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Geri Stephens
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From the Grande Chef de Train

June 2025

Good morning my fellow veterans.

It is a beautiful day here in Richmond, VA and hope it is the same where you are located. It's a nice change from the rain. I am here to make one LAST effort to light a fire under everyone's posterior to find new members. This organization is only as strong as the members and we are slowly going to the wayside. This should not happen, we took an oath many years ago (some longer than others) to support all veterans, but many seem to have forgotten. There are Voyageurs who will not attend the Grande functions, it is only once a quarter and someone from your Locale should attend and participate.

I for one, and there are others, do not want to see the 40&8 disappear. This is a great organization which does incredible things for others, such as, Carville Star, Youth Sports, Nurse's programs and many many others. These programs are supported by our members. I do not understand how someone can take an oath to support and defend and then just disappear. Wake up and get out in the world, talk to your community and find new members.

Merci,
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The following is from a Chef de Train article in the past:

We have a full weekend starting on Sunday with the Chef de Chemin de Fer & La President Nationale laying wreaths at the graves of Gen Pershing, Joseph Breen, and Sgt Younger. This is followed by the Sunday evening banquet including 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. In 2002 we started a tradition of giving a U. S. Flag to everyone entering the amphitheater for the Memorial Day Service which is about 10,000 flags, an effort largely financed by the Memorial Day Program Book. So, even if you are not able to attend, purchasing an ad in the Memorial Day Program Book will help offset the costs of the flags.

Dates to Remember

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



Fall Cheminot: completed
Winter Cheminot: completed
Spring Cheminot: completed
Dixie: 2026 Jacksonville, FL
 T B A

Memorial Day: May 24-26, 2025
Grand Prom: Jul 25-27, 2025
 Colonial Heights

Prom. Natl 2026: T B A
 2027: T B A



**Grande Directeur Nurses Training
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June 2025

Salut,

I was recently asked if there was a standard application form for Nurses Training scholarships. The answer is NO. When I became our Locale Directeur of Nurses Training, I was surprised that there wasn't a standard form to use. Consequently, I did on-line searches and found that Locales across the country designed their own application forms around scholarship qualifications that best suited their Locale needs. However, there did seem to be certain qualifying criteria that were included in many of the applications. Using insights from various application forms, we established the following eligibility criteria for our scholarships:

**Be a full-time student working toward a degree as a
Registered Nurse
Have a B average or better
Be a citizen of the United States
Plan on working as a nurse in the United States
Preference given to Veterans.**

Our original application form listed the above criteria as checkboxes where the applicant could confirm their eligibility. Additionally, we required a short biographical essay explaining how the scholarship would benefit them. It is noted that we did not have a financial need requirement.

After our Locale decided to award scholarships, the next challenge was finding applicants. We eventually partnered with Marymount University which simplified the process significantly. Their nursing department advertises our scholarships and they collect the applications. They also certify the applicants standing as a full-time student, their GPA, and citizenship. Marymount sends us the applications including the biographical essays and we then select the recipients

The process your Locale uses for awarding a scholarship can be as easy or complicated as desired.



GRANDE DIRECTEUR POW-MIA
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June 2025



Salut,

Honoring the Fallen and Forgotten: The

Enduring Legacy of POW/MIA Precepts Introduction

The United States has long upheld the solemn vow of never leaving a fallen warrior behind. Embedded in military doctrine, this commitment is more than a promise—it is a sacred obligation to those who served. The POW/MIA Precepts sum up the unwavering efforts to account for every American service member who was captured as a Prisoner of War (POW) or went Missing in Action (MIA). These guiding principles ensure their sacrifices are never forgotten, and their return home remains a national priority.

This article delves into the origins of the POW/MIA movement, the precepts that drive it, and the continuous efforts to bring closure to families while preserving the legacy of these heroes.

The History and Evolution of POW/MIA Advocacy

The issue of POWs and MIAs has been prevalent throughout American military history. From the Revolutionary War to present-day conflicts, countless service members have been captured or gone missing, 81,056 as of this writing, often leaving families in limbo, desperate for answers. However, the Vietnam War ignited a unique and persistent movement surrounding POWs and MIAs.

During and after the Vietnam War, reports emerged of service members who were either missing or left behind in enemy captivity. Families and veterans grew increasingly concerned that the government had failed to retrieve all personnel, sparking widespread advocacy. Organizations such as the National League of POW/MIA Families were formed to demand accountability and ensure a full accounting of missing personnel.

