



# Boxcar Bulletin

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## From the Chef de Gare

The first time this Poor Goof walked into the Chateau on a Friday morning for breakfast, there were three members in the room, John, Paul and Dennis. Even though none of them had ever seen me before, each of them got up and welcomed me to the 40et8. I was instantly struck with the knowledge that I had found a place I wanted to be. I would hope that each of you would follow the example set by those three Voyageurs and to take the time to make all our new members welcome. But don't stop there, take the time to reach out to a Voyageur you do not know, introduce yourself and make a new friend for life.

\* Remember that dues for the 2015-16 year are due now. Nationale has changed the due date for us to send all our dues and membership numbers in from September 31th annually, to December 31st of the current year, moving up the process by nine months.

\* I would like to ask all Directors to work with Bill Hauser and set up a page within the website explaining the purpose of each of your programs. I recently solicited a contribution for the Loci and was surprised that we did not have anything I could refer to.

\* The lounge is open on Friday afternoons until 1700 as well as Saturdays. Ordure's (that's French for Pogeys-bait) and other special treats are abundant.

Thanks for taking the time to read my ramblings.

Jim Renton  
Chef de Gare  
2015-2016

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## From the Correspondant

The next Voiture 99 WRECK is scheduled for 17 October 2015. The Goofs will report at 0930, and the ceremony to begin at 10 a.m. We have invited the wives to accompany their spouses. They will meet in the Chateau with the women of La Femmes. We have voted on 15 veterans to participate in this wreck. Grande Chef Dunkle has been busy getting

things arranged for the Grande du Washington Petite Prom being held at Voiture 99 on March 18 and 19, 2016. Plan to attend. Registration forms will be in the Chateau when available. It is a good place to begin learning the operation of the State's 40 et 8 program. If you become interested and want to run for one a committee or state officer positions.

Renewal of dues is an important step to being an excellent Voyageur. Your dues help us donate money to children's programs in Clark County and also programs at the Veterans Hospital in Vancouver. It also funds programs at the Nationale level. When you receive your Forty and Eighter newspaper from Nationale, it will tell you how they spend your money. Remember that one of the Voyageurs thought you would be an excellent member, so they invited you into our Voiture. By not renewing, you are telling us that the person that nominated you made a mistake. By the oath you took at your initiation, you agreed to turn in all your 40 et 8 issued materials if you no longer want to participate.

Become a paid-up-for-life (PUFL) member. There are three ways to pay for your PUFL. With a check or money order, or, with a credit card, or by monthly payments. When you are paid in full, your beautiful plastic PUFL card will be issued. Then no one will call you to renew your dues. Also it holds down our expenses for membership. Each card mailed to you at this time costs .49 cents. Then an additional .49 cents to send your membership card to you. At some point, this will require an increase in the dues amount. I would like to see it stay at \$25.00. How about you? The PUFL rates follow. Read age group/dollar amount;

50-54/\$550.00, 55-59/\$478.00, 60-64/\$404.00, 65-69/\$346.00, 70-74/\$290.00, 75-79/\$236.00, 80-84/\$189.00.

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## Attention La Femmes



Thanks to all of the Dames who helped with the food and beverages at the Veterans Car Show on Labor Day. The car show was a success, definitely an event where fun was had by all. The proceeds from the food and beverages

will go to the La Femmes' Child Welfare program.

The next Voiture 99 Wreck will be held on October 17. The Goofs' wives have been invited to attend to meet the Dames of the La Femmes. The Goofs report at 9:30 a.m. Let's have a good representation of Dames there to meet the wives and introduce them to La Societe de Femme and Cabane 99.

With October comes Halloween on October 31. Since that is a Saturday evening and dinner will be served at the Chateau, let's party. Come to dinner in costume and be prepared to celebrate with a few games.

Make way for the Christmas Bazaar on November 13-14. Bazaar Chair Sandy Knudtson and her committee are hard at work getting things ready. Be sure to attend the October 5 Rendezvous to find out how the plans are progressing.

