

**40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee**  
**Registration / Ads / Boosters / Flag Donations**  
**2023**

*MEMORIAL DAY 2023*  
*"Lest We Forget"*



4 October 2022

Salut Voyageurs!



One of the highlights of the Chef de Chemin de Fer year in office, is his attendance at the Memorial Day Ceremonies on Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery. This is the only time that our organization is recognized as a Veterans Service Organization. Our Chef de Chemin de Fer, along with the Sous Chefs have the honor of placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

COVID-19 hit and cancelled the ceremony at Arlington in 2020 and 2021. As the pandemic situation decrease, limited access to Arlington was allowed. In 2022, the cemetery authority allowed visitors if they had family members buried within the cemetery.



The 40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee **will not** be informed that this remembrance ceremony can take place until March-April 2023. **We hope** that we will be allowed, as in the past, to hand out 4x6 inch flags to every person that attends the ceremony at the amphitheater. Traditionally, the 40 & 8 attendees that attend, hand out 5,000 plus flags every year. We pay for these flags with the donations to the flag fund and boosters in the program book.

Grande du Virginia and Grande du Maryland was asked and agreed to put the program back together and go forward with it for Memorial Day 2023. Voyageur Dick George has agreed again to chair this program as Committee President, as long as he has assistance. So, all of us military minded individuals know the difference between "volunteer and voluntold". We have a staff! I have agreed to chair the registration and program book part of the program. The Voyageurs of Voiture Locale 1569 agreed to take care of all the local requirements up in the Arlington area.

So, with all of this said, I prefer not to wait until the last minute to put a program book together. **Attached, please find the registration form and a booster sheet** for you to use at your Grande Cheminot, and/or Locale Promenades, whenever you meet. First received, first included in the book is my motto. **The Hotel has said they will honor the \$119.00 rate up to three (3) days pre-arrival and three (3) days post-departure based on room availability.**

Those who donated the years the program was cancelled and did not want a refund, or said carry my donation over to the next year will be recognized in the 2023 book. Personally, I hope this doesn't happen again.

Merci in advance

s/s John Schenk

Grande Correspondant du Virginia / Registration / Program Book

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## MEMORIAL DAY IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



The Forty and Eight Memorial Day Ceremony is an annual event hosted by the 40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee. Planning for the weekend starts in October for the next year's Memorial Day Ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery. The Sunday evening banquet includes the Calvin Kain Memorial Service. Monday is a solemn occasion when we attend and participate in the National Memorial Day Ceremony at the Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery. At this event, Voiture Nationale and Cabane Nationale Drapeaux are marched into the Amphitheater. After Memorial Day addresses are given by the President of the

United States and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chef de Chemin de Fer and La Presidente Nationale are invited to present a wreath at the tomb of the Unknowns. This is the only time that the 40 & 8 and La Femme leaders are recognized publicly by the US Government.

In 2001 we started a tradition of giving a US Flag to everyone entering the amphitheater. Because this requires about 10,000 flags, the committee requests donations. If you can help, please send your contribution to the Committee (as shown on the registration form). All donors will be listed in the Program Book. This is truly a weekend to remember and it is OPEN to everyone who would like to attend. Because of limited space, we recommend you register early.

The weekend is largely financed by the Memorial Day Program Book, so even if you are unable to attend, please consider purchasing an ad or being a booster.

Alvin R. "Dick" George, President  
Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee



FORTY AND EIGHT MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM  
May 27<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup> 2023



## REGISTRATION & RESERVATION

(Please Print or Type)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ VOITURE: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

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IF REGISTERING FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON, PLEASE LIST NAMES BELOW WITH CURRENT TITLE

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Attendees must make their own hotel reservations prior to April 24, 2023. Room rates are \$119.00 + 13% room tax. Holiday Inn Express; 8180 Silverbrook Road; Lorton, VA 22079. Rates available 5/26 thru 5/31 2023  
Call 1-703-643-3100, mention 40&8/American Legion.

Make checks payable to: *Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee*, and mail to:  
John M. Schenk; 406 E. Randall Ave.; Norfolk, VA 23503 Phone: 757-588-7732

E-Mail ads should be in Word Document Format = legionjohn@cox.net.

If cancelled, circle portion of the above you want refunded? Reg / Banq / Donation / Booster

# FORTY AND EIGHT MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

LA SOCIETE DES QUARANTE HOMMES ET HUIT CHEVAUX

2023 Program Booster Page – (PLEASE PRINT)  
\$2.00 per name/ \$4.00 for Mr. & Mrs.

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Money collected at \_\_\_\_\_ (place/event) Date: \_\_\_\_\_