

## Voiture Nationale 40&amp;8

*VOYAGEUR BRIEFS***Rick Williams -Chef de Chemin de Fer**

Do hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year's. Now that the holidays are over hopefully we can buckle down and start working our programs and getting the one new member that I have charged each and every Voiture with this year.

The beginning of this year found me in Melbourne, Florida at their Grand Cheminots where they had a very good turnout. The reports from the locales Directeur shows that they are active in the Locales and Grands under the guidance of the Grand Chef de Gare/ Chef de Chemin de Fer 2005 Mac McCarthy. The facilities of Hemingway's and Squid Lips both had outstanding food and atmosphere. At both we were in the company of La Presidente Cheryl and Joe Jammick Chef de Chemin de Fer



2004, Grand Chef de Gare and La President Mac and Patty McCarney, Grand Correspondant John Kaiserian and his wife Carol, Sous Boxcar Directeur Wanda Hunter and her husband Gene. My thank you to Grand Chef de Gare Mac McCarthy, Grand La President Patty McCarthy, Chef de Gare Voiture 1621 Gene Baker and Cabane President Kerry Baker

for all of the wonderful hospitality you bestowed upon me.

Let me remind everyone that we need to pat ourselves on the back. For the majority of people, we are an unknown organization. We need to change this and make the Forty and Eight as well known as the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We all know that we are made up of good hard working Voyagers with outstanding programs that we have kept secret too long. We have to let everyone (Veteran, business, and the general public) know all that we do by utilizing Social Media, newspapers, radio, and television for any time we are doing work with children and Veterans.

Remember that every Voyager is charged to recruit, reinstate ONE more for the membership.

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## Terry Sims- Acting Correspondant National

I sure hope you had the happiest of holidays and the Staff at Voiture Nationale wishes you a very prosperous 2019 year.

You may use the email account [cornat@fortyandeight.org](mailto:cornat@fortyandeight.org) when contacting me for correspondence, Directeurs and Sous Directeur "Communication" letters, or just about anything you wish to talk about. My personal email is also still available.

There have been some changes made at Headquarters and we feel they will be for the benefit of LaSociete. One very important move that has been accomplished is that Holly's office has been moved downstairs where the "Staff Team" will be together, making a more comfortable and efficient atmosphere. Look for other changes in another article contained in this month's Brief's.

Voyageurs and Dames will once again be converging on Headquarters Monday January 14<sup>th</sup> to stuff the envelopes for the annual "Dues Notices" to be mailed this week. Many thanks to these Voyageurs and Dames taking time from their schedules and traveling many miles to donate their time and energy to LaSociete.

Bill will be adding a new heading to the website called "Policies". This section will include the protocol of sending a "Resolution" to Nationale, travel policy procedures and other policies of Voiture Nationale. Look for it in the near future.



## Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



This months highlight features a new Lapel pin celebrating the 40 & 8's 100th anniversary. It is the Centennial 100 Years of Giving Pin. Part number 02100TH. \$5.00. It measures 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" and it can be ordered at our emblem sales store online at

<http://store.fortyandeight.org/>

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## National Nurses Training Program



### GRAND VOITURE of the MONTH

#### December

The 2019 Nurse Training Pin Program has reached the end of the 2018 year with excellent participation from our Voyageurs Militaire. We are now embarking on the New Year 2019 with great expectations for the trend to continue as Pin sales and requests have increased thanks to the great efforts of our Sous Directeurs. The pride that goes with being a member of a contributing Grand goes a long way in indicating the attitude and dedication of the Voyageurs of that Grand. While many Grands are putting forth those extra efforts, there is always a Grand Voiture that stands out with their hard work at any given time. This month one such Grand from the **Southeast Region** has shown a great effort in support of the National Nurse Training Program by demonstrating the commitment needed to effectively support this vital program of the 40/8.



### GRAND VOITURE of the Month for December

#### **GRAND du France**

Southeast Region of Sous Directeur Kevin Owens posted earned sales to date of 33 Pins for \$99 and a member per-capita of \$.92.

**"MERCI, Fellow Voyageurs Militaire"**, National Secrétaire/Treasurer, **H.T. "Terry" Sharp**

## Nationale Changes Summary

There have been some changes at Voiture Nationale that I am sure you are already aware of but let's summarize why they were made and the benefits they will produce, before the rumor mill has several different stories circulating.