We are looking forward to the new year with new officers and new activities. Be sure to attend the Rendezvous and Cheminot this month to find out what is happening with the La Femmes.

Dues for 2015-2016 are due now. Dues are \$25.00 for the year. If you have not paid yet, the easiest way to pay dues is to bring them with you to the next Rendezvous or Cheminot or Dames' Thursday 9:00 a.m. Social Hour. If you are unable to attend, please mail them to the Chateau to the attention of Cabane 99, or to Elaine Meis or Roberta Giesler at their addresses on the membership roster.

The next Rendezvous will be on Monday October 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room. Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m. Remember the next Cheminot on Tuesday October 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room. Dinner will be 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 Presidente Marsha Keen at 907-0424 or La Sous Presidente Barbara Yasson at 574-1152.

# Chateau Schedule for October 2015

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast and . Saturdays Chateau is open to voyageurs and guests. Thursday morning coffee & doughnuts at the Chateau at 8 am.  
Chateau Manager - John Clapp (360)574-3872

**REMEMBER** the Lounge will be open on Fridays

Hours of operation will be Noon to 5:00 pm

## October 1st (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee  
8:30 am to 10:00 am

## October 2nd (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast  
7:30 am to 9:00 am

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
\$8.00

Chateau Opens at Noon

## October 3rd (Saturday)

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm  
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Menu: Salad Bar/ Cat Fish or Lasagna  
\$8.00

## October 5th (Monday)

V99 Prom / C99 Rendezvous

Dinner at 5:30 pm  
Menu: Salad Bar/Soup

## October 6th (Tuesday)

Flags for 1st Graders Fundraiser

Spaghetti Dinner \$10.00  
Box Car Room 5:00 pm

## October 8th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee  
8:30 am to 10:00 am

## October 9th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast  
7:30 am to 9:00 am

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
\$8.00

Chateau Opens at Noon

## October 10th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm  
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Salad bar/ Steak Night or Salmon  
\$12.00

*You must RSVP with George at 574-3872 we only plan on 40 so don't wait.*

## October 15th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee  
8:30 am to 10:00 am

## October 16th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast  
7:30 am to 9:00 am

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
\$8.00

Chateau Opens at Noon

## October 17th (Saturday)

WRECK @ 10:00 am

Chateau Open for lunch  
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Baked Chicken  
\$8.00

VBMA Halloween Dinner/Raffle/Auction

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
(See Flyers Page 3)

## October 20th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

Dinner 5:15 pm  
Cheminot 6:30 pm

## October 22nd (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee  
8:30 am to 10:00 am

## October 23rd (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast  
7:30 am to 9:00 am

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
\$8.00

Chateau Opens at Noon

## October 24th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm  
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Meat Loaf  
\$8.00

## October 29th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee  
8:30 am to 10:00 am

## October 30th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast  
7:30 am to 9:00 am

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order  
\$8.00

Chateau Opens at Noon

## October 31st (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm  
Halloween Costume Party  
Starts at 5:30 pm

WEAR A COSTUME  
Dinner: PIZZA by the slice  
Music/ games/ party-party



**October 17, 2015 6:00 PM to 10 PM**

Join us for a Halloween fundraiser for the Vancouver Barracks Military Association

Tickets requested donation of \$12.00 each (advance), \$15 at the door. **Kid Friendly!!!** Children \$5 each, children 7 and below eat for free. Email [president@vbma.us](mailto:president@vbma.us) to order.

Events Include: **Haunted Vancouver**, a presentation by author Jeff Davis • Live D-J playing your Halloween favorites • Door Prizes • Costume Contest • Dancing • Charity Raffle • and Silent Auction

We have \$1 and \$5 raffle items, and silent auction items, including: Four 1-day passes to Disneyland • An overnight getaway for two at Chinook Winds Casino • Game Cards from Batcave Games • Hotel and restaurant gift certificates • Knives and outdoor gear • passes to many Northwest attractions.



