

CONSTITUTION
AND
BY-LAWS
VOITURE 1634
GRAND DU FLORIDA

**CONSTITUTION
(PREAMBLE)**

“For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To create a fraternal, charitable and non-profit veterans organization; to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America; to assist and promote the welfare and well-being of those who served or are now serving in the armed forces of the United States of America; and their widows and orphans; to participate in all memorial services for and to be present at the funerals of departed comrades; to take part in and encourage others to participate in the proper observance of all days honoring veterans; to preserve the memories of our Service in the Armed Forces of our Country; to actively participate within the membership in projects relating to (a) the welfare of the children of America; (b) the health of our Nation by fostering a nurses training program; and (c) selected charitable endeavors.”

**Article I
(Name)**

(Section 1) The name of our organization shall be Voiture 1634 of Grand du Florida. Here after will be referred to as V-1634 or Voiture 1634.

**Article II
(Nature and Objectives)**

(Section 1) Voiture Locale 1634 La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux is a civilian organization with-out rank or distinction between its members; and is non-political.

(Section 2) The objectives of Voiture 1634 are;

- (a). To honor, through membership, those members of the armed forces or veterans who served honorably, and who have proven themselves worthy of such honor!

- (b). Through fraternalism to bind ourselves in close ties afforded by our common services in the Armed Forces of our Country.

**Article III
(Organization)**

(Section 1) Voiture Local 1634, shall be organized in such a manner as to comply with the Constitution of Voiture Nationale and or the Constitution of the Grand du Florida; and to such an extent only as to be not in conflict with such Voiture Nationale and Grand du Florida's constitution.

(Section 2) Voiture 1634 of Grand du Florida; La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, shall consist of 10 or more veterans who have served honorably or are on active duty. Who are eligible for membership in La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, and in compliance with Article XI of Voiture Nationale constitution; La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux.

Article IV (Membership)

(Section 1) Honorary membership is FORBIDDEN!

(Section 2) Numerical limitation of membership is FORBIDDEN!

(Section 3) Petition for membership, removal of membership, transfer of membership and matters relating to membership shall be governed by the provisions of ARTICLE V, Section 5 through Section 17 Voiture Nationale Constitution.

Article V (Officers)

Section 1) The Officers of Voiture 1634, of La Grand du Florida shall be:

- (1)- one – Chef de Gare
- (1)- one – Chef de Train
- (1)- one - Commissaire Intendant
- (1)- one - Correspondant
- (1)– one - Conducteur
- (1)- one - Garde de La Porte
- (1)- one - Historien
- (1)– one - Lampiste
- (1)- one - Medicin
- (1)- one - Aumonier
- (1)- one - Avocat
- (3)- three- Cheminot-at-Large (Chef de Gare Passe, and 2 members at large).

And such other officers, not inconsistent herewith, which the Voiture Locale may determine; which other officers however, shall have duties and standing only within the jurisdiction of the Voiture Locale.

(Section 2) The Officers named in SECTION 1 of this ARTICLE shall be elected annually; except the Commissaire Intendant, the Correspondant, and Avocat; which officers shall be appointed by the Chef de Gare, Subject to the approval of the Cheminot Locale; installed and certified to the Grande Voiture and to Voiture Nationale.

(Section 3) There shall be a Cheminot Locale consisting of the Chef de Gare, Chef de Train, Commissaire Intendant, Correspondant, and the (2) two elected Cheminot-at-Large.

(Section 4) Vacancies occurring in any office elective or appointed shall be filled by appointment by the Chef de Gare, with the approval of the Cheminot Locale, for the unexpired term of such office, and ratified by the membership in Promenade assembled.

(Section 5) Any officer who has 3 three unexcused absences during a term of office shall be considered to have involuntary resigned their position.

(Section 6) Each of the officers of Voiture Locale 1634 shall hold office for term of one (1) year; without compensation; and until a successor has been chosen and qualified.

(Section 7) Each officer of the Voiture Locale 1634 who receives or distributes money of the Voiture Locale shall be bonded in the sum to be determined by the Voiture Locale or by the Cheminot Locale of the Voiture.

(Section 8) All funds of Voiture 1634 shall be deposited and carried in the name of the Voiture Locale 1634 in such depository as may be selected by the Cheminot Locale; and funds may be withdrawn only with the joint signatures of the Commissaire Intendant, and Chef de Gare or Correspondant.

