



Boxcar Bulletin

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From the Chef de Gare

Veterans Day is upon us. As we pause to remember and honor our fellow Vets, I would like you to take a moment to thank the ladies that took the extraordinary step to join us. None of us can deny that the military is a male dominated organization. I have never been on a base or ship that was not gender biased. Think about it, there are no facilities where the ladies can let their hair down and put their feet up for a brake, without ten men gawking at them. In the Marines, the GCT test score was ten points higher, just to be considered for enlistment. Basically they had to be smarter, more disciplined, and more focused than their male counterparts. Think of the nurse that so many of us looked up at after we had been knocked down. I never saw one that didn't have a smile on her face and a kind word. Isn't that why we sponsor those nurse's scholarships. There are no more Waves, Wacs, or WM's, they all have been assimilated into the regular units, which has only made things more difficult for them. Now I am being told that the VA does not have programs to support the ladies, who have a miscarriage rate 25% higher than the rest of the population. Please join me in supporting the ladies in their efforts to achieve equality within the Veteran's Administration.

- Remember that dues for the 2015-16 year are due now. National has changed the due date for us to send all our dues and membership numbers in form 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 tab 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. Ordures (that's French for Pogy-bait) and other special treats are abundant.

Thanks for taking the time to read my ramblings.

Jim Renton
Chef de Gare
2015-2016

From the Correspondant

DUES ARE DUE: Send payment of \$25.00 to:
Correspondant Voiture 99
7607 NE 26th Ave
Vancouver, WA 98665-0637

Make the check out to 40 et 8 Voiture 99.

Instructions for Nominating Veterans to Voiture 99. These instructions are listed in the new 40 et 8 Nationale Constitution booklet dated 27 September 2014 and supercedes prior instructions. Membership may be granted by invitation only to any eligible veteran upon the nomination by a Voyageur Militaire. The nomination form must have the following:

- a. That the veteran has been honorably discharged from the US military or currently an US active duty person preceding the date of the nomination.
- b. That they have rendered service in the US military entitling them to the honor of membership in La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux.
- c. That their character and reputation are good, and that they have rendered the service aforesaid, which must be shown by an endorsement to that effect bearing the signature of two or more members of the Voiture Locale in which the nomination is addressed.
- d. That they have or have not previously been rejected for membership in the 40 et 8, and if they have, the date of rejection and the number and location of the Voiture locale by which they were rejected.
- e. That, if they were formerly a member of La

Societe the number and location of the Voiture Locale to which they belonged and the reason for their withdrawal.

In forthcoming editions of the Boxcar News, I will list the duties of the officers. The reason for this is so you will know what duties a particular office is required to perform, should you want to run for an officer position in the next election!

Chef de Gare: The Chef is the commander of the Voiture locale. He is in charge of all Voiture activities and functions. He must be familiar with all duties of the Voiture Officers. Always run a dignified Promenade and do not permit any liquor, vulgarity, or profanity. Promenades should be interesting and you should make every effort to create an incentive for the members to participate. Establish projects in conjunction with established programs and appoint Directeurs and Committeemen who will work and carry out their assignments

Welcome New Voyageures

Lets welcome our newest Voyageurs into Voiture 99. They are: David Christie USA, Gail Branum, USAF, Richard Branum USAF, Kenneth Fry, USCG, Jeffrey Glockner USA, Jennifer Hibbs USAF, Gerald Levins USAF, William Mangels USMC, Jeff McAleer, USA, Leonard Mills USA, and Donald Peterson USA. This must be a mistake, no Navy members? Let's make them welcome at our Promenades and Cheminots.



Chateau Schedule for November 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

November 2nd (Monday)

V99 Prom / C99 Rendezvous

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Menu: Salad Bar/Soup

November 5th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

November 6th (Friday)

Veterans Breakfast

Free To All Veterans - Non Military \$8.00

7:30 am to 10:00 am

Chateau opens @ noon

November 7th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm

Dinner: 5:00 pm

Salad bar/ Salisbury steak

November 10th (Tuesday)

Marine Corps Birthday Dinner

Social Hour 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

\$20 at the door

November 12th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

November 13th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

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

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Chateau opens @ noon

November 14th (Saturday)

Chateau Open for lunch

Dinner: \$8.00 5:00 pm

Chicken/stuffed Pork chops

November 17th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

Dinner 5:15 pm

Cheminot 6:30 pm

November 19th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee

8:30 am to 10:00 am

November 20th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

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

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Chateau opens @ noon

November 21st (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm

Fund Raiser For Past Chefs Dinner

Hawaiian Luau (Roast Pig) and other Hawaiian Foods

Cost \$12.00

PLEASE, casual attire

November 26th (Thursday)

THANKS GIVING

CHATEAU will be closed

November 27th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

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

7:30 am to 9:00 am

CHATEAU Bar will be closed

November 28th (Saturday)

CHATEAU will be closed

Attention La Femmes



Planning is under way for the Christmas Bazaar to be held in the Boxcar Room on November 13th and 14th. Bazaar Chair Sandy Knudtson and her committee are hard at work making arrangements. Be sure to attend the November 2nd Rendezvous to find out how the plans are progressing. Let Sandy know if you can help set up on November 12th after 10:00 a.m., work at the Bazaar either Friday or Saturday, or help with tear down after it closes on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

The VA transplant lodge is operating at capacity, so please remember to bring your food donations to the Chateau when you come for one of the meetings or a meal. Contact Norma Cooley if you have fresh foods. The patients and their care givers greatly appreciate our food donations. Keep up the good work.

