



Voiture Nationale 40&8



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Frank Campo- Chef de Chemin de Fer

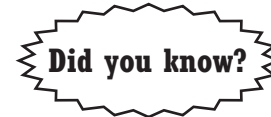
Hello Voyageurs and Dames.

I sit here on the verge of the Ides of March contemplating what to write. I have just finished celebrating my Homecoming and want to thank those that were able to attend. I understand all enjoyed a great time. I was able to play tour guide on a few occasions. I led a group of Voyageurs and Dames on a tour of President Lincoln's Museum and Tomb. We found out during the tour that the horse that President Lincoln had was named "Bill".



time was had by all, and I was treated well by the Voyageurs and Dames from North and South Carolina.

After St. Patrick's Day, I will be traveling almost every week until mid-June. I hope to meet as many Voyageurs and Dames as possible. As a reminder, the dates for Promenade Nationale have changed and they are a week after our normal meeting dates. Please continue to check the 40/8 website for updates.



During my last article, I asked **"Did you know the Chef officiated over the funeral service of a famous singer's family member???? Can you guess who???? Hint: there were no wardrobe malfunctions."** The answer is the uncle for Michael, Janet and Latoya Jackson. Larry Jackson was a retired USAF veteran and a member of several veteran's organizations I belonged to in California. Larry served as Michael's road manager.

This article's trivia question is **"Can you guess what famous Rockstar whose wife I worked with? Here's a hint: he was attributed to be the 'eggman' in a Beatles song as well as a close friend of Jimi Hendrix. He was also the lead singer for two rock bands."**

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Correspondent National

(Ron Rolfes)



Greetings Voyageur's, Dames and Friends,

We are well into 2024 and things at Voiture Nationale are moving along. Here are some of the things that I thought I would bring you up to date on with this edition of the Briefs.

If you recall in the last edition of the Briefs and Forty and Eighter I mentioned, we were looking to downsize from our present location due to rising costs but primarily for the safety of our staff. At present we have accepted an offer on our building and have an accepted offer on another property. More to come.

The 105th Promenade Nationale is now just 6 short months away and will be here before we know it. Now is a good time to get your registration and hotel reservations made. The registration form can be found on the website at <https://www.fortyandeight.org/promenade-nationale/>. Information for making your hotel reservations can be found on the same web page. Be sure to use **CODE ID 37072** when speaking with the agent.

Also, now would be a good time for Voyageurs, Dames, Locales, Grandes, and Cabanes alike to get your AD in for the 105th Program Book. Your AD's help the Convention Corporation immensely. **I am challenging ALL Grandes and Cabanes to submit a minimum Half Page Ad for the program book.** (If we get 100% participation, each Grand Chef de Gare or Cabane La Presidente will receive a token of my appreciation). The Grand or Cabane with the highest percentage of Locals represented in the program book (at a minimum of a Quarter Page Ad per Voiture Local or Cabane) will receive the Grand Prize to be announced at the Banquet in Sandusky Friday September 20, 2024.

Could you imagine a Program book with all Grandes represented? For more information on Ad's or Registration for the 105th Promenade Nationale go the website at www.fortyandeight.org/promenade-nationale

Lastly, anyone that may be thinking of running for one of the elected positions for the 2024 year, please reach out to myself with a letter of intent. Thank you.

Emblem Sales

The highlighted item for this edition in Emblem Sales is a Cotton Twill Honor Cap. It features a 40/8 Honor Society logo and size is adjustable to most cantaloupes. Colors include the traditional Voyageur blue, Locale red, Grande white, Nationale gold as well as black and navy. A great addition to your daily attire to show your pride in the 40&8!

It can be found within our Emblem Sales site under the header "Golf Hats" or ordered using code 08CT. (<http://store.fortyandeight.org/>)

This item can be also be ordered by contacting **Terri Taylor** at Promenade Nationale or:

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Voyageur Briefs Concepts

Would you like some more publicity for your Locale, Grande, or Community? Submit an article in Microsoft Word with some clear photographs for inclusion into the Voyageur Briefs. You may email clear photos with a description of each photo including date, names of people, and location to voyageurbriefs@gmail.com.

Some quick guidelines....

