

	December 12, 2024	NATL	RENEW	NATL	VA		VA	PLM
V/L	LOCATION	25 GOAL	2025	25 GOAL	25 GOAL	SHORT	% of 25	2025
53	RICHMOND	21	22	104.76%	23	1	95.65%	1
86	NORFOLK	48	49	102.08%	50	1	98.00%	5
380	BULL RUN	26	25	96.15%	28	-1	89.29%	7
449	RICHMOND-HENRICO	8	0	0.00%	10	-8	0.00%	0
976	NEWPORT NEWS	31	27	87.10%	33	-4	81.82%	12
1088	SMYTH WYTHE WASH	8	0	0.00%	10	-8	0.00%	12
1184	CHARLOTTESVILLE	35	29	82.86%	37	-6	78.38%	1
1312	SOUTH HILL	18	6	33.33%	20	-12	30.00%	2
1530	COLONIAL HEIGHTS	72	63	87.50%	74	-9	85.14%	14
1569	FAIRFAX	40	27	67.50%	42	-13	64.29%	22
TOTALS		307	248	80.78%	327	-59	75.84%	76
To reach 2025 National GOAL			307	we need	59			
To reach 2025 Virginia GOAL			317	we need	79			

The Loco — Motion News

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The LOCO-MOTION NEWS

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United States Veterans.*

The Loco-Motion News is published by the Grande Voiture du Virginie and mailed three times a year in the months of **September, January and May.**

If you write articles for publication, please send them to the Grand L' Editeur or e-mail them to him so articles arrive no later than **the 15th of the month prior to the publishing month.** Photographs will be returned only upon request.

From the Grande Chef de Train
Geri Stephens
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December 2024

The holidays are upon us and so is the cold weather. Please make sure to check on our fellow veterans to make sure they are warm and have everything they need. Also pay extra attention to those veterans who have no family, this time of year unfortunately does not bring everyone joy, so invite them to dinner or just go and have a chat with them.

Now that I have been nice, it is time to YELL. I am going to challenge every Voiture Locale of Grande du Virginie to bring in at least 2 new members by the end of January. This organization can only survive if we have the membership. Go and talk to the younger veterans and tell them all the great things our organization does. Go to the police departments, fire departments, even ER staff since many are veterans. Bring them some cookies and talk about the 40&8.

For those Voitures who are not participating in the Grande functions, why not? You joined the organization but do nothing, and you know who you are. Holding a Grande function at your location but then not attending the meeting when held some place else is wrong. It is time to start getting involved. If you can hold a Grande function then you can attend ALL Grande functions. We are all veterans, we took an oath to protect and be there for each other. Well, now is the time to stand by that oath.

En service, Geri

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Dates to Remember

106th Promenade Natl
Sept. 23-27, 2025
Gettysburg, PA.



Winter Cheminot: 1/24-25 2025
@ Norfolk, V-86

Spring Cheminot: Apr 5, 2025
@ Sandston, V-449

Southland Dixie: 24-27 Apr 2025
Gatlinburg, TN.

Memorial Day: May 24-26, 2025

Grande Prom: Jul 25-27, 2025

@ V-1530 Col. Hgts

Prom. Natl 2026: TBD-Baltimore,
MD.

Grande
Chef de Gare
Alice Cooper>



<Grande Chef
de Train
Geri Stephens

Sous Grande
Chef de Train
Doc Jordan>



What is a Veteran

He is a cop on the beat who spent six months in Iraqi sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

He is the bar room loudmouth, dumber than a hammer, whose out grown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by the exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel.

He or she is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

He is the POW who went away one person and came back another, or didn't come back at all.

He is the boot camp drill instructor who has never seen combat, but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no account rednecks and gang members into Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen by teaching them to watch each other's back.

He is a parade riding, hat wearing, flag waving person who pins on their ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

He is the career Quartermaster who watches the medals and ribbons pass him by.

He is the three anonymous heroes in the Tomb of the Unknowns, whose presence at Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless depths.

He is that old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket, hands palsied and aggravatingly slow, who helped liberate a Nazi death camp, and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

He is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being. A person who offered some of his life's most vital years in service to his Country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs.

He is a Soldier and a Savior and a Sword against the darkness, and he is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest Nation ever known.