The POW/MIA flag, featuring a solemn silhouette against the words "You are not forgotten," became a powerful movement emblem. It is a constant reminder for us all that the search and recognition of these heroes are far from over.

The POW/MIA Precepts: A Guiding Light

The precepts surrounding POW/MIA efforts are built upon several key principles:

1. Recognition and Remembrance

No service member should fade into obscurity. The POW/MIA movement ensures that every captured or missing soldier, sailor, airman, or Marine is remembered through national ceremonies, educational initiatives, and the continued flying of the POW/MIA flag alongside the American flag.

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**NATIONALE DIRECTEUR YOUTH SPORTS
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June 2025

Greetings, Voyageurs

The summer season is upon us. Let's get out and support our Youth Sports in your communities.

I have found one way you and your Locale can get out and support, that is The Special Olympics. Typically, in June, every State has their Special Olympics Summer Games Competition.

An easy way to volunteer is Volunteer 2 Cheer. Yes, that is right cheering, I do not mean to be a cheer leader, but a fan in the stands cheering on the teams that are playing. The Special Olympians really love the support and enthusiasm from the stands.

I would like you to find your state's Special Olympic website and find where the Summer Games will be held. You should find something like the following that I got from the Virginia Special Olympics:

How to Register

Registering for the Volunteer 2 Cheer program is simple and easy. Click on the 'Register Now' and simply select your preferred 2-hour shift(s) from the available options. Hurry, as spots fill up quickly!

Multiple 2-hour Shifts

We understand that everyone has different schedules and commitments, which is why we offer multiple 2-hour shifts throughout the day. Choose the shift that best suits your availability and join us in cheering on our athletes to win!

10-minute Tour and Experience

To ensure that you have the best experience possible, each shift will begin with a brief 10-minute tour of the Summer Games. This tour will provide you with an overview of the event, the athletes' journey, and the importance of your role as a Volunteer 2 Cheer.

Locales can really help out the Special Olympics Summer Games with other non-sport support:

Volunteer Check-in

Help to check-in the many volunteers and volunteer groups that will arrive over the weekend.

Event Setup and Breakdown

Assist in breaking down tables, chairs, and equipment, loading event trucks, and other duties as assigned. Must be able to lift heavy items.

Logistics Crew

You will join the logistics crew as our on-site call team and assist with details for events on and off the field throughout the weekend.

Souvenir Sales

The need for a few volunteers to help run this station over the weekend! Volunteers will be responsible for working with the POC to keep the area organized, monitor shoppers, take cash and run credit card sales.

This is a great way for your Locale to support Youth Sports, support the Special Olympics, and this can be a Locale activity.

**For La Societe
Randall Shrader**

OFFICIAL CALL TO THE

103rd GRANDE PROMENADE du VIRGINIA

July 25th to July 27th, 2025, @ Colonial Heights, VA., hosted by Locale 1530

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grande Voiture du Virginia, La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, the 103rd Grande Promenade du Virginia is hereby called to convene in the city of Colonial Heights, Virginia on the 25th of July through the 27th July 2025. The Grande Promenade will be hosted by V-L 1530.

The Grande Voiture Headquarters will be at the:

Grande Correspondants Room:
Candlewood Suites, 15820 Woods Edge Road, Colonial Heights, VA 23834

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 Directeur's 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 2025-2026 Grand Officers, and the delegates for the
106th Promenade Nationale in Gettysburg, PA., September 23-27, 2025.

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 Virginia 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.

Legislative Body: The Grande du Virginia will be governed by the Grande Constitution dated July 30, 2011 and Roberts Rues of Order.

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.



VOITURE 86 TIDEWATER



LA SOCIETE DES 40 HOMMES ET 8 CHEVAUX

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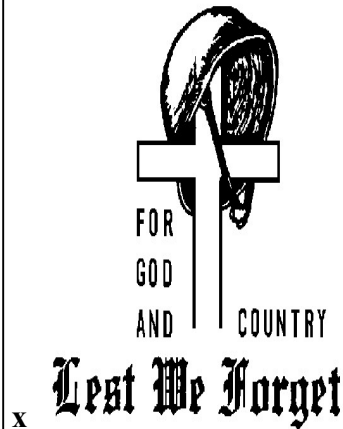
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Grande Chef/Post 5 Commander Alice Cooper accompanied by Post 280 Commander Mark Antley and District Commander/Voyageur Jay Krail visited and received a tour of the new V.A. center in Chesapeake, Va.