First: Let's keep the Voyageur Briefs just that.... brief. Submit your short articles and photos (with names, dates, descriptions, and locations) and I'll get the quality photos into this format to enhance the effectivity of your harassment. Note: The photos cannot be blurry, must have appropriate zoom, and be of high enough resolution for print. I can help wordsmith some things for you if writing is not your strength.

Second: The Voyageur Briefs are published quarterly. This means articles for specific holidays may be best described for the next quarter. The next Voyageur Briefs will be published in late June, so articles for holidays in July through September would be most effective.

Third: Keep it fun! There is no formal requirement for photo or story submission but keep it brief. Chapeau's aren't required and reasonably PC photos will be published!

Lastly: Laugh a little. We are the "fun loving" veterans organization!



SCAM ALERT!

**THERE ARE SO MANY
SCAMS ON THE INTERNET**

NOW A DAYS...

**SEND ME \$19.95, I WILL
TELL YOU HOW TO AVOID THEM**

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME EMAILS ASKING FOR GIFT CARDS FROM VARIOUS PROGRAMS. THESE ARE SCAMS. DO NOT SEND ANYTHING OR REPLY.

NATIONALE OFFICERS AND VOITURE NATIONALE STAFF WILL NEVER ASK YOU TO SEND US MONEY THROUGH EMAIL.

IF YOU ARE UNSURE IF ITS A SCAM PLEASE CALL HEADQUARTERS AND ASK.

DIGITAL UPDATE! IT'S 2023, NOT Y2K!

This is the place to add links to important forms, communiques, etc. Links and descriptions only! That's the purpose of a digital presence... You can just click-and-go.

Nationale: <https://www.fortyandeight.org/>

Chef Campo (and Sous Chefs) Bios: <https://www.fortyandeight.org/biographies/>

Special Awards page: <https://www.fortyandeight.org/408-programs/>

See what you're officers are up to! Official Travel: <https://www.fortyandeight.org/official-travel/>

Voiture Locale 605 Flickr (Photos) page! <https://www.flickr.com/photos/125752713@N04/>

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM IS VISIBLE HERE

(Bruce Kouba, Publiciste Nationale)

As a Fifty Year member of La Societe, I thought I had done it all. Active in my Locale, Grande, and Nationale. Whatever had I missed on my Forty and Eight bucket list. The answer: The Forty and Eight Memorial Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery.

I had been to Arlington several times with family and friends over the years. Last year (2023) however was the first time I attended with the leadership of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux and La Societe de Femmes, along with my fellow 40 & 8 members from across the country.

The President of the 40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee A. R. "Dick" George Jr. and John Schenk, Registration Chair, along with entire committee put together a magnificent event. The hotel, hospitality room, transportation to Arlington Cemetery, and banquet could not have been finer.

On Sunday you pay homage to our founders grave, the first Chef de Chemin de Fer Joseph W. Breen and our first Honorary Chef de Chemin de Fer General John J. Pershing. The banquet Sunday evening and fellowship is delightful. Your weekend will culminate with passing out flags Monday morning at Arlington, and attending the program at the Amphitheater. This is followed by the Chef de Chemin de Fer and the Nationale Presidente, accompanied by Sous Chefs and Sous Presidentes laying wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknowns. This is the only time our organization is officially recognized by the U S Government.

I encourage you to go and join Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo, and Nationale Presidente Lori Bolley and others May 25 -27, 2024, for the Memorial Day Observance. You will not be disappointed.



VOITURE 181 du Calhoun County GRANDE du MICHIGAN

At the March 2024 meeting of Voiture 181 Calhoun County Michigan, Chef de Gare Alice Berger, presents an "I Got 2" pin to Dan Bement.

It was a great evening, as the Grand Chef de Gare, Grand du Michigan, Clare Knickerbocker, was also present.

Pictured are Chef de Gare Alice Berger, Dan Bement and Grand Chef de Gare, Clare Knickerbocker



GRANDE du SOUTH DAKOTA

Nine nurses were awarded scholarships at the first annual joint Voiture locale banquet, held in Rapid City, Feb. 29th. Bob Hickey, Nationale Nurses Training Directeur was on hand to award scholarships. His wife Cindy was also in attendance and was inspirational in signing up another La Femme. Welcome Toni Fuller! Voiture Locales 256 Hot Springs and Voiture Locale 658 Rapid City joined forces to make a difference in nurse's lives!



