

# The Forty & Eight



**OUR 1920 FOUNDERS WERE VETERANS OF W.W.I. FRANCE. Our organization's formal title is La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux or the Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses.**

**During the First World War, French boxcars carried American Doughboys to the front. These wartime boxcars, which held either 40 men or 8 horses, were emblazoned with "40/8"; a symbol readily understood by American veterans of that era. Today our organization's titles are in French and we meet in symbolic W.W.I. train depots, in grateful homage to the sacrifices of our Doughboy founders and indeed to honor all Americans who yet serve. -- We are most commonly known as "La Societe" or simply "The Forty & Eight".**



## GIFTS FROM THE TEXAS MERCI BOXCAR

*Many gifts from the Texas Merci Boxcar were distributed to cities throughout Texas. Some of the gifts remain in the Briscoe Center for American History at University of Texas at Austin but are not on display. Photos of some of the items are on the Grande du Texas website or can be seen with the Texas Merci Boxcar at the Interactive Exhibit at the Texas Military Forces Museum, Camp Mabry, Austin, TX.*



## For More Information Go To:

Merci Train  
(Links to all boxcars in the USA)  
[www.mercitrain.org](http://www.mercitrain.org)

Grande Voiture du Texas  
[www.texasboxcar.org](http://www.texasboxcar.org)

Forty and Eight Nationale  
[www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org)

