



Boxcar Bulletin



"The Honor Society of American Veterans"

www.voiture-99.com

Chef de Gare's Notes

I'd like to ask each of you to make a point of telling the story of the 40 et 8 to at least three people in the next month. By doing so you will get the word out in the community of the good works we do. I am of the opinion that the best way for us to neutralize the threat of the Indian casino is to tell our story, and relay to those we know what we are all about.

There was another event in the Boxcar Room this weekend with a group of Columbia River High School students holding a garage sale with the proceeds going to Doernbecher Children's Hospital. With the spring and summer months approaching us, if you have an event you would like to hold in the Boxcar Room, please get with Nicole and check the schedule early. The calendar is filling up fast.

At the March Prom we will be reviewing a revised Constitution, which you should have received via e-mail from Phil. If you are of a mind to submit a change to the current draft, I would ask that you be ready to submit it in written form, in order to make it easier on our Correspondent.

It is also that time of year for the nominating committee to be at work. Jerry, Phil and Bill will be looking for a few good individuals to fill the open offices. If you want to run for any position please let one of the committee members know them know if you intend to run. There will be two Cheminot positions and a full slate of officer positions available. If you are currently an officer, please let them know of you intend to continue through the chairs.

Thanks for taking the time to read my ramblings.

Jim Renton
Chef de Gare
2015 - 2016

The Queen of Hearts pot continues to grow. Approaching \$1000. Come down for dinner Saturday afternoon and try your luck.



From the Correspondant

If you are looking for a charity that you can trust, here are a couple of web sites for you to browse that are honest charities:

1. For a list of the Best Military, Family and Veterans Service Charities: [HTTP://www.mfvsoa.org](http://www.mfvsoa.org)
2. For a list of the best Military Support Charities: [HTTP://www.militarysupport](http://www.militarysupport)

These listings have been checked out by the Combined Federal Campaign. You won't see any of these charities on TV asking for \$19.00 a month and promising miracles that cannot happen.

Have you moved to a new address? Or changed your Email address? I just tracked down one 40 et 8 Voyageur that moved 35 years ago. How I was able to do this is my secret which I will not reveal. The big problem is that this voyageur has missed out on a lot of information. We have 50 voyageurs that have no email address, or won't let the Voiture have it. They are missing out on our current events that are sent via email.

Nominations are being accepted for the 2016-2017 Voiture 99 Officers. Pass your nominations to Jerry Keen, Phil Ruhmshottel or JW Bailey. They will be keeping track to make sure all positions are filled. Remember, if you miss a Prom, you could wind up on the list! Think about joining one of our committees. Extra team members are always welcome. In joining, you will learn the ropes.

The Grande du Washington Petite Promenade will be held on March 18 and 19, 2016 at Voiture 99. The guest speaker for the Saturday banquet will be Anne McEnerney-Ogle, the newly appointed Mayor Pro-Temp of Vancouver. She is also a member of our La Femmes. Make sure you turn in your registration. Forms are located in the Chateau near the sign in sheet.


If you are considering running for a Grande Office, it is time to have a resolution ready for our March promenade so we can vote on it.

Phil Yasson
Correspondant

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Attention La Femmes

Congratulations go to Anne  McEnerney-Ogle upon receiving one of the 2016 Iris Awards. The Iris Award recognizes women in Southwest Washington who exhibit leadership and serve their community. Good job, Anne!

Marsha named Betsy Ross, Elaine Meis, Norma Cooley, and Sandy Knudtson to the Nominating Committee. The committee is looking for candidates to run at the May election of officers. Contact the committee if you are interested in holding an office during the 2016-17 year.

The La Femmes will hold a silent auction during the Petite Prom. While attending the events at the Petite Prom check out the baskets of goodies and bid on as many as you wish. The proceeds will go to Child Welfare.

Roberta Giesler has begun collecting books for the La Femmes' Book sale on May 20-21. Thanks to those who have given donations, and remember that there is room for more. Contact Roberta or leave your book donations in the Chateau entry.

Remember that the Thursday morning Social meets in the Chateau at 9:00 a.m. every Thursday. It is a really fun way to start the day, particularly with the good company, coffee and donuts.

Remember to attend the next Rendezvous on March 7. The next Cheminot will be on March 15. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room for both. Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

If you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99 contact La Sous Presidente Barbara Yasson at 574-1152.

Chateau Schedule for March 2016

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast. Saturday the Chateau is open to voyageurs and guests. Thursday morning coffee & doughnuts at the Chateau at 8:00 am.