They come in all shapes, ages, genders, colors, religions, education and political beliefs, but they all share one common bond. They displayed that outstanding unselfish call to duty and answered when their Country called.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our Country, just stop and say **"Thank You."** That's all most of them need, and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been, or were awarded.

Two little words that mean a lot to that person we know as a Veteran.



The weather doesn't mean anything to these professionals!

The National Commemoration of the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is held Veteran's Day with many solemn events. Unfortunately, Due to COVID the last 2 years was canceled, I anticipate even more Americans attending the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Amphitheater this year. Which means more visitors paying their respects to our fellow brothers and sisters, and even more Flags to pass out. One Tradition started in 2002, was handing out American Flags to all who enter the Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery for the Memorial Day Service. This is only done by the 40&8ers & Dames who attend and requires about 10,000 American Flags. Can you imagine the sense of Pride we feel, looking out over the full amphitheater and watching the Sea of Red, White, and Blue as the Armed Forces Band plays God Bless America and other patriotic songs?

Each year the Forty & Eight Memorial Day Committee hosts Memorial Day weekend events, culminating in a wreath-laying by the Chef de Chemin de Fer and La Presidente Nationale at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. The weekend is truly one to remember and open to all who would like to attend. The events are largely financed through the Program Book, so even if you cannot attend, please consider purchasing an Ad or becoming a Booster. Anyone who can help this effort by making a donation will have their name listed in the Program Book, and those who attend will have a memory to last a lifetime.

For the Good of La Societe, Dick George, President
40&8 Memorial Day Committee
Please send all Donations to "40and8 Memorial Day"
John Schenk, 406 E. Randall Ave. Norfolk, VA. 23503, 757-588-7732
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GRANDE CORRESPONDANT

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December 2024

Salut Virginie,

Here we are, a brand new organization year. Now we must get back to work on our programs. Our most important program obviously is MEMBERSHIP. You may see, what you think, are errors in sum of the articles that Le Editor should have caught and corrected. I have been asked to leave them alone just to see who reads what is printed.

Scheduling events can be time consuming! Why, so that we do not schedule something the same date/timeframe of any other veterans organization.

Membership: If membership is not renewed by 31 December, you are considered delinquent. All Locales fight for membership awards starting in July each year. Why not pay your dues in July or August and help you Locale.

Cheminot: The Winter Cheminot is 24-25 January 2025, hosted by Locale 86 in Norfolk, Va. See the "dates to remember" box on page two. You know proper planning, etc.

Travel: When you travel to attend an event, do you write down your mileage, keep track of what you spend on meals, hotel room rents? When you do not get reimbursed for these things, aren't they considered a donation to attend?

P L M: Remember, every Cheminot and the Grande Promenade you attend you should sign in on the P L M membership drawing list.

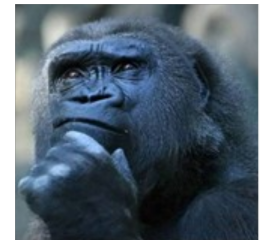
I did attend the celebration of life for V/M Grande Chef Passe' Dick George. There was a small contingent of 40 & 8 er's present and almost 100 Legion Riders. He was well liked and WILL BE missed!

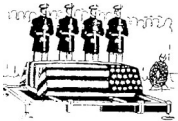
My assistant below, said to the hyena, can he keep it short and sweet?

Merci, John



Gee, I wonder what time of the morning did he type this article?
And can he be sweet?





GRANDE DU VIRGINIE

**2024-25 ROLL CALL OF
VOITURE EVERLASTING**



12 Sep 24	V-53	Edward Allen	23 yrs
1 Oct 24	V-1569	A. R. Dick George	25 yrs
7 Dec 24	V-380	J. Jack Lilley, III	12 yrs
7 Dec 24	V-1569	Tony A. Husen	14 yrs



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December 2024

Bonjour Voyageur Militaries,

I hope that you are having a fantastic Fall season.

I have 2025 Boxcar pins and cards from Nationale.

If your Voiture Locale would like to get its own supply of 2025 Boxcar pins and cards, please do so. The same contact that you used for 2024 is the same one for the 2025 pins and cards. If you want to get the 2025 Boxcar pins and cards through me, please let me know. I will have to contact Nationale for them.

They are \$4.00 for both the pin and card. I currently have 10 2025 Boxcar pins and 10 2025 Crew cards. I will bring them to the Winter Cheminot in Norfolk on Saturday, January 25.

