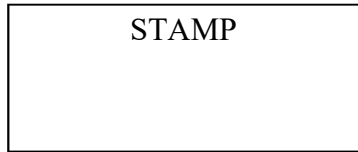


The Loco - Motion News

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V/L	LOCATION	NATL	RENEW	NATL	VA	VA	PLM
		24 GOAL	2024	24 GOAL	% of 24	SHORT	2024
53	RICHMOND	23	20	86.96%	24	-3	83.33%
86	NORFOLK	44	48	109.09%	45	4	106.67%
380	BULL RUN	29	26	89.66%	30	-3	86.67%
449	RICHMOND-HENRICO	5	8	160.00%	6	3	133.33%
829	ROCKBRIDGE	4	4	100.00%	4	0	100.00%
976	NEWPORT NEWS	31	31	100.00%	32	0	96.88%
1088	SMYTH WYTHE WASH	8	8	100.00%	9	0	88.89%
1184	CHARLOTTESVILLE	39	19	48.72%	40	-20	47.50%
1312	SOUTH HILL	17	18	105.88%	18	1	100.00%
1530	COLONIAL HEIGHTS	74	72	97.30%	75	-2	96.00%
1569	FAIRFAX	56	35	62.50%	57	-21	61.40%
	TOTALS	330	289	87.58%	340	-41	85.00%
	To reach 2022 National GOAL		330	we need	41		
	To reach 2022 Virginia GOAL		340	we need	51		



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From the Grande Chef de Train
 May 2024

Greetings,

We are ALL responsible for membership, whether it is signing up a new member, reinstating a lost member or getting dues for existing members. We are all responsible.

I am encouraging all Locales to keep up the good work you do in the Forty and Eight. As we get close to the end of our membership year, I would like everyone to push harder to get 100% or more membership. Grand du Virginia is a leader for all we do.

I ask all members to get our membership at your Locales to 100%. Starting now when set the bar for next year's membership heading in the right direction. As of March 28th, Grand du Virginia is 21st place for membership in the nation. We can reach 100%, there is only 49 more to get renewed or recruited.

Merci,
 Alice V. Cooper

GRANDE OFFICERS

Chef de Gare Ann Robins, V-1530	Commis Voyageur Vacant
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Grande Voiture du Virginie Grande Promenade July 26- 27, 2024

**Hosted by: Voiture Locale 86
At Chesapeake American Legion Post 280
469 N. Battlefield Blvd, Chesapeake, VA, 23320 757-547-2120**

**Literally right across the street from the hotel
7/26 - Chef Bribery Dinner @ Post 280 - 1800-2200
7/27 - Grande Promenade 1000 / Cheminot 1130
7/27 - Grande Promenade Banquet / Happy Hour 1800**

Name(s): _____ Voiture: _____

Street or P.O. Box _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ Work(____) _____

Reg. Fee (Voyageurs) @\$50.00 ea / Guests (\$30.00)

**_____ Total Amt
(Includes the cost of the Registration / Friday
Night / & Banquet) Enclosed: \$ _____**

**Make your check for Cheminot Reg. payable to:
Voiture Locale 86 and mail nlt July 12th 2024 to:
John Schenk, 406 E. Randall Ave. Norfolk, VA. 23503,**

**Hotel Information:
Make your own reservations directly with the Hotel.**

**Room rates are \$110.00 plus tax. Deadline for hotel reservations is
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Chesapeake, VA, 23320, 1-757-410-0006.
Mention 40&8 for special rate.**

Dates to Remember

**105th Promenade Natl
Sept. 17-21, 2024
Sandusky, OH.**

**Grande Prom: T B A
Fall Cheminot: 10/13-14 Oct
@ Col. Hgts
Winter Cheminot: 1/26-28 2024
@ Col. Hgts
V-1530**

**Spring Cheminot: 16 Mar 2024
@ V-449, Sandston, VA
Southland Dixie: 18-21 Apr 2024
Greensboro, N.C.**

**Memorial Day: May 24-27, 2024
Grande Prom: Jul 26-27, 2024
@ V-86, Chesapeake, VA
Prom. Natl 2024: Sandusky, OH**



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Chef de Train
Alice Cooper >**



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Chef de Train
Geri Stephens**



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May 2024

Salut Virginie,

Well, hear we are with sum new Officers! So, now we must get back to work on our programs. Our most important program obviously is MEMBERSHIP. You may sea, watt you think, are errors in sum of the articles that Le Editor should have caught and corrected. I have bin asked to leave them alone just to see who reads what is printed.

