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La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri

June 2025 - Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz

L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Greetings Fellow
Voyageurs,
May was a Great month
for the Grande. Mem-
bership was up and

Central States was held right here in
Springfield Missouri. Really had a
nice turn out with many Voyagers turn-
ing out from long distances as well.
We had the good fortune to have two of
our Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer's at-
tend, Ron Rolfes from Michigan and our
very own Ralph Turner from Missouri.
Thank you Gentlemen for making the
visit to our

Central States Promenade to attend.
Deb Reynolds, passe Sous Chef de Che-
min de fer from Florida also popped in
for an as usual great time and conver-
sation. Currently she is running for
the Chef de Chemin de Fer position for
next year. I wish you the best of luck
and hope to see you make that
final step. Always a pleasure to see
you.

This year we decided to have a pool
side Aloha type party instead of the
traditional Pajama party. It was a hit
bringing over 35 of the voyagers out-
side at the pool side in full Hawaiian

attire. Refreshments were served and
Ron Rolfes of Grand Du Michigan was
the first and ONLY one to take a dip
in the pool. Being born in Michigan
myself, a dip at 65 to 70 degrees is
not uncommon. It was enjoyed by all as
we watched by the pool in the mornings
sun.

As Grand Chef I was very proud of ALL
the committee members that brought and
coordinated their time and efforts.
Everything was wonderful and compli-
ments of the Central States Promenade
were plentiful from all the other
Grands attending.

Next Month is our next Promenade and
when I take off my Chapeau as the
Grand Chef and pass it on. Rose Noonan
will bring in the 2025 year on the
4th of July weekend here in
Springfield at the Oasis. I hope to
see you there with firecrackers in
your pockets. Springfield has a great
4th of July ceremony and Parades that
hopefully you can attend as well.

Once again Thank you for entrusting me
with the reins of Grande du Missouri-
for

the last year and I hope you all have
a GREAT start to the Summer months.

See you all

in July and God bless.

Ron Leverenz

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Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri.

It has been tradition for many years for each Voiture to bring some attendance prizes to the Grande Promenade. This is a reminder for all Voitures to bring some attendance prizes to the Grande Promenade this year.

Attention all Locale Directeurs reports are due to Grande Directeurs by June 15, 2025

Updated Address for Sam Guenther
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NEW JERSEY MERCI BOXCAR FOUND

David J Knutson, Sous Directeur NBCA and MerciTrain.org Researcher For decades there have been 43 of the original 49 Merci Boxcars remaining. The New Jersey Merci Boxcar was one of the six that were listed as missing, destroyed, or scrapped. Shortly after its arrival in 1949, the lower assembly of the boxcar was replaced with truck wheels so it could be taken on tour and used in parades. Around 1958, the New Jersey Merci Boxcar was given to Voiture 803, Nassau County, New York. The reasons for this are unknown and life in New York did not seem to last too long. Voiture 803 had a different boxcar behind their locomotive in a photo from 1965.

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Box Car Memorial Book. Andy had visited all the boxcars and prompted New York to look into the whereabouts of the NJ boxcar. But, already missing for nearly 20 years already, the trail had run cold. The French word Voiture translates to a carriage, wagon, or other wheeled vehicle. With our beginnings coming from American Doughboys riding in these WWI boxcars in France, the word has also transformed to the local contingent of our organization - Voiture Locale. We are all known as a Voyageurs Militaire or Military Travelers and the significance of the 40 & 8 boxcar being chosen as the container for the thousands of gifts from the people of France aboard the Train de la Reconnaissance Française is frequently overlooked. Yes, the Gratitude Train was a response to the Friendship Train sent in 1947, but using WWI boxcars shows the strong link between the French War Veterans and the American Veterans who had now fought together in two world wars. These decorated gifts from our oldest war-time ally are treasures in themselves and a truly unique symbol of Goodwill and Gratitude between our two nations. The years took their toll on the New Jersey Merci Boxcar. Little did we know the boxcar was saved from an unworthy demise and acquired by the National WWI Museum and Memorial. It was recognized as a WWI era 40 & 8 boxcar, but was sitting in a field in Tennessee and in rough shape. The Museum and Memorial acquired the 100-year-old boxcar in hopes of restoring it for display. Restoration work is always costly and parts of this boxcar difficult to locate. Now, protected from the elements, it patiently sat in the corner of a large warehouse. Soon after publicity of our recent 75th Anniversary of the Gratitude Train helped to bring to light our treasured gifts from France, the Museum and Memorial began to further investigate the origins of their boxcar.

