

# Texas Voyageur News

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## The Grand Chef Speaks...by Jim

### Salute Voyageurs



This will be my last newsletter to you all. It has been a learning experience for me to be Grande Chef de Gare du Texas. I wish we could have done better on getting membership up to 100%, with a little work we can make it. I had the pleasure of visiting V-1185 and V-1055 to present their Chef de Gare's with a membership award for 100%. They were both graceful hosts and I thank them very much. I also mailed out two awards to V-231 in La Feria, Texas and V-1095 in Odessa, Texas. I have one more award for V-980 and I will present it or mail it to them as soon as we get an updated mailing address for their Chef or Correspondent. I also had the pleasure of attending the Central States Promenade. What a party. We were well represented and all had a good time. The Grande du Oklahoma took care of everyone very well. Kansas next year and then 2010 it will be Grand du Texas's turn. Lanny Givens has said that he is going to need a lot of help to make this Central States a success. The fact that you may live and work someplace other than the Dallas/Fort Worth area does not mean that you cannot help. The 010 Central States Promenade will be in Irving, Texas. We were disappointed that Voyageur Jerry Brady did not get the "nod" for Chef de Chemin de Fer for 2010. He put a lot of time and effort in his quest for the position. I wish the best for the incoming Grande Chef de Gare and the Officers that will direct the Grand for the coming year. I also want to thank all the Officers of the Grand who did their job to make this Grand a success. Also, I cannot forget the Dames, without you we couldn't do the job that we do. Thank you all very much.

**James (Jim) W. Fowler**  
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## The La Presidente Speaks...by Kathy Wheeler



### Hello Dames:

This is it. I want to see a good turn out for Grande in June. It's time to elect officers. Please participate by holding an office never held. You are what make this an organization of support for the Voyageur's. Please bring \$1.00 gifts that you might have just laying around the house and rap them in brown paper and bring them to the Grand in San Antonio. We are having a grab bag for a contribution of a dollar or more if you choose to donate more for anything in the bag you pick out. Proceeds go to the support of La Grande Cabane. We really need to put our heads together and support our organization. I don't know if we will make 100% on membership but, what we've done so far is not to bad. La Cabane 939 is 100%, La Cabane 980 is 100%, La Cabane 1031 is 89.29%, La Cabane 1055 is 100%, La Cabane 1185 is 91.67% and La Cabane 1601 is 80%. Please continue the good work. Remember a woman 18 years or older who is associated with a veteran and are good solid people should be invited to join. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the La Femmes for all there support the last two years of my office. A special thank you goes to Voyageur Paul and Dame Myra Chevliar for the hospitality, kindness, friendship and support they have given to me and my husband Voyageur Ronnie L. Wheeler. I don't know what we would have done without them. To end this report I would like to thank Passe Nationale Presidente Berta Henderson for accepting our invitation to install our officers at the last minute after our present Nationale Presidente canceled.

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## Around The State with the 40 et 8...

If you would like to let Voyageur Militaires throughout Texas know what you are doing then send me a copy of your news letter. Or just write and article. The cut off will be 5 September 2008. (Date to me)

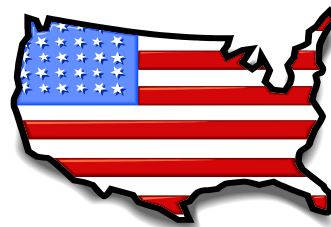
**V-605:** This Local received the LaVerne Eccleston Award from National. This award is presented to the Voiture Local for Excellence in Promoting the 40/8 Programs and fostering effective communication with the Community during the year. Fore their newsletter The Train 2007. The La Editor was Renstar "Renny" Keagle. Also the Governor has named John McKinney to the Texas Veterans Commission. Congratulations



**V-1031:** This Local has given out 3400 flags to first graders. Last year they gave out 3100. They have been making improvements to their Chateau and it should be ready for the Fall Cheminot. The Local still sponsors bingo at the VA the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month.



**V-1123:** This Local is doing great. Their support in putting out this copy of the TVN is greatly appreciated. With out them this copy of the TVN would not have gotten out.



