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From the Grande Chef de Train

Sept 2025

Bonjour Monsieur et Madame Voyageurs!

Membership is the heart that nourishes our organization and all that we do depends on It. Recently, we have dropped to 21st place nationally and continue to lose ground. Unfortunately, we have lost some prominent members to Voiture Everlasting and some more of us may not be far behind.

We aren't getting any younger! It should be 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 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.

If anyone has any new ideas on recruiting, please let me know because something has got to change to reverse our downward trend! Perhaps a good place to start is to increase the attendance at our meetings by our present members and revive their interest. Find some way to communicate with those who are MIA and restore their desire to be part of this wonderful organization!

**Together, we can accomplish much.
Au revoir, Richard "Doc" Jordan**

Dates to Remember

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



Fall Cheminot: 10-11 Oct 2025
Winter Cheminot: T B D

Dixie: 16-18 Apr 2026
Jacksonville, FL

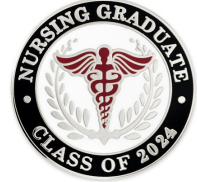
Memorial Day: May 23-25, 2026

Grand Prom: Jul 24-26, 2026
Colonial Heights

Prom. Natl 2026: 107th T B A
2027: 108th T B A



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Sept 2025

Greetings!

July 01 began a new fiscal year for our 40/8 Voyager organization. The consolidated report identifies what we accomplished for the last fiscal year. As of July 01 however, the slate is clean and we have to begin working on fiscal year 2026. Where we are as an organization, will be dependent upon what we accomplish in 2026.

To begin this fiscal year, it is important that the programs origins are known to all. To quote the historic beginning, the Child Welfare Program, was created in 1923, "to ease the pain and suffering of the children whose fathers never returned or were unable to care for their needs after the 'Big war'."

The program has expanded considerably since then to include all children in need with approximately eight million dollars spent annually. While that amount is noteworthy, our organization could do better in assisting these underprivileged children. Afterall, they are a part of our country's future.

There are many ways to contribute to this cause. Pin sales are just a small part. Donations, clothing drives, raffles, bazaars, etc. are some of the ways money could be raised for this program. Use your imagination; the events are unlimited.

Reporting your work is most important. The organization receives no credit for work you do if it is not reported. Work that you do on your own, work you do with other organizations or through your clergy also count. You are a 40/8er while donating or doing this work. Don't forget your time and mileage. It only counts if you report it!

Finally, I would like to re-introduce myself. I'm Jack White, Virginia Grande Directeur of the Child Welfare Program. This is my 3rd or 4th year serving in this position. I do have pins for sale if anyone is interested. My pins were purchased before the price increase and are available for \$3.00/pin. I am retired and available to assist with whatever you may need. My info is on the website and listed above, but I will list it here for those who might not have access to a computer. My home address is 8805 Antonia Ave. Manassas, VA. 20110-6101.

Thank you for your service and continued service.

For God and country,

**John (Jack) White
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Sept 2025



Salut,

**The Unwavering Promise: POW/MIA and the
Enduring Mission of the DPAA**

The empty chair, draped with a POW/MIA flag, stands as a poignant symbol of a promise etched in the American conscience: to never forget those who have served our nation and have gone missing in action or were prisoners of war. This promise has fueled a decades-long effort to account for every missing service member, a mission spearheaded today by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). Understanding the history of this command is crucial to appreciating the dedication, scientific advancements, and unwavering commitment that underpin its vital work.

The roots of the POW/MIA issue lie deep within the battlefields of World War II. As the war raged across Europe and the Pacific, thousands of American service members went missing. The sheer scale of the conflict overwhelmed existing recovery efforts, leaving families in agonizing uncertainty. While individual units attempted to locate and identify the fallen, a coordinated government-wide strategy was absent.

The Korean War further compounded the problem. The volatile and often inaccessible battlefields, coupled with the unique circumstances of the communist regime holding American prisoners, presented unprecedented challenges. The end of the war saw over 8,000 Americans unaccounted for. The lack of closure for families fueled a growing national movement advocating for a more robust and centralized approach to POW/MIA recovery.

The Vietnam War amplified the issue to a fever pitch. The protracted conflict, the brutal conditions faced by POWs in North Vietnamese camps, and the persistent reports of missing service members spurred a national outcry. The "POW/MIA issue" became a powerful symbol of national concern, transcending political divides. The families of the missing, driven by relentless hope and unwavering determination, became powerful advocates, demanding accountability and transparency from the government.

This pressure led to the formation of various organizations and task forces dedicated to investigating POW/MIA cases. In the 1970s, the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC) was established in Thailand, tasked with investigating leads and recovering remains in Southeast Asia. The JCRC played a crucial role in repatriating remains and gathering information about missing personnel.