Membership: Congratulations are in order for the Grande du Virginia. We made 100% for 2023. When you received your 2024 membership cards from Nationale, there may have been a voucher included. Let's use that and pay four some membership for 2024.

Cheminot: The October Cheminot is also hour annual Grande wreck. There are approximately 10 P.G's in the Grande today that have knot been wrecked. Why not bring them to Colonial Heights in October to the won day Wreck/Cheminot. Voiture Locale 1530 advised me that the Chateau will be available Friday night for hospitality.

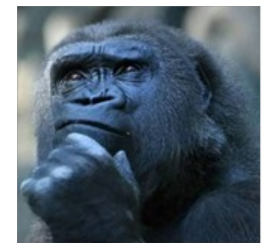
Travel: As your Grande Correspondant, I am looking for a Locale to host the Spring Cheminot. The only requirement with the date is that it doesn't interfere with the Department Spring Conference.


Everyone had a ball at the Grande Promenade in Colonial Heights. A huge Merci to Voiture Locale 1530. Chef de Chemon de Fer (Big Chef) Frank Kronen and his Nationale Aide, Bill Conrad enjoyed themselves. Big Chef Frank even brought his train whistle and used it many times.

P L M: Remember, every Cheminot and the Grande Promenade ewe attend you should sign in on the P L M membership drawing list. At the Grande Promenade, Voyageur Gretchen Trujillo's name was picked as the Membership attendee winner. Voyageur Gretchen is already a P L M, so she received a check for \$100.00.

Merci, John


Gee, I wonder what time of the morning did he type this article?





GRANDE DU VIRGINIE

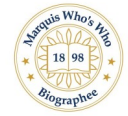
**2023-24 ROLL CALL OF
VOITURE EVERLASTING**



James M. Sparks	2021	V-1088	15 yrs
H. E. "Buddy" Guenther	27 Jan 2023	V-86	45 yrs
Ryland M. Bowen Jr	13 Jun 2023	V-53	27 yrs
John Willis	Sep 2023	V-1530	54 yrs
Ed Parrish	Oct 2023	V-53	
Robert Yowell	14 Feb 2024	V-380	10 yrs
x			



NEWS from the Locales



CHESTER, VA, Jan 18, 2024, Richard M. "Dick" Cole, a native of Wickliffe, Ohio, and a 1970 alumnus of Wickliffe Senior High School, has been included in Marquis' **Who's Who in America**. Dick is a Voyageur Militaire of Voiture Locale 1530.

Voyageur Cole:

- specializes in employee and member communications.
- is a retired Air Force major and a retired federal PAO
- his newspaper for the 2nd Bombardment Wing, Barksdale AFB, La., was named best in the Strategic Air Command for 1984.
- his community relations program was selected SAC's finest for 1983-84.
- he also served with the A F T R S and was a spokesman to national and international news media from the Pentagon during Operations Desert Shield/Storm.
- he entered federal civil service edited, designed, or published numerous award-winning government publications.
- his last government position was Director, P A O for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va. and retired in 2013.

Voyageur Dick Cole received 41 communications awards for government magazines and newsletters and his accomplishments were well worth sharing with the members of Grande du Virginie.



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May 2024
Bonjour Voyageur Militaries,

I hope that you are having a wonderful Spring. It was great seeing each of you that attended the Spring Cheminot at American Legion Post 144 in Sandston on March 16.

I don't have anymore 2024 Boxcar pins and cards from Nationale. The rest of the pins and cards were purchased following the Winter Cheminot. Thank you to everyone that purchased his or her 2024 Boxcar pin and card.

If your Voiture Locale would like to get its own supply of 2024 Boxcar pins and cards, please do so. The same contact that you used for 2023 is the same one for the 2024 pins and cards. If you want to get the 2024 Boxcar pins and cards through me, please let me know. I will have to contact Nationale to them.