I will see you in Norfolk at the end of January. Have a wonderful rest of your Fall!

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays!

Merci, William Chan



FORTY AND EIGHT MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM May 24th – May 26th 2025 **REGISTRATION & RESERVATION**



(Please Print or Type)

NAME: _____ VOITURE: _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

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

Event Cost Per How Many Total
Registration: _____ @ \$35.00 \$ _____

(Please note registration covers hospitality room
and transportation to Cemetery)

Banquet: _____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

Beef _____ Chicken _____

Donation to Flags: \$ _____

Program Ads: Full Page - \$70, ½
Page - \$40, 1/3 Page - \$25
(Please provide copy and size of Ad.
Cutoff date May 5, 2025)
Boosters - \$2.00 per name, or \$4.00
For Mr. & Mrs.

1. _____
2. _____
Ads/Boosters: \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Attendees must make their own hotel reservations prior to April 24, 2025.
Room rates are \$119.00 + 13% room tax. Holiday Inn Express; 8180 Silver-
brook 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 and send to =
legionjohn@cox.net**

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

**Grande Voiture du Virginie,
Spring Grande Cheminot Registration**

April 5, 2025 @ 1000-1600

Hosted by Voiture Locale 449

@ American Legion Post 144,

1717 Old Hanover Rd, Sandston, VA., 23150

Spring Cheminot will start at 10:00 a.m.

Name(s): _____ Voiture: _____ Cabane: _____

Street or P.O. Box _____ City: _____;

State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Reg. Fee (Voyageurs) @ \$30.00 ea \$ _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Registration: (\$10.00) includes meal and non-alcoholic drinks (\$20.00) in the back of the meeting room. There will be NO banquet.

Make your check for Registration payable to:

Voiture Locale 449 and mail nlt March 14, 2025 to:

Chuck Talley, 500 Mango Ct., Richmond, VA. 23223

alrrider@me.com

If anyone plans on arriving on Friday (4/4/25) and wanting to partake in hospitality at Post 144, contact Chef Talley via email.



**Merci Voyageurs
2025**

5 Years

Kevin P. Gaddis, V-1569
Mary Sue Garrison, V-1184
Archie Ray Scott, Jr., V-976

10 Years

Lawrence H. Baer, V-380
Norman C. Bean, V-1184
Robert G. Emerick, V-1530
Thomas A. Hart, V-1312
Matthew J. Hallinan, V-380
Tonya L. Meunier, V-1530
Anthony J. Reagan, V-1530
Steven E. Simonson, V-1530
Matthew A. Somariva, V-1530
T. A. "Tony" Vaughn SR, V-86

15 Years

Harvel Ayers, V-1184
Charles Buettner, V-380
John B. Clarke, V-53
Paul A. Doucette, JR., V-1312
Richard B. Fountain, V-1184
Elwood L. Hanchey Jr. V-53
W. R. Wally Johnson, V-976
Lloyd L. Loy, V-1569
John A. Muhler, V-1184
Chet Parzych, V-1530
Ann Robins, V-1530
Alonzo M. Scott, V-86
Floyd R. Wood, V-1184

20 Years

James H. Brock, V-380

Willie T. Harris, V-1530
Edward A. Murray Jr, V-53
Samuel Ramseur, V-1569
Robert M. Randall, V-86

25 Years

Joseph Dudley, V-1184
A. R. Dick George, V-1569
Richard H. Gunn, V-2000
Thomas Guthrie, V-1184
Herbert Williams, V-1530

30 Years

Roscoe Eagle, V-1569
Kirk Jefferies, V-86
E. B. McDaniel, V-976
John C. Prosch Jr., V-976

35 Years

40 Years

Patrick Kelly, V-1184

45 Years

Ronald L. Madden, V-829V-1184
Gary D. Martin, V-829/V-1184

50 Years

60 Years



Grande Directeur Carville Star
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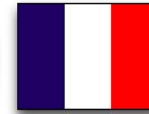
Bonjour Voyageurs,

First, I want to announce that I finally have the Carville Star pins and will bring them to the Winter Cheminot, so take your orders from your Voiture and show your support for one of our premier programs. The cost of each is a meager \$3.00.

Second, please don't forget the buy-a-clinic or buy-a-country programs that an individual or your Voitures can purchase for \$50 each. This is a great way to donate to our program. I have been informed that some have already been purchased but the paperwork is not yet complete. I'll hope to have that update by the next edition.

