



Voyageurs Militaire:

Greetings to all. Fall is here, the beautiful fall colors are gone and the leaves are on the ground. The cleanup is being done. Winter is on its way. Time to get the snow blowers and shovels ready. Hunting season is here. Please be careful.

Promenade Nationale is over. New slates of officers have been installed. The new Chef de Chemin de Fer is Barry Bovee from Michigan. Donald Reed from Arizona is the Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer, representing our area. The National password has been changed. It cannot be written, so contact me or another Grand Officer.

Membership is slowly coming in. I let Grand Chef de Train Jerry report on this.

I have been putting on a lot of miles travelling. The Ad Hoc committee met on September 22nd in Sauk Rapids to discuss changing cutting the Mid-Winter and Grand Promenade from 3 days to 2 days. We had a lot of input and ideas. We came up with what we feel will be a good solution. Input and ideas will be given to the general membership at the Mid-Winter. On October 17th, Grand President Renae and I attended the pheasant dinner at the St. Cloud VAMC representing Grand du Minnesota and The Grande Cabane.

I attended the Grande Cabane Cheminot in Grand Rapids on October 20th. I only had to travel 1 mile for this. We have been invited to attend the Veterans Day festivities and parade at the St. Cloud VAMC. We have also have a invitation to attend the pheasant dinner and Veterans Day program at the Fargo VAMC. Since we can't be at both programs, I have asked Mel. Stoppelman to represent me and Arlette Hartung to represent Renae. We will travel to Fargo.

The Mid-Winter will be held in Fairbault on February 2-3-4, 2013, Information on this is listed in this news letter.

Voiture 806 has 2 PGs to be wrecked. We are looking for a wreck we could bring them to. If you know of any wrecks coming up in the near future, let me know.

Grand Chef de Gare
Don Snow



 **Calendar
Of Events**

Voiture Locales- Events/Functions to be published in the Grand Voiture Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor as soon as you know the Dates. They will run in this Column as long as possible before the event/function. Get them in and spread the word so many others will know about the event.

- 11/20/12 Voiture 414 Poultry Party and raffle 6:30 PM — Hutchinson Legion
- 12/2/12 Voiture 414 Nurses Training Banquet & Awards 5:30 Social 6:30 Dinner — Hutchinson Legion
- 2/1-3/13 Mid-Winter Faribault, MN—Rice County 1324 — Hotel; Americinn & Suits — 507-334-9464
- 5/3-5/13 Minn-Dakota More information to follow as received



**MINNEAPOLIS
VETERANS HOSPITAL
VISITATION**

The below listed order of visitation will be a Permanent article in the monthly newsletter.

Chef's de Gare and Correspondants Locale are asked to review it each month and get your Voyageurs Militaire committed to attending the monthly assigned visitation. A minimum of six Voyageurs are requested. La Femmes are welcome and encouraged to attend the Visitation.

- 26 Oct. Voiture 33, St Paul Park**
- 28 Nov. Voiture 39, St Paul**
- 26 Dec. Voiture 38, Ramsey County
2013**
- 23 Jan. Voiture 390, Anoka County**
- 27 Feb. Voiture 1281, Minnetonka**
- 27 Mar. Voiture 44 Forest Lake**

Voiture 791 no show

Voyageurs out for the Visitation are to meet **John Torma, Richard Hammond, VAVS Representatives at the Center in the main Atrium at 6:50 P. M. The Visitation can be completed in less than one hour. LaFemmes are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

ENDORSEMENTS 2013-2014
Endorsements for Grande Voiture Office must be submitted in writing and signed by The Chef de Gare & correspondent Locale. Please submit a **Separate Letter for each Office Endorsed.** Letters which do not meet with mandate will be returned.

Now is the time to start working on those endorsements for the 2013 year of Grand Voiture du Minnesota. Remember endorsements must be signed by the Chef de Gare and Correspondant Locale of your Voiture Locale.

V-390 Anoka Bob Lockar 10th Dist. GR. Cheminot



**TAPS
VOITURE EVERLASTING
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2012**

Antone K Crowser	Bemidji	V-582
Norbert Kaufman	N Y A	V-414
Daniel Leduc	Pequot Lakes	V-754
Dorsey G Showen	Cass Lake	V-714
David Victor	Sauk Rapids	V-415
George J Bauer	Mankato	V-281
John Debnam	Jordan	
Albert Hoffman	Bellingham	V-62
David F Kain	Minnesota Lake	V-281
Clifford Karsten	Canby	V-62
James Lusting	Virginia	V-63
Kevin L Meger	Mankato	V-281
Glen M Ridlon	Park Rapids	V-712

Space permitting TAPS will be published in the newsletter as taken from the Web Page of Voiture Nationale on a monthly basis. Names of deceased Voyageurs submitted to Voiture Nationale will be published. Correspondant Locales should use the form from the Voiture Nationale Web site to send them to Voiture Nationale



PASSWORD HAS CHANGED
The password for La Societe was changed at the recently held Promenade in Fort Mitchel Kentucky. If you don't have the new password you can call a Grand Voiture Officer and he will give it to you. Remember, the password cannot be communicated in writing to anyone. This is a zero tolerance Rule!

VOYAGEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Donald J. Theis Voyageur of the Year Award applications for 2013 are again available to any Voiture Locale wishing them contact the Grand Correspondant and they will be sent out.

Members of Grand du Minnesota attended the Promenade Nationale in Fort Mitchell Kentucky, they were; Dick Skillestad, Dwight Dupey, Craig Boelter, Tom Taylor, Chuck Hartung, Tom Allen, Robert Redden, and Mel. Stoppelman. All Committee meetings were attended by one or more of the delegates.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 1-2-3 2013

FARIBAULT, MN.

Head Quarters Hotel— AMERICINN

FARIBAULT, MN

PHONE— 507-334-9464

PRICE; \$85.00 + TAX

Hotel Rooms are under the 40/8 Voiture 1324.

These rooms will be held under this block until

JANUARY 3, 2013

Rice County Voiture 1324

Hosting the Mid-Winter Conference on

FEBREARY 1-2-3, 2013

Coffee-Juice, Milk and Assorted Rolls on Sat. Morning— Noon lunch will feature soup & Sandwich. Sunday morning SAL Omelet Breakfast.

OFFICE LISTS

The below listed Voiture Locales still have not turned in an officers list for 2012-2013. This list is used to get Officers of your Voiture Locale on the mailing list and to certify your Voiture Locale with Voiture Nationale. It is also used to compile the page for your Voiture Locale in the Grand Directory.

Anoka 390

Winona 580

Bemidji 582

Pequot Lakes 754

Crookston 772

S. W. Minnesota 1468

Another blank form has been mailed to the contact person of those Voiture Locales. Take the five minutes and complete this form and get it back to the Grand Correspondant.

2013 GRAND DIRECTORY

AD'S

There is still time to get your AD in the 2013 Grand Directory. The Prices are still the same 1/4 Page = \$30.00, 1/2 page = \$50.00, Full Page = \$100.00.

Please renew your ad's and sell others if at all possible. Send your ad's along with a check to;

Bob King - 7093 Robinwood Trail— Woodbury, MN. 55125

BARRY K. BOVEE

ELECTED TO THE HIGH OFFICE OF
"CHEF de CHEMIN de FER"



Chef de Chemin de Fer (Barry Bovee)

Barry was born May 18, 1946 in Adrian, Michigan. He attended Chesterfield-Dover High School and graduated in 1964. After one year at Adrian College Barry entered the U. S. Army and proudly served with the 4th and 26th Infantry Divisions in the Republic of Vietnam.

Returning home from the service he joined the American Legion Post 388 in Morenci, Michigan and is a 45 year continuous member. He has served on most appointed and elective offices and has served as Post Commander 5 times. Barry was the first Vietnam member of the Post and is an Honorary Life Member.

He was invited to join La Societe in 1990 and is a 22 year member. He has served the Locale as Box Car chairman for 6 years, Commissaire Intendant for 6 years, and other elected and appointed positions and was elected Chef de Gare Locale 997 in 1994.

On the Grand level Barry has served as Nurses Training Director, Commissaire Intendant 5 years, Grand Cheminot, and went thru the Grand line to become Grand Chef de Gare in 2004.

On the National level he has served as Cheminot, Conducteur, Youth Sports Committee, Sous Membership Director, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer in 2010, and 2 years Sec/Treas. Box Car Association.

Barry is a Life Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1584 and has served as Post Commander 3 years, trustee 10 years and many other offices. He is a Life Member of Amvets Post 1957 and owner member of the Addison Defense and Gun Club.

He is married to wife Linda with sons Scott and Mike, grandsons Jordan, Grant, and Connor. Enjoys hunting, fishing, golf, Voiture 997's train, and seeing smiles on children's faces.

The Ten Commandments of the Forty and Eight

Taken from L'Etoile du Nord - May 1923

1. The Voyageur Militaire is the life blood of the Voiture and La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux.
2. My fellow Voyageurs and I are La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, without our active support it ceases to exist.
3. As a Voyageur Militaire, I am the representative of my Voiture Locale and Voiture Nationale, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux. Whatever I do or say reflects directly upon myself and my Fellow Voyageurs Militaire.
4. As a Voyageur Militaire, I am responsible for why my Voiture Locale and Voiture Nationale stands. It can be no more than what my fellow Voyageurs and I together make it.
5. As a Voyageur Militaire, I should not criticize what my Fellow Voyageurs do for the Forty and Eight unless I have a better suggestion and I am prepared to do it myself.
6. As a Voyageur Militaire, I must remember that the fact that I bear the title of Forty and Eight Voyageur is not enough. I must continue to be an active member to be a Forty and Eightier.
7. As a Voyageur Militaire, I should treat my Fellow Voyageurs with respect, honor and understanding that I would like to receive from them.
8. It is not my right to be a Voyageur Militaire it is an honor. I should respect that honor by abiding by all Forty and Eight precepts.
9. La Societe does me an honor by calling on me. I am not doing my Voiture a favor by serving. It is both an obligation and privilege.
10. Whatever differences my Fellow Voyageurs and I may have, we are all bound together by the bonds of our Loyalty to our Voiture, to La Societe and to all American Veterans.