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However, the fragmented nature of the effort and the continued uncertainty surrounding the fate of thousands of service members prompted calls for a more consolidated and scientifically advanced approach. In 2003, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) was formed, absorbing the JCRC and other related organizations. Based in Hawaii, JPAC became the primary entity responsible for accounting for missing Americans from past conflicts. JPAC represented a significant step forward in the search for missing personnel. It brought together forensic anthropologists, archaeologists, historians, linguists, and explosive ordnance disposal technicians under a single command. Advanced DNA analysis, coupled with historical research and investigative fieldwork, allowed JPAC to identify remains with increasing accuracy. Teams were deployed to remote and challenging locations around the world, from the jungles of Southeast Asia to the battlefields of Europe and the frigid waters of the Pacific.

Despite the advancements made under JPAC, criticism persisted regarding the command's efficiency and effectiveness. Concerns were raised about bureaucracy, communication, and the pace of identifications. These criticisms, combined with a desire to streamline and optimize the recovery process, ultimately led to the creation of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in 2015.

The DPAA represented a major restructuring and re-energizing of the effort to account for missing personnel. It consolidated all POW/MIA accounting functions under a single, centrally managed agency. The DPAA's mission is ambitious yet unwavering: to provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation. The DPAA operates with a global reach, conducting investigations, excavations, and identifications around the world. It leverages cutting-edge technology and forensic science, including advanced DNA analysis, isotopic analysis, and craniofacial reconstruction. The agency also collaborates with foreign governments, local communities, and non-governmental organizations to access information and conduct recovery operations.

The DPAA is driven by a profound respect for the sacrifices made by our service members and a deep commitment to providing closure to their families. The agency understands that the POW/MIA issue is not just about numbers; it is about individual stories of courage, sacrifice, and the enduring impact of loss. Each recovered and identified service member represents a family finally finding answers and the fulfillment of a promise made long ago.

The work of the DPAA is far from over. Thousands of Americans remain missing from past conflicts. The challenges are significant, ranging from the remoteness of crash sites and burial locations to the complex political landscapes of certain regions. However, the DPAA continues to refine its methods, leverage new technologies, and expand its partnerships in its relentless pursuit of those who have not yet returned home.

The DPAA is more than just a government agency; it is a symbol of the enduring commitment of the United States to its service members and their families. It represents the unwavering belief that no one should be forgotten, and that the search for answers will continue until every possible effort has been made to account for those who are missing in action. The empty chair and the POW/MIA flag serve as a constant reminder of the promise that drives the DPAA: to bring our missing heroes home.

**With respect, en service
Jim Payne**



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Sept 2025

Greetings, I have been appointed as the DIRECTOR BOXCAR for Grande du Virginia. I am the Chef De Gare for Locale 976 Newport News Va

I can remember the first time that I laid eyes on the 40 & 8 boxcar. It was mid December 1982, my family had come from St Louis MO, for my wedding. My Father and two brothers as well as my grandfather needed some time away from both sides of the women in my soon to be expanded family. I took them to the Virginia War Museum; we were both impressed with the history and the pristine condition of the boxcar. Fast forward 38 years later when I was invited to join the 40 & 8, I made the connection.

I will be ordering the pins and crew cards and will have them available at the Fall Cheminot & Grande Wreck – October 10 – 11, 2025. The price of the pins has gone up to 4 dollars, so the pin plus card will sell for 5 dollars. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will see you at the Fall Cheminot.

Merci, Paul Bartz



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Sept 2025

Greetings to all Grand du Virginia Locales, the 2025 spring and summer seasons have come and gone.

What has your Locale done in your community? Can you attend some games and give support to your local teams?

If your Locale has given financial support to a team, remember to document it. Keep a copy of the request and a copy of the check. You will need these when you submit a request for reimbursement. The website at Nationale has updated the forms for Youth Sports. Look under the programs tab, then scroll down to Youth Sports.

Also, as fall rolls around, think about activities in your community, where your Locale can volunteer to help out?

The new Youth Sports Pins and Challenge Coins will be available at the Fall Cheminot.