Finally, I want to encourage you to read a book about Hansen's disease and the history of the Carville Sanctuary. I have just completed a short book entitled "The Disease" by Anne Harmon Brett that details one man's journey through a life with Leprosy from a diary that he scripted. I found this to be an easy, interesting, and illuminating read that made me feel proud to be a part of the Forty-and-Eight which has been so supportive of this cause. There are many other works that have been published on this matter and may be ordered from the National Hansen's Disease Museum (NHDM) by email at NHDPmuseum@hrsa.gov or by telephone at 225-642-1950. I also have a list of books available from the museum if you are interested. Remember, whatever you do, get involved in one of our programs!

*Until we speak again,
Au revoir, Richard "DOC" Jordan.*



Virginia's Merci Boxcar

The Merci Train was a train of 49 French railroad box cars filled with tens of thousands of gifts of gratitude from at least that many individual French citizens. They were showing their appreciation for the more than 700 American box cars of relief goods sent to them by (primarily) individual Americans in 1948. The Merci Train arrived in New York harbor on February 3rd, 1949 and each of the 48 American states at that time received one of the gift laden box cars. The 49th box car was shared by Washington D.C. and the Territory of Hawaii. Parades and ceremonies of welcome were conducted in the state capitols and major cities of almost all the states. The largest and most attended was in New York City where more than 200,000 people turned out to welcome that state's assigned box car.

The symbol of the Merci Train, shown next to the French flag, is a frontal view of a steam engine with flowers on the pilot which are symbolic of Flanders Field, where many American "Doughboys" from WW1 are buried. The drawing was adopted as the official symbol of the French Merci Train Committee, and a plaque of the drawing was placed on each of the Merci box cars. The committee also had gift tags made bearing the symbol, and one accompanied each of the more than 52,000 gifts that came in the box cars.

In early 1949, there were thousands of World War 1 veterans and millions of WW2 veterans still living who had memories of spending as much as a week being transported to, or from, the battlefronts of the wars in that exact same type of boxcar. There were no seats, no windows, no toilets, and no sleeping or dining accommodations. Each man and his 39 traveling companions had barely enough space to sit down and they had to fit their bodies in rows to have enough room to lie down for sleep. Most of the veterans that survived the war had memories of those final rides and conversations with buddies, including some who were killed and never made it back to the U.S.A. Those surviving veterans decided to make the little gift boxcars memorials to the those lost buddies and the sacrifices that they made to save the world from the tyranny of Nazism. Thus it is that, for almost 75 years, they have volunteered to keep the little antique boxcars repaired and honorably displayed in an effort to memorialize all those who had given their all for the freedom of people everywhere in the world. We think that all of those heroes should continue to be honored by the continued preservation of these humble symbols of their sacrifices.

Virginia's Merci boxcar is in the Newport News War museum in the same pristine condition as when it was received. Merci.

**Grande Voiture du Virginie,
Winter Grande Cheminot /
Homecoming Registration**

**Hosted by: Voiture Locale 86
At Tidewater American Legion Post 327
705 Lesner Ave, Norfolk, VA, 23320 757-587-2461**

**1/24 - Hospitality @ Post 327 - 1800-2200
1/25 – Winter Cheminot 1000
1/25 – Winter Cheminot / Homecoming Banquet / Happy
Hour 1800**

Theme:

WESTERN-Zorro, Tonto, Lone Ranger face mask Night

Name(s): _____ Voiture: _____

Street or P.O.

Box _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Reg. Fee

(Voyageurs) @\$50.00 ea / Guests (\$30.00) \$ _____

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

**Make your check for Cheminot Reg. payable to: Voiture
Locale 86 and mail nlt Jan 10th, 2025 to: John Schenk,
406 E. Randall Ave. Norfolk, VA. 23503,**

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

**Best Western, 1330 E. Ocean View Ave, Norfolk,
VA. 23503, 757-583-2621**

Room rates are \$108.00 plus tax.

Deadline for hotel reservations is Jan 10th, 2025.

Mention 40&8 for special rate.