Location: 40 et 8 Chateau, 2700 E 28th Street, Vancouver, WA (see flyer back for directions and other information)



To get there, from Interstate 5, take Exit 4, east on NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street about one mile. Drive 200 yards passed NE 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Bingo Parlor sign. Take the next right turn on the south side of NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street. This is the entry to the 40 et 8 Chateau parking lot, look for the signs and the witch!

The Vancouver Barracks Military Association is a Non-Profit charity, preserving the military past of the Pacific Northwest with support from people like you.

**Adult Dinner**  
Baked Chicken • Potatoes • Vegetables • Bread • Cake • Assorted Beverages and Soft Drinks

**Kid's Meal**  
Salad • Pizza • Chicken Tenders with dipping sauce • French Fries • Vegetables • Bread • Cake • Assorted Beverages and Soft Drinks

### Schedule of Events:

5:30 PM to 6:00 PM Open to 40 et 8 members and public can view gift baskets and bid  
6:00 PM Doors open for guest check-in, bidding begins as guests find seating  
6:30 PM Food service begins  
7:00 - 7:30 PM First door prize and raffle items begins  
7:30 - 8:30 PM Presentation by Jeff Davis, Ghosts of the Vancouver/Portland area  
8:30 - 10:00 PM Door Prize and raffle drawings  
Costume contest, close with dancing and music

**Other Prizes include:** Overnight Room Stays at Chateau Westport • Quinalt Lodge and Casino • Dinner Tickets to La Costa Mexican Restaurant • Sweet Tomatoes Salad Restaurant • Wine and spirits tastings at House of Spirits Distillery • Oola Distillery • Kingsraven Winery • Rusty Grape Vineyards • Total Wine and More • Free admission tickets to Curious Comedy Theater • a Portland Spirit lunch cruise • Silverwood Theme Park • Wildlife Safari Park • Woodland Park Zoo • Downtown Seattle Ghost Walk •

**Our other Partners and Sponsors:** the 40 et 8 • Lewis and Clark Young Marines • Batcave Games • Corwin Beverages • Disneyland • Chinook Winds Casino • Norseman Ventures Publishing

Please check our website at [www.vbma.us](http://www.vbma.us) for an updated prize list

## October Trivia:

When Was the Tomb of the Unknowns First Dedicated?



Answers on page 3



Halloween Costume Party at the Chateau, Saturday October 31st.

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Bring your family and friends to a Halloween night of fun. There will be Pizza and beer, fun, games and music. Costumes are optional but prizes will be awarded.

Price is \$8.00

**40 & 8  
Americanism  
Newsletter – Area - A**

**October 2015**

“There is no such thing as “on your way out” as long as you are still doing something interesting and good; you’re in the business because you’re breathing.” Louis Armstrong

Although job titles may have changed, we are still all serving the community through the 40 & 8. Past directors can mentor the new ones. It’s time to share ideas, outline goals and bring your committees together. Let’s hit the road running. We have a finish line to reach and race to win! It’s called Americanism. Let’s focus on the new goals and bench marks and get the word out, especially the Flags for First Graders program and its presentations. Welcome to 2015-2016.

Fall has officially arrived. With it comes new beginnings and expectations.

ABOUT AMERICANISM – In addition to the Flags for First Graders Project. The 40 & 8 Americanism Program has several objectives:

· **Community Hours** – Your hours of service are extremely important. Getting them to your Grande Americanism Directeur and to your National Directeur gives credibility to the program.

· **Americanism Awards** – Any activity dealing with School, High School, College, ROTC, Community Organizations, Citizens (Private), Fire Prevention, Law Enforcement, CASA, Workshops, Others. There are many eligible people to recognize.

· **Americanism Speeches and Flag Activities** – Flag presentations, Flag raising Flag Retirement ceremonies.

