



## Communiqué



# La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

## Grande Voiture du Missouri

September 2023 - Grand Chef de Gare John "MIKE" Scruby

L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Fellow Voyageurs,

I had the pleasure to install the new Officer's for Voiture 1292 in Jefferson City on the 10th of August at

American Legion post 5, thank very much for the hospitality and great meal, I met some new friends.

The 104th Promenade Nationale will be Sept. 13th - 15th in Sandusky Ohio

The Fall Cheminot and Grand Chefs homecoming will be oct . 13th - 15th 2023 at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center Springfield mo.

Please to attend.

We need to work on new members, we all now someone that would be a fit for this organization.

Stay safe until we n meet again, and if I can be of any help don't hesitate to call me.

Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri

Phone: (816) 204-1746

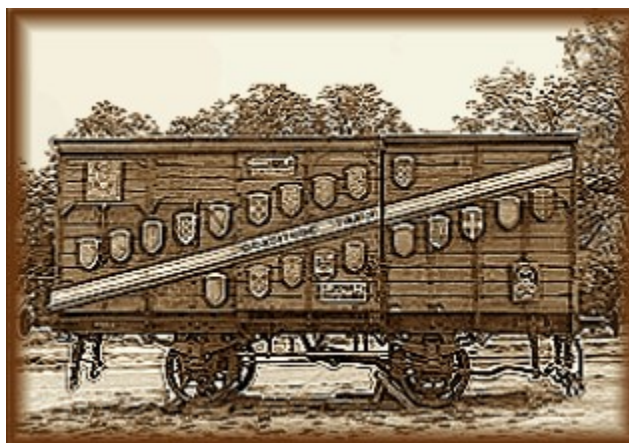
Email: jscruby50@gmail.com

.If you re planning to attend the Fall Grande Cheminot and Grand Chefs Homecoming please send in your reservation so we can get a good head count for the banquet (The hotel needs good numbers so they can order enough food for the banquet). It will also get your name badge printed instead of hand written.

### Sous Correspondant notes:

ATTENTION all newly appointed program directures. You will need to send an article about your program to be included in the Communiqué.

If your Voiture will be holding an event please send me information so I can post it on the Grande Website and make a note of it in the Grande Communiqué.





POW/MIA recognition day is the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

As of 22 May 2023, more than 81,000 Americans remain missing from WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Cold War and the Gulf Wars/other conflicts.

1579 Americans of who served in the Vietnam War are now listed by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency as still missing. Of those: 1241 Vietnam, 285 Laos, 48 Cambodia, and 7 from the Peoples Republic of China territorial waters.

The agency estimates that more than 80,000 individuals never returned home. There are no known living POWs left in Vietnam from the American time frame. 59 American women who served as civilians (including nurses) in Vietnam were also killed in that war of which 4 were POWs.

If your Voiture would like the 2024 pins, please let me know how many. I plan to pick up some of the pins when I go the Nationale.

Janice Hartley  
Grand Directeur POW/MIA

#### **Pentagon COVID-19 Case Registry Is Riddled with Errors, Watchdog Finds**

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2023/07/24/pentagon-covid-19-case-registry-riddled-errors-watchdog-finds.html?ESRC=eb\\_230725.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eb&utm\\_campaign=20230725](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2023/07/24/pentagon-covid-19-case-registry-riddled-errors-watchdog-finds.html?ESRC=eb_230725.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb&utm_campaign=20230725)

**VA to review possible connections between toxic exposures and acute leukemia, chronic leukemia, and multiple myeloma**

<https://app.box.com/s/o584jgvgn0mz2gq6sjrspazbsc14soo3>

#### **Tricare for Retirees**

[https://www.military.com/benefits/tricare/retiree/tricare-for-retirees.html?ESRC=eb\\_230720.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eb&utm\\_campaign=20230720](https://www.military.com/benefits/tricare/retiree/tricare-for-retirees.html?ESRC=eb_230720.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb&utm_campaign=20230720)

**PACT Act benefits:** claims received by August 9 will be eligible for 12 months of backdated compensation

[https://news.va.gov/121448/pact-act-benefits-claims-backdated-compensation/?utm\\_source=feature&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=VetResources&utm\\_id=19JUL2023](https://news.va.gov/121448/pact-act-benefits-claims-backdated-compensation/?utm_source=feature&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=19JUL2023)