**Grande
Directeur of Americanism
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December 2024

**Well! The Holiday Season is in full swing. We had some
really cold days and we all thought some SNOW, but no show.**

**We at Locale 1530 started out the month with 2 parades to
go with the Train. Colonial Heights which had around 150
children and adults and Chester with 175 Children and 200
adults. We had a good showing of Voiture Militaire who showed
up to walk with our train. A great time was had by all.**

**Don't forget to check on our members during this
holiday season and invite or bring food to ones that don't have
family around.**

**I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday
and Healthy New Year.**

**Don't forget your memberships in so that
Grand can get 100%**

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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December 2024

Fellow Voyagers,

With 2024 coming to a closing, I would like to thank all of you for what you did this year for La Societe and for your service. This great country survives because of the sacrifices of its soldiers and veterans.

As this year is closing, I'm reminding all that your membership dues are coming due. Remember, your 2024 membership card expires on 12/31/24. You are no longer members and can't attend any 40/8 functions. Our strength is in our numbers! Please renew promptly.

After insuring you renewed your membership, it's time for you to look at our programs. I'm still your Grande Child Welfare Directeur and ask you, what are you doing to support the program? Obviously, buying pins is an important part of supporting the program. Pins are available for 2025, \$3.00/each. Pins can be obtained from Nationale or you can contact me. I currently have pins and can always get more. My info is on the website if you delete this. Payment for pins purchased through me are payable to Voiture 1569, not to me personally. My address is 8805 Antonia Ave. Manassas, VA. 20110-6101. My cell is 703 919-5720. I have retired and am no longer restricted as to phone use while working. If you need anything from me, please call or text or email.

Please start consolidating your activities and hours for the annual Consolidated Petite Report. Consider all volunteer work performed, regardless of which organization you preformed the work for. Don't forget mileage and expenses incurred. Don't forget clothing, toys, and other items donated. If you did the work, you should get credit for it. We have a legal obligation to show charitable work and monies donated under our tax exemption. Every little bit helps!

Finally, I hope all have had a great holiday season and this finds you and your family in good health. Hope to see you at the Winter Cheminot!

God bless all soldiers, veterans and the USA!

For God, Country and La Societe,
Jack White



Voiture Locale 1530 participated in the Chester Christmas Parade 12/8/24
Look at all our kids having fun!



NEWS from the Locales



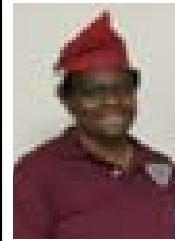
The Grande Fall Cheminot/wreck produced 10 New Voyageur Militaire and a service dog to help keep them on the right La Societe tracks.



6 Dec, Grande Directeur Ray attended the Nursing Pinning Ceremony at Marymount University where Nia Sena and Todd Pearre graduated into the Nursing profession. Good luck to both.



Grande Chef Alice and Voyageurs of Locales 86, 976 and 1530 attended the Merci Boxcar stipend presentation ceremony at the Virginia War Museum.



From the Desk of the
Grande Chef de Gare



December 2024

Fellow Voyagers,

I hope that everyone has had a nice Thanksgiving.

The Fall Cheminot proved to be a resounding success with 10 PG's being wrecked. We need to keep these new Voyageurs involved so they know how much they are needed and welcomed to this wonderful organization. We have outstanding programs to give assistance to a variety of needs, we need these new voyageurs to make these programs successful. As always, let us participate in our programs and grow this organization.

Remember, membership and recruitment are everyone's responsibility, not just the leadership team.

We still must come up with ways to get our name out there so more veterans will want to join our organization. We still must get out of the previous mindset of having only Legionnaire be invited into our organization. Veterans no longer need to be a Legionnaire at all to be invited.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who took time to make Grande DU Virginie a success.

Please continue to support our programs and start moving our membership in the right direction.

Merci,
Alice V. Cooper

Grande Director Nursing
Ray Jechorek
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December 2024

Salut, On December 6, 2024, I had the honor of attending the Nursing Pinning Ceremony at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia. The pinning ceremony welcomes graduating nursing students into the Registered Nurse profession. Among those pinned were Nia Sena and Todd Pearre, recipients of the 2024 Fairfax Voiture Locale 1569 scholarships. Please see picture in news from Locale pages.

Nia Sena has worked at the Virginia Hospital Center (VHC) in Arlington, VA. for the last two years as a medical assistant and has been hired as a Registered Nurse for the VHC emergency room.

Todd Pearre and his wife are relocating to Raleigh, NC where he has been hired to work in a hospital emergency room there. He aspires to become a flight nurse and has scheduled interviews with the U.S. Army when he arrives in Raleigh.

