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Dates to Remember

107th Promenade Natl
Sept. 22-26, 2026
Gettysburg, PA

Fall Cheminot: Nov 6-7 2026
Winter Cheminot: Feb 6-7 2027
Colonial Heights
Southland Dixie: TBA Apr 2027
Columbus, GA
Grand Prom: TBA Jul 2027
Colonial Heights

Prom. Natl 2027: 108th Wichita, KS
2028: 109th Wichita, KS



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R. "Doc" Jordan
GRANDE CHEF DE TRAIN
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From the Grande Chef de Train

Sept 2026

Bonjour Comrade Voyageurs

Yes, We have members! But.....Father time has been very unkind to us lately and we now have fewer members than last month. It is a dynamic process that requires continued input to remain viable. Certainly, we are all saddened when a comrade departs our ranks for Voiture Everlasting but we understand that this is a cycle of nature that we cannot disrupt. We are also dismayed when a comrade departs our ranks by simply walking away from our organization for whatever other reasons. It is simple mathematics that if more parts of a whole are lost than are replenished, the whole is diminished and if continued will become null and void! This is too great of an organization to even contemplate that scenario. Also, unfortunately, we are an organization of aging veterans in need of younger members who can provide the strength and vitality that we once had but has long since abandoned us. We can combat this by recruitment and mentoring; educating and inviting; passion and commitment; fun and comradeship. To do so we must communicate! What brought you to join the 40&8? PASS IT ON!!!!

There are Veterans out there who would like to continue serving. Let us give them the home to work from and the leadership and fellowship they need to grow in their service. We can be good comrades and have fun doing it!

Stay aware for that Veteran that you would like to recruit.

Until we meet again.....
Richard "Doc" Jordan
Grande Chef de Train

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Sept 2026

Greetings Fellow Voyagers! It's that time again. School is in session, at least in Northern Virginia. I'd like to remind everyone to take that into consideration while driving around your neighborhood. Young children are everywhere, not just in school zones.

Young children do not have developed brain capacity and are more likely to run in front of vehicles. Be prepared to stop at all times. Be especially alert around parks, playgrounds and rec centers. Watch your speed and observe posted speed limits.

Be especially alert in school zones. Many school zones have cameras posted and will result in heavy fines for speeding. Child safety should be number one on your mind, not getting caught by the cameras. Be responsible.

If you are participating in any volunteer activities through any school, remember to track your time, mileage, funds, etc. and report them on the Petite Communiqué / consolidated report. Just because it's not a 40/8 function doesn't mean you can't take credit. You're a 40&8'er and credit can be taken by you for any activity you are involved. Any donations of school supplies, paper, notebooks etc. should be taken into consideration. Many of us donate so much that we neglect to take credit. Don't forget volunteer hours spend in school.

For any voyager interested in obtaining pins, I have ordered Child Welfare pins for the Grande. The 25-pin order might be more pins than most can handle. As soon as I receive them, I will let you know. I'll bring them to the next Grande Cheminot and to the Nationale prom. The price per pin is now \$4.00. I spoke with John Schenk and have ordered 10 additional pins for Voyager 86.

As always, I'm available if you need assistance. My contact information is listed above. Leave a short message if I don't pick up and I will return your call. Thank you for your service and continued service through 40/8.

For God and country,
Jack White



GRANDE DIRECTEUR POW-MIA

Jim Payne

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Sept 2026



Salut, I want to take a moment to remind every Voyageur why the POW/MIA mission remains one of the most sacred trusts we carry. Since 1920, the Forty and Eight has never wavered in its commitment to those who did not come home and to the families who still wait for answers. That commitment is not a relic of history; it is a living duty, and it falls to each of us to carry it forward.

Where We Stand

As of this writing, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) continues its work identifying the remains of service members still unaccounted for from World War II, Korea, the Cold War, and Vietnam. Nationally, more than 81,000 Americans remain missing. Every recovery, every identification, and every homecoming is a direct result of sustained public awareness and the funding pressure that organizations like ours help maintain. Our voice, added to thousands of others across the country, matters more than we sometimes realize.

- National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed the third Friday of September. As always, we continue to remember a little more this month.

A Call to Every Voyageur

The empty chair. The missing man table. The folded flag with no name attached. These symbols only carry weight if we keep telling their story to the next generation. **Never Forgotten** is not a slogan we retire when the ceremony ends. It is a promise we renew every single day until every one of our brothers and sisters is accounted for.

You are not forgotten.