**Report on Meeting Between Military-Veterans Advocacy and VA Undersecretary** for Benefits Josh Jacobs

<https://app.box.com/s/3diwb85jbzrhmrnz6r4zqvkas2xdpteq>

#### **DOJ Puts Pressure on States to Recognize Military Spouse Job Licenses After New Law**

[https://www.military.com/daily-news/2023/07/18/doj-puts-pressure-states-recognize-military-spouse-job-licenses-after-new-law.html?ESRC=eb\\_230719.nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eb&utm\\_campaign=20230719](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2023/07/18/doj-puts-pressure-states-recognize-military-spouse-job-licenses-after-new-law.html?ESRC=eb_230719.nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb&utm_campaign=20230719)



## 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 Fall Cheminot and Grand Chef de Gare John Scruby Homecoming to be held October 13th and October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803, phone (417) 866-5253.

There will be an Executive Board Meeting on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM in the Hospitality Room.

The Fall Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday, October 14th, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Oasis Hotel & 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 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 Lampiste, Grand Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteurs, and Grand Aumonier.

A.J. Noonan  
Grand Correspondant

John Scruby  
Grand Chef de Gare

# GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

## GRAND CHEF DE GARE HOMECOMING & CHEMINOT

October 13<sup>th</sup> thru October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Oasis Hotel and Convention Center  
2546 North Glenstone Ave.  
Springfield, Missouri 65803  
417-866-5253



Room Rate \$104.00 (+TAX) per night  
For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double  
**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**  
Handicapped Rooms Available

**Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservation**  
Make Hotel reservations directly with Oasis Hotel and Convention Center by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

### Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Registration: 1500 until 1800  
Hospitality Room 1500 - ????

### Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Registration 0900 – Noon  
Committee Meetings: 9:00 – 11:30 AM  
LUNCH 1130 – 1300

### Grande Cheminot 1300

Hospitality Room opens after Cheminot until 1700  
Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour – 1700 – 1800  
Social Hour 1800 – Cash Bar  
Banquet: 1900  
Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ???????

### Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Check Out  
HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

**Deadline for registration for the banquet is October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

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To register for the Grande Homecoming & Cheminot, make Check payable to **Voiture 1379**

Send to:

**Robert C. Emery**  
**16001 E 31<sup>ST</sup> ST S**  
**Independence, MO 64055-2709**

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

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

Banquet/Person \$35.00 X No. Guests \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) \_\_\_\_\_

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



**La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux  
Voiture Nationale**



Gena K. Keller & Daisy  
Membership Directeur Nationale  
**Nationale Paid Life Membership Drawing**

1. The nominee must be a member in good standing. You can nominate yourself.
2. The cost of nomination is \$10.00, the Voyageur being nominated cannot already be a life member.

Send your nomination and \$10.00 to: (one nomination per form) Make Checks payable  
40&8 Life Membership Drawing 2023:

40 & 8 Life Membership  
c/o Paul Emmert, Directeur Nationale Box Car Association  
345 Moores Branch Circle  
Westminster MD 21158

3. All mail in entries must be received NLT September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Submissions will be accepted during the 104<sup>th</sup> Promenade Nationale in Sandusky OH for \$20.00. Lucky Voyageur will be announced during the banquet. Winner does not need to be present to win. (Cannot be redeemed for Cash) Remaining money from the membership drawing will be donated to the Nationale Box Car Association.

Voyageur: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grande: \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture Locale: \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership number: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Person making nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ Grande: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## 3-Aug-23

	Voiture	2022 Year End	2023 To-date	2023 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	34	34	34	0	100.00%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	56	53	56	-3	94.64%
JESSE JAMES	130	37	39	37	2	105.41%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	30	30	30	0	100.00%
STATE FAIR	333	105	104	105	-1	99.05%
GATEWAY	448	67	67	67	0	100.00%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	59	59	59	0	100.00%
KICKAPOO	760	27	29	27	2	107.41%
MARK TWAIN	966	3	2	3	-1	66.67%
CAPITAL	1292	64	73	64	9	114.06%
MINERAL AREA	1321	73	74	73	1	101.37%
Neuf Comtés	1379	38	37	38	-1	97.37%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	13	18	13	5	138.46%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	12	9	12	-3	75.00%
TWO RIVERS	1541	55	54	55	-1	98.18%
Missouri Total		673	682	673	9	101.34%