### **How to use Your IRS Rebate check...**

*Note: While the below is not totally true, some of it is and the author makes a point...*

"As you may have heard, each of us will be getting a tax rebate check to stimulate the economy.

If we spend that money at Wal-Mart, all the money will go to China.

If we spend it on gasoline, it will go to the Arabs.

If we purchase a computer, it will go to India.

If we purchase fruits and vegetables, it will go to Mexico, Honduras, and Guatemala.

If we purchase a good car, it will go to Japan.

If we purchase useless stuff, it will go to Taiwan, and none of it will help the American economy.

We need to keep that money here in America. The only way to keep that money here at home is to spend it at yard sales, since those are the only businesses still in the US!"



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## “A Word from the L’Editeur”

Texas Membership  
May 1, 2007

I would like to thank V-1123 for paying for this issue of the TVN. Without their help this issue would have only gotten to a few. **A BIG THANKS**

If you remember the last issue was paid for by V-1031.

We should give both of these Locales a big thanks when you see them.

Sometimes I feel that we are just spinning our wheels, and that we are a lost cause. Then something good happens and I can see that we have a lot of Voyageurs that want to see Grand du Texas get bigger and better.

You always have that few that wants to wait till the last minutes to pay their dues. Here we are the first of May and 33 Voyageurs have not paid their dues. What is the hold up. We need those 33 plus for this Grand to grow.

The Grand has not had any fund raisers in the past few years. This year we are having a raffle and the support is low. The Locals that have supported it have done really great. That’s only 7 Locals out of 18 that’s not even half. Please support this effort and order some tickets. You can order them from me. We cannot support our programs and expenses if we don’t make some money.

Thanks for all the support that I have gotten over the past year.

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<u>Voiture Locale</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
<b>1st Division</b>		
939	20	19
1123	23	19
1185	50	48
1601	20	16
<u>Total</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>102</u>
<b>2nd Division</b>		
163	41	30
266	35	38
312 (new)	0	15
980	27	36
1031	65	58
<u>Total</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>177</u>
<b>3rd Division</b>		
175	14	14
231	19	19
542	39	36
1077	9	6
1134	14	12
<u>Total</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>87</u>
<b>4th Division</b>		
605	36	21
1055	21	25
1096	16	16
<u>Total</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>62</u>
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>428</b>

**As you can see we only need 33 more to be at 100%**

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity. Gen. George Patton:

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## Directeur Disaster Relief

I have tried to get our disaster relief funds up. But the only time we make any money is when the star is passed. I will not accept the Directeur of Disaster Relief next year. Thanks for the support I have gotten this past year. I hope the new Directeur has better luck at getting this fund up.

**Ronnie L. Wheeler**



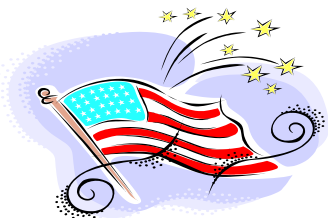
**GRANDE DU TEXAS WEBSITE**  
**ONLINE!**  
**[WWW.TEXASBOXCAR.COM](http://WWW.TEXASBOXCAR.COM)**

David Knutson in Austin is managing the website and advises that we have a large amount of space available and would like to continue to build on this site. Please send past group pictures, links to your Locale, or links to other veteran sites that you think would be beneficial to our members. We make updates on a regular basis and would like to thank Voiture Locale 175 and Voiture Locale 1185 for sponsoring the website for three full years. Please sign the guestbook and forward any feedback to Dave at [davidknutson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:davidknutson@sbcglobal.net)

## From the Correspondant's Desk

The last membership update showed the Grand about 30 members shy of last year. Some Locales only need one, or two, or three renewals to make 100%. Grand Chef Jim Fowler sure would like to make 100% for the Grand again this year. You locale chefs and correspondants hit the phone lines and call your members and say hey buddy we need you to renew your membership. If you Chefs and Correspondants read the last grand minutes about the resolution on changing the membership requirement. You were asked to vote on it in your Local, yes for it , or no against, and send to the Grand Correspondant. As of this date I have only two Locales that has done this. We need to know what the Locales say so Texas will know how to vote at Nationale in September. This year the Grand Promenade will be only two days, Friday afternoon and night, and all day Saturday. Meetings in the morning, Chef's luncheon, Grand Promenade, Elections, Installation, and Banquet. This way you can leave early Sunday Morning. Hope to see everyone there.

