

Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Mark Moots –Chef de Chemin de Fer



Happy Birthday Voyageurs! Willa Dean & I look forward to seeing many of you this weekend at my Homecoming. Can't believe it's been six months already! Willa Dean and I have been really busy in our travels and have had little time to prepare for the Homecoming. In advance I would like to thank all those who will be stepping up to help make it successful. Chef de Chemin de Fer 2004 Joe Jamnick will honor us by being the MC during the banquet. Chef de Chemin de Fer 2015 Mike Wood as the Birthday Ritual originator will honor all by performing the Birthday Cake Ceremony.

February 16 – 20: We had the HONOR of participating in Austin TX for



Chef de Chemin de Fer Moots addresses the crowd at the WW1 Centennial Commemoration.

their Cheminot, the WWI Centennial Commemoration event and the 2017 Gratitude Train gift exhibit. Our longtime Friend and Sous Directeur Youth Sports Ronnie Wheeler was waiting for us at the airport and Aide the entire time. Right off we started with the transportation of their Box Car from Camp Mabry Texas Military Forces Museum in Austin Texas. I can't begin to remember how many prayers for blessings being granted I requested each time the forklift picked up one end of the boxcar to turn it and the final lift onto the lowboy trailer prior to being transported to the Texas State Capital in Austin. All was orchestrated by Cheminot Nationale David Knutson. The cataloging of the history and every item associated with this Boxcar has been a mission of love for him. Please visit their web site at <https://www.texasboxcar.org/> for a full round of pictures of the event. The Legion Riders were on hand to escort the Boxcar back to the Museum. A Texas a Lone Star award for a job well done. Also a special Thanks to Nationale Public Relations, Sous Directeur Renslar Keagle for making sure I renewed my annual membership in The Press Association of La Société. P.A.L.S. exists to foster a closer relationship between and among editors, their staffs, and publicity persons of the Forty and Eight and La Femmes and to promote and disseminate news of Locales, Grandes and Nationale. Membership is highly encouraged for the following officers at all levels of La Société, to include each Locale and Grande; – Chef de Gare, Correspondant, Publiciste, L'Editeur and anyone interested in public relations – to include all levels of La Femmes.

February 22- 26: Two days at home and off to Louisiana for Carville Star and the CAJUN Wreck. Home of our Candidate for Chef de Chemin de Fer Kenneth "Doc" Lafleur. Wednesday evening Patricia Lafleur opened their home to put on an exceptional authentic Cajun dinner for 27



early birds. On Thursday, Carville Star Directeur Red Miller chauffeured us on the annual pilgrimage to the National Hansen's Disease Museum, Carville, LA. A new project initiated by our previous Carville Directeur, Howard Hoover and Museum Curator Elizabeth Schexnyder, is a star created from green 10 oz. glass Coke bottles in the garden near the former patient quarters and the original cemetery. I urge any who are able, to consider donating glass Coke bottles for this cause. For details, you can contact the NHDP Museum at 225-642-1950 email: NHDPmuseum@hrsa.gov Address: Gillis W. Long Center, 5445 Point Clair Road, BLDG 12, Carville, LA or contact your Locale, Grande, or Nationale Carville Star Sous Directeur.

Friday the Wreck began with eight PGs. This is a low number from years past, but always a pleasure for those who attend. Jambalaya was served up that afternoon. That evening they enticed us in with a very nice meal. Then the Kangaroo Court began! Unfortunately I have had severe allergic reactions to aerosol whipped cream, so I made sure I could participate and provided my own tubs of whipped cream. Saturday afternoon gator appetizers were served up while we listened to a Cajun Band until

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the Banquet began.

March 3 & 4: Still no break... and off to Richmond VA for Madame Presidente Nationale Joyce Willis's Homecoming. Our Correspondant National Patrick Mobley must be influential with Delta airlines because they flew us from Birmingham AL to Detroit where we met Patrick to fly into Richmond. I did not like the pilot's shaky approach into Detroit but was glad it was over. After debarking we found out we were

taking the exact same aircraft and crew to Richmond. It was evident they were training this pilot since it took two attempts to land in Richmond. Even Patrick was concerned for his wellbeing. A wonderful time was had by all, our Dames do so much for us it is only proper that we honor them. So in the words of Presidente Joyce "Voyageurs if your girlfriend, Wife, and/or Daughters are not Dames, Shame On You"! March 11th off to Birming-

ham AL for our Grand Cheminot. Too bad we couldn't stay for banquet due to having to close out some things on my HC in Huntsville.

With this being the month of our organizations inception, I request that each Voyageur Simply Believe in our Heritage, Program goals, and especially to keep our Membership in the forefront by Recruiting, Renewing, and Reinstating a deserving Veteran into La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit

Chevaux! As of Thursday, March 9th we stood at 84.85%, 3,900 Voyageurs remaining, and 1,302 Voyageurs short of where we stood last year at this time. So please Simply Believe your Locale Voiture can achieve the minimum 100% requirement this year! We still have our work cut out for us if we are to "Go for the Gold", as in our Membership Motto this year. After all there are ample deserving Veterans if you only simply ask.