After posting photos of the boxcar on The Merci Train Facebook page, it was tentatively identified as the New Jersey Merci Boxcar. When a closer examination confirmed its identity, the Museum and Memorial resolved to return it to its original home. After learning about the finding of the New Jersey Merci Boxcar, Kevin Phalon, President and Executive Director of the United Railroad Historical Society of New Jersey, (URHS) applied to take on the challenge of restoring this longlost piece of New Jersey history. He shows great enthusiasm for the project. This boxcar represents more than just a piece of railroad history—it is a symbol of international friendship, gratitude, and the enduring legacy of those who

SPRING GRANDE CHEMINOT, April 06, 2025
Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz, opened the Spring Grande Cheminot at 9:00 AM surprisingly with his Gavel he remembered to bring with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Grand Aumonier Ted McCart.

Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that nine answered. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed we had a quorum with ten Voitures represented. Fines collected for those answering incorrectly. Absent were Voitures 3, 38, 966, 1402 and 1403.

Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz recognized Ralph Turner Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer.

Acting Grand Avocat Kevin Johnson said we will follow the Voiture Nationale Constitution and then Roberts's rules.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Ben Sargent, that the Fall Grande Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Correspondant AJ Noonan said he received flyers from Deb Reynolds (Grande du Florida) and Jim Vissar (Grande du Wisconsin) as candidates for Chef de Chemin de Fer 2026. Received 100% membership pins from Voiture Nationale for Voiture 760 Chef de Gare and Correspondant. Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz presented pins to Voiture 760. Received confirmation from Voiture Nationale of a George B. Boland Trust Scholarship for Grande du Missouri at large recipient Elana Twenter. Packets for Grand Directeurs are located in the back for pickup. They contain the Certificates to be awarded during the Grande Promenade in July.

Grand Correspondant AJ Noonan stated he had received the following resolutions: Rose Noonan for Grand Chef de Gare, Ben Sargent for Grand Chef de Train, Forrest Johnson for Commissaire Intendant and AJ Noonan for Grand Correspondant. Action on these resolutions will be at the Grande Promenade.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, Ben Sargent, read the finance report and discussed it. Notion offered by to accept the finance report subject to audit, second by Dan Levasseur... passed.

Grand Chef de Train Rose Noonan reported the Grande had a membership of 520, 82.15%. There is still time to get those renewals in – the Grande is still short 113 renewals. Sous Grand Chef de Train's, Calvin Bumgarner reported (Voiture 3, 130, 1379 and 1402) was at 86.67%, Lora Berkley reported (Voiture 292, 333, 1292 and 1403) was at 87.14% and Ted McCart (Voiture 460, 760 and 1321) was at 58.45%. but is working on Voiture 1321 for renewals.

Cheminot Nationale Hallie Williams had nothing to report but reiterated the importance of Child Welfare. Some of the highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 130 wanted to thank everyone that helped securing 1st Place National Nurses Scholarship Award. A total of 8 - \$1500.00 scholarships were awarded last year but will provide 6 scholarships this year pending additional funding. Hosted the American Legion National Commander along with AL, SAL and Auxiliary. Participated in several Parades. Assisted in over 50 funerals at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery. Placed flags on several occasions. Sponsored 2 Scout Troops, 2 Boys State attendees and supported Toys for Tots. Current membership 85% (34/39 Members paid). Voiture 292 is currently at 85.19%, they support Mexico Nursing Homes and VA Hospital; Voiture 333; The Veterans Day breakfast at Smith-Cotton High School began at 7:30 am followed by a ceremony in the gymnasium. The guest speaker was Chef de Gare Passe Don Barbour. The Veterans Day parade on Saturday November 9 included Chef de Gare Cliff McBride's pickup decorated in a patriotic theme. 100 4"x6" flags were passed out to children along the parade route. Voiture 333 donated \$250.00 to the Warrensburg Veterans Home Volunteer Assistance League Tree of Stars. The Show-Me Christian Youth Home brought 10 visitors to the December Promenade. After the breakfast, Voiture 333 presented a donation of \$500.00 to the home. Several Voyageurs participated in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony on December 14, 2024 at the Higginsville Veterans Cemetery. The Voiture donated \$500.00 to Camp Valor Outdoors. 50 40x8 boxcar calendars were purchased from Grande Voiture du Texas for resale. Ten calendars are still available for purchase. The Voiture scholarship program was finalized for 2025-2029. For 2025, 2 4-year scholarships continue for the 3rd year at \$1000/year. Two more \$1000/year 4-year scholarships will be awarded. Four \$1000/year 2-year scholarships will be given as well as four one-year \$500/year scholarships for a total of 12 scholarships totaling \$10,000. As of April 3, we have received 22 scholarship applications. We will be submitting a request for a Boland scholarship.