The Correspondant Nationale will no longer be in the headquarters office in Indianapolis on a daily basis now but on an "as needed" basis. This was not an overnight change, it had been tested and tweaked for the last four (4) months and proven to be successful. There will be of course, certain situations that will come up that have not been planned for and they will be dealt with and solved for future references. Nationale is fortunate enough to have a very experienced and dedicated Voyageur in Chef de Chemin de Fer 2007 Terry Sims that is willing to implement this change for future Correspondants. They also are blessed with a 34 year employee in Office Manager Bill Beaumont that is more than capable of administrating the day to day office business at Voiture Nationale, he will continue to manage from the office on a daily basis . The Correspondant has been furnished with a laptop computer with all the Forty and Eight and Voiture Nationale programs downloaded to it and a cell phone, both of which he will have with him at all times. The staff at Voiture Nationale is very comfortable and satisfied with this system and as stated earlier it has functioned well for the last four (4) months. We all know that in this time of electronic communications anyone can be involved in communications within minutes, just as if they were in the office.

Now how do these changes benefit La Societe? The most important effect is monetarily. The Correspondant's salary alone is roughly one third of what it was before. His expenditure and travel costs have been reduced dramatically as well, all while La Societe is losing no efficiency in operations from headquarters. We have worked now for several years on trying to create a solution to our membership reduction problems and have made very little progress, and obviously the less members we have, the less income for Voiture Nationale and our programs. No one wants to predict or face an elimination of La Societe, so other methods must be sought to insure our future. Other cost cutting moves have been made such as certain Nationale Committees re-scheduling their meetings to eliminate travel expenses and schedule them to be held at events that are already planned to be attended anyway, such as Promenade Nationale where additional meetings will be held. The Nationale Finance Committee has worked very hard in trimming other expenses as well and it is now conservatively estimated that we are going to save tens of thousands per year.

Who do these changes benefit? That answer is very simple, it is for the benefit of the membership and longevity of La Societe. Please do not believe that anyone is in the habit of working for less money or re-scheduling their lives just because they are nice people because we all know that would be a false statement. These money saving techniques are being done because they can be and that has been tested. It has been discussed for several years and now proven that we can conserve cost by properly managing our organization efficiently. Nothing changes as far as supplying the membership, the Grands or the Locales with any of the support and assistance just as we have in the past. Other than the Correspondant's physical schedule, you won't notice any changes that would affect you in a negative way. When a plan can be instituted that saves us money, ensures a future for our organization and operates just as efficiently as before, then that is a win – win situation for everyone.

We ask that you work with these changes and give this a real chance to help La Societe, if for some reason it does not function properly, then we will try something else, of course the answer to many problems is building a larger membership. Please do not subscribe to any rumors or unconfirmed comments that you may hear regarding these changes, if you have any questions just direct them to Voiture Nationale. These changes are in no way a precursor to selling the headquarters building, dissolving La Societe or any other reason than what is stated here, it is quite the opposite, this is to insure a future for La Societe. So don't be a victim of false statements. We hope that this brief summary will help all members understand the thinking behind this move because Nationale believes that the members should be aware of all matters in Nationale's operation. Every Voyageur has the right to be an informed Voyageur, it will be the only way we can ask for your support.

"Resistance to change is the greatest barrier to progress."



**The Honorable  
Robert Wilkie  
Secretary of  
Veterans Affairs**

## **Community Townhall Event**

**January 17, 2019  
1:00pm - 3:00pm ET (webcast)**

**Are you part of the Veteran community?  
Join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> virtual townhall event with VA!**

**Be sure to tune in! Register and view the free webcast here:**

<https://www.webcaster4.com/Webcast/Page/89/28837>

If you need to speak to someone right away about a health care or benefits concern,  
please contact the White House VA Hotline 1-855-948-2311.

### **Panel 1**

Dr. Richard Stone – VHA Health

Dr. Kameron Matthews – Community Care

Dr. Keita Franklin – Suicide Prevention

### **Panel 2**

Dr. Paul Lawrence – VBA Benefits

Randy Reeves – NCA Cemetery

Chairman, Cheryl Mason - Appeals

**Keynote Address following SECVA Wilkie**

**Dr. Lynda Davis, VA Veterans Experience Office**

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## Voiture 80 Flags for First Graders



Voiture 80 Voyageur MSG Ken Thomas, Ret. Leads Oakridge first Graders in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of American.

## Voiture 605 Flags for First Graders



## Voiture 1406 "Shoes & Socks"



Palomar Voiture 1406 conducts its Annual Children & Youth program "Shoes & Socks"

For the last 20 years, Palomar Voiture 1406, Grand du California, has conducted its Christmas Children & Youth program called "Shoes & Socks".