· **Community** – Blood donor, Community Services, Meals on Wheels, Get out the Vote activities, National Security, Political Action (involving Veteran rights), Senior citizens, Hunter Safety programs, Poppy sales, Salvation Bell Ringing, Special Olympics, Activities in other fraternal organizations. It all counts.

· **Holidays and Memorials** - Memorial Day, Memorial Services, funerals, Memorial dedications, Parade participation, Patriotic Events (dinners, fundraisers, etc), Veterans Day.

· **Veterans** – Veteran Home Activities, Transportation to Hospitals/ Doctors, Veterans Employment, Stand Down, VA Volunteer, Veterans Court Mentoring. It all counts. Americanism and Patriotism guide and direct our efforts. We veterans need to stand up and be counted.

Remember: “The best way to predict the future is to create it.” Peter Drucker

Dixie Hotaling  
Director Americanism

**October Trivia  
Answers**

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery honors the memory of unidentified soldiers who fought in World Wars I and II, as well as the Korean and Vietnam wars. On March 4, 1921, Congress approved the burial of an unidentified soldier from World War I in a marble sarcophagus to be built on the East Plaza of the Memorial Amphitheater. Constructed of fine white marble, the tomb was built for a total cost of \$48,000 and dedicated on November 11, 1921, when the remains of the unknown soldier were interred within the tomb. The tomb was rebuilt in 1931 and was opened to the public without fanfare the following year. What is Every American Asked to Do at 3:00 on Memorial Day? Don't forget the barbecue. It's also about the barbecue. One day, executive director of the Commission on Remembrance, Carmella LaSpada, asked a group of school children what Memorial Day meant and they answered that that was when the swimming pools opened. We're guessing it wasn't quite the solemn, mournful tone LaSpada was hoping for.

So LaSpada and Congress worked to create a national moment of silence at 3pm local time across the country. It's a time when they stop baseball games and parades, and during that time the National Grocers Association and Food Marketing Institute asks shoppers to pause for a moment of silence in stores around the U.S. What City is the Birthplace of Memorial Day? As with all questions about location of origin, the answer is "we don't know." And, in fact, there are plenty of different options to choose from. According to the US Department of Veteran Affairs website, "Both Macon and Columbus, Ga., claim the title, as well as Richmond, Va. The village of Boalsburg, Pa., claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, Ill., cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried." But in 1966, Congress passed a unanimous resolution recognizing Waterloo, New York, as the birthplace of the holiday where an 1866 ceremony honored local Civil War vets.

**From the Loci Committee**

The Loci Committee has announced that the Loci will be out of service during the month of October for maintenance.

October -  
Out for Maintenance

November -  
7th Vancouver, Veterans Day Parade - George  
27th Vancouver, Xmas Tree Lighting/Santa - Jim  
28th Festival of Trees (9am-Noon) - Jim/Marc  
28th Uptown Village - George

If you want to ride on the Loci in one of these events contact the driver listed to make sure there is room. Watch the schedule posted in the entryway at the Chateau for last minute cancellations or additions.



**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
October 6, 2015  
5:00 PM  
Flags for First Graders Fund Raiser Dinner

Green Salad	• Silent Auction	<b>Adults</b>
Choice of 3 sauces	• Quilt Raffle	<b>\$10.00</b>
Regular pasta or	• Coloring Contest	<b>Children</b>
Gluten Free		<b>\$5.00</b>
Rolls or Garlic Bread		
Free seconds		

Starting at 5:00 PM at the 40 et 8 Chateau, 7607 NE 26th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98665

**WHEN IT WAS COOL TO BURN DRAFT CARDS,  
THERE WERE MEN WHO REMAINED LOYAL TO  
THEIR COUNTRY. BRAVE MEN WHO FOUGHT  
AND DID THEIR DUTY WHEN IT WAS POPULAR  
NOT TO. GOD BLESS OUR VIETNAM VETS!**