Voiture 333 funded a student from Sacred Heart to Boys State and Voyageur Gary Grigsby is researching a need for funding a girl for Girls State. Our April Promenade was highlighted by the presence of Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz, Grand Chef de Gare Passe Ed Jones and Cabane 760 La Presidente Brittany Leverenz. Cupcakes were provided honoring the La Societe's birthday. Membership stands at 91 paid members with 7 additional membership cards being mailed to Nationale next week. Voiture 448 provided gifts to kids at Mary Grove Children's Home for Christmas and Easter. Promenade held every other month. Death By Chocolate Mystery Dinner hosted by Gateway Voiture 448 and Salon 116, starting at 5:30 pm on June 14, 2025, at the American Legion Post 397, with a \$30.00/person cost including dinner and show plus three Sodas and/or Beers. Membership is currently at 93.65% with a total of 59 paid members; Voiture 460 membership is at 72.66. Awarded four Nursing Training Scholarships for \$500 each Semester. Boland Trust Scholarship application is pending submission. Participated in Veterans Day placement of flags at 5 local cemeteries. Participated in Christmas Parade in St. James with Veterans from the St. James Veterans Home. 2 Voyageurs went thru the Spring Wreck yesterday. Voiture 1292 currently has 72 active Voyageurs. One Voyageur went thru Wreck yesterday with two additional PG's pending. There were five Nursing Scholarships awarded for the Fall semester and five scholarships for the Spring semester. The Special Needs 2024 Christmas Event Reports that there were 389 Teddy Bear/Goodie Bags dropped off to 9 area schools for students and 156 Sonic Gift Cards for staff. Golf Tournament- Date has been set for June 7th from 9-2 at Oak Hills. Voiture 1321 Mineral Area has one Promenade each month at a post home throughout the 13th District of the American Legion Department of Missouri. Voiture 1321 conducts its major barbecue fundraiser at Buchheits store in the city of Herculaneum about 25 miles south of St. Louis, MO. The barbecues are planned April through October each year on one Saturday and Sunday weekend each month. Profits for 2024 year was an all-time record for the Buchheits location. Barbecue profit is used to fund Nurse's Training, American Legion Boys State and Child Welfare. We are represented at the St. Louis and Popular Bluff VA Medical Centers. Medical Center reports are a portion of business at each promenade. We complete all training for senior hospital volunteers each year. We plan offsite trips for patients at Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital with a trip planned for May 17, 2025. We usually have been 55-60 patients for these trips with breakfast and lunch served to the patients along with entertainment like bingo and live music. James "Rocky" Buchanan, our Jefferson Barracks Hospital coordinator, was presented a plaque during the last offsite trip for all his help throughout his time as our coordinator. Marcena Gunter, VAVS Director, at Jefferson Barracks Hospital is being considered for a plaque presentation during our next offsite patient barbecue and entertainment. The veterans center in Farmington, MO is assisted with their needs as much as possible. Voiture 1541 In October Voyageur Don Newman visited the Missouri Veterans Home where 25 residents participated in bingo. \$300 worth of coffee and cups were donated to VA Clinic in St. Charles. \$1500 worth of goods through a food drive, care packages and coat drive were collected and donated. On December 18th a joint Voiture #1541 and Salon #771 Christmas Party was held. We were honored to have Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz and his family in attendance. Also in attendance were Grand Chef de rain Rose Noonan and Grand Commissaire Intendant AJ Noonan. In January a Locale Communique was sent out to all Voyageurs. The 2025 Box Car Cards were mailed with the Communique to all 45 paid up Voyageurs. We sponsored a hole at the Marine Corps Devil Dogs golf tournament. On March 1st, 2025 we held our annual "Night at the Races" fundraiser. The event was again successful this year. The Voiture purchased a half page ad in the upcoming Central States Promenade and had "10" Voyageurs pay to be boosters. Currently have "3" Nurses in training. Membership finished at 45. Last year we had 47. Installation of new Officers is scheduled at the August Promenade.