En Avant,
Jim Payne



GRANDE DU VIRGINIE
2026-2027 ROLL CALL TO VOITURE EVERLASTING

20 Jun 26	V-1530	Wilie T. Harris	20 Yrs
15 Jun 26	V-86	Rodney Drummond	12 Yrs
25 Jun 26	V-380/1569	Rick Forstester	34 Yrs
19 Jul 26	V-1530	Milton Bolton	23 Yrs

From the Desk of the Grande Directeur of Special Awards
David Stephens

It is my great pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Voyageur Steven Simonson on being selected as the 2026–2027 Voiture Locale 1530's Voyageur of the Year and Grande du Virginia Voyageur of the Year.

I would also like to congratulate Voyageur Richard "Doc" Jordan on becoming the Grande Directeur of Membership for 2026–2027. Voyageur Doc attended the Grande functions and signed it at each one. Voyageur Doc would receive a PLM in the 40&8. However, he already is a PLM and was awarded \$100.00.

These honors are a testament to your dedication, leadership, and commitment to our organization. May you both continue to inspire others and achieve great success in your new roles.

Congratulations, Steven and Doc!

Wishing you both a successful and rewarding 2026–2027 year.



NPCC = NATIONAL PASSE CHEFS CLUB

Each year there are at least 10 Locale Chefs and one Grande Chef in Grande du Virginia. How many of you 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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Sept 2026

Greetings, for this issue of our newsletter, I am including some pictures of the Merci train exhibit that the Questers group put together and are displaying at various locations in Virginia. I am looking forward to attending our National Convention in September. I will have Box Car pins and crew cards for sale at our Fall Cheminot in November.,

Merci, Paul Bartz



Virginia's "MERCI" boxcar is located in the Newport News War Museum. When a Grande purchased more than \$150.00 in boxcar pins / crew cards / associates, they can submit paperwork to NBCA and NBCA will send them an annual "MERCI" boxcar restoration fee. Grande du Virginia donates that stipend to the War Museum. Merci for supporting the "boxcar program".





GRANDE CORRESPONDANT

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Sept 2026

*Salut Virginie,
Here we go, another organization year.*

Our most important program obviously is MEMBERSHIP. We will not receive our membership requirements until after promenade Nationale. However, I believe that our requirements (goal) for 2026-2027 will be one more than what you finished the 2025-2026 year with.

Each Locale fights for recognition by reaching certain percentages.

For example: 50% by the Fall Cheminot (Nov 26); 75% by the Winter Cheminot (Feb 27); 100% by the Grande Promenade (Jul 27) and 110% by Promenade Nationale (Sep 27).

Membership: Why not challenge your fellow Voyageurs to pay their dues and help your Locale meet these percentages?

Unfortunately, another Virginia Locale turned in their charter. The good news is that those Voyageurs transferred into another Virginia Locale.

Scheduling events can be time consuming! Why? We do not want to schedule something the same date/timeframe of any other veteran's organization. The Grande Fall Cheminot / Wreck has been moved to the first weekend in November. Registration form included in this edition. Please register so the hosting Locale has an idea of how much food will be needed.

Grande Chef Geri decided that the Winter Cheminot / Homecoming (Feb 2027) will be a "LUAU". to be held at Voiture Locale 1530, Chateau 1530. Candlewood Suite has blocked six rooms for those who want to come up Friday night.

Should you attend the Cheminot or Grande Promenade? There is a sign inn 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 whoever is signed in on that specific number will receive a 40&8 P L M paid for by the Grande.

My smart staff below wishes everyone a Happy Holiday and prospective New Year!

Merci, John



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Greetings, Voyageurs

Sept 2026

I hope everyone had a great summer season. It is time to really get involved in our programs for the Forty and Eight. Let us make the push to make our programs a success between now and the end of the new year. Did you know that Youth Sports is great for building our nation's youth to be responsible adults?

Here are Five Lessons that can carry our youth into successful business:

- **Set clear goals.** You work for the team's success. Having clear goals not only helps your work succeed but helps you learn what is needed to succeed.
- **Take the blame for your failures.** If you're leading a sports team or a company, you must be a role model for others by taking the blame for your mistakes and rewarding others who do the same.
- **Learn** from successes and failures and keep going.
- **Prepare** -think clearly about the outcome you want and the details of making that happen.
- **Know critical details** – Learn what goes into making a winning team. Apply the knowledge you have gained to be on top. If you keep applying the lessons you have learned from sports, your business success could turn you into a very wealthy person.