VOITURE LOCALE 1015 GRANDE du NEBRASKA

On January, 24th, Chef de Gare Carl Christensen of Nebraska City, NE, Voiture 1015 presents a check to Ms. Sarah Hahn McMillan of Omaha. She has been working for the last five years as a Licensed Practical Nurse in a family clinic in Millard, NE.

Sarah will graduate from her online class at Purdue University Global in West Lafayette, IN in October 2025.

Sarah's ties to Nebraska City are through her mother, and her grandfather, Lester L. Kinnison, former secretary of the local 40 & 8 organization.

Also pictured is 40 & 8 secretary Roger L. Kopf.

Picture taken at St. Mary's Hospital in Nebraska City.



GRANDE du INDIANA BOX CAR REFURB!

The crew of four Voiture Locales worked recently to refurbish the Indiana Box Car. What a beauty!

Those who helped were:

Grand Chef de Gare John Van Natta VL952

Dennis Renolds VL952

Mitch Newell VL37

ED Dornseif VL37

Sam Queen VL37

Jim Maxwell VL37

Steve Smock VL37

Jim Olds VL37

Alan Schuette VL37

Gary Parker VL37

Randy Page VL642

Mike Worrel VL850, daughter Michelle and granddaughter Payton



More about Grande du Indiana! <https://www.40and8-grandeduindiana.com/>

TWISTER WRECK

Voiture Locale 58, Wichita, KS

(Right) Eleven new Voyageurs Militaire are welcomed into our great society from across the state of Kansas February 9-11.



Below: Chef Campo and VL58 Chef Tim Evans present the Voiture 58 *Voyageur of the Year* to Frank Dwornicki. The banquet hosted over 100 members, families, and their guests. Sous Chef Kevin Johnson won a gun at the dinner!



GRANDE du CONNECTICUT

Grande du Connecticut held their Grande Cheminot on March 16, 2024 at North Haven, American Legion Post 76.



Top row:

Bob Murray VL328 Cheminot Nationale
Everett Shepard VL724 Grand Avocat
Ken Lewis VL370 Grand Chef de Gare
Frazier Brinley VL1128 Grand Correspondant
Tom Honyotski VL328 Grand Chef de Gare passe 2020-23
Wayne Morgan VL328 Grand Chef de Gare passe
Bob Maturo VL328 Grand Drapeau

Bottom row:

Roger Anderson VL328 Grand Commissaire Intendant
Rich Olson VL63 Alt. Cheminot Nationale
Dave McKemmie VL370 Voyageur
Barbara Lamontagne VL328 Grand Conducteur
Sandra Spedaliere VL1128 Grand Garde de la Porte
Dawn Applegate VL328 Grand Lampiste

The March 2024 Grand Cheminot was held to determine nominations for 2024-25 and to determine the Grande and Pillar in the Community awards.

VOITURE LOCALE 1100 GRANDE du ILLINOIS



On December 14, 2023 Terry Bigham, Correspondant V1100 & Steve Bottorff, Voyageur delivered Christmas gifts to 5 Veterans residing at Rushville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Pictured with them is Tonya Goddard, Activities Director.

VOITURE LOCALE 33 GRANDE du MINNESOTA

(Right) Our Voiture 33 St Paul Park MN made a donation of \$1,100.00 to the Veterans at the Hastings MN Veterans Home on December 19, 2023.

Pictured from Left to Right:
Scott Hanneman Voiture Member
Gerald Wright Voiture Member & St. Paul American Legion Post 98 Commander
Greg Wilbert SAL Commander Post 98
Lynn Duffy Auxiliary Post 98 Secretary
Robert Vandenbod Hasting Veterans Home Resource Coordinator
Dennis Franz Commissaire Intendant Voiture 33



RANDO!!! (Submit RANDOm photos with info to VoyageurBriefs@gmail.com)



(Right) An imposter in the Three Amigos at the Chef's Homecoming!

(Imposter Nationale Bruce Kouba with Passe Chef Joe Jamnick)

