight and Grande du Missouri.

**MEMBERSHIP:** As of 01 January 2026, Grande du Missouri is at 65.72%. We can and must do

better - these next few months are important to retain our current Voyageurs. I encourage all

Voitures to get their renewals submitted to Nationale. I challenge every Voyageur to identify eligible Veterans and talk to them about the 40 and 8 and the Programs of this Organization.

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

Rose Noonan  
Grand Chef de Gare  
Grande du Missouri



## **Update from our Grande Chef de Train**

### **Greetings Voyageurs,**

As 2025 ends and 2026 begins I would like to extend a Happy New Year to all and hope that your Christmas Holiday season was enjoyable. I extend warm wishes to your families also. As this milestone passes, I will note that we are halfway through our membership year and would like to share our membership statistics. As of December 11, 2025, Grande Du Missouri is at 65.60% and 205 short of quota. The individual region Sou Chef statistics show

Hallie Wiliams (V38, 448, 966 and 154) out front with 76.97% congrats to Mark Twain V966 for achieving 100% however V38 Spirit of ST. Louis is not far behind at 95.5%. Calvin Bumgarner (V3, 130, 1379 and 1402) achieved 66.10% with V130 Jesse James leading the way in that Region with 95%. Dan Levasseur with V292, 333,1292 and 1403 is close behind Calvin at 65.33%, V1403 Lake of the Ozarks only needs that 1 to hit the mark. Roger Wallenburg with

V460, 760 and 1321 is at 51.97%. As we roll into 2026, I would ask the Chef De Gare's, Chef de Train's and all voyageurs to reach out to your current members at your Locale and get those renewals. We all know that many of our Voyageurs do not attend promenades regularly, however, a quick scrub of your non-renewals by the Chef De Train during Promenade will allow the Voyageurs present to know who has not renewed and possibly they can reach out to their fellow voyageurs about renewing.

Thanks for all you do

**Ben Sargent**

**Grande Chef de Train**

**msgsgt2@yahoo.com**

**573-528-6110**

## **AMERICANISM**

it is time to start thinking of nominees for

our 2026 Americanism Award winner. Submissions are due by June 1 st

. Please think of a candidate from your Grande. The requirement information is on our Nationale Website. Please start looking. It is also a good time to start recording information for the Americanism Communique report if not already been doing so. It will be due before you know it.

### **REMINDER**

**40et8 membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st of the current membership year.**

**So does your membership card say 2026 if not please pay your 2026 dues as soon as possible. THANK YOU**



## Special Awards

The Special Awards Program is one of the most meaningful ways Voyageurs can honor those who embody the values and mission of La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux. Each year, we are given the opportunity to nominate individuals and communities for recognition through the Sergeant Edward F. Younger Memorial Award (Voyageur of the Year), Law Officer of the Year, Hero of the Year, and City/Town of the Year awards. These honors are more than ceremonial - they celebrate service, sacrifice, and dedication to others. By taking part in the nomination process, we ensure that the extraordinary contributions of our Voyageurs and our neighbors are acknowledged and remembered. Participating in these nominations is not only about recognizing excellence but also about strengthening the bonds of our organization and our communities. Every nomination submitted represents a story of commitment to La Société, to our veterans, and to the principles of service that unite us. Whether it's honoring a Voyageur who tirelessly advances our programs, a law officer who safeguards our freedoms, a hero who acts selflessly in the face of danger, or a city that continually supports its veterans, each nomination showcases the best of who we are. Active involvement in the Special Awards Program reflects our shared responsibility as Voyageurs Militaires. When we take the time to seek out and submit deserving candidates, we breathe life into our values of "service, sacrifice, and fellowship." We demonstrate to the public (and to each other) that La Société recognizes those who serve not for recognition, but for the good of others. This visibility enhances our presence in the community, inspires future members, and builds pride in our collective efforts. The success of this program depends on your participation. Please do not wait for someone else to step forward. Make it a point to identify and nominate those who make a difference. Every Voiture has remarkable Voyageurs and community members who deserve to be honored. By taking part, you not only help preserve the proud traditions of La Société but also ensure that acts of courage, leadership, and service continue to inspire generations to come. Further, it could be considered to recognize those who actively participate in this program! What a reciprocal concept! The guidelines and instructions for nomination are on the national website in the Petite Communiqué. The instructions include a form which is simple to complete and then just attach a

few paragraphs to help your case in the national competition. The Sous Directeurs of Special Awards are active and willing to assist to ensure that you complete the basic form correctly. It may only take a couple of hours in total to nominate a candidate! Feel free to reach out to any of our Sous Directeurs or me for any help you need. Yours in service and fraternity, Nick Weyers Directeur of Special Awards La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

## Americanism

Fall is here and the leaves have been turning. I hope this article finds you all safe and well. As far as Americanism goes, all of us have something going on when it comes to this program. 2026 Americanism pins sold very well at our Nationale Promenade this year. There are only a handful left of them. If you haven't purchased yours yet, they are going fast so please reach Voyageur Ron Garlind or myself so we can get them to you ASAP. The Americanism Committee has come up with some fundraising ideas for selling our left over past Americanism pins from the last few years either as a set or individually. Please reach out to me if you are interested. A deal is a deal. We will also be selling coffee mugs in the near future as soon as everything gets finalized. There should be an advertisement/ order form in the next issue. I have been contacted by the SAL Detachment Commander of WI on our Flags for First Graders program, There are some American Legion Posts/ SAL Squadrons here in Wisconsin that are interested in going out and doing Flag education. I am going to be a mentor with this project which is going to be set up at the SAL Detachment Midwinter this January. I believe I will be able to pair up some Locales in Wisconsin to help with this endeavor and I am sure we can get a new member or two out of this and it does not hurt to promote ourselves at the same time. I will keep you updated on how this works out. I have a good feeling about it. Please keep doing your Flags for First Graders that I know a lot of you do this time of year. Veterans Day is right around the corner, and I wish you well on how celebrate the day with ceremonies, programs and events you have scheduled. It is a busy week so pace yourselves and get the most of it. I have sent out my November Americanism letter. If you did not receive through your chain of command, please let me know and I will add you to my list. I also will be setting up an Americanism Zoom meeting shortly with email being sent out with the details. I think is good idea so we can discuss all the great things we are doing and solve problems we might be having at the same time. In closing have a Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season. Until next time.....

John W Edelblute IV Nationale Americanism Directure



# 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 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
Registration 1500 - 1800  
Hospitality Room 1500 - ??? Kalahari / Mojave Room  
2026-2027 Officer Slating Meeting 1900

**Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
Grande Cheminot 0900 Coco Room

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**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

1-Jan-26

Voiture Name	Voiture	2025 Year End	2026 To-date	2025 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of 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	19	39	40	-1	97.50%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	23	17	23	-6	73.91%
STATE FAIR	333	46	82	100	-18	82.00%
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	48	37	72	-35	51.39%
MINERAL AREA	1321	1	13	47	-34	27.66%
NEUF COMPT	1379	27	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	41	35	45	-10	77.78%
Missouri Total		375	403	596	-193	67.62%