With regard to scholarships, Nationale Nurses Training Directeur Kevin Johnson reports that the Boland Trust Fund is being underutilized. Each year thousands of dollars are raised for the Fund through donations and the sale of Nurses Training pins, however, the Boland Trust committee is not receiving applications for those funds. There are scholarships for students pursuing Associate or Bachelor Degrees and for Advanced Degrees. Information regarding the scholarships can be found on the Forty & Eight website and from Terri Taylor at Nationale.

Merci, Ray Jechorek



Compliments of
Randall Shrader
La Directeur Youth Sports Nationale
Grande Commissaire Intendant
Grand Chef de Gare Passe 2018-2019



2025/01

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	F.H. Tony Morgan	V-1530	2026/11
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December 2024

**Salut,
Honoring the Absent, Remembering the Fallen:**

**The Intersection of Wreaths Across America
and our POW/MIA's**



As the holiday season unfolds, a wave of touching remembrance sweeps across America each December. Wreaths Across America (WAA) transforms the somber landscapes of military cemeteries into places of holiday remembrance as thousands lay wreaths on the graves of the nation's service members. This act of respect and gratitude resonates deeply with the principles embodied by the POW/MIA precepts, which emphasize the importance of honoring and remembering those who were Prisoners of War (POW) and those Missing in Action (MIA). I had the privilege and honor to personally participate in this exercise this year on December 14th at Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, VA.

Wreaths Across America: A Mission of Remembrance

Wreaths Across America began as a humble effort to lay excess wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery. Over the years, it has grown into a nationwide movement driven by a simple, powerful mission: Remember, Honor, and Teach. Each wreath placed is more than a decorative piece; it symbolizes respect and a reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by the fallen.

Volunteers of all ages participate, from Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to Gold Star families and veterans. The act of laying a wreath is accompanied by the recitation of the service member's name, a gesture that ensures their memory lives on.

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This physical and vocal acknowledgment aligns seamlessly with the POW/MIA precepts, which stress the importance of never forgetting those who have served and sacrificed. Furthermore, this is why we must continue to bring them all home so those of us left have a physical place to go and remember their ultimate sacrifice.

POW/MIA Precepts: Never Forget

The POW/MIA precepts are a set of guiding principles dedicated to ensuring that American service members who were Prisoners of War or who went Missing in Action are never forgotten. The National League of POW/MIA Families, established in 1970, advocates for the fullest possible accounting of missing U.S. military personnel from all conflicts.

The primary tenet of the POW/MIA precepts is remembrance. Just as Wreaths Across America seeks to honor those who have passed, the POW/MIA precepts demand that we remember the struggles and sacrifices of POWs and MIAs. The motto "You Are Not Forgotten" encapsulates this sentiment, echoing through military and civilian communities.

Shared Values: A Unified Message

Both Wreaths Across America and the League of POW/MIA Families share a common goal: to ensure that the sacrifices of U.S. service members are never forgotten. The act of placing wreaths on graves mirrors the spirit of the POW/MIA flag's promise to remember the missing. Each wreath, like the flag, serves as a visual and tactile reminder of those who served, those who are missing, and those who paid the ultimate price.

WAA's efforts to involve the younger generation through educational initiatives reflect the POW/MIA precepts' emphasis on teaching the value of remembrance. School programs and community events foster a culture of respect and honor, ensuring the stories and sacrifices of service members are passed down through generations.

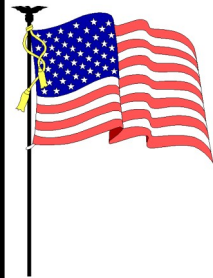
Conclusion: Eternal Remembrance

In tying Wreaths Across America to the POW/MIA precepts, we are reminded of the profound respect owed to those who have served. The intersection of these initiatives highlights the enduring importance of remembrance in American society. Each wreath laid and each name spoken ensures that the sacrifices of POWs, MIAs, and all fallen service members are honored. In a world that often moves swiftly forward, these acts of remembrance provide a moment to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Through Wreaths Across America and the enduring principles of the POW/MIA precepts, we honor the legacies of the brave men and women who have served, ensuring that their sacrifices are never forgotten. As our veteran population decreases, our involvement in and passing down of these programs and traditions are a must to ensure our nation's heroes are never forgotten.