**Don Barfield**  
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**(940) 704-0621**



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## Directeur of Nurses Training:

Locale 542 owes \$20 for 2008 Nurses Training pins. All other Locales are paid and accounts closed. The 2008 Grand Nurses Training Report is due not later than August 1 to the Nationale Nurses Training Directeur. Please get your Locale reports to me in sufficient time for me to do my report. These may be mailed or brought to the Grand Prom in June. The Nurses Training account has \$2,750.00 remaining this budget year for scholarships.

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## Grand Directeur Youth Sports

I hope that all locales have are will participate in youth sports in their communities. It is summer time and the youth are into all kinds of sports so let's support them in any way we can. Lets make this the best year ever for Grand du Taxes in supporting **Youth Sports**. Your reports are due to me NLT 1 July 2008 you can also bring them to the Grand Prom.

**John F. Winslow**  
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Watauga, Tx. 76148  
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## Grand Directeur Americanism

Locale Correspondants should have already received the Petite Communique. The end of the reporting year is near and you should have the information necessary to prepare the various reports. I hope that you have kept accurate records this year and will not be preparing the report "off the top of your head". **Is your memory that good?** Who attended the Veterans Day Parade? Who was sitting next to you at the District Convention? You can take credit for the following; Americanism Awards: School, H. S., College, Jr. ROTC, Sr. ROTC, community organizations, Fire Prevention, Law Enforcement, others. Americanism Speeches/Flag activities: Flag presentations, Flag Raising Ceremonies, Flag Retirement Ceremonies. Youth Activities: Baseball, Band Support, Boys and Girls State, Oratorical Contests, Scouting (Boy/girl club), Valley Forge Freedom Foundation, Child ID Programs, Driver Training, FFA, 4H, PTA, etc. Community Activities: Blood Donor, Get out the Vote, National Security, Political Action, Senior Citizens, Hunter Safety Programs, Poppy Sales, Special Olympics, Meetings/Proms/Wrecks, Activities in other Fraternal Organizations. Holidays and Memorials: Calvin Kain Memorial Service, Grave Decorations, Memorial Day Service, Funerals, Memorial Dedications, Participation in Patriotic Events, etc. Do you know how many Voyageurs belong to the VFW, DAV, FRA, Marine Corp League, JWV, VVA and NCOA? When you attend their meetings do you still salute the Flag? And aren't you still a member of the 40/8? So, why not report those hours also? I am asking that all Americanism Reports be sent to me no later than June 1, 2008 as this should allow me time to prepare my reports for Grande and National. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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## Grand Aumonier

God is very much a part of every service member's life. It has often been stated that there is no such thing as an atheist in a foxhole. But this does not mean that there are times when men are more conscious of God in life than at other times. When things are going well, we tend to take for granted the blessings God has bestowed upon us. But when things are not running so smoothly, then we tend to fall back, regroup, and remember our God who makes everything possible. This is called human nature. In an ideal and perfect world, we would never allow our success to overshadow the fact that everything in life is God-given. It is quite obvious to everyone that the world we live in is far from being either ideal or perfect. One of our great military leaders, President Dwight Eisenhower, brought home this reminder that our country is in fact a country under God when he initiated adding the phrase "under God" to our Pledge of Allegiance.

Here is the story.

Ninety-six year-old, Rev. George Docherty, lives in Pennsylvania. That name may not be familiar to you, but his impact on American culture is certainly well-known.

Though bedridden and in ill health today, back in 1954 Rev. Docherty was the pastor of the famous New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. That year, during a special Sunday morning service when President Dwight Eisenhower was visiting the church, Rev. Docherty preached a powerful message from Galatians 3:28 titled, "Under God."



In his sermon, the Scottish-born minister called for the words "under God" to be placed in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Eisenhower immediately took to the idea and met the next day with leaders of Congress. Within weeks the Pledge was changed by law to read, "...one nation, under God!"

That's what one courageous man—boldly proclaiming the Word of God—can do!