Voiture 1406 works in a partnership with Boys & Girls clubs in San Diego County. George Simons, Cheminot Grand du California, and V1406 Directuer, states that the local Boys & Girls clubs provide the names of needy children within the area.

This year, 55 kids ranging in ages from five to fourteen showed up on December 8<sup>th</sup> to pick out a new pair of shoes and socks from the Payless Shoe store in Escondido California. The kids also receive a Christmas stocking full of goodies provided by George's Mrs. Santa, Cindi Simons.

Pictured is Grand Cheminot George Simons with two of the programs recipients.

## Voiture 899 Donation



Voiture 899 made a donation to the Local Military Order of the Purple Heart chapter 601 to their annual golf tournament fundraiser. Funds to benefit homeless veterans and veterans in need. Pictured Chef de Gare Scottie-Ann Murphy and MOPH representative Tim Harkor.

**Building Donation Challenge Grand Total \$164,975.22**  
**December 2018**



NAME	VOITURE	GR	AMT
Voiture 1098	AK	1098	\$ 250.00
W FRAIZER BRINLEY	CT	1128	\$ 50.00
Grand du TN	Grand	TN	\$ 27.00
Voiture 1539	AK	1539	\$ 25.00



A Big THANK YOU to the Volunteers Who Stuffed 6,700  
 Membership Renewal Letters

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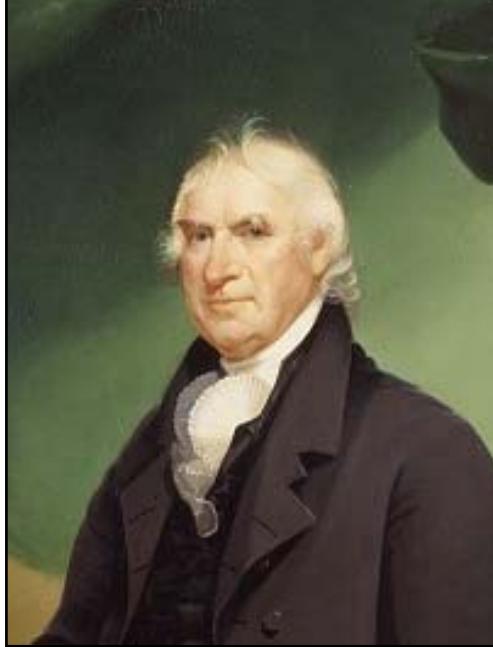
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## Vice Presidential History

**George Clinton** (July 26, 1739 – April 20, 1812) was an American soldier and statesman, considered one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. A prominent Democratic-Republican, Clinton served as the fourth vice president of the United States from 1805 until his death in 1812. He also served as governor of New York from 1777 to 1795 and from 1801 to 1804. Along with John C. Calhoun, he is one of two vice presidents to hold office under two presidents.

Clinton served in the French and Indian War, rising to the rank of lieutenant in the colonial militia. He began a legal practice after the war and served as a district attorney for New York City. He became Governor of New York in 1777 and remained in that office until 1795. Clinton supported the cause of independence during the American Revolutionary War and served in the Continental Army despite his gubernatorial position. During and after the war, Clinton was a major opponent of Vermont's entrance into the union due to disputes over land claims.

Opposed to the ratification of



the United States Constitution, Clinton became a prominent Anti-Federalist and advocated for the addition of the United States Bill of Rights. In the early 1790s, he emerged as a leader of the incipient Democratic-Republican Party, and Clinton served as the party's vice presi-

dential candidate in the 1792 presidential election. Clinton received the third most electoral votes in the election, as President George Washington and Vice President John Adams both won re-election. Clinton did not seek re-election in 1795, but served as governor again from 1801 to 1805. He was the longest-serving governor in U.S. history until Terry Branstad surpassed his record in 2015.

Clinton was again tapped as the Democratic-Republican vice presidential nominee in the 1804 election, as President Thomas Jefferson dumped Aaron Burr from the ticket. Clinton sought his party's presidential nomination in the 1808 election, but the party's congressional nominating caucus instead nominated James Madison. Despite his opposition to Madison, Clinton was re-elected as vice president. Clinton died in 1812, leaving the office of vice president vacant for the first time in U.S history. Clinton's nephew, DeWitt Clinton, continued the Clinton New York political dynasty after his uncle's death.