GRANDE DU VIRGINIE

2024-2025 ROLL CALL OF VOITURE EVERLASTING



6 Feb 22	V-1569	Ray Lockett	18 yrs
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
14 Dec 24	V-1530	C. Keith McMurdo	31yrs
8 Jan 25	V-1569	Wayne Hamilton	14 yrs
21 Jan 25	V-53	Mike Custer	14 yrs
23 Jan 25	V-1530	Betty Hendricks	18 yrs
8 Feb 25	V-1184	Harvel Ayers Jr.	15 yrs
21 Apr 25	V-53	Edward A. Murray, Jr,	20 yrs

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2. Accountability and Search Efforts

The United States government, through organizations like the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), carries the responsibility of locating missing personnel. Dedicated recovery teams scour battlefields, analyze intelligence, and conduct negotiations with foreign governments to ensure every soldier is accounted for.

3. Support for Families

For families of the missing, the uncertainty can be agonizing. The POW/MIA precepts mandate continuous support for these families—providing updates, conducting investigations, and offering resources to cope with loss while holding on to hope.

4. International Cooperation

The search for missing personnel is not limited to American soil. Countries involved in past conflicts collaborate through diplomatic channels to share information, conduct excavations, and return remains to the United States for proper burial.

5. Legislative and Military Commitment

The U.S. government has enacted various laws and policies ensuring that POW/MIA concerns remain a priority. These include military training emphasizing the Code of Conduct, which reinforces the duty to resist captivity, and official directives requiring thorough documentation of missing personnel cases.

The Ongoing Mission

Although many remains have been recovered and identified, as previously mentioned, thousands of American service members remain unaccounted for. The search efforts continue with advanced forensic technology, DNA analysis, and historical documentation playing crucial roles in identifying lost warriors.

The commitment does not wane with time. Instead, it strengthens with each discovery, each repatriation, and every renewed promise to uphold the memory of those who gave everything for their country.

Conclusion

The POW/MIA precepts are more than words—they are a pledge woven into the fabric of military service and national integrity. They ensure that the sacrifices made by American heroes do not dissolve into history but instead live on through remembrance, action, and relentless pursuit of answers.

As long as the POW/MIA flag waves, as long as names remain on memorial walls, and as long as families continue to seek closure, the mission endures, and each one of us as veterans should continue to remember these precepts and support the mission

“lest we forget”

Jim Payne



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June 2025

Salut Virginie,

Here we are, getting ready to close out another organization year.



Our most important program obviously is MEMBERSHIP. We, the Grande is a little behind the eight ball. We are still 23 members short of 100%. Each of the Locales fight for recognition by reaching certain percentages.

For example: 50% by the Fall Cheminot; 75% by the Winter Cheminot; 100% by the Spring Cheminot and 110% by the Grande Promenade.

Membership: Why not pay your dues in July or August and help your Locale meet these percentages?

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, we do not want to schedule something the same date/timeframe of any other veterans organization.

Why should you attend the Cheminot or Grande Promenade? There is a sign in sheet at each of our Cheminot and the Grande Promenade. At the end of the year, we pick a number out of a bowl and who ever is signed in on that specific number will receive a 40&8 P L M paid for by the Grande.

It is time for each of the Locales to capture the information required for the Petite Communique Reports! Everything a Voyageur does can be reported on the reports.

My assistant below, said to the hyena, can he keep it short and sweet? So here is the unsweet statement. This edition of the Loco Motion News was NOT sent via the postal system! The decision was made at the Spring Cheminot to publish the Loco Motion news only electronically due to rising postal costs!

Election of officers for 2025-2026 will take place at the Grande Promenade.

Merci, John



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



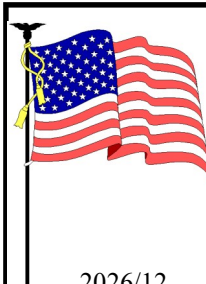
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John M. SCHENK
Conducteur Nationale 2014
Virginia Grand Chef Passe 2004
And in Memory
Nancy G. Schenk
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**“The LOCOMOTION NEWS
is our timetable”**

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Angie L. Anderson ('16)
Randall Shrader ('19)
Ann M. robins ("24)

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Michael R. Bukowski ('14)
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2025/04



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Correspondant 1530



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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
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15 Years

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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
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-829/V-1184
Gary D. Martin, V-829/V-1184

50 Years

55 Years

Tommy E. Lee III, V-1569
Hugh Underwood, V-1184

60 Years



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June 2025

Bonjour Comrade Voyageurs, The Forty & Eight enlists and supports many programs that we can be very proud of, but none have been more successful and enduring than the Carville Star program. We have taken a socially unacceptable malady that was totally misunderstood and through medical research and dedicated doctors and other charitable souls, we have destroyed many myths concerning Hansen’s Disease formerly known as leprosy. Medical science has found the cause and developed a cure so that infected people no longer have to suffer by being isolated and interred in encampments, segregated from family and friends and the rest of society. We provided the printing press that enabled the victims of this dreaded disease to educate the rest of the world to expose the horrid living conditions they were required to endure.