(related picture on page 24)

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December 2024

Greetings to all Grand du Virginia Locales, the 2025 new year has begun. The 40&8 year is halfway through. Are your dues paid up?

The following was extracted from Health.gov

“The National Youth Sports Strategy aims to unite U.S. youth sports culture around a shared vision:

that one day, all youth will have the opportunity, motivation, and access to play sports—regardless of their race, ethnicity, sex, ability, or ZIP code. Why youth sports? Research shows that participating in youth sports can lead to immediate and long-term benefits for youth, their families, and communities.”

The encouragement of Youth Sports is not just a Forty and Eight goal, but a goal of the U.S.A. in general. The many benefits of participating in Youth Sports programs not only include Teamwork, but also help build social skills and social responsibility. The Forty and Eight through the Youth Sports programs can encourage personal responsibility and self-control.

I believe we as a Grande also have a responsibility to our communities to get out and volunteer and do what we can to encourage today's youth so that they have a bright outlook on life. Building leaders for the future of our country is not a small endeavor.

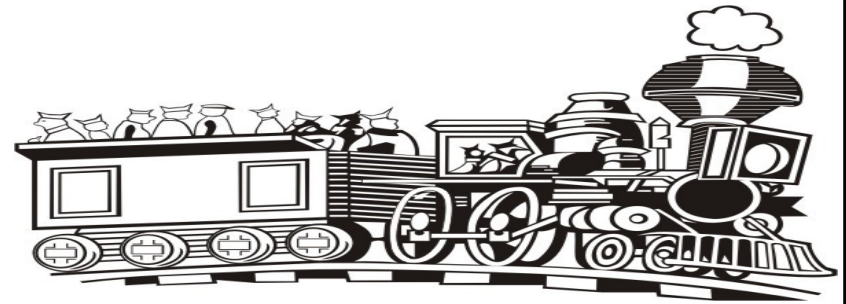
What has your Locale done to keep Youth Sports moving forward?

Just a reminder that we raise money through Pin and Coin sales. I would like to see more Locales buy pins. Pins are \$4 and Challenge Coin is \$10.

I hope we see all the Locales attending the Winter Cheminot. The larger Locales have no excuse on not being represented. Bring your checkbook, as all programs need to sell their pins.

For La Societe,
Randall Shrader

GRANDE de VIRGINIE CHEF PASSE CLUB



“The LOCOMOTION NEWS is our timetable”

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Salut Fellow Voyageurs,

The last few months have been very busy for me, as I have been trying to complete many tasks for the Veterans service organizations, I am privileged to be a member.

I successfully transitioned Grande du Virginia's website to something more modern and functional with timely information. We have expanded the website to cover Grande, regional, and Nationale events.

I continue to get good feedback from the publicistes, correspondants and historiens. Please continue to send me your publications and news articles. I also keep track of your social media pages as well. If your Locales have Facebook, Instagram or other social media pages, please send me a link, we want to hear about your events and programs, whether it is Child Welfare, Youth Sports, Nurses Training or Voiture Activities.

To everyone, please spread the word about PALS and Blue Chevaliers membership.

Last but Not Least, Joyeux Noel and Happy Holidays. See you all in January.

Merci
Victor Graulau Jr
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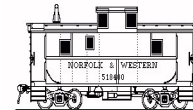


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2023/12



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Grand Chef de Gare Passe' 2013**



2024/11

GRANDE SOUS CHEF DE TRAIN

R. DOC Jordan

December 2024

**Bonjour Monsieur and Madame Voyageurs,
Membership is the heart that nourishes our
organization and all that we do depends on it.**

**Recently, we dropped to tenth place nationally
and continue to lose ground. Unfortunately, we have
lost some prominent members to Voiture Everlasting
and many of the rest of us may not be far behind! It is
incumbent on each of us to attempt not only to
replenish our ranks, but to increase our numbers so
that we will be an organization not just surviving but
one that is thriving! We do a lot of good work and we
desperately need to recruit new members who`will
continue that work. There are those in our
communities that just need to be asked to join and
participate in our activities to provide La Societe with
the support, brainpower, and initiative to allow our
organization to thrive. Let us all become more aware
of the potential difference that we could make by
simply recruiting a new Voyageur. If nothing else,
make sure you have found a replacement for yourself
in case all does not go as planned!**

**And with that morbid thought, I'll wish you well and
bid you adieu.**

**Au revoir,
Richard "DOC" Jordan**