If you are still wanting to get the 2023 pins and cards, please let me know. I still have 3 pins and cards. They are \$6.00 for both the pin and card.



Have a wonderful Spring and last few months of this administrative year!

Merci, William Chan



Voiture Locale 86
Chef Mike Bukowski
Presented Nurses
Training award to Mrs.
Barbara Burdens grand-
daughter Deziray
Howard.



Grande Voiture du Virginie Patrons List

Add your name or your affiliation to the Patrons list for only \$2.50 per year. (Pay for four years and get your name listed for five in 3 editions of the Loco-Motion News)




! NOTE !

The date at the right of your name is the expiration date. This date is the last issue that your name will appear.

I have all this extra room to fill with boosters, Can you support?

As you look through the News, please note the number of blank spaces at the bottom of each page. At one time there were two business card ads per page.

Blank spots thru out the Newsletter are due to negative submissions of articles and/or photographs.

Angie L. Anderson	V-86	2036/08	Brett Reistad	V-934	2027/01
Softsoap Branyan	V-86	2022/09	Ann Robins	V-1530	2027/08
Crawford Braswell	V-86	2028/03	John Ronkartz	V-1530	2024/11
Jim Brock	V-1569	2029/11	Richard Rooney	V-934	2033/12
Janice Brock	C-86	2026/11	Ruth Rooney	C-934	2033/12
Barbara Burden		2024/10	Jim Rovinski	V-977	2027/11
Jim Burden	V-976	2024/12	Archie R. Scott	V-976	2027/02
Cooper, Alice	V-86	2025/10	John M. Schenk	V-86	2024/09
Tony Cerella	V-976	2026/07	Leonard E. Smith, III	V-1312	2027/05
Edna Eagle	C-1569	2029/03	Randy Shrader	V-1569	2026/04
Roscoe Eagle	V-1569	2029/03	Dave Stephens	V-1530	2024/10
J. Ray Edmundson JR	V-1530	2029/06	Geri Stephens	V-1530	2024/10
Linda Edwards	C-977	2028/01	Robert A. Stewart	V-1184	2039/09
William D. Englert	V-976	2031/03	William E. Strickland	V-976	2036/12
Bill Feasenmyer	V-1530	2025/11	Jay A. Wilson	V-1569	2027/10
Rita Feasenmyer		2025/11	Garland M. Woods	V-1184	2024/10
Rick J. Foster	V-380	2035/09	Robert Yowell	V-380	2031/10
Dick George	V-1569	2026/12			
Patti George	C-934	2026/12			
Graulau, Vic	V-1569	2025/10			
H. E. Guenther	V-86	2027/05			
Willie T. Harris	V-1530	2024/10			
Steady Hicks,	V-1569	2024/04			
G. Al Hillman	V-53	2032/07			
Richard L. Jordan	V-1530	2029/02			
Patrick M. Kelly	V-1184	2027/05			
Lundy Lowe	V-1312	2043/01			
Dolly Lyles	C-934	2024/03			
William S. Martin	V-829	2024/02			
Sol McCauley	V-1184	2027/05			
F.H. Tony Morgan	V-1530	2026/11			
Otha Newton	V-86	2024/03			
Dave Ogden	V-1184	2026/12			
Doug Osborn	V-1530	2024/12			
Chet Parzych	V-1530	2027/08			
Howard Perross	V-1530	2029/10			
Vincent C. Post	V-1569	2024/03			
Samuel Ramseur	V-1569	2024/01			



Merci Voyageurs 2024

5 Years

Paul A. Bartz, V-976
James JK. Lostetter, V-976
Willie B. Morgan, V-976
Martin L. Pfeifer, V-1569

10 Years

Jimmy A. Burress, V-1312
William B. Cayson, V-1530
Charles E. Davis, Jr., V-1530
Michael E. Fletcher, V-1569
Matthew J. Hallinan, V-380
Guy T. Jacobs, V-976
Jeffrey W. Leonard, V-1088
James L. Lipscomb, V-1530
Gerri Stephens, V-1530
Robert D. Yowell, V-380

