



## Communiqué



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

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**September 2019 - Grand Chef de Gare Janice Hartley - L'Editeur Robert C. Emery**

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### Greetings Voitures:

For many of us summer has gone, kids are back in school or college and we are back to the old grind of

work. I have been busy since last month. I had a convention for another

veterans' organization to attend in Billings, Montana. Then off to visit my youngest daughter and her family in Colorado.

No sooner then I returned home and I was off again to install the officers of Voiture 1379. What a struggle to find the place having never been there before! Enjoyed the fellowship and the delicious lunch they served. Thank you.

On the 28th of August I installed the officers of Voiture 1541. Again a great dinner and close friendship was had by everyone in attendance.

As a veteran with almost three decades of service, covering every era from Vietnam to the Gulf Wars, I am proud of how far this Grand has come in recognizing women veterans since 2006 when women were finally allowed to join. It is with honor that I serve as your first female Grand Chef de Gare. I just hope that with guidance of the Chefs de Gare Passe', I can make you proud. I would like to thank the Grand Chefs de Gare Passe' Chip Berkley and David Christian for installing the officers of their Voitures. During my travels earlier this month Jim and I talked to several people (veterans) who had no idea what the 40&8 does nor that we even exist! Remember they can't join unless you ask.

Next on my agenda is Commander Hallie Williams' Homecoming then off to Myrtle Beach. Hope to see

some of you there. I'll be working the National Box Car Association's table off and on while I'm there.

Stop by and say "Hi."

Thanks for all you do for Grande du Missouri.

God bless you and God bless America. Pray for all our servicemen and women, keep them safe.

**Janice Hartley**

**Grand Chef de Gare**

**Grande du Missouri**

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### Sous Grand Correspondants Notes

The next issue of the Communiqué will be monthly with articles from our new Directeur's and Officers of the Grand.

Oct 2019 - Box Car, VAVS

Nov 2019 - Nurses Training, PR

Dec 2019 - POW/MIA, Carville Star

Jan 2020 - Special Awards,  
Voiture Activities

Feb 2020 - Distinguished Voyageur

Mar 2020 - Ritual

## 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 2020 Americanism pins are available now.

Robert Emery

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# Child Welfare

Missouri Voyageurs assisted 4,384 children this past year at a cost of \$131,652 in cash, expense, and services in-kind. Those impressive figures are with only 9 of Missouri's 16 Voitures reporting their activities. La Societe's oldest program,

Child Welfare, is also one of its most gratifying. Who doesn't like helping children?

Voitures Locale fund their Child Welfare programs with membership dues, fundraisers, mileage, man-hours,

Child Welfare pin sales, and reimbursement from the Ardery Trust. Your Grande Directeur Child Welfare purchases pins from Nationale for sale to Voitures and individuals. Voitures can sell the pins at cost or at a markup to fund local programs. Some Voitures even give them to their members at the Voiture's cost. Profit from sales at Nationale goes into the Ardery Trust. The first \$.25 of each voyageur's dues also goes into the Ardery Trust. Furthermore, donations and investment income bolster the Trust. In turn, the Ardery Trust reimburses Voitures for such activities as purchasing clothing for children who suffer house fires and floods.

Sounds like a complicated waltz, but your portion of the dance is simple. Just have your Voiture buy collectible Child Welfare pins\*, wear them proudly, do good things for children (maybe receive reimbursement for specific acts), and report the year's activity to Grande Directeur Child Welfare Terry McDonald. He would be glad to sell pins, provide blank report forms, and consolidate your reports.

\*Now accepting Voitures' bulk orders through Nationale Promenade at [tbmcdonald@hotmail.com](mailto:tbmcdonald@hotmail.com)

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## DoD Caregiver Resource Directory Update 01: 2019 Edition Released

The Department of Defense has released the 2019 Caregiver Resource Directory (CRD), and it is ready for download! The annual update includes 114 pages of information on resources and programs, including those that assist caregivers of wounded, ill and injured Veterans and service members. The CRD is an enriched source of information. It addresses everything from childcare, education and training, healthcare needs, legal assistance, rest and relaxation, to peer support, mentoring, and so much more. The Directory is essentially a one stop shop for questions and concerns for those who are new to being caregivers. The resources provided in the CRD have gone through a rigorous review and vetting process so that Veterans, service members and caregivers receive accurate, timely, and pertinent information. The simple guide is available online 24/7 in both English and Spanish. The guide uses icons to assist with quickly accessing VA and DoD programs and non-profit organizations. The CRD is also a good source for info on self-care programs and for respite assistance. "With many organizations offering support and services, it can be difficult to sort out the specific type of resource or program best suited for your needs. Therefore, this directory is compiled for you — the caregiver — as its primary focus." — DOD Military Caregiver Support To access it online copy go to <https://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/files/2019/08/Caregiver-Directory-2019-Edition.pdf>. To download a digital copy of the CRD or to request a hard copy go to <https://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/caregiverresources>. For information about VA resources, visit VA Caregiver Support. [Source: Vantage Point | August 28, 2019 ++]