Men of courage, willing to stand up and speak out, and maintain a Can-Do attitude. These are the people who will make the difference in America's future. Will you be one of them? Our 40&8 Charter calls for us to support our Constitution and Pledge of Allegiance. We are facing tumultuous times ahead in our country, and it will take all of us standing together and upholding these principles of our founding fathers to ensure the future survival of our country and our reverent recognition that we are in fact a nation Under God, and we cannot show anything less than 100% support of this fact. It starts with one, and goes from there to build a team, an organization, and then a nation, who together will get the job done. If we believe it, we can do it! May God grant us the courage, willingness, and determination to persevere to keep our Nation as One, Under God.

**Lowell J. Mix**  
**Grande Aumonier**  
**Grande du Texas**

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## VOITURE ACTIVITIES

This is a program that has changed several times over the years. It has always been intended to be a measure of a Voiture Locale's activities and member involvement. However, the means and methods of assembling this data have changed from time to time.

At one point, the program was intended to measure a Voiture's comparative activities in terms of dollars and cents. Money spent for a particular activity as well as man hours converted into equivalent dollars were the means of measuring the success of this program.

In more recent years, the Voiture Activities Program is intended to measure the percentage of participation on the part of individual Voitures. In the simplest of terms, the higher the percentage, the better the programs.

Activities that are meant to be measured by the program include the following:

- A breakfast, brunch or Luncheon
- An outdoor barbeque
- A regular dinner or dinner for a special occasion
- A dance
- A casino night
- A special party for kids
- Hosting a Grand event
- ...and may more possibilities

Promenades and Cheminots are not included in this count.

Over the course of the year, you should keep track of each of these activities and the number of Voyageurs that attended. The Danes that are present at these events can also be counted in the Voyageur number.

At the end of the year, you will be asked to complete a Voiture Activities report that will be sent to the Grand Directeur and then ultimately on to The National Directeur. The report will show you how to complete the form and you will be able to calculate your percentage of participation.

While this percentage of participation will enter you in competition for a Nationale Award, what's even more important is that it will give your Voiture and your membership and indication of just how active you are and, at the Grand level, will give you some indication as to how you compare in your activities with other Voitures across your Grande.

There are a lot more activity and events that you can count. If you have any questions please let me know.

I hope that everyone did a lot this year so that we can have a great report to send to National. I need to have your report NLT 1 July 2008. Please send in a report.

I will not accept the Grand Directeur Voiture Activities next year. I have enjoyed all the jobs I've had but I need to cut back on them. Thanks you for your support.

**Ronnie Wheeler**  
**Grand Directeur Voiture Activities**

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“PLEASE READ”



The below letter was sent to the Adjutant of the American Legion Nationale on 8 April 2008. The reply is at the bottom. Letter sent by Dave Rabius Correspondant National.

Dear Bob:

With your patience and help, we hope to end a 48 year old misconception within our ranks that hamstrings us and has been an ongoing thorn in the Legion's side.

The e-mail sent to Dean Thompson, from Jack Querfield, Internal Affairs, blames the Forty et Eight for actions taken between our two organizations 48 years ago. Those who made that momentous decision are now dead. And we are now decidedly two separate organizations. However, we of the Forty et Eight are today still dealing with this matter internally. We regret that this is a thorn in the Legion's side. However, as long as we continue to only admit members who are Legionnaires, this problem will continue to intrude upon and irritate the Legion. If we can open our ranks beyond Legion-only, our members will realize they aren't your honor society.

We understand your frustration. Only 1% of Legionaries are Voyageurs. The Legion doesn't particularly care about us. But 100% of Voyageurs are Legion members. Many of us love the Legion. Then too, some of us may feel that by being an officer of an honor society of the Legion, they are somehow better than you who are officers of the Legion. This of course is wrong. **But, as long as the Legion continues to blame the Forty et Eight for the 1960 split, that sends a strong signal to our members that if only we change our minds about being independent, then the American Legion will let us be it honor society.** You and I know that isn't going to happen, assigning blame helps keep this problem alive.