Though the leper colony has been closed, the disease still persist. The treatment can be administered on an out patient basis and we support that by financially donating to the Buy-a-city/Buy-a-country Program. I also encourage you to donate to the National Hansen’s Disease Museum in Carville, La. You would also benefit greatly if you were to visit the facility and witness the experience for yourself. The workers are very appreciative of the Forty & Eight and are gracious with their thanks for our support. They are not far from New Orleans and Baton Rouge, so if you happen to be in the neighborhood, make the effort!

**Don’t forget to purchase a Carville Star Pin and subscribe to The Star publication and also to check with your local Voiture to make sure you Buy-a -City/Buy-a-Country.
Au revoir, Richard “DOC” Jordan.**

Grande
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Happy May to my fellow Voyagers.

Please remember to submit your reports and if you need help, please reach out. Remember Memorial Day and try to support the Memorial Day committee for this important event to honor our veterans that are no longer with us.

I received the following update from the Central Virginia Veterans Health Care system:

Areas where facemasks are REQUIRED:

3rd floor: Microbiology; 3E

MICU;

2nd floor: Dialysis; Operating Room Suite;

1st floor: 1Q; 1N; 1M (CLC treatment area); Radiation Oncology; SCI (1W, 1V, 1U); ED; Fast Track Area,

* New Center opening: The new Fredericksburg HCC – Open (1st & 2nd FL)

* CDCE (hospital events) MUST submit events to the VISN for pre-approval before events can take place.

New needs list can be found here
https://www.cdceportal.va.gov/facility_needlist/?id=652

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Regards, Ann



Grande
Directeur of Americanism

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June 2025



Well! Looks like we've had the best of bad weather so far. Hope! The sun comes out soon.

I would like to thank all the Grande Officers we had this past year. They all did an outstanding job. We still have time to try our hardest to get that 100 % membership.

Don't forget one of the most important days for us is on the 26th of May which is Memorial Day weekend.

Don't forget to get your reports in on time to John.

merci:

Jim Rovinski



VOITURE 1569

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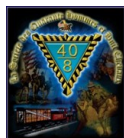
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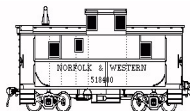
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"Caboose
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 Chef de Gare

Jack White
 Correspondant

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COMPLIMENTS OF

Howard Perross, Jr.

Voiture Locale Chef 1530 Passe



2026/11



Grande Chef de Gare

June 2025



From the Desk of the Grande Chef de Gare

Fellow Voyagers,

Greetings once again Voyageurs,

It is hard to believe that seven months have gone by already.

I really enjoyed seeing all of you at the winter Cheminot. I appreciate the gifts and mementos that I have received. Thank you all.

As we head into the next few months of this year, our membership numbers are lower than they should be. Yes, the Grande has suffered membership loss due to death, aging, and disinterest. With a little help from your Locale we can reach our goal. Membership is the lifeblood of any program. We only have a month left for this year's membership term. Many of our Locals are at 100% or more.

Make sure you get your reports to the appropriate person. Let's finish the year strong and over our targeted goal. Please continue to think outside the box when it comes to some of our programs.

Merci, Alice V. Cooper



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June 2025

The 40 and 8 - La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

100 Years of Tradition Still Alive

by Bill Betten, Co-Director of the California WW1 Centennial Task Force



The Doughboy and the Boxcar

In 1917 when the first U.S. soldiers left for France they travelled in a variety of conveyances. Trains in the U.S. ranged in style from flatcars (that hitch-hikers were ejected from,) to Pullmans with drawing rooms, and fancy private coaches. But, all that changed when they arrived in France.

Everyone in France traveling by train rode in boxcars (voiture in French,) whether they were animal or human. Each boxcar had the same capacity throughout France, so they all looked similar.

Upon loading into one, many a Doughboy would wonder at the same French words and same numbers that were painted on the exterior of each car. "Wonder what that means?" a fellow from the rolling hills of the San Gabriel Valley might ask as he climbed in. His Los Angelino buddy he had met at camp chuckled, "Must mean what the locals have to pay to ride. Good thing its free for us. I don't even have a chevaux."

