



## Communiqué



# La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

## Grande Voiture du Missouri

September 2024 - Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz

L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Greetings Voyagers,

I hope everyone of you are in good health and enjoying the fall weather we are having. I have taken several trips around our great state of Missouri to install officers in several Local Voitures. These including 460 in Robertsville, 1292 in Jefferson City, 424 in Hartsburg, And the Installation in my own Voiture of 760 here in Springfield. I would like to say that in EACH one of these locals my Wife and I were so warmly greeted with wonderful meals and a host of friendly members that I have never met before. I have found that one of the duties of Grand Chef has been the traveling to other Voitures and being introduced to some of the most wonderful members that we don't often see at the Grand Promenades. I wish more of us would come to the larger events to share some of the stories and laughter that kept me busy for the last couple months. Offer them a ride if possible, or a shared room to get them with us as we are a team and comrades.

Being at these Voitures I have seen the work behind the scenes of the ladies and volunteers that keep them alive and running smooth. Each Voiture was vibrant with discussion of present and future activities and plans. The members were not just sitting there in another meeting or doing the rounds to have an installation. They were excited and PROUD of their own Locale. Small or large I saw the same ambition throughout the members. Really an eye-opener to myself as we see the numbers go down from membership at times. We have the fire in our bellies that has been there since getting that Voyageur Militaire bar on our marching medal. I don't see a dying society of veterans. I saw and talked to members that wanted to fight to keep the 40 & 8 alive. All the Installations went smooth and were properly held in due form for the Locale they were in. I wish our newly elected officers great strength in their duties and leadership. Keeping each of these locales vibrant and alive. I'm not going to get on membership in this small article for now. We know that speech and will touch on that in the future. But membership is the blood of the society that keeps us alive and going into the future.

I have just returned from the 40 & 8 105th National convention in Sandusky Ohio. A long drive of about 11 hours was made each way from Springfield. Sharing a ride with our Grand Commissaire Intendant Ben Sargent. I thank you personally for the patience of having my Wife and 3 out of 5 kids in the vehicle with you. The ride went as smooth as possible with the compliment of phones toys and rest stops on the way. Arriving about 5 AM to the hotel. They let us in our rooms early and quite welcomed by us all. Getting about 2 hours sleep Ben and I soon found other members of Grande du Missouri floating around getting ready for the meetings of which we were assigned throughout the day. At the 4:30 mark we were all in the Opening National Ceremonies. There the Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo Proceeded with the opening with colors placed and welcomed us all to Nationals. We ended ceremonies till the next day about 5:30. The Grande Hospitality room was opened at 6pm with all in attendance sorting through the roughage of snack and light refreshments. We soon wandered to a few of the other hospitality rooms to find the hotel alive with Voyagers from all over the United States. The next day was The 105th Full promenade with awards and information given about each of the programs and the accounting of funds. Each position reported with due protocols and efficiency to make the day run smooth. This ended about 4pm. Attitude adjustment was given to any member in need at 6pm and the Dinner was served and started at 6pm. A small ceremony was given to the Americanism award with the honored guest being given a plaque for his efforts acknowledged by the 40 & 8. Dinner closed about 9:30.

Sunday was our last day at the 105th Nationals with the election of our new officers of which includes Kevin Johnson (460) as National Director of Nurses Training, and Ralph Turner (460) as one of the new Sous Chef de Chemin de Fers standing on the national stage being bombarded by a few salutes to welcome him into his new position. Our National Chef de Chemin de Fer handed his large white gavel over to the newly elected Paul Emmert Sr. Elected by unanimous decision to become our new Chef de Chemin de Fer for the 2024-2025 year. After a nice speech and the other National officers were sworn in we closed the 105th National convention with a closing ceremony and a prayer. Next month is my Homecoming being held here in Springfield Missouri. I hope you can all make it and everyone is welcome to attend. I thank you again for confidence in electing me as Grand Chef du Missouri and will be great spirits for the event. I wish ALL of our voyagers good health and a nice Fall season. Also always feel free to contact me for upcoming events at your locals and if any voyager needs assistance of any kind please contact myself or any other member. We all all here not just for the programs we sponsor but for each other as well. God bless each one of you and the United States of America.

Ron Leverenz

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Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri.

## Carville Star

Bonjour!

I am the Directeur of Carville Star. I will assume you are familiar with the Carville Star, but if there are any questions regarding the Carville Star, please send them my way.

The primary fundraiser for the Carville Star is the annual pin. Our cost is \$3.00, but it is customary to sell them for \$5.00 so the Voiture gets a piece of the revenue. It is up to you what you sell them for. I will be getting the 2025 pins from the Nationale Directeur in September. Please let me know how many pins your voiture would like and I will get them to you.