GRAND VIOTURE DU MINNESOTA MEMBERSHIP AS OF OCTOBER 18, 2012

VOITURE	#	2012	2013	% of Quota	Short
ST. PAUL PARK	33	25	24	96.00%	-1
ST. PAUL	39	45	3	6.67%	-42
FOREST LAKE	44	59	2	3.39%	-57
CHIPPEWA COUNTY	54	17	0	0.00%	-17
MADISON	62	27	25	92.59%	-2
MANKATO	281	75	37	49.33%	-38
ROCHESTER	327	99	24	24.24%	-75
ANOKA	390	41	14	34.15%	-27
HUTCHINSON	414	136	5	3.68%	-131
ST. CLOUD	415	82	19	23.17%	-63
WINONA	580	23	0	0.00%	-23
BEMIDJI	582	27	9	33.33%	-18
VIRGINIA	634	47	34	72.34%	-13
PARK RAPIDS	712	32	18	56.25%	-14
CASS COUNTY	714	15	14	93.33%	-1
EAST GRAND FORKS	734	38	1	2.63%	-37
THIEF RIVER FALLS	737	31	1	3.23%	30
PEQUOT LAKES	754	30	9	30.30%	-21
CROOKSTON	772	19	19	100.00%	0
BRAINERD	778	30	21	70.00%	-9
BAYPORT/STILLWATER	791	61	59	96.72%	-2
GRAND RAPIDS	806	42	37	88.10%	-5
RAMSEY COUNTY	838	19	1	5.26%	-18
ALBERT LEA	1210	10	3	30.00%	-7
MINNETONKA	1281	102	3	2.94%	-99
FAIRBAULT	1324	32	0	0.00%	-32
LITTLE FALLS	1329	54	33	61.11%	-21
WILLMAR	1413	32	0	0.00%	-32
ROSEAU	1436	31	28	90.32%	-3
DAKOTA COUNTY	1457	53	4	7.55%	-49
SOUTHWEST MINN	1468	22	22	100.00%	0
TOTALS		1373	482	35.11%	-891



MEMBERSHIP

Fellow Voyageurs,

Fall has finally arrived and with the change of seasons also comes the change in ones busy schedule. We start thinking of the upcoming holidays, heading south for the winter, etc. but we seem to forget about our 40/8 programs. The membership committee (comprised of All Voyageurs) seems to slack off in their duties this time of the year. Do not let this happen in your Voiture. Keep trying to get renewals. Make phone calls, make personal visits, whatever it takes to meet your quota. There is still some goose eggs out there. One would thing at least the Chef de Gare locale would pay his dues. We are all in this together to help our great organization survive for years to come.

Voiture Nationale has come out with a great incentive program, You can view this on the 40/8 website under "Membership" but I am enclosing a portion of the program in this newsletter. Take advantage of it. You may be one of the lucky ones.

Jerry Block, Grand Membership Director

"LUCKY 13"
Membership Incentive Program
WIN \$1,300.00 ... PLUS!

VOYAGEUR - When you renew or reinstate your annual membership, you will be assigned 13 opportunities to win \$1,300.00. That's RIGHT! You can win \$1,300.00 CASH! If an individual joins the 40/8 during the program period, they will also be assigned 13 opportunities to win \$1,300.00. If you are a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) member, you have already been enrolled in the "Lucky 13" program. If you already have your 2013 Membership Card - YOU'RE IN!
But wait, there's MORE!

LOCALE VOITURE - When a Voyageur renews or reinstates their annual membership, or when an individual joins the 40/8, their respective Locale will also receive 13 opportunities to win \$1,300.00. That's RIGHT! Your Locale can also win \$1,300.00 CASH! And yes, if you are a PUFL member, YOUR Locale has been automatically enrolled in the "Lucky 13" program.
Not done yet, there's STILL MORE!

GRANDE VOITURE - When a Voyageur renews or reinstates their annual membership, or when an individual joins the 40/8, their applicable Grande Voiture will also receive 13 opportunities to win \$1,300.00. That's RIGHT! Your Grande can also win \$1,300.00 CASH! Again, the same is true for PUFL members.

Program began August 1, 2012 and ends on March 15, 2013!

Lucky Number
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