Did you know that 95% of Fortune 500 executives participated in high school athletics and 96% of dropouts in 14 school districts in seven regions of the nation were not participating in an athletic program?

Youth Sports are a fantastic way for children to start respecting authority other than parents or teachers. A large part of life is about learning how to handle and interact with authoritative figures. Respecting authority goes a long way for you to become successful. Our nation's young women also benefit from youth sports.

Did you know that female high school athletes are:

- **92% less** likely to get involved with drugs.
- **80% less** likely to get pregnant.
- **3 times more likely** to graduate than non-athletes.

The Forty and Eight can do great by seeking out those teams in need of a financial boost.

For La Societe
Randall Shrader
Director of Youth Sports



Memorial Day
Merci Voyageurs — 2027

5 Years
R. Kevin Jones, V-1530

10 Years
Alice V. Cooper, V-86

15 Years
V-1569

20 Years
John Burrell, V-976
Victor I. Graulau, V-1569
James E. Rovinski, V-1530
J. A. "Jack" White, V-1569

25 Years
Randall B. Shrader, V-1569

30 Years
John Ronkartz, V-1530

35 Years
Randy Newman, V-1569
Marvin C. Rodney, V-1569

40 Years
V-1312

45 Years
William S. Martin, V-1184

50 Years
, V-86

55 Years
V-1184

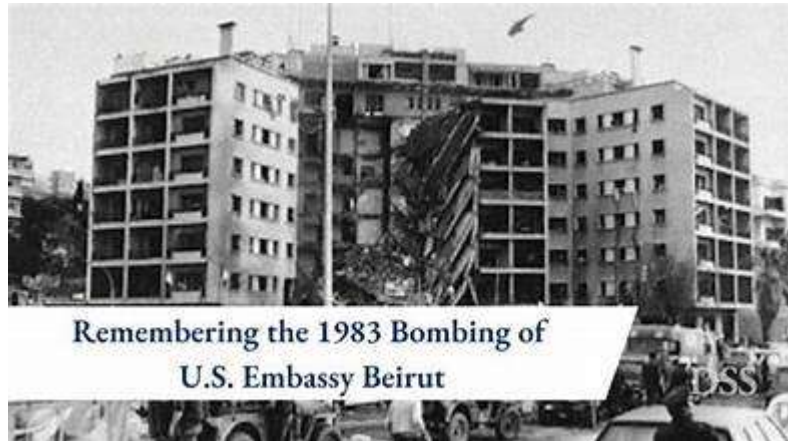
70 Years
, V-976

DAYS of INFAMY THAT SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN

Pearl Harbor



Beirut



9-11



DIRECTEUR PUBLIC RELATIONS

Victor Graulau

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Sept 2026

As we begin the 2026 membership year, we need to hear from every Locale about its Promenades, Cheminot, Voiture activities, community service, VA&R, and VAVS efforts. Communication among Locales has been limited, and we need to improve it. When we share what we are doing, we strengthen our visibility and our value as a Veterans service organization. If we do not promote our work in the community, the community may not know we are here to serve.

Improving communication starts with identifying someone in each Locale who can help promote events and activities through your American Legion, VFW, or fraternal organization. Many tools are available, including social media, newsletters, blogs, locale websites, and pages hosted on post websites when permitted. These channels can help promote both the Voiture Locale and the Forty and Eight. 40&8 also offers useful public relations resources. Visit The Forty and Eight - Public Relations page or go to <https://www.fortyandeight.org/public-relations>. These are only a few of the resources available to help us communicate more effectively.

If your Locale has a newsletter, webpage, or blog, please let me know so I can link it to our Grande website. If your Locale participates in programs such as Flags for First Graders, Nurses Training, blood drives, Veterans visits, or other service activities, we want to share those efforts through our monthly eblast, Facebook page, and National publications. Please send questions, concerns, comments, and updates to vgraulaujr@gmail.com. If I do not have the answer, I will help connect you with someone who does.

Merci,
Victor Graulau



Directeur of Americanism

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Sept 2026

Hello,

First, I would like to offer congrats to all the new officers for the 26-27 year.

Let's see if we can get Grande du Virginia to 100%.

I think that those who attended the promenade had a very good time. Lots of business was taken care of.

Let's all remember that the children will be back to school starting soon. Please be mindful of the speed zones.

In September we have the 25th Anniversary of Honoring all the First Responders and people who came to the Aid for the Twin Towers.

Don't forget to get your registration in for the November Wreck. We have fun welcoming the new PG's.

Make sure that you check on your fellow Voyageurs.