15 Years

Charles Buettner, V-380
Edwin T. Casey, Jr., V-86
Daniel Eubank, V-1569
William C. Griebble, V-976
James A. Hawkins, V-1569
Richard L. Jordan, V-1530
Chet Parzych, V-1530
Ann M. Robins, V-1530
John M. Ser, V-976
Kenneth F. Whitmer, V-1569

20 Years

Milton Bolton, V-1530
Curry Brooks, V-86
Abe A. Hildebrand, V-1184
Christopher D. LeMire, V-1530
K. Lee Mayberry V-1114/V-2000

Edward A. Murray, V-53
Richard Oertel, V-1530
Jim F. Taylor, V-86
Connie B. Wood. V-1114/2000

25 Years

Ken Barnard, V-86
William D. Englert, V-976
Glenn R. Getty, Jr., V-976
Richard H. Gunn, V-1114/2000
Lowell W. Kilby, V-1530
F. "Tony" Morgan, V-1530
Edwin S. Parrish, V-53
Herbert Williams, V-1530

30 Years

Joseph H. Evans, V-86
Charles K. McMurdo, V-1530

35 Years

Arnold L. Martin, V-829
Roger Puckett, V-1530

40 Years

H. E. Buddy Guenther, V-86

50 Years

60 Years





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May 2024

Bonjour Voyageurs,

Now that the excitement and curiosity of the Eclipse is in our rearview mirror, we need to turn our attention back to the Spring and our tasks at hand. We have done well in our efforts this year to support the Carville Star program but there remains much to be achieved. Hansen's Disease continues and does not rest as new clinical cases stubbornly arise. We, at least, must be as persistent in our efforts to eradicate the disease as the disease is to remain viable. Let us not forget the means we use to support the program and encourage your Locale to raise funds and donate to the Buy-a-Country, Buy-a-Clinic, subscribe to the STAR, or donate to the Carville Star Museum. At least, make sure that every member of your Voiture buys a Pin!

This year the Friends of Carville Historic District are developing a traveling photography exhibit which will attempt to tell the Carville story. The 40/8 has been asked to provide \$1500 to support the project. The project's aim is to educate the public about the humanity of the patient community as well as those who served there. With a little bit of your effort, we should be able to achieve that goal. Let us all endeavor to support our programs!

Merci and may God Bless,
 Doc Jordan



David Stephens



Grande Chef de Gare
 Passe 2020

Geralyn (Geri) Stephens
 V/M 1530

2024/05



COMPLIMENTS OF VOITURE 976
 NEWPORT NEWS, VA



IN MEMORY OF

Jim Burden

SAUNDERS B. MOON
 CHEF de GARE

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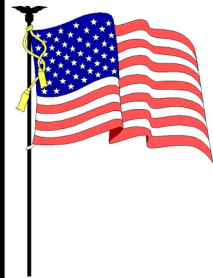
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 Department of Virginia

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2024/01





Compliments Of

Linda Edwards
La Grande Whatever



2024/12



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2023/12



VOITURE 1569

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

2024/01

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COMPLIMENTS OF

James E. Rovinski

Grande Chef de Gare 2017-2018



2023/11



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May 2024

Well it looks like we are not going to have old man winter giving us any SNOW this year, only rain.

I have sold all 65 Americanism pins that I had.

Looking forward to the Spring Cheminot in March at V/L-449 in Sandston, VA.

Let's all be mindful that it is getting that time of year to start getting our numbers together so we can get the end of year Petite reports done on time and to Correspondant John.

Remember to do buddy checks and get membership so we can get back up to the "Top".



Merci:
James Rovinski



NPCC = NATIONAL PASSE CHEFS CLUB

Each year there are at least 10 Locale Chefs and one Grande Chef in Grande du Virginia. How many are members of the NPCC ? Would you believe only 60 Chef Passe from Virginia belong. The object of the organization of the club are as follows; To honor, thru membership, those voyagers who have served their Voiture Locale and/or Grand Voiture as Chef de Gare; To directly support the Forty & Eighter Magazine with a \$25,000.00 per year donation derived from membership dues, memorial donations, gifts and other special fund raising projects that the club may undertake; To increase comradery between club members who have common bonds, and who are "Etiam Servans" (Still Serving). Interested (?), talk to the Grande Correspondant/Le Editor.