Have a great year!!

Roger Wallenburg

REMINDER: New mailing address for Voiture Nationale

VOITURE NATIONALE  
1635 Hawthorne Drive  
Plainfield, IN 46168-1868

If you have something that your Voiture is holding please send me a flyer and I will see that it is put into the newsletter. We do have certain months when the newsletter is limited to space, such as this month, November and April, but I will see that they get into the previous month if given enough time before the event. Address changes are always needed to keep the mailing list updated along with deaths within your Voiture.

Articles for the newsletter are needed by the Sous Grand Correspondants by end of the month, which you can send to e-mail [remery18@comcast.net](mailto:remery18@comcast.net) or snail mail to Robert C. Emery 16001 E 31ST ST S, Independence MO 64055-2709

## Three Things to Know About POW/MIA Day

The key phrase behind the national POW/MIA remembrance movement, which honors Soldiers who were taken as prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action, is "you are not forgotten."

Many American service members suffered as prisoners of war during varying conflicts- while some made it home to their families, many never did. Continue reading to learn more about this important movement and how you can help recognize it.

What is POW/MIA Recognition Day?

POW/MIA Recognition Day is commemorated on the third Friday of every September, a date that's not associated with any particular war. In 1979, Congress and the president passed resolutions making it official after the families of the more than 2,500 Vietnam War POW/MIAs pushed for full accountability.

A national-level ceremony is held on every National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Traditionally held at the Pentagon, it features members from each branch of military service and participation from high-ranking officials. In addition to the national-level ceremony, observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools and veterans' facilities. All of these National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies share the common purpose of honoring those who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing.

How Many Soldiers are Prisoners of War or Missing in Action?

In order to comprehend the importance of this movement, all you need to do is look at the overwhelmingly large number of Americans who have been listed as POW/MIAs.

<https://www.dpaa.mil/Our-Missing/Past-Conflicts/>

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency indicates more than 81,600 Americans remain missing from WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and the Gulf Wars/other conflicts. Out of the more than 81,600 missing, 75% of the losses are located in the Indo-Pacific, and over 41,000 of the missing are presumed lost at sea (i.e. ship losses, known aircraft water losses, etc.).

This includes:

72,404 missing Soldiers from WWII



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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 Grande Fall Cheminot and Grand Chef de Gare Ron Leverenz Homecoming to be held October 4th and October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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 5th, 2024 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**

**Ron Leverenz  
Grand Chef de Gare**

# GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI

## GRANDE HOMECOMING and CHEMINOT

October 4<sup>th</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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



Room Rate \$109.00 (+TAX) per night

NO BREAKFAST INCLUDED

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

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Registration: 1500 until 1800

Hospitality Room 1500 - ???

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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 – ??????

NO SUNDAY MEETINGS

Check Out

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline for registration for the banquet is September 20, 2024

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To register for the Grande Homecoming, make Check payable to Voiture 760

Send to:

Ron Leverenz

425 Boonville Ave

Springfield, Missouri. 65806

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

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

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

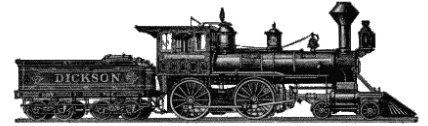
Registration Fee \$10.00 (Voyageurs Only) \_\_\_\_\_

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



1-Aug-24

## Membership Grande Voiture du Missouri



	<b>Voiture</b>	<b>2023 Year End</b>	<b>2024 To-date</b>	<b>2024 Quota</b>	<b>Sh/Ov Quota</b>	<b>% of Quota</b>
HEART OF AMERICA	3	34	33	34	-1	97.06%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	53	49	53	-4	92.45%
JESSE JAMES	130	39	41	39	2	105.13%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	30	27	30	-3	90.00%
STATE FAIR	333	104	105	104	1	100.96%
GATEWAY	448	67	63	67	-4	94.03%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	59	59	59	0	100.00%
KICKAPOO	760	29	23	29	-6	79.31%
MARK TWAIN	966	2	2	2	0	100.00%
CAPITAL	1292	73	74	73	1	101.37%
MINERAL AREA	1321	74	60	74	-14	81.08%
Neuf Comtés	1379	37	35	37	-2	94.59%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	18	11	18	-7	61.11%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	9	4	9	-5	44.44%
TWO RIVERS	1541	54	47	54	-7	87.04%
Missouri Total		682	633	682	-49	92.82%