Chateau Manager - John Clapp (360)574-3872

March 3rd (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30am to 10am

March 4th (Friday)

Members and Guest Breakfast

7:30 am to 10:00 am

Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

Cost: \$8.00

March 5th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm

Dinner at 5:00 pm

Salad Bar/Meat Loaf

Cost: \$8.00

March 7th (Monday)

V99 Prom /C99 Rendezvous

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Menu: Salad Bar/Chicken Marsala

Cost \$8.00

March 10th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

March 11th (Friday)

Members and Guest Breakfast

7:30 am to 10:00 am

Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

Cost: \$8.00

March 12th (Saturday)

Chateau opens 2:00 pm

Dinner: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Menu: Salad Bar/Stuffed Pork Chops or

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Cost \$8.00

March 15th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Meetings at 6:30 pm

Salad Bar and Corned Beef & Cabbage

Cost \$8.00

March 16th (Wednesday)

Korean War Veterans Association

10:00 am in Box Car room

March 17th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

March 18th (Friday)

Members and Guest Breakfast

7:30 am to 10:00 am

Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

Cost: \$8.00

Petite Prom

Begins at 5:00 pm

Dinner @ 6:30 pm Menu:

Steak or Salmon

Cost: \$15.00 must RSVP with John at

(360) 936-5505 or Pre-register

March 19th (Saturday)

Petite Prom & Wreck

Begins at 9:30 am

Lafemms Host Lunch at Noon

(Soup & Sandwich) \$6.00

Banquet 6:30 pm

Menu: Brisket or Stuffed Chicken Breast

Cost: \$15.00 must RSVP with John at

(360) 936-5505 or pre-register

March 24th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

March 25th (Friday)

Members and Guest Breakfast

7:30 am to 10:00 am

Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order

Cost: \$8.00

March 26th (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm

Dinner at 5:00 pm

Ribs with Mac and Cheese/Cole Slaw

Cost \$8.00

March 31st (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

Americanism

From the Desk of Dixie Lee Hotaling –
National Sous Americanism Directeur Area A

“Painful as it may be, a significant emotional event can be the catalyst for choosing a direction that serves us – and those around us.”

Recently we lost Marines in an air crash. Daily our military faces danger and death. That is why is it SO important for us veterans to reach out and keep patriotism alive. Each time you speak before the community, each time you give a flag to a first grader, you are promoting our cause and honoring those who put their lives in harm's way – for us.

Last week I had the privilege of being a guest speaker – focusing on the topic of Women Veterans. The meeting was located at a retirement residential setting. Before I left the director asked for an appointment – expressing the con-

cern for the residential veterans. The center wants to know how they can connect with organizations and other community veterans. Once again, the 40 & 8 came to mind. Supporting and connecting with veterans is what we are all about. Have you checked into your senior living facilities and identified your fellow veterans?

It is time to collect those COMMUNITY HOURS. Emphasize the importance of handing in hours. Let the voyageurs know that all volunteer hours count. A new voyageur asked if his time with Boy Scouts mattered. Another wanted to know if marching in parades and running fund-raising marathons counted. It ALL counts. Let's give Tom Smith glowing reports this year. We are proud to serve and it is alright to share that service with others. You all are doing a GREAT job! Keep up the good work. Remember locale Voitures turn consolidated reports into the Grand Americanism Directeur. The Grands send the reports directly to Tom Smith. Last year there seemed to be some confusion concerning the process. You can download the Americanism Consolidated Report 2016 by going to the forty and eight website – click under sources and forms and scroll down to the report.

Americanism Awards – it's time to recognize those who go beyond expected services. Who in your community will you sponsor? We have heroes, organizations, towns, all who step up to serve others. Again, you can find the forms at the forty and eight website.

Spring is a good time to plan Wrecks – invite veterans in to check us out. Lately, it seems as though I'm meeting veterans at every corner. It's interesting to strike up a conversation and invite a new friend to our social functions. Give it a try?

Dixie Hotaling – Americanism Sous Directeur-
Area A

VAVS

For Bingo on January 28th, at the VA Hospital, we had 16 patients come play with 6 volunteers from Voiture 99. We gave out \$285.00 in prizes to the game winners. If you would like to join the group contact John Landahl for more information like date, time and location.

March Trivia:

The flag of which state was designed by a 13 year old boy?