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May 2024



Fellow Voyagers,

The time for submission of quarterly newsletter articles is upon us again. Hope this newsletter finds all and your families safe and in good health.

As your Grande Child Welfare Directeur again, I am asking all to support pin sales. Pin sales are the backbone of our programs. Without pin sales, we will no longer be able to support programs and, without program support, we lose our tax status. It is that simple. I am convinced we can supersede past goals but, only with the support of you, the membership. I am asking you to purchase as many pins as you are able. Please remember to pay your bill by April 01.

I spoke with Joe Donovan, our Nationale Directeur about a month ago as I haven't heard anything about new pins. He has been convalescing after hip surgery and advised me his pin supplier went out of business. He is negotiating a new contract with a new vendor and will let me know when pins are available. I have ordered pins and will have them when he gets them.

Remember to include all your activities in your consolidated report. Any activity you are involved relating to child welfare is reportable, even if performed for another organization. You are still a 40/8'er! If you drive your children to sporting events, church socials, fund raisers etc. All are reportable including mileage. Take advantage of it! How much money do you donate? How many clothing items did you donate? All are reportable.

If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact me, all my contact information is at the top of this page.

In closing I would like to remind all that your consolidated reports are coming due. If you fail to file a report, you and the organization get no credit for all the work you did. Thank you for your service and membership with the 40/8.

For God, Country and La Societe,
Jack White



Nationale Directeur Youth Sports
Grande Directeur Youth Sports
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May 2024



Salut Locales, and Voyageurs,
I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter holiday.

Spring time is here and sports for our youth is gearing up to get them active and out of the house.

Why is it important for today's youth to participate in sporting programs? The reasons are many:

- Sports can teach youths to be competitive, yet fair and honest.
- Sports are a good teaching tool for developing social skills.
- Organized sports can break the cycle of unhealthy lifestyles and inactivity.
- Participating in sports has shown that one is less likely to suffer from depression.
- Participation also helps achieve higher academic achievement.
- Being active in sport really helps with self-confidence.
- Youth sports participation is directly associated with personal involvement in community activities. Example – Volunteering.
- Learning that you are part of a group to achieve a common goal.
- Commitment and learning that you must wait your turn.
- Fairness- learning to be fair to others and playing fair.
- Coping with winning and losing with grace.
- Sports help improve mental and physical well-being.
- Having community pride and developing valuable character traits will go far in life.

We all know there are many positive aspects to participation and being a team member. The future of our communities, state and nation are in today's youth.

What is your Locale doing to help our youth of today be leaders of tomorrow?

For La Societe,

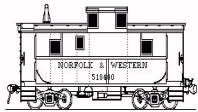


COLONIAL HEIGHTS VOITURE LOCALE 1530

SUPPORTS THE LOCO-MOTION NEWS

Chef de Gare: Tonya Meunier
Correspondant : Steven Simonsen

2025/01



Courtesy of
Fairfax County Voiture
Locale 1569

"Caboose Chateau"

Doug Osborn
Chef de Gare

Jack White
Correspondant

2023/12



COMPLIMENTS OF

Howard Perross, Jr.

Voiture Locale Chef
1530 Passe



2026/11

GRANDE PUBLIC RELATIONS

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May 2024



My fellow Voyageurs:

As we are in the last quarter of the membership year, we need to make sure our Voiture Locales are aware of the events going on at the Nationale level. We also need to toot our horn when it comes to our accomplishments during the past year.

We pass along information well to our voyageurs (thanks to the messenger). However, we need to make good use of the resources we have at our disposal such as newsletters, social media and web sites. As we move to collaborative solutions like Microsoft Teams, Zoom, and others, we see traditional means of information like email becoming less and less prevalent.

I would like to discuss these points further, maybe hold a 30-minute roundtable discussion with the Locale Chefs and Correspondents to discuss implementation of collaborative tools such as MS Teams and Zoom. We can also discuss distribution of information via Constant Contact or MailChimp.