Grand Medicin Tommy Thomas skated out early due to illness. However, 4 PGs went through the Spring Wreck and there were no injuries that were reported.

Grand Historien Ron Turner said if any Locales have pictures, they would like to include in the Grande History scrapbook send them to him.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training Dan Levasseur said to capture all information and send to him by 15 June.

Grand Aumonier Ted McCart said to send him the names of the deceased so he can put them in the Memorial program at the Grand Promenade.

Grand Conducteur Frank Angelo said there were 4 PG's wrecked and said he estimated the PG's collected over \$200 in coins and cash. All of the money the PG's collected and the fines from this Grande Cheminot will be decided during the Grande Promenade in July. Wanted to thank all the Sous Conducteurs who supported the Wreck.

Grand Directeur POW/MIA Frank Angelo: Stated he still had POW/MIA pins available for purchase if anyone is interested. Reminded to send their Annual Reports in by 15 June.

Grand Directeur Special Awards Wade Mano said he has received a Law Officer of the Year from or City of Year submissions along with a Voyageur of the Year award submission from Voiture 1321.

Grand Directeur VAVS Chip Berkley reiterated the importance of sending reports in and accounting for volunteer hours at the VA Hospitals.

Time and Place Committee Kevin Johnson said the Grand Promenade and Cheminot will be July 04-06 2025 at Oasis Hotel in Springfield at \$114 and the Grand Chef's Homecoming and Cheminot will be October 10-11, 2025 at same hotel and rate. Central States Promenade will be in Springfield, MO May 08-10 2025, 106th Promenade Nationale is September 23 - 27, 2025 at Gettysburg, PA. Spring Wreck 2025 and Grande Promenade will be announced during Grande Promenade in July.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Calvin Bumgarner Chairman said he received one nomination for Voyageur of the Year – being reviewed by Distinguished Voyageur Committee.

Old Business: Second banner has been procured, received and now available for use. Drapeau East received the banner.

New Business:

- Grand Chef Ron Leverenz made the following Grand Promenade Committee appointments: Constitution Bob Phillips; Nominations Kevin Johnson; Credentials Rose Noonan; Resolutions David Bexten and Audit Chairman Terry Lanning with Mike Scruby and Janice Hartley. Motion was offered and approved. Pending confirmation of attending – notification letters will be sent to those individuals.

Good of the Grande Voiture – Voiture 460 won the Cornhole Tournament. It may have been rigged. Still questionable. Frank Angelo stated that the Voyageurs who went thru the Wreck raised approximately \$200 in collections. Actual collected by was \$240.49 in addition \$100.00 was collected in fines Thanks to several individuals.

Distinguished guest speech – Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Ralph Turner addressed the Grande and provided his thoughts on the importance of Membership.

No Grand Chef de Passe wished to speak. Thankfully.

AJ Noonan
Grand Correspondant



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 Promenade and Cheminot to be held July 04-06, 2025 at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803, phone (417) 866-5253.

There will not be an Executive Board Meeting. If one is needed, it will be posted in the Hospitality Room. The Grande Promenade Committee Meetings will be held on Saturday morning and the time and place will be posted in the Hospitality Room.

The Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday, July 5th, 2025 at 1:00 PM at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center. The Grand Chef de Gare, Ron Leverenz urges all Grand Directeurs that are giving out awards to the Locales to do it during the Cheminot on Saturday. It could save you a fine.

The Grande Promenade will be held on Sunday morning, July 6th, 2025 starting at 9:00 AM sharp. Chairmen of the Grande Promenade Committees, Audit, Credentials, Constitution, Nominations, and Resolutions, will give their report at this time along with the election of new Officers, Delegates and Alternates for the 106th National Promenade, September 23-27, 2025 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

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.