Randall Shrader



VOITURE 86 TIDEWATER



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2026/06

GRANDE DU VIRGINIE

2024-2025 ROLL CALL OF VOITURE EVERLASTING



26 Jul 25	V-1184	Abe (Pete) A. Hildebrand	20 yrs
20 Aug 25	V-86	Joeseeph H. Evans	32 yrs
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Sept 2025

Salut Fellow Voyageurs,

With Promenade Nationale closely approaching, now is the time to dust off the Forty and Eight Public Relations Manual. All publistes and directeurs should start their strategies for the new year. Here are a few points:

- 1. Ensure that you are in contact with your media outlets.**
- 2. Take the time out to post your upcoming events for the upcoming year.**
 - a. Highlight programs like Flags for First Graders, youth sports, Nurses Training, Law Officer, Hero and Firefighter of the Year.**
 - b. All community activities that your Locale or Grande are involved in for the new year.**
 - c. Lastly, take advantage of your social media, websites and newsletters. Leave no stone unturned. These resources are the best way to convey our message.**
- 3. Your Directors should be open to creative criticism, friendly to the media outlets. Make sure your locale and grande chefs are in the loop.**
- 4. Make good use of AI when writing, but do not become totally dependent as the tools available like ChatGPT, Grammarly, and MS Copilot cannot replace good solid writing. Remember it's a tool, not a crutch.**

In closing, it's you the Publiste that makes the difference! Hope to see you all at Gettysburg.

Victor Graulau Jr.



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Sept 2025

Salut Virginie,

Here we are, getting ready to start another organization year.



Our most important program obviously is MEMBERSHIP. We, finished the 2024-2025 year in 21st place nationally. The new requirements will not be published until after Promenade Nationale. Most likely, your goal for 2025-2026 will be one more than what you finished the year with. . 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?

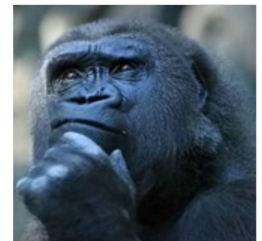
You may see, what you think, are errors in sum of the articles that Le Editor should have caught and corrected. I have been asked to leave them alone just to see who reads what is printed.

Scheduling events can be time consuming! Why, we do not want to schedule something the same date/timeframe of any other veterans organization. The next Grande function is the October 2025 Grande Wreck. Registration form included in this edition. The Grande Chef will determine if the January/February Cheminot will be a weekend event this year or next or a one day, Saturday only.

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.

Election of officers for 2025-2026 did take place at the Grande Promenade. The top three positions are now elected for two year terms.

Merci, John



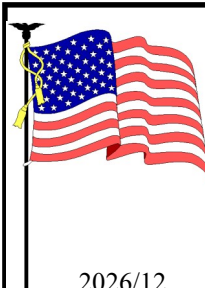
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John M. SCHENK
Conducteur Nationale 2014
Virginia Grand Chef Passe 2004
And in Memory
Nancy G. Schenk
Cabane 86



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GRANDE de VIRGINIE

CHEF PASSE CLUB



**“The LOCOMOTION NEWS
is our timetable”**

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2025/04



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2024/032



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2024/05



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NEWPORT NEWS, VA

IN MEMORY OF

Jim Burden

WALLY JOHNSON
CHEF de GARE

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CORRESPONDANT

2020/10



Merci Voyageurs — 2026



40 Years

45 Years

5 Years

Ashley L Wehrle, V-86

50 Years

10 Years

55 Years

Sean V. Devlin V-976

Saunders B. Moon, IV, V-976

60 Years

James M. Wooten, V-1312

70 Years

M. T. Doyle, V-976

15 Years

Richard C. Millard, V-1312

20 Years

Angie Lee Anderson, V-86

Joseph Malovrh, V-1569

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Howard L. Perross, V-1530

Samuel Ramseur, V-1569

Marie Anne Rhyne, V-380

Gretchen C. Trujillo, V-1569

25 Years

30 Years

Carl L. Moore, V-976

35 Years

W. J. Leonard, V-1569

Charlie Price, Jr., V-1312



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Sept 2025

Bonjour Comrade Voyageurs,

We’ve come to the end of another fiscal year and pause momentarily to reflect on that which we have accomplished during this past term. Overall, I rate it as OK. But we could do so much better. It is imperative that we work to improve our core programs, the ones that define us. My core program is Carville Star and I want your help! Each Voiture should have a director for this program at the local level. That individual should take the lead to try and raise support for this program. Some of the strategies are to buy-a-clinic or buy-a-country. These go for a \$50 donation each. Also, make sure every Voyageur attending your meetings purchases a Carville Star pin. Buy a subscription to the STAR which helps bring awareness to others about Hansen’s Disease.

It is our goal to eradicate this disease and while great strides have occurred over the last 100 years, our goal still eludes us. New cases continue to emerge. At least there is a treatment that can alleviate the symptoms so we don’t have to confine and isolate those who are infected. Today, those suffering from Hansen’s disease can live a relatively normal life in society without being ostracized. That is a huge advancement. The involvement of the 40&8 has been a large part in this success.

But the fat lady hasn’t sung her song and it ain’t over til its over! So it is ok to take pride in what we have been a part of, but the mission is not yet accomplished.

Continue to March! Richard “Doc” Jordan

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The Gary Sinise Foundation's "Soaring Valor" program is looking for WWII Vets for a flight to the National WWII Museum.