We want to open our doors to all honorable veterans. We want to quit being a direct competitor for limited Legion manpower and dollars. We want to bring non-Legion members into our ranks, where they will, coincidentally, be surrounded by Voyageurs who are mostly Legion members...we may suppose to the Legion's recruitment benefit. And once we do open our membership criteria beyond the Legion, all talk of us being a "Legion honor society" will stop.

It boils down to the Legion answering two questions without assigning blame.

**1. Does the American Legion today want the Forty et Eight to be its Honor Society? Yes or No?**

**2. If the Forty et Eight is willing to legally un-incorporate from its independent status, will the American Legion legally adopt the Forty et Eight as the official Honor Society of The American Legion? Yes or No?**

If you say this is impossible and assign no blame, our members will get the point, our resolution will pass this fall, and this thorn in your side and ours will be gone.

Thank you for helping us clarify this matter to the benefit of both our organizations.

Sincerely,

David R Rabius

Correspondant National

I received a call from Bob on Friday May 2, 2008 in which he answered the questions I had asked. Does The American Legion today want the Forty et Eight to be its Honor Society? Bob's answer is NO. If the Forty et Eight is willing to legally un-incorporate from its independent status, will the American Legion legally adopt the Forty et Eight as the official Honor Society of the American legion? Bob's answer is NO.

I think that puts this issue to rest and we can now move on. Dave



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Grand Promenade  
San Antonio Texas  
20-21 June 2008



**RESERVATIONS:** Oak Hills Motor Inn Hotel, 7401 Wurzbach Rd., San Antonio Texas 78229. Phone 1-800-468-3507.

**Room Rates:** \$79.00 Single/Double Occupancy (1-4 people)  
\$95.00 Business King (1-2 people)  
\$110.00 Two Room Suite (1-2 people)

These rates are good until 1 June after that regular rate.

**PROGRAM BOOK ADS**  
**FOR GRAND 2007**

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1/2 PAGE .....\$20.00  
1/4 PAGE .....\$15.00  
BUSINESS CARD .....\$10.00



**ALL ADS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 1 June 2008.** All ADS must be Camera-Ready when received.

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**REGISTRATION**

**\$20.00 prior to 1 June 2008**  
**\$25.00 after this date or at the door**

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Voiture# or Cabane#: \_\_\_\_\_

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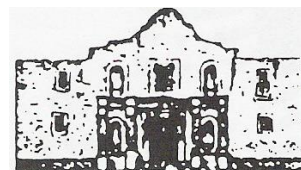
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5935 White Cloud, San Antonio, Texas 78238-3460

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## *Agenda for Grand du Texas Promenade*

### *In San Antonio*

*June 20, 21, 22, 2008*



#### Friday

12:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
12:00 PM to 12:00 AM  
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
6:00 PM --  
7:00 PM – 10:30 PM

#### June 20<sup>th</sup>

Registration (Oak Hills Hotel)  
Hospitality Room Open  
Kitchen Open at American Legion, Alamo Post #2  
Door Opens for Bingo Hall at Post 2  
BINGO at Post 2

#### Saturday

9:00 AM to 9:45 AM  
10:00 AM to 10:45 AM  
11:00 AM --  
11:30 AM to 12:45 PM  
  
1:00 PM --  
  
2:00 PM -- 5:30 PM  
  
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6:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
7:00 PM to 10:30 PM  
11:00 PM to mid-night

#### June 21<sup>st</sup>

Finance/Budget Committee at Alamo Post 2 (Walsh Hall)  
Nurses Training Committee at Alamo Post 2 (Walsh Hall)  
Other Grand Committee Meetings at Grand Chef's discretion  
Lunch Time on your own. Past Grande Chefs and Past Grande  
Presidente Luncheons at Oak Hills Restaurant.  
JOINT SESSION at Alamo Post 2: Opening Flag Ceremony;  
GUEST SPEAKER WELCOME; and  
MEMORIAL SERVICE  
Promenade and Elections  
La Femmes Rendezvous at Alamo Post #2 (Middle Hall)  
Joint Installation of Officers  
Social Hour (Alamo Post #2)  
Banquet (Alamo Post #2)  
Hospitality Room re-opens after Banquet