Caroline Ruhmshottel and her committee are planning the February 13th Sweethearts '50's Fun Night. If you have time-appropriate decorations that you can add to the fun please contact Caroline.

La Femmes (continued)

Dues for 2015-2016 are past due now. If you have not paid your 2015-2016 dues yet, they are past due as of October 20. The easiest way to pay your \$25.00 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 Roberta Giesler at the address on the membership roster.

The next Rendezvous will be on Monday November 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room. Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m. Remember the next Cheminot on Tuesday November 17 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.

November Trivia:

Whose likeness is depicted on the Purple Heart?

Answer on page 3

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Americanism Newsletter **November 2015**

From the desk of Dixie Lee Hotaling, Sous Americanism Directeur – Area A

“THE MEASURE OF WHO WE ARE IS WHAT WE DO WITH WHAT WE HAVE”. - Vince Lombardi

What happened to September and October 2015? Gone forever. November opportunities are knocking at the door. Veteran's day is a time to introduce others to the 40 & 8. The traditional holidays: Thanksgiving and Christmas can be lonely for many single veterans. Reach out, share words of encouragement and give your time to a fellow veteran. Invite them to join the 40 & 8 family.

On a personal note: The 40 & 8 welcomed me and supported me during one of the most traumatic times of my life – the loss of my grandson (Army) in Iraq. You were there for me. Many of our veterans are suffering losses we can never imagine. Who will you sponsor this season?

Americanism Newsletter .(continued)

This is the perfect time to start identifying the heroes in your communities. Check the newspaper stories and different organizations. The Flags for First Graders Family Spaghetti Dinner was a total success. Voiture 99 Americanism Committee netted \$1,000 plus. The children and young –at- heart demonstrated hula-hoop moves. The coloring contest was great; the pages will be shipped overseas to help cheer the troops.

Our women veterans are busy putting together ditty-bags. We'll be placing some in the Veteran's Assistance Centers, American Legion Posts, VA hospital and 40 & 8. This is one more way Americanism works. These are tough times. Many of our valued Veterans are living on the street. Let's find ways to welcome them back into the fold.

Have a nice safe Thanksgiving. Keep up the good work.

Dixie Hotaling
Director Americanism

From the Loci Committee

The Loci Committee has announced that the this is the November schedule

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.

Voyageurs Militaire

Just a note to let you all know that I am taking jackets to have 40 et 8 emblems and other insignia put on them. I have found that it is better for you to bring me a jacket of your choice that you know fits and is in the price range that you wish to spend and then I will take them to have any emblems put on that you wish. The cost to have this done is \$35.00.

I have a small supply of red polo shirts on hand

for \$30.00 and a few larger white ones for \$20.00 and a limited supply of t-shirts for \$15.00. For any of the lady Voyageurs I will be happy to special order you a ladies cut polo shirt, also for the men, if I do not have the size you need I will order it for you. I can get colors other than red but that would be a special order (takes about two weeks to get).

I am at the Chateau most Friday mornings and on both Prom and Cheminot nights so just look me up and I will be happy to help you with either a shirt or jacket. Roberta Giesler, rmgiessler506@comcast.net, 360-909-5124.

Nationale Convention

Jonathan Edwards received the Donald K. Buckley Harris trophy.



Jonathan E. Edwards was presented the "Donald K. Buckley Harris" trophy at the 96th 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. He and his wife Sarah and two children live in the Hazel Dell area of Vancouver. He is a proud employee of the Boeing Company in Troutdale Oregon, a member of the Army National Guard, Charlie Company 7/158 Regiment, Salem, Oregon. He has flown over 100 life saving missions in two tours in Iraq and Kosovo as part of the black Hawk Air Rescue Unit. Jonathan has received many awards including the Air Metal and the Meritorious Service Metal, the 3rd highest award bestowed on a member of the U.S. Military. We are proud to have Jonathan in our Voiture.

VAVS Bingo

This month 7 Voiture-99 volunteers gave out \$255.00 in bingo prizes to 14 patients at the Vancouver Veterans Hospital.

Trivia Answer

The Purple Heart is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the President to those wounded or killed, while serving, on or after April 5, 1917, with the U.S. military. The Purple Heart award is a heart-shaped medal within a gold border, containing a profile of General George Washington. Above the heart appears a shield of the coat of arms of George Washington (a white shield with two red bars and three red stars in chief) between sprays of green leaves. The reverse consists of a raised bronze heart with the words FOR MILITARY MERIT below the coat of arms and leaves. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located in New Windsor, New York.

Gone but not forgotten

Walter Clark

He will be missed



You're Invited to a Luau!

Past Chef Jerry Keen invites you to the 40 et 8 Chateau for a Luau

November 21st at 6:00 pm

Roast Pig, with all the trimmings.
Raffles and Door prizes

No Host Bar - \$15 per person
(See flyer on page 4)

Veterans Day Celebration

November 11th - 11:00 am

Armed Forces Reserve Center

This is a indoor event
(See flyer on page 5)

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21st 6 PM

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Raffles

Door prizes



So put on your best Hawaiian
shirt, dress or hula skirt and
join us for Mai Tais and fun.

\$15.00 per person.
No host bar.

For information and reservations contact Jerry Keen at
360-907-9473 or e-mail jerrykeen@juno.com.

All proceeds go to the Past Chef's Christmas fund.



All are invited!
Please join us this Veterans Day
to celebrate the service of all
U.S. military veterans!

November 11, 2015 11 AM

Special Guest
Speakers

Music

Snacks

Iwo Jima Display

Veteran-Related
Informational Booths



Event will be indoors:

Armed Forces Reserve Center

15005 NE 65th St, Vancouver, WA 98682

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