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## GRANDE CHEMINOT & GRAND CHEF'S HOMECOMING:

We are off to a very slow start on registrations for the upcoming fall event. So far only "6" Voyageurs have responded. A link to the registration form is attached to this Communiqué. The event is October 4-6, 2018 at the Holiday Inn Earth City. Deadline for making hotel reservations is September 20th. After that, the block of rooms the hotel has saved for us will be released to the general public. Deadline for registration for the banquet is September 27th. The hotel has requested we have a final count by that day so they can order the food and schedule ample staff for the event. So, let's get those registrations in and not wait until the last minute.

## Arlington National Cemetery Delays

A Dayton Daily News investigation found it's not uncommon for veterans and service members to wait nearly a year to be buried in what is considered the nation's most highly regarded cemetery while there is virtually no delay at Dayton National Cemetery. The 5 newspaper also found both national cemeteries are working to head off space shortages, which if not addressed could cause each to fill up within the next few decades. Burials at Arlington can take anywhere from five to 49 weeks once a family submits a request, according to a report issued in May by the Department of Defense's Office of the Inspector General. At Dayton National Cemetery, a burial can take place within days of a request being filed, the director told this news organization.

The root cause for delays at Arlington is that it simply doesn't have the resources available on a daily basis to conduct burials, the report states. Arlington conducts burials based on when a family submits a request, the state of a person's remains and the level of military honors required for a funeral, Rojas said. The cemetery typically has around 30 burials a day, Rojas said. Just eight or so of those daily burials are for vets like Cole who receive high-level honors. "It will require more resources from the branch of service," Rojas said, referring to the Air Force. "It's why we have not been able to schedule his service." There were more than 21 million living vets and dependents eligible to be buried in Arlington as of last year, according to the OIG report. As of September, there were around 3,471 open requests for burial at Arlington. Aside from Arlington, which is run by the Army, most other national cemeteries are run by the National Cemetery Administration. The NCA has a scheduling office in St. Louis, Missouri. Ohio is home to five national cemeteries and one state veterans cemetery in Sandusky, Ohio. The national cemeteries include two that are still accepting burials, two confederate cemeteries that are filled and a soldier's lot in Cleveland that is also closed. Dayton National Cemetery and Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville, Ohio are both still accepting burials. While it can take nearly a year to be buried at Arlington, the wait to schedule a burial at Dayton National Cemetery is far shorter, said Doug Ledbetter, director of Dayton's cemetery which shares a campus with the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center. "Given the volume that they do, I'm not totally surprised," Ledbetter said of Arlington. "That is not the case with us. We can generally be pretty accommodating." Dayton National Cemetery is on track to be full in the next 21-30 years, Ledbetter said. But, the cemetery is already considering its options for expansion. "They'll start looking prior to that obviously because we don't want to close," Ledbetter said. "It's important for our vets to have access to that benefit." Dayton National Cemetery is preparing to expand its gravesites for cremation and in the next two to three years it will likely add additional casket grave sites, Ledbetter said. Arlington National Cemetery is nearly full and it's mostly landlocked by a highway. That's an issue the NCA has had to confront when expanding or adding new national cemeteries, Ledbetter said. More than 375,000 people are buried at Arlington, according to the OIG. There are around 99,000 spaces currently available, a spokeswoman said. The Army is considering several expansion options and has also looked into making the cemetery more selective. One expansion currently under consideration could extend the life of Arlington by 15 to 20 years into the mid-to-late 2050s, spokeswoman Kerry Meeker said. Arlington National Cemetery surveyed around 230,000 people last year and the results showed that 96 percent wanted Arlington to remain an active cemetery. "It is our job to care for our nation's heroes and their families and there aren't much more sacred duties than what we do here," Rojas said. "That's the reason we want to continue." Service members who die in the line of duty and veterans who are not dishonorably discharged can be buried in one of the country's 136 national cemeteries or 33 soldier's lots at no charge to the family. The number of burials have slowly increased at the Dayton cemetery recently. It's a sign, Ledbetter said, that national cemeteries appear to have gained favor in recent years. In 2016, Dayton National Cemetery had around 1,136 burials. This year, the cemetery estimates it will have more than 1,200 burials. "I think there was a stigma years ago because it was something that was free," Ledbetter said. "But, it isn't free. Veterans earn that for their service." Greater awareness of the burial benefit given to vets may also be increasing interest in national cemeteries, said both Ledbetter and Mark Landers, executive director of the Montgomery County Veterans Service Organization. Families can apply for burial before their relative has passed with forms available through the VA and the Department of Defense but most aren't aware of them, said Landers, whose organization helps vets navigate the benefits system. "I don't think (vets) have known the details of what they can provide out there to be honest with you," Landers said. Dayton National Cemetery is usually able to provide military honors, present a U.S. flag to the family and provide perpetual upkeep and care of the gravesite after the burial, among other things. Taking that burden off of the family of the deceased is a big help, Landers said. It's important, Landers said, that there remain places where veterans who put their life on the line for their country can be buried together. Regardless of what the solution may look like for national cemetery expansions, Landers said the government should continue providing the free burial benefit. "They should maintain and keep offering it," Landers said. "Veterans should have a place to be buried among their comrades."

# GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

## GRANDE CHEMINOT and GRAND CHEF'S HOMECOMING

October 4-6, 2019

Holiday Inn Earth City

3400 Rider Trail South

St. Louis, MO 63045

Phone: (314) 291-6800

Room Rate is \$109.00 (plus tax) per night

(Includes Breakfast)

For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy

**Handicap rooms available**

Make Hotel reservations directly with Holiday Inn by **September 20, 2019**

Mention "40 & 8" to receive room rate with breakfast included



### October 4, 2019

Registration: 1500 until 1800

Hospitality Room 1500 - ????

### Saturday, October 5, 2019

Registration 0900 - Noon

LUNCH 1130 – 1300

Grande Cheminot 1300-1600

Hospitality Room open after Cheminot until 1700

Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour – 1700 – 1800

Social Hour 1800 – Cash Bar

Banquet buffet 1900

Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ???????

### Sunday, October 6, 2019

Check Out

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

**Deadline for registration for the banquet is September 27, 2019, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

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To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 1541

Send to:

**Allen Schultz**

**1427 Summergate Parkway**

**St. Charles, MO 63303-6384**

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

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

Banquet /\$35 per person X No. Guests \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## Membership Grande Voiture du Missouri

| Voiture Name                   | 7-Aug-19<br>Voiture | 2018        | 2019    | 2019  | Sh/Ov | % of    |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|-------|-------|---------|
|                                |                     | Year<br>End | To-date | Quota | Quota | Quota   |
| HEART OF AMERICA               | 3                   | 43          | 43      | 43    | 0     | 100.00% |
| SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS            | 38                  | 72          | 74      | 72    | 2     | 102.78% |
| JESSE JAMES                    | 130                 | 35          | 35      | 35    | 0     | 100.00% |
| HEART OF MISSOURI              | 292                 | 35          | 34      | 35    | -1    | 97.14%  |
| STATE FAIR                     | 333                 | 129         | 115     | 129   | -14   | 89.15%  |
| GATEWAY                        | 448                 | 84          | 75      | 84    | -9    | 89.29%  |
| CENTRAL OZARK                  | 460                 | 57          | 57      | 57    | 0     | 100.00% |
| KICKAPOO                       | 760                 | 36          | 35      | 36    | -1    | 97.22%  |
| MARK TWAIN                     | 966                 | 4           | 4       | 4     | 0     | 100.00% |
| CAPITAL                        | 1292                | 63          | 67      | 63    | 4     | 106.35% |
| MINERAL AREA                   | 1321                | 69          | 70      | 69    | 1     | 101.45% |
| NEUF COMPT                     | 1379                | 42          | 42      | 42    | 0     | 100.00% |
| HEART OF THE OZARKS            | 1395                | 13          | 2       | 13    | -11   | 15.38%  |
| ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties | 1402                | 21          | 11      | 21    | -10   | 52.38%  |
| LAKE OF THE OZARK              | 1403                | 15          | 15      | 15    | 0     | 100.00% |
| TWO RIVERS                     | 1541                | 58          | 53      | 58    | -5    | 91.38%  |
| Missouri Total                 |                     | 776         | 732     | 776   | -44   | 94.33%  |