"Here," laughed another fellow from another little southern California town called Monte Vista (which would eventually be renamed Montclair,) "have one of mine," and he pulled out a penny and tossed it to him.

From under the brim of his Montana Peak hat, a fourth Californian already sitting on the floor interrupted the fun saying, "Well I doubt that you could fit a chevaux in your pocket."

"How do you know?" the insulted Monte Vistan snapped.

Raising his head, the Doughboy pointedly replied, "My Granddad was a gold-miner who came straight from Paris in 1849. He taught me to read French. You jokers got it all wrong. 40 Hommes/8 Chevaux means forty men and eight horses. I doubt you could hide a horse in your pocket." WW1 American troops in a 40and8 French boxcar [Note the censoring on the boxcar to prevent enemy from gathering information.]

Without a doubt, it is certain that every infantryman in the A.E.F. (American Expeditionary Force) rode a 40 and 8 boxcar at least once. It was a well-appreciated mode of transport because the alternative meant sore feet, and wearing out a pair of shoes too soon since trucks and automobiles were uncommon. Thus, the Doughboys grew fond of the little boxcars. Upon returning to the states in 1919, the soldiers of the United States founded the American Legion, and in the following year, an exclusive level of the new organization was formed consisting of officers of the new fraternity of ex-soldiers. It was named La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses).

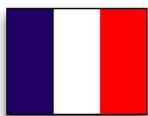


Its members were called Voyageurs Militaire (military travelers) and candidates for membership were called Prisonniers de Guerre (Prisoners of War). The cargo capacity sign "40 Hommes/8 Chevaux" emblazoned on each French boxcar that carried American doughboys to the front, and the "French Army horizon blue" color, became symbols of the new society. An initiation ceremony was developed based on the common wartime experiences of American soldiers, sailors and marines, incorporating fun-making with patriotic bonding. [See <http://www.fortyandeight.org/history-of-the-408/>]

I still have seven 2025 Boxcar pins and crew cards left from Nationale. The combination of both pin and card are \$4.00. If you would like to get them from me, please let me know. I will bring them to the Grande Promenade in Colonial Heights in July. If your Voiture Locale would still 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 Boxcar pins and cards. If you would like me to get the pins and cards through me, please let me know. I will contact Nationale for them.

I hope you have a great rest of your Spring. I will see you at the Grande Promenade in July.

Merci, William Chan, Voyageur Militaires



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 – Grande Promenade July 25 - 27, 2025

Hosted by: Voiture Locale 1530 - At Chateau 1530, Colonial Heights

15930 Happy Hill Rd., Colonial Heights, VA. 23834

7/25 - Chef Bribery Dinner @ Chateau - 1800-2200

7/26 – 0800 – Virginia Grande Chef Passe Breakfast

7/26 - Grande Promenade 1000 / Cheminot 1130

7/26 - 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/Banquet) **Enclosed: \$** _____

ATTN: GRANDE CHEF PASSE': Breakfast = Bacon _____ **= Sausage** _____

Make your check for Cheminot Reg. payable to: Voiture Locale 1530 and mail nlt July 14th 2025 to:
Kevin Jones, 13212 Silverdust Ln., Chester, VA. 23837,

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

Room rates are \$89.00 plus tax. Deadline for hotel reservations is
July 14th, 2025. Candlewood Suites, 15820 Woods Edge Rd,
Col Hgts, 23834, 1-804-526-0111. Mention 40&8 for special rate.



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June 2025

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.

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 milage. 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 at my contact information above.

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.

Respectfully submitted, John (Jack) White,
Grande Directeur

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 News-letter are due to negative submissions of articles and/or photographs.

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Has your
booster
expired, or
getting
close to
expiring
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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.

The Loco — Motion News



Le Editor, Loco Motion News
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	May 15, 2025	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	50	104.17%	50	2	100.00%	5
380	BULL RUN	26	25	96.15%	28	-1	89.29%	7
449	RICHMOND-HENRICO	8	8	100.00%	10	0	80.00%	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	34	97.14%	37	-1	91.89%	1
1312	SOUTH HILL	18	6	33.33%	20	-12	30.00%	2
1530	COLONIAL HEIGHTS	72	68	94.44%	74	-4	91.89%	14
1569	FAIRFAX	39	44	112.82%	41	5	107.32%	22
	WEST	306	284	92.81%	326	-22	87.12%	76
	To reach 2020 National GOAL			306	we need	22		
	To reach 2020 Virginia GOAL			326	we need	42		