" Meric"
James E. Rovinski



Grande Chef de Gare

Sept 2026

From the Desk of the Grande Chef de Gare

Hello, everyone!

First and foremost, thank you for voting me in as your Grande Chef de Gare for another year. It is truly an honor. Of course, there is one small technicality... I was already the Grande Chef de Gare! Apparently, you all decided I needed the job again. I appreciate the confidence—and the job security!

At our last Promenade, several important issues were discussed, and it is clear that addressing them will take all of us working together. The 40&8 is a family, and like any family, we all have a part to play in keeping it strong, healthy, and moving forward.

Keeping Grande du Virgie Strong

Grande Commissaire Intendant Randy brought up our financial challenges, and we need to start thinking creatively about fundraisers. Our goal is to keep Grande du Virginie strong for many years to come.

If you have an idea for a fundraiser—big, small, brilliant, or even slightly questionable—please send it to Grande Correspondant John and/or me. We are always willing to hear your ideas!

The success of our organization depends on all of us. The 40&8 is a family, and every family member needs to pitch in from time to time. After all, the family that fundraises together... stays together!

Membership: We Need You!

Another important topic was membership. We need to increase both Locale and Grande membership, because we are losing too many members and, unfortunately, too many Locales.

Every one of us should be actively looking for new members. Our future success depends on bringing new people into the organization and reminding current members why the 40&8 is worth being part of.

I am asking my Sous Chefs to contact the Locales throughout Virginia. Remind them what we do, when we meet, and—most importantly—how much we would love to see them participate in Grande functions.

We should also take advantage of opportunities in our own communities. If there are military bases near you, contact the base's public relations office and see how we can work together to promote our organization. We all know veterans, so let's invite them to become part of our family.

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Transition and employment job fairs for outgoing military personnel are another great opportunity to get our name out there and introduce the 40&8 to veterans who may be looking for a new organization and a new way to stay connected.

Membership growth doesn't happen by accident. It happens because we invite people, tell our story, and make them feel welcome.

Mark Your Calendars!

We have some exciting events coming up, so get out your calendars—and perhaps a large red marker!

Grande Cheminot & Annual Wreck

November 6–7, 2026 at Locale 1530

I am looking forward to seeing many of you there. Come ready to participate, have some fun, and help keep the Grande moving in the right direction.

Grande Cheminot & Chef de Gare Homecoming

February 5–6, 2027 at Locale 1530

And now for the really important announcement...

The theme for my Homecoming is a TROPICAL LUAU! 🌺 🌴

Hawaiian shirts are strongly encouraged, and yes, I expect everyone to embrace the spirit of the occasion.

However, please remember: **wear more than just a grass skirt and cocoanut tatas!** We want to have fun, but let's keep at least a little dignity intact. 😊

Let's Keep Moving Forward

We have challenges ahead, but we also have a great organization, great people, and a lot of reasons to be optimistic. If every member does their part—whether that means recruiting, attending events, helping with fundraising, or simply encouraging another member to get involved—we can make a real difference.

Thank you for everything you do for the 40&8 and for Grande du Virginie. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Wreck and at our upcoming events.

If you have questions, ideas, or just want to make sure I haven't completely lost my mind, please contact me geri_stephens@ccpsnet.net or John legionjohn@cox.net.

Until then, be safe, stay healthy, and keep the 40&8 spirit alive!

En service and camaraderie,

Geri Stephens



GRANDE DIRECTEUR CARVILLE STAR

“DOC” Jordan

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Sept 2026

Bonjour Voyageurs,

What a summer! First, experiencing the second worst drought in history, then transitioning to stormy monsoons that cause severe property damage and electrical outages. I'm certain that all of these different and changing climatic situations are what make the American fighting men and women so adaptable and contribute to their unique fighting skills. Another ingredient that appears in our unique American psychic is our willingness to give and volunteer for the betterment of our fellow citizens. It is astounding that the progress which has been accomplished over the last 100 years to fight and treat the tragedy of Hansen's Disease. In large part this has resulted from volunteering and charitable giving. The Forty & Eight has played no small role in this story. Over the years we have provided monetary and political support including the original printing press that helped expose this dreaded and debilitating disease to the rest of the world. We then aided in the research that finally provided a treatment so that patients would not have to be isolated in confinement but live productive lives in our society. And finally, as I understand it, a vaccine is very close. What a wonderful success story! But it is not over yet, not until Hansen's Disease is eradicated. Keep up the support and good work until no one ever has to fear this plaque!