Lastly, I would like to hear from all of you how we can toot our horns better and louder. Our Voyageur Militaires are our front line when it comes to promoting our programs. Please, don't forget to submit your Petite Communiques for Public Relations, sign up people for Blue Chevaliers too.

Merci
Victor Graulau Jr
Chef Passe 2022-2023

From the Desk of the Grande Chef de Gare
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May 2024



Voyageur's

As I reflect upon the last year, I want to thank everyone for their support and encouragement. You all do amazing work for our fellow Veterans, community and in support of all the programs.

For those Locales I have not visited – please contact me so I can see your Locale and thank them personally for all they do for the programs of La Société.

As we are approaching Memorial Day, please remember all the fallen, and reach out to a friend who you may not have seen for a while. This is one of the most important Grande du Virginia events that highlights our truly unique we are. I encourage everyone to try to attend some part of the weekend. As you know, we are looking for someone to take over the program. Dick has managed this program for many years, and it is time for him to pass the torch and continue this legacy.

Remember to complete your reports so John won't be using his dentist skills to keep us on track. Remember that all Locales should have reports, even if they say NO REPORT. At a minimum you should have a Child Welfare and Nurses Training Report (part of membership fees automatically go to these two programs) and report (your Promenade and Cheminot) count!

I will close by thanking my incredible family, my Grande Officers and Directors and all of you for a great year. Let's finish strong!

Ann Robins



CHARLOTTESVILLE VOITURE LOCALE 1184



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2023/07



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May 2024

This is your quarterly news announcement for the Locomotion news. I hope everyone is well and looking forward to the Spring weather. As we enter Spring, I hope to see more participation from our Voitures. I know the cold keeps everyone inside, but now we need to leave hibernation and start thinking about fundraisers for the Grande, more active participation from the Voitures, and more fellowship within our organization. Every member is a member because of their love for the military, community outreach, and comradery with our fellow veterans.

I would love to hear from all the Virginia Voitures about what you are planning for the Spring, so please reach out. I would also appreciate if the Voitures would let me know when they are holding their monthly meetings so I can visit with you. We were once a great organization who helped our communities to grow, but have declined over the last 10 years. It is time to make the 40 & 8 great again. We can do this by going out into the community and recruiting more members. Hold a fundraiser or attend community events. Get out and let the communities know who we are and what we do. We need new members to keep our organization going so it is time to stand up and push forward; no more sitting on our, as the French would say, le cul.

I would like to take this time to offer a prayer for those Voyageurs who have passed recently. They will forever be in our hearts and thoughts.

Please let me know when your promenades and/or other events you are planning. You can email me at geri_stephens@ccpsnet.net

Merci , Geri , Sous Chef de Train

**OFFICIAL CALL TO THE
102nd GRANDE PROMENADE du VIRGINIA**

July 26th to July 28th, 2024, Chesapeake, VA. Hosted by V/L-86

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grande Voiture du Virginia, La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, the 102nd Grande Promenade du Virginia is hereby called to convene in the city of Chesapeake, Virginia on the 26th of July through the 28th July 2024. The Grande Promenade will be hosted by V-L 86.

The Grande Voiture Headquarters will be at the Grande Correspondants Room:
Woodspring Suites, 137 Kempsville Rd., Chesapeake, VA. 23320

All matters relating to the Promenade shall be addressed to the Grand Correspondant,
John M. Schenk, Sr., 406 E. Randall Ave, Norfolk, Virginia, 23503.
Email: legionjohn@cox.net

Purpose

- (1) To receive written year-end reports from all Grande Directeurs and to conduct any other legal business that may be brought before it.
- (2) To act on any resolutions that may be presented that would change the Grande Constitution or the National Constitution.
- (3) To elect the **2023-20253 Grand Officers**, and the **delegates for the 105th Promenade Nationale** in Sandusky, OH.. September 15-22, 2024.