If you know any WW II Veterans or caregivers you would like to share this info with, please do.

I will also be sharing this through a Gov Delivery eBlast, and on our Richmond VAMC social media page. Thanks for your assistance. We appreciate all you do for the Veteran community

Last chance to join us for a group trip! Do you know a WWII Veteran? We're inviting WWII veterans to join us on a powerful, all-expenses-paid trip to The National WWII Museum September 2-5.

Help us honor their service and share their stories before it's too late. All veterans attending must travel with a guardian and all guardians must have a personal connection to their veteran. Click below to sign up today!

Veteran Application:
<https://bit.ly/SVveterans>

Guardian Application:
<https://bit.ly/SVguardian>

Regards
Ann



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Sept 2025

I hope that everyone is ready for the upcoming year.

We need to make sure that we get every last member to pay their DUES for the upcoming year, and try harder to get new members to join us.

The next big event for us is Nationale in September.

Then we get to Honor all of our Veterans that have served this Great Nation on Tuesday 11th of November 2025.

Make sure we are checking on our members that are feeling ill or cannot go out to be with us at our functions.

Remember "buddy check" is not just about paying the dues.

Merci:
Jim Rovinski



VOITURE 1569

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Grande Chef de Gare 2017-2018

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Grande Chef de Gare Passe 2018-2019

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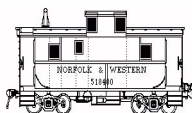
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"Caboose
Chateau"

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COMPLIMENTS OF

Howard Perross, Jr.

Voiture Locale Chef 1530 Passe



2026/11

Grande Chef de Gare

Sept 2025



From the Desk of the Grande Chef de Gare

Good afternoon my fellow Voyageurs,
It was nice seeing all of you at the July Promenade and my swearing in. I hope everyone enjoyed the food and beverages provided. I hope to see many of you at the Grande Wreck to be held on October 10-11.

As we go into the new year we need to put our focus back on membership and community outreach. There are many veterans in our areas who could benefit from this organization, if only they knew about it. We did not end favorably in the membership list. I take blame for our drop-in membership. I am offering a challenge to all Locales; make every effort to bring in two new members before the October Wreck.

Fall is quickly approaching with cooler weather. Now is the time to start preparing for cold and snowy days. I hope each Locale has a phone tree in place to periodically check on the health and safety of all the members.

I hope to see everyone at Promenade Nationale on September 24-27 in Gettysburg, PA. If you want to attend get those registration forms in now.

Merci,

Gerri Stephens

Grande Voiture du Virginie – Grande Promenade October 10-11, 2025

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

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

10/10 - P.G. Drink servers @ Chateau - 1800-2000

10/11 - Grande Wreck 0900 / Cheminot 1000

Name(s): _____ Voiture: _____

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

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

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

P. G. @ \$10.00 \$ _____

(Includes the cost of the Registration/Banquet) Enclosed: \$ _____

Make your check for Cheminot Reg. payable to: Voiture Locale 1530 and mail nlt Sept 26th 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.



Grande Directeur Nurses Training
Gerri Stephens
geri_stephens@ccpsnet.net

September 2025

Salut,

The torch has been passed and Nurses Training landed in my lap. We start a new year of scholarships. Voyageur Jechorek addressed the issue of forms in the last news, so no more on that.

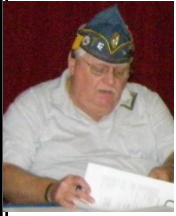
To get qualified applicants I suggest you get out and make contact with your area schools and explain our program to them. Some schools will team with the Locale to find the best qualified.

When you have given out your scholarship money, check with Nationale about the applying for the Boland Trust fund.

That's all for now, hope to see you in Gettysburg.

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Gerri

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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
 ???



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.



Voyageurs from Voiture Locale 976, 86 and 1530 joined together for a Joint Promenade at the Virginia



Voyageurs Denny Macina & Jay Krail presented a Flags for Forst Graders program before the school year ended.



Voyageur Hank Hagenau, Voiture Locale 1184, Charlottesville participated in Memorial Day ceremony in Charlottesville, Va.

The Loco — Motion News



Le Editor, Loco Motion News
 Grande Voiture de Virginia
 La Soci     des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
 John M. Schenk
 406 E. Randall Ave.
 Norfolk, Virginia 23503

	August 8, 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	18	100.00%	20	0	90.00%	2	
1530	COLONIAL HEIGHTS	72	68	94.44%	74	-4	91.89%	14	
1569	FAIRFAX	39	45	115.38%	41	6	109.76%	22	
	WEST	306	297	97.06%	326	-9	91.10%	76	
	To reach 2020 National GOAL			306	we need	9			
	To reach 2020 Virginia GOAL			326	we need	29			