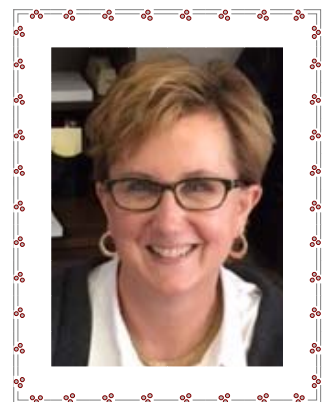
Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



This month's highlight features a contemporary styled pen with distinctive chrome accents, polished lacquer barrel and unique rubber grip. The perfect pen for new member kits or everyday use.

Trim Color: Chrome, Barrel Color: Blue, Material: Metal, Ink Color: Black **Price \$2.00**
The part number for this item is 17PEN and can be ordered at our emblem sales store online at: <http://store.fortyandeight.org/>

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Ritual of Celebration for the Birthday of La Société de Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux:

Remember March 15th is
the day of the annual
birthday celebration of La
Société de Quarante
Hommes et Huit Chevaux.

Time to Celebrate!



Voiture 605 Flags for First Graders at Bliss Elementary



Grande du Texas Annual Merci Boxcar Pilgrimage



"Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling" Contest "2017"



The "Keep the Wheel Chairs Rolling" Contest is an annual contest by which the facilities and our Veterans you serve may benefit. It's really simple to enter. Write a short letter of 200 words or less stating what it is our veteran patients need most. **Please include the unit cost, how many, total amount requested and intended use of the project or equipment in your letter.** March 31, 2017 is the cut-off date.

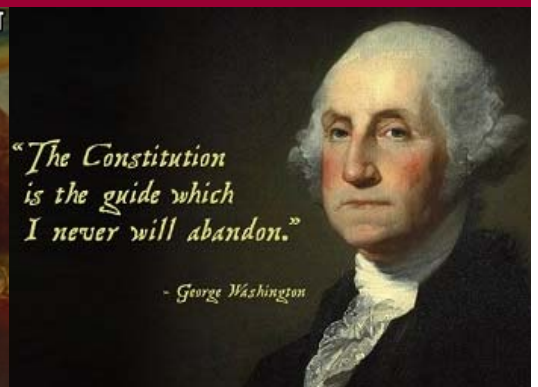
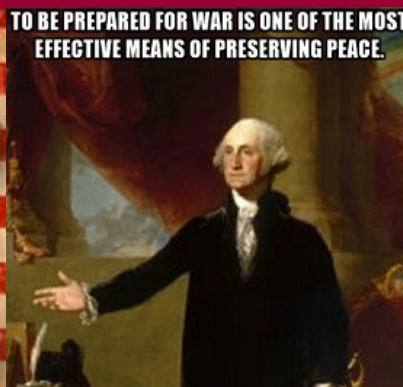
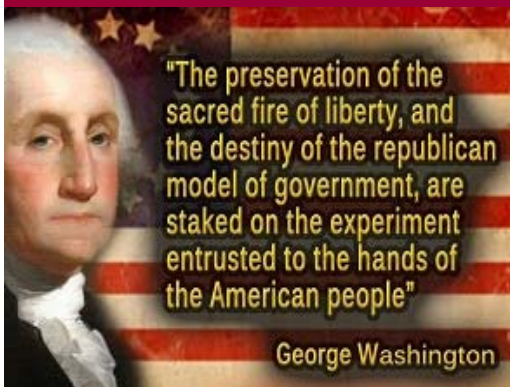
1 Top Prize \$1000
3 Prizes \$500
8 Prizes \$250
20 Prizes \$100

I ask that you contact your VAVS/SVH Representatives and Deputies ASAP in order for them to get their contest letters ("needs list") on time. Remember all VA and State Facilities have a needs list! All letters need to be mailed (or e-mailed) to the following address:

Ron Rolfes
Nationale Dir. VAVS/SVH
5450 Tropic Dr.
New Port Richey, FL 34653
rolfes@hotmail.com

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me @ (727) 267-0371 or e-mail rolfes@hotmail.com.

Famous George Washington Quotes



Presidential Biographies

With the assassination of President McKinley, **Theodore Roosevelt**, not quite 43, became the youngest President in the Nation's history. He brought new excitement and power to the Presidency, as he vigorously led Congress and the American public toward progressive reforms and a strong foreign policy.

He took the view that the President as a "steward of the people" should take whatever action necessary for the public good unless expressly forbidden by law or the Constitution." I did not usurp power," he wrote, "but I did greatly broaden the use of executive power."