Answer on page 5



Photo: Oregon National Guard

SSGT Jonathan Edwards

Oregon Army National Guard

158th Aviation Detachment

40 et 8, Voiture 99, Vancouver, Washington

SSGT Jonathan E. Edwards, searching for a missing aircraft in Oregon in an Army National Guard Blackhawk Helicopter. Jonathan is an HH-60M crew chief/flight instructor/maintenance platoon sergeant for the Army National Guard 158th Aviation Detachment in Salem, Oregon.

Jonathan is one of the Guards most experienced rescue aircrew. He has served two tours in the Iraq War, in '03 and '09. He's also served three tours to Turkey, and one tour in Kosovo in '13.

His tours were spent in the Blackhawk Helicopter rescuing downed pilots, and roadside bomb victims. In Iraq he logged 97 life saving missions. Jonathan has earned many awards and medals, including one Air Medal and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (DMSM) which is the third-highest award bestowed upon members of the United States military by the United States Department of Defense.

Jonathan is a member of the 40et8, Voiture 99 and he is chairman of Youths Sports Charity of Clark County for the 40et8. He was presented the "Donald K. Buckley Harris" trophy at the 96th 40 et 8 Promenade Nationale held in Green Bay, WI. The trophy reads: Presented to Chefe de Voiture with less than 1,000 members having the greatest participation in the 40 et 8 Youth Sports Program for the year ending 2015. Awarded to Jonathan E. Edwards, Grande du Washington. Jonathan was recognized for his work raising over \$5,000.00 to give to the Youth Sports program, the highest dollar amount of all the 40 et 8 Voitures.

Jonathan, wife Sarah and family live in the Hazel Dell area of Vancouver, Washington. Jonathan is also a proud employee of the Boeing Company in Troutdale, Oregon.

Gone but not forgotten

Elizabeth Brown
William Hanley

They will be missed



Loci News

Proposed Loci Schedule for 2016

March

17th Paddy Hough Parade

(George-

April

May

1st Long Beach Loyalty Days

(Jim/Marc)

14th St. John's Parade

(George-

15th

(Jim-

21st

Marc-

28th

(Marc-

30th

(George-

June

15th

(George-

18th

(Jim-

Birthday

Hazel Dell Parade

Hockinson Fun Days

Memorial Day

Beaches Cruise-in

Winlock Egg Festival

Ration D Bars—Hershey's contribution to the war...

Hershey Chocolate Corporation's involvement with the production of military ration bars began when Captain Paul Logan, from the office of U.S. Army Quartermaster General, met with William Murrie, President, Hershey Chocolate Corporation and Sam Hinkle, Chief Chemist, in April 1937. This initial visit started the experimental production of a ration bar which was to meet the needs of soldiers involved in a global war.

When Murrie and Hinkle told Milton Hershey about the visit by the Army Quartermaster Captain, he was very interested in hearing every detail and instructed them to get started on the project right away.

The standard chocolate bar, which melted readily in summer heat could never be adapted to being carried in a soldier's pocket. In addition, it was thought to be too tempting in taste to be used as an emergency ration to be eaten only when on the verge of starvation. Captain Logan explained his requirements: a bar weighing about four ounces, able to withstand high temperatures, high in food energy value, and tasting just a little better than a boiled potato.

Company Chemist Sam Hinkle was charged with developing the bar. The final ingredients were: chocolate liquor, sugar, skim milk powder, cocoa butter, oat flour, vanillin. Sugar was decreased and chocolate liquor increased to give the bar a less appealing taste than normal chocolate bars. The formula created a heavy paste that had to be pressed rather than poured into moulds. A four ounce bar contained 600 calories. After three days of experiments with blending and processing, Captain Logan gave his approval and a small quantity of four ounce bars was produced. Captain Logan was well pleased with the samples.

The original formula and shape of the ration bar were altered slightly when thiamine hydrochloride was added as a source of Vitamin B1 to prevent beriberi, a disease likely to be encountered in the tropics. These bars were originally called "Logan bars" and later were referred to as Field Ration D.

The first of the Field Ration D bars were used for field tests in the Philippines, Hawaii, Panama, the Texas border, and at various Army posts and depots throughout the United States. These bars also found their way to Antarctica with Admiral Byrd's last expedition in 1939. The results of the test were satisfactory and Field Ration D was approved for wartime use..

After the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese on December 7, 1941, the Quartermaster felt it necessary to protect Field Ration D as well as other rations, from possible damage by poison gas.