A.J. Noonan
Grand Correspondant

Ron Leverenz
Grand Chef de Gare



**Gateway Voiture 448 and Salon 116
invites you to a**

Death By Chocolate Mystery Dinner

When: Starts 5:30 pm Saturday, June 14, 2025
Doors open 4:30 pm

Where: American Legion Post 397

934 Rue De La Banque Drive, Creve Coeur, MO

Cost: \$30.00/person (Includes dinner and show
plus three Sodas and/or Beers

Join us at your own risk...for dinner and a murder!

For Tickets, contact Terry Lanning 314-839-2032
or email t_lanning@charter.net There will also be
tickets at Post 397 bar.



GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

Grande Promenade & Cheminot

July 04 to July 06, 2025

Oasis Hotel and Convention Center

2546 North Glenstone Ave.

Springfield, MO 65803

417-866-5253

Room Rate \$114.00 (+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 July 4th, 2025

Registration 1500 - 1800

Hospitality Room 1500 - ??? Kalahari / Mojave Room

2025-2026 Officer Slating Meeting 1800 Arabian Room

Saturday July 5th, 2025

Registration 0900 – 1200

Committee Meetings 0800-1100

Lunch 1130 - 1300

Grande Promenade 1300 – 1600 Sahara Room

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 1700-1800 Hospitality Room

Social Hour 1800 Cash Bar Fiji Ballroom

Banquet 1900 Fiji Ballroom

Hospitality Room will be open after the Banquet

Sunday July 6th, 2025

Grande Cheminot 0900 Sahara Room

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

Send to:

A.J. Noonan

20165 Highway 28

Dixon, MO 65459

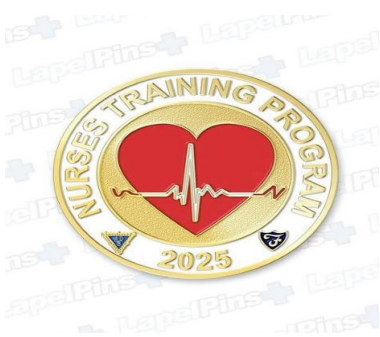
Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title _____ Voiture _____

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

Registration Fee \$15.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____ = _____

Total Enclosed: _____



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As always, I am hoping this letter finds everyone in good health. I know some places you can tell that Spring is here others not so much! Just continue to be safe and try to enjoy the warmer weather as it starts to move in.

In last month letter I started talking about it being time to start working on the Nurses of the Year applications, and I also talked about the outstanding job the La Femmes were doing recognizing outstanding service in the healthcare community.

I have been talking with Frank Hirrill Sous Directeur POW/MIA from Grand du AZ. He has helped (I just supplied the information) designed a flyer with a QR code that goes directly to a Nurse of the Year information and application. This flyer can be printed out and placed in locations where health care is provided. Anyone can scan the QR code, and all the information needed to submit an applicant is provided. A list of all the Grands in each Sous Directeur region is provided. They can fill the application out online and email it to the Sous Directeur for their region. As a Sous Directeur you go through all applications decided on the best one for your region and submit it to me. The best for all five regions will be emailed to me. For this to work you must print out the flyer and get it out. Anyone can print the flyer out and they can be reprinted because they are directed to send to one location by a certain date. I have attached the Flyer, **This flyer has to be forwarded to each Grand to find out how well it will work!**

With next month being National Nurses Month I would like to take this month's letter to share some information I came across about recognizing nurses.

National Nurses Week History

National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th, Florence Nightingale's birthday. These permanent dates enhance planning and position National Nurses Week as an established recognition event. As of 1998, May 8 was designated as National Student Nurses Day, to be celebrated annually. And as of 2003, National School Nurse Day is celebrated on the Wednesday within National Nurses Week (May 6-12) each year.

The nursing profession has been supported and promoted by the American Nurses Association (ANA) since 1896. Each of ANA's state and territorial nurses associations promote the nursing profession at the state and regional levels. Each conducts celebrations on these dates to recognize the contributions that

nurses and nursing make to the community.

The ANA supports and encourages National Nurses Week recognition programs through the state and district nurses associations, other specialty nursing organizations, educational facilities, and independent health care companies and institutions.