Roosevelt's youth differed sharply from that of the log cabin Presidents. He was born in New York City in 1858 into a wealthy family, but he too struggled--against ill health--and in his triumph became an advocate of the strenuous life. In 1884 his first wife, Alice Lee Roosevelt, and his mother died on the same day. Roosevelt spent much of the next two years on his ranch in the Badlands of Dakota Territory. There he mastered his sorrow as he lived in the saddle, driving cattle, hunting big game--he even captured an outlaw. On a visit to London, he married Edith Carow in December 1886.

During the Spanish-American War, Roosevelt was lieutenant colonel of the Rough Rider Regiment, which he led on a charge at the battle of San Juan. He was one of the most conspicuous heroes of the war.

Boss Tom Platt, needing a hero to draw attention away



from scandals in New York State, accepted Roosevelt as the Republican candidate for Governor in 1898. Roosevelt won and served with distinction.

As President, Roosevelt held the ideal that the Government should be the great arbiter of the conflicting economic forces in the Nation, especially between capital and labor, guaranteeing justice to each and dispensing favors to none.

Roosevelt emerged spectacularly as a "trust buster" by forcing the dissolution of a great railroad combination in the Northwest. Other antitrust suits under the Sherman Act followed.

Roosevelt steered the United States more actively into world politics. He liked to quote a favorite proverb,

"Speak softly and carry a big stick. . . ."

Aware of the strategic need for a shortcut between the Atlantic and Pacific, Roosevelt ensured the construction of the Panama Canal. His corollary to the Monroe Doctrine prevented the establishment of foreign bases in the Caribbean and arrogated the sole right of intervention in Latin America to the United States.

He won the Nobel Peace Prize for mediating the Russo-Japanese War, reached a Gentleman's Agreement on immigration with Japan, and sent the Great White Fleet on a goodwill tour of the world. Some of Theodore Roosevelt's most effective achievements were in conservation. He added enormously to the national forests in the West,

reserved lands for public use, and fostered great irrigation projects.

He crusaded endlessly on matters big and small, exciting audiences with his high-pitched voice, jutting jaw, and pounding fist. "The life of strenuous endeavor" was a must for those around him, as he romped with his five younger children and led ambassadors on hikes through Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C.

Leaving the Presidency in 1909, Roosevelt went on an African safari, then jumped back into politics. In 1912 he ran for President on a Progressive ticket. To reporters he once remarked that he felt as fit as a bull moose, the name of his new party.

While campaigning in Milwaukee, he was shot in the chest by a fanatic. Roosevelt soon recovered, but his words at that time would have been applicable at the time of his death in 1919: "No man has had a happier life than I have led; a happier life in every way."



Building Donation Challenge Grand Total \$137,033.13



<u>NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>	<u>VOITURE</u>	<u>AMT</u>
Roadkill & Muskrat Eaters Assoc.	Byron		\$50.00
Voiture 1385	Richmond	1385	\$49.00
Voiture 774	Green Bay	774	\$21.50
Voiture 1047	Sunman	1047	\$12.50

32nd Annual Gator Wreck



Hosted by: Voiture & Cabane 1067
May 19th, 20th, 21st, 2017
Goose Creek, SC

For More Information go to:
<http://www.fortyandeight.org/events/>



Photographe National Wanted!



An opportunity exists for a Voyageur to serve as **Photographe National**. This is a volunteer position; a Voyageur wishing to serve La Société in this capacity must have their own equipment. This should include digital camera(s), as well as variety of equipment such as tripods, filters, and flash attachments. Additional requirements include:

Requirements

- Must be willing to travel at own expense
- Determine desired images and picture composition, selecting and adjusting subjects, equipment, and lighting to achieve desired effects
- Adjust apertures, shutter speeds, and camera focus based on a combination of factors such as lighting, field depth, subject motion, film type, and film speed

- Set up, mount, or install photographic equipment and cameras, create artificial light, using flashes and reflectors
- Transfer photographs to computers for editing, archiving, and electronic transmission
- Review sets of photographs to select the best work
- Take pictures of individuals, families, and small

- groups, on location for good composition
- Produce and provide three Photo Albums annually. One each for the Chef de Chemin de Fer, Madame La Presidente and Voiture Nationale.
- Write photograph captions

Interested parties should contact the Correspondant National at
pmobley@fortyandeight.org

National Nurses Training Program



Our **2017 National Nurse Training Club** Pin program has drawn outstanding support to-date which speaks well of the pride and dedication of the **Voyageurs Militaire** of our **"La Société"**

The pride that goes with being a member of a contributing Grand goes a long way in indicating the attitude and dedication of the Voyageurs of that Grand. While many Grands are putting forth those extra efforts, there is always a **Grand Voiture** that stands out with their hard work at any given time.

This month one such Grand from the **Southwest Region** has shown a great effort in support of the National Nurse Training Program.

Grand du Arizona

Grand du Arizona has posted earned sales to-date of **\$ 675.00** and maintain a Nurse Training contribution per-capita of **\$1.48**. They have contributed with the sale of 270 Pins.

"MERCI Beaucoup" Voyageurs Militaire and Congratulations!

National Secrétaire/Treasurer,
H.T. "Terry" Sharp