#### Sunday

7:00 AM

#### June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Breakfast at the Hotel and Good-byes



**ALL VOYAGEURS AND DAMES HAVE A SAFE RETURN TO YOUR HOMES.**

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## WHAT NEXT FOR THE FORTY AND EIGHT



I will try and put my thoughts in perspective. If you were wrecked since 1960 and were told that you were somehow becoming a member of the "Honor Society of the American Legion" , you were told wrong. This is an erroneous statement that some folks are having a problem letting go of. When I was invited to become a member I too was told that it was an honor society of Legionnaires. I am sure that the ones that told me that were sincere as they too had been told this. Whether we like to accept it or not, the facts are that in 1960 we became an Independent Veterans organization and since then we have become an "Honor Society of VETERANS. Those involved in the split at that time are all dead now and does it really matter who was right and who was wrong at that time? Some say it was over money and some say it was over control. Some members mention that we are not Federally chartered. This is true, we are chartered in the State of Indiana. Does this make a difference, I think not. The Forty and Eight is accepted by the government and the IRS as an Independent Veterans Organization, the same as the VFW, Amvets and other Veteran organizations. As for our relationship with the American Legion. There should not be a contest between the two organizations. There is no question, the Legion is the largest Veterans organization in the nation. The American Legion is part of our heritage and we are all proud Legionnaires. I know that I have been a proud Legionnaire since I first joined in January 1955 and have held every office except Commander since that time. (Turning down the position of Commander more than once due to my work load) . We should be able to work hand and hand with the Legion. We are not in any way in competition with the Legion. Why can't we all be proud members of both organizations? Our goals are very similar. It is not hard to understand that it rubs some Legionnaires the wrong way when they hear a Voyageur claim to be an elite member of the Legion. Again this is simply not true.

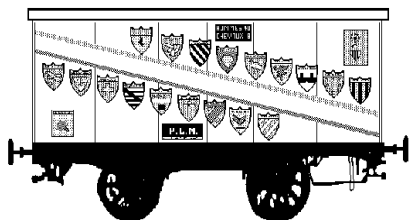
The proposed resolution: As Grand Chef de Gare of Georgia, I was a part of the delegation that met in Indianapolis in November. I can assure you that every member of that delegation took their responsibilities very serious. This was a no non sense Seminar/Workshop. The group was broken down into six small groups and spent all day discussing the subject: "Membership and Survival". What can we do to stop the bleeding? Membership is bleeding to death. Fact: Just 4 short years ago we ended the year 2003, with 46,074 members. We ended the year 2007 with 37,045. You do the math, we lost 9,029 members in four years and are on track to lose a couple more thousand in 2008. After discussing various possibilities, it was amazing how all six groups came back to the general meeting at the end of the day with basically the same solution. That being to open our membership to all Veterans. If you wore the uniform and were honorably discharged or currently serving and were investigated an invited you were eligible to become a Voyageur. Note the word investigated. Some complain that we are saying take anyone off the street. That is the responsibility of your investigating committee at the Locale level. Also some are saying, do we want quality or quantity? The answer is both. Quantity is very important as we cannot continue to support our wonderful programs if we continue to lose 2000 members a year. Thus drastic measures must be taken and we all know that change does not come easy. Could hope that every Voyageur Militaire would keep an open mind and consider what is best for the continued success of La Societe.

Kent Molen  
Grand Chef de Gare  
Sous Nat'l Directeur Public Relations

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**La Grande Voiture du Texas  
La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux  
6209 Lolly Loop  
Killeen, Texas 76542-4694**

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE L'EDITEUR...

I hope that everyone is doing great. Don't forget to register for the Grand Promenade in San Antonio I'm sure we will have a great time. The Fall Cheminot will be in Killeen the 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> of October. The cut off date for the next TVN is September 5<sup>th</sup> 2008 to me.

## Some scenes form Merci Box Car



**Chef Jim presenting Certificates of Appreciation to our quest Beth Spiegel and Pauline Von Moos who are working on a film about the Journey of the French Gratitude Train. They gave some great information about the Box Car.**



**Chef Jim presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to our welcoming speaker Police Commander Larry Oliver**



**A group of familiar faces at the Box Car on Sunday at the Memorial Service**

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