A Brief History of National Nurses Week

1953- Dorothy Sutherland of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare sent a proposal to President Eisenhower to proclaim a "Nurse Day" in October of the following year. The proclamation was never made.

1954- National Nurse Week was observed from October 11 - 16. The year of the observance marked the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's mission to Crimea. Representative Frances P. Bolton sponsored the bill for a nurse week. Apparently, a bill for a National Nurse Week was introduced in the 1955 Congress, but no action was taken. Congress discontinued its practice of joint resolutions for national weeks of various kinds.

1972- Again, a resolution was presented by the House of Representatives for the President to proclaim "National Registered Nurse Day." It did not occur.

1974- In January of that year, the International Council of Nurses (ICN) proclaimed that May 12 would be "International Nurse Day." (May 12 is the birthday of Florence Nightingale.) Since 1965, the ICN has celebrated "International Nurse Day."

1974- In February of that year, a week was designated by the White House as National Nurse Week, and President Nixon issued a proclamation.

1978- New Jersey Governor Brendon Byrne declared May 6 as "Nurses Day." Edward Scanlan, of Red Bank, N.J., took up the cause to perpetuate the recognition of nurses in his state. Mr. Scanlan had this date listed in Chase's Calendar of Annual Events. He promoted the celebration on his own.

1981- ANA, along with various nursing organizations, rallied to support a resolution initiated by nurses in New Mexico, through their Congressman, Manuel Lujan, to have May 6, 1982, established as "National Recognition Day for Nurses."

1982- In February, the ANA Board of Directors formally acknowledged May 6, 1982, as "National Nurses Day." The action affirmed a joint resolution of the United States Congress designating May 6 as "National Recognition Day for Nurses."

1982- President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation on March 25, proclaiming "National Recognition Day for Nurses" to be May 6, 1982.

1990- The ANA Board of Directors expanded the recognition of nurses to a week-long celebration, declaring May 6 - 12, 1991, as National Nurses Week.

1993- The ANA Board of Directors designated May 6 - 12 as permanent dates to observe National Nurses Week in 1994 and in all subsequent years.

1996- The ANA initiated "National RN Recognition Day" on May 6, 1996, to honor the nation's indispensable registered nurses for their tireless commitment 365 days a year. The ANA encourages its state and territorial nurses associations and other organizations to acknowledge May 6, 1996, as "National RN Recognition Day."

1997- The ANA Board of Directors, at the request of the National Student Nurses Association, designated May 8 as National Student Nurses Day.

Beyond sharing gratitude for the people who are with us from our first breaths to our last. This annual celebration is dedicated to elevating nurses' voices and recognizing their unwavering commitment to patients, communities, and better healthcare outcomes for all. Nurses are the heart of health care—steadfast in compassion, courage and commitment. Nurses care deeply—for patients, teams and communities. They lead with integrity and vision, often in the most complex and challenging environments.

Working with the thought that Nurses are the heart of health care. Our National Nurses Training pin design for 2026 will put a little emphasize on that sentiment.



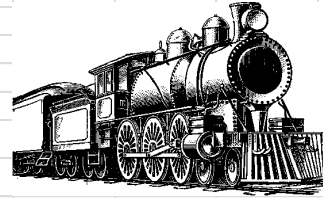
Thank you for all that you do for this program.

Kevin T. Johnson

National Directeur Nurses Training



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Membership Grande Voiture du Missouri

29-May-25

	Voiture	2024 Year End	2025 2024	2024 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	33	32	33	-1	96.97%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	49	44	49	-5	89.80%
JESSE JAMES	130	41	40	41	-1	97.56%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	27	23	27	-4	85.19%
STATE FAIR	333	102	98	105	-7	93.33%
GATEWAY	448	57	60	63	-3	95.24%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	59	43	59	-16	72.88%
KICKAPOO	760	20	24	23	1	104.35%
MARK TWAIN	966	2	2	2	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	74	70	74	-4	94.59%
MINERAL AREA	1321	60	34	60	-26	56.67%
Neuf Comtés	1379	35	30	35	-5	85.71%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	11	14	11	3	127.27%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	4	4	4	0	100.00%
TWO RIVERS	1541	47	45	47	-2	95.74%
Missouri Total		621	563	633	-70	88.94%

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Gene Vaucher		155	151	161	-10	93.79%
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