Representation

In accordance with Grande du Virginia's Constitution, Grande Promenade, Article VI, Section 3, each Voiture Locale with less than fifty members shall be entitled one delegate and one alternate, two delegates and two alternates for fifty-five members. Article V, Section 5, All Grande Chefs de Gare Passé in good standing, whose membership remains in the Grande du Virginia, shall be a delegate for life at all Grande du Virginia Grande Promenades with one vote to be exercised only when present on the floor during the Grande Promenade. Each elected Grande Officer shall be entitled to one vote provided they are on the floor during the Grande Promenade. No Voyageur shall be entitled to cast more than one vote.

Resolutions

All **proposed resolutions** must be in writing and have been approved by your Voiture Locale and **should be submitted to the Grande Correspondant five (5) days prior** to the Grande Promenade.

Credentials

All current members of the Grande Voiture du Virginia and any visitor with a current membership card will be admitted to the Promenade floor. Only delegates and alternates with credentials will have a voice and a vote.

Grande Director Nursing
Ray Jechorek
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May 2024

Salut,

The arrival of Spring brings Nurses Pinning Ceremonies to many nursing schools across the state of Virginia. The Pinning Ceremony differs from graduation and for many, it has a deeper personal meaning. It marks the passage from student into the nursing profession and symbolizes the culmination of their education and the acquisition of essential skills and knowledge required to provide compassionate patient care. The pin they earn shows acceptance into the nursing community and is worn with pride.

The number of nursing students being pinned and moving into the profession may not be sufficient to offset the number of nurses leaving the profession. COVID burn-out is a prime reason for leaving. Early on in the COVID lockdowns families were not allowed into hospitals to visit their sick and dying relatives. Consequently, it was the nurse that was there as the patient's health failed and it was the nurse who held the patient's hand in the final moments. The profound responsibility of acting as the surrogate family for isolated patients placed immense emotional and physical strain on nurses and took a toll on even the most resilient of them.

As Spring arrives, it's also time to consider supporting nurses through scholarships or donations to the National Nurses Training Program. Voiture Locales can play a crucial role by examining their remaining FY 2024 budget and allocating resources to support nursing education and alleviate the strain on our dedicated healthcare professionals. Donations can be sent to the National Nurses Training Treasurer: Ralph Turner, PO Box 112, Richland, MO 65556.

Merci,
Ray Jechorek



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May 2024

Salut,

It is that time again to be working on the end of the year reports. Every year it is frustrating to receive reports from Locales stating "No Report, did not buy program pins". If your Locale held your monthly promenades or attended your monthly meetings for any other Veterans Organizations during your membership year where they had either a POW-MIA Empty Chair or a POW-MIA Empty Table as part of the Units Ritual, you have input for your report. This report is basically a Time, Mileage, and Money spent type of report. TIME starts when you leave home and ends when you return home. MILEAGE is the number of miles you traveled round trip to each activity. MONEY is how much you spent to make the trip.

If you look at a copy of the POW/MIA Annual Consolidated Report, it is broken down into five areas. Each area gives you the type of data you need to fill in that portion. If you follow the data inputs for each of the five areas, you will see there is no such thing as a "NO REPORT" for this Program. It will be nice to receive a 100% reporting for this Program at the end of the reporting year.

If you need to print a copy of the POW-MIA Annual Report, here is the road map to get to it:
 go to the 40/8 website fortyandeight.org , using the yellow band across the top of the page and go to Resources, pull down the index and click on forms and Petite Communique, scroll down to the Petite Communique section and locate the line for POW-MIA Consolidated Report and click on the pdf prompt and it will bring it up. Follow the moves to print the document.

For GOD and Country and La Societe,

Bill Englert, Grande Directeur POW-MIA du VA.

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“For God and country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

- to create a charitable and non-profit veteran’s organization;
- to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
- to assist and promote the welfare and well being of those who have served or are now serving in the armed Forces of the United States, and their widows, widowers and orphans;
- to participate in all memorial services for and to be present at the funerals of departed comrades;
- to take part in and encourage others to participate in the proper Observance of all days honoring veterans;
- to preserve the memories of our Service in the Armed Forces of our Country;
- to actively participate within our membership in projects relating to
 - the welfare of the children of America;
 - the health of our Nation by fostering a nurses training program;
 - and selected charitable endeavors.”