I need to give a shout out to all of the Voyageurs that supported this program and especially to Voiture Locale 1530 who for three years now, purchased every buy-a-country and buy-a-city and also was able to contribute to the Carville Museum this year! KUDOS

Au revoir,

Richard “Doc” Jordan

Attenione

There are registration forms in this issue for the Fall Grande Cheminot / Wreck and the Winter Cheminot / Homecoming.

V/M Jim Rovinski has already talked with the hotel and there are six rooms blocked for 40&8 for the November Fall Cheminot. He will also talk with the hotel for rooms to be blocked for the February Winter Cheminot / Homecoming.

Please make your reservation:

Candlewood Suites, 15820 Woods Edge Rd. Col. Heights 804-526-0111,



**Grande Directeur Nurses Training
Gabriela Steinlicht
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Sept 2026

Greetings,

The Grande du Virginia Forty & Eight is proud to support the Nurses Training Program, a program that helps nursing students achieve their dreams by providing scholarships and educational support.

Every day, nurses make a difference in the lives of others through their compassion, dedication, and commitment to caring for our communities. By supporting this program, we are helping provide opportunities for the next generation of nurses who will continue that important work.

I kindly ask each of you to join in supporting this great cause by purchasing Nurses Training Program pins. Each pin purchased helps raise funds for scholarships and ensures that deserving students have the support they need as they work toward a career in nursing.

Thank you for helping the Grande du Virginia Forty & Eight continue this proud tradition of service. Together, we can make a difference — one future nurse at a time.

If I can assist you in any way, please contact me via email, gpsteinlicht@gmail.com or cell phone, 757-343-3524.

en service
Gabriela Steinlicht

**Grande du Virginie
One Day – Grande FALL Cheminot / Wreck**

Nov 7, 2026

**Hosted by Voiture Locale 1530
15930 Happy Hill Rd., Colonial Heights, VA 23834**

Name(s): _____ Voiture Locale: _____

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

Phone: Home: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

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

Registration includes sandwich platter and non-alcoholic drinks.

There will be NO Banquet.

Make checks for the Grande Promenade payable to:

Voiture 1530 (on the memo line put “Grande Cheminot”)

And mail to David Stephens, 2943 Sand Hills Dr. Chester, VA 23831

804-4058-0268, DCStephens65@Gmail.com,

Not later than 28 Oct 2026

Grande Directeur - VA-VS
Corey Reynolds
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Sept 2026

Greetings from little Dinwiddie, Virginia. My name is Corey Reynolds and I have the honor of serving as your Grande VAVS Directeur for this year. I hail from Dinwiddie County, though I grew up “across the river” (Appomattox) in Chesterfield. I am a member of American Legion Post 149, Voiture 1530 of the 40 & 8 and I am in my local Gideons Camp.

I am a veteran of the United States Army where I served as an Airborne Infantryman. I had two tours with the 82nd, at Ft Bragg, a short tour in Germany and a very long tour with 6th ID in Alaska, jumping on the ice and permafrost. I deployed a few other places but these were home and my Alaska service is what I tend to think of when I am asked “where did you serve?”

As to VAVS, I have long felt that if veterans do not help each other, then we really can’t count on no one else to do it. Back during “COVID” I had to go to the emergency room at McGuire VA hospital for something minor. I brought nothing with me save for an “E-reader”, my cell phone and the clothes on my back. Imagine my surprise when I was admitted to the hospital and spent more than a week there?

I had, literally, brought nothing with me for a stay of any kind. Due to “COVID” rules they would not allow my wife to bring me anything nor even to drop off a bag with toiletries. The VA does not provide toiletries to veterans in the hospital. After a few days I was a bit...”ripe” and my teeth were getting fuzzy.

I asked for something, anything...I was emptying the soap dispenser, in the room, trying to wash up. After three days they brought me a toothbrush, a tiny sample sized bar of soap, a tiny lady’s shampoo and a set of earplugs, for the TV at night, with a sticker on them stating that they had been donated by an American Legion Post. That was it.

Once I was released, I went home and, during my prayer time, God just kept my time in the hospital before me. I felt that God led me to ask my Legion post for help. We began collecting basic toiletry items and taking them to Voluntary Services at the VA. After a while I had requests from area churches to participate and one of our members, who is skilled at making such things, crafted us several stout donation boxes. We put them in two churches and a community center. We started calling this “Vets Helping Vets.”