New specifications called for the placing of each bar in a heavy cellophane bag, closing the bag by means of a heat seal, inserting this into an individual cardboard carton, securely gluing the carton ends, dipping the cartons in a wax mixture, packing twelve waxed cartons in a master carton, gluing the master cartons top and bottom, packing twelve master cartons in a wooden case, and nailing and steel stripping the case.

In recognition of its outstanding war effort Hershey Chocolate Corporation was awarded the Army-Navy 'E' Production Award on August 22, 1942. The Corporation received a flag to fly above the chocolate plant and a lapel pin for every employee. The award was presented for ex-

ceeding all production expectations in the manufacturing of an Emergency Field Ration. An honor not easily won nor lightly bestowed, this wartime honor recognized companies that consistently met high standards of quality and quantity in light of available resources.



Ration D bar and Tropical Chocolate bar, 1942-1944



Packaging for the Ration D bar, 1942

March Trivia:

John "Benny" Benson was the Aleut boy who designed the flag of Alaska. Benny was 13 when he won a contest in 1927 to design the flag for the territory of Alaska, which became a U.S. state in 1959. Of the 142 submissions, a panel of judges all agreed that Benny Benson's design of eight stars of gold placed on a field of blue was the winner.

**Registration form for Grande du Washington
Petite Promenade**



March 18th thru March 19th, 2016

**Voiture 99
7607 NE 26th Avenue
Vancouver, WA 98665**

Name _____

Address _____

Voiture _____ **Phone** _____

Registration Fee: Voyagers \$35 \$ _____

No Registration for Le Femmes - Please Pre-Pay Meals

Check-in Friday 1500 - 1700 hrs
 Saturday 0800 - 1000 hrs

Meals: **Friday Dinner**
 Steak or Salmon \$15.00 \$ _____

Saturday Lunch
 Soup & Sandwich \$6.00 \$ _____

Saturday Banquet: (Included with Registration or \$15.00
 Brisket or Stuffed Chicken Breast \$ _____

NO Sunday Breakfast

 Total (Make check payable to Voiture 99) \$ _____
 Mail registration to address above

Please make your own hotel registrations and be sure to mention that you are attending the 40 et 8 Grande Petite Promenade.

Quality Inn & Suites

360-696-8343

7001 NE Hwy 99

Vancouver, WA 98665

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| Room Rates: | Single | \$70.00 |
| | Double | \$75.00 |
| | Triple | \$85.00 |



Great Western States Promenade Registration

The Orleans Hotel and Casino

4500 W. Tropicana Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89113



The Great Western States Promenade is hosted by Grande Du Nevada, Voiture 306 with the help of the American Legion Paradise Post 149.



For info on the Orleans Hotel and Casino, go to www.orleanscasino.com

The National Atomic Testing Museum tells the story of America's nuclear weapons testing program at the Nevada Test Site. For info, go to: <http://nationalatomictestingmuseum.org/>

The Mob Museum provides an authentic eye-opening, view of organized crime's impact on the world and reveals an insider's look at the events and characters of the continuing battle between the Mob and the law. For info, go to <http://themobmuseum.org/>

Promenade Dates:

April 8-10, 2016 (Hospitality Suite Opens on the 7th)

Room Rates: \$49 (Mon-Thurs) and \$99 (Fri-Sat)

Call the Orleans for reservations at (702) 365-7111
(Group Code: 4 and 8)

Registration Fees:

Members: \$75

Guests: \$60

Registration to the Great Western States Promenade includes:

- Access to the Great Western Meetings (members only)
- Gourmet dinner banquet consisting of:
 - Stuffed Chicken Breast on Sautéed Onions and Peppers, topped with Chipotle Corn Sauce
 - **AND** Creole seasoned Flank steak with a merlot wine sauce
 - Side dishes and deserts
- Happy Hour food and refreshments in the Hospitality Suite with two drink coupons
- Event pin and One Raffle ticket

Option Friday Tours:

(Special Discount Rates for 40&8 members, transportation available):

- National Atomic Testing Museum (9:00 -11:00 am)
- National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement - "The Mob Museum" (1:00 -4:00 pm)

The Orleans Hotel provides free shuttle service to the fabulous Las Vegas Strip

----- Complete the Registration Information and Fees Information -----

Mail to:

Voiture du Nevada 306
c/o Victor Moss
4008 W. Bonanza Rd.
Las Vegas, NV 89107

Member Name: _____

Voiture/Grande: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Registration Fee: \$75 (member) _____

Registration Fee: \$60 (guest) _____

Atomic Testing Museum Tour: \$15 _____

Mob Museum Tour: \$15 _____

Total Enclosed: _____