As Covid ended, I got ready to wind this down and bring it to a close. However, before I could do so I met a man. While sitting outside of the pharmacy pickup at McGuire I got to speaking with an elderly vet. It was clear that he was poor and alone. As I spoke with him, he told me that he was closing out three weeks in the VA. All three weeks were AFTER the VA lifted the COVID restrictions. I mentioned that, at least, he could have friends or relatives bring him soap, shampoo and the like. He gave me the saddest look and said “I don’t have anyone to do that for me.”

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He went on to say, "Thank God for whoever was donating stuff." I looked around and realized that he was one of dozens, right there, who were, most likely, in the same boat and I made up my mind to continue the "Vets Helping Vets" program.

Today, the original American Legion Post 149, has been joined by Voiture Locale 1530 of the 40&8. We have boxes in six major churches across three localities, two community centers and a high school class in Chesterfield, has joined into collecting toiletries, new sweat tops and bottoms and new socks. There are many other things that we could collect but we stick with those basics. Almost every month I am making one or two trips to the VA with loads ranging from one box to the bed of my truck filled up. What we bring is distributed to in-patient veterans at McGuire VA hospital but I should like to see this grow to include all of the Virginia VA hospitals.

At the end of the day the "Vets Helping Vets" program is all about us, the veterans who use the hospital, helping the veterans who are in the hospital. Filling in a gap which the VA does not cover, toiletries and clothes to wear home if the patient lost theirs coming through the ER (and that happens often, I can attest to this as a former EMT in Chesterfield). It is a tangible something that we can do right now. As the VAVS Directeur I am really looking forward to finding out about, and doing, far more than just Vets Helping Vets. I encourage anyone who knows of a need to reach out to me and I will be glad to look into it. We bring in new members and that is good. VAVS is there to help give them a way to serve and any veteran will tell you that we are all about "service."

En service
Corey Reynolds

Grande du Virginie

TWO Day – Grande Winter Cheminot / Homecoming

FEB 6-7, 2027

Hosted by Voiture Locale 1530

15930 Happy Hill Rd., Colonial Heights, VA 23834

Name(s): _____ Voiture Locale: _____

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

Phone: Home: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

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

Total Amt. Enclosed: \$ _____

Friday night Chateau Hospitality (1800-).

Saturday night Banquet. Theme "Luau"

Make checks for the Grande Winter Cheminot payable to:

Voiture 1530 (on the memo line put "Grande Cheminot/Homecoming")

And mail to David Stephens, 2943 Sand Hills Dr. Chester, VA 23831

804-4058-0268, DCStephens65@Gmail.com,

Not later than 15 Jan 2027

	August 13, 2026								
			NATL	RENEW	NATL	VA	VA	VA	PLM
V/L	LOCATION		26 GOAL	2026	26 GOAL	26 GOAL	SHORT	% of 26	
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53	RICHMOND	WEST	22	19	86.36%	22	-3	86.36%	1
86	NORFOLK	EAST	50	50	100.00%	51		98.04%	5
380	BULL RUN	WEST	25	23	92.00%	25	-2	92.00%	4
449	RICHMOND-HENRICO	WEST	8	10	125.00%	8	2	125.00%	
976	NEWPORT NEWS	EAST	27	21	77.78%	27	-6	77.78%	11
1184	CHARLOTTESVILLE	WEST	34	35	102.94%	34	1	102.94%	7
1312	SOUTH HILL	WEST	18	17	94.44%	18	-1	94.44%	3
1530	COLONIAL HEIGHTS	EAST	68	69	101.47%	68	1	101.47%	15
1569	FAIRFAX	WEST	45	38	84.44%	45	-7	84.44%	18
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TOTALS			297	282	94.95%	298	-15	94.63%	64
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To reach 2026 National GOAL				297	we need	15			
To reach 2026 Virginia GOAL				298	we need	16			

Comrades of the Legion

Comrades of the Legion, Marching onward on parade,
Forward, ever forward, may your banner never fade,

One million friends of Uncle Sammy,
You were tried and proved true,
Comrades of the Legion, Of the Red, White and Blue

March on! March on! You noble lads of yesterday,
March on! March on! You loyal sons with temples turning gray,
Command! Command! Respect and honor to the flag forever- more,
Demand! Demand! Protection for the land that we adore, we adore
So, its Hat's off to the Leather Necks; We salute the Navy Blue;
To the Army Gray and to all the U.S.A. Give a cheer, give a cheer. "RAY"

Comrades of the Legion, we will build a mighty host,
Each one is a true son, who will never leave the Post.

One million men Pledge their devotion to our God and country too,

Comrades of the legion, of the Red, White & Blue.

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