ARTICLE VI **(Duties of Officers)**

(Section 1) (THE CHEF DE GARE) Shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Voiture Locale. He shall preside at all promenades and meetings of the Cheminot Locale. He shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Cheminot Locale, and the Voiture Locale all the appointive officers. He shall appoint all standing committees of the Voiture locale except as otherwise provided and shall perform such other duties as may properly come within the province of his office. He is lawfully entitled to receive and give the “password” of Voiture Nationalee at any time and it shall be his special duty to see that all members in good standing shall receive the current “password” of La Societe, as well the new “password” whenever there is a change in such “password”. He shall be charged with the proper conduct of the Promenades and Wrecks, and shall have the power to discipline any Voyageur, by reprimand or fine, who violates the rules and regulations of the Voiture Local.

(Section 2) (THE CHEF DE TRAIN) Shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Chef de Gare; act as the presiding Officer of the Promenade and/or the Cheminot meeting, in the absence of, or at the request, of the Chef de Gare.

(Section 3) (THE COMMISSAIRE INTENDANT) Shall be the chief financial Officer of the Voiture Locale and shall be charged with the custody of all funds. He shall keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements, and reports thereon at each annual Promenade, or at any time upon the request of the Chef de Gare or Cheminot Locale. He shall pay all bills when

audited and approved by the Cheminot Locale, or the Voiture. It shall be his duty to notify the Gard de La Port when voyageurs are not in good standing.

(Section 4) (THE CORRESPONDANT) Shall be the secretary of the Voiture Promenades and Cheminot Locale. He shall keep a true and accurate record of all proceedings. He shall conduct the correspondence and shall keep a correct list of all Voyageurs Militaire of Voiture Locale and their Officers, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chef de Gare, or as may be incident to his office.

(Section 5) (THE CONDUCTEUR) Shall have charge of all the initiatory work of all wrecks of the Voiture Locale and shall set the dates to all wrecks, subject to the approval of Voiture Locale and ultimate approval of the Grand Chef de Gare of the Grand du Florida. He shall be responsible for the proper exemplification of the Ritual, during the ritualistic work, he shall have entire charge of the Voiture, and shall call Voyageurs to order and give instructions. He is lawfully entitled to receive the "password" at any time.

(Section 6) (THE GARDE DE LA PORTE) Shall perform the usual duties of a Sergeant-at-Arms at all Promenades and Wrecks, and if at any time he may be in doubt as to the standing of any one in the Voiture, he is lawfully entitled to receive the password of La Societe. He shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Chef de Gare.

(Section 7) (THE MEDICIN) Shall perform the usual duties of Medical Officer and shall give each P.G. a thorough physical examination before initiatory work, and to take all or any part of the initiation. He/she shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Chef de Gare.

(Section 8) (THE AUMONIER) Shall perform the usual duties of a Chaplain and such other duties as may be required by the Chef de Gare.

(Section 9) (THE AVOCAT) Shall interpret the Constitution and By-Laws of the Voiture Locale and such other duties as may be required by the Chef de Gare.

(Section 10) (THE CHEMINOT LOCALE) Shall perform such duties as those usually pertaining to Directors or Trustees of a corporation and such other duties the Voiture Locale may require. They shall meet once each month or at the call of the Chef de Gare and shall be empowered to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be required for the proper guidance of the Voiture Locale, subject to the ratification of the Voiture Locale at the next succeeding Promenade. A majority of the members of the Cheminot Locale shall constitute a quorum of that body.

ARTICLE VII

(Finances)

(Section 1) The revenue of the Voiture Locale shall be derived from the per capita dues and the initiation fees, as set forth in the By-Laws of the Voiture Locale further providing that dues are

subject to the provisions of the Voiture Nationale Constitution and the Grand Voiture Constitution dealing with dues.

(Section 2) The initiation fee shall include Voiture dues, Voiture Nationale dues – including Child Welfare assessments, Grande Voiture per-capita tax and other lawful assessments; a chapeau – properly lettered, a Voyageur Militaire marching medal with bar and ribbon, and a regulation 40&8 pin and a ritual manual.

**ARTICLE VIII
(Amendments)**

(Section 1) This Constitution may be amended by presenting a proposed amendment at a regular Promenade and said amendment shall lie upon the table until the next succeeding Promenade, at which time it shall be balloted on by the members present and it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present an voting to adopt any such proposed amendment.

**ARTICLE IX
(Repeal and Conflict)**

(Section 1) This Constitution superseded and takes the place of all earlier Constitutions and Amendments thereof; and the same hereby revoked and annulled.

(Section 2) This constitution is adopted subject to the Constitution of Voiture Nationale and the Grand Voiture du Florida, and such previsions as may be in conflict with such Constitutions shall be null and void.

This Constitution is adopted by Voiture Locale 1634 of Grand du Florida in a regular Promenade

assembled this _____ day of _____, 20____, at

_____.

Chef de Gare Voiture 1634

ATTEST: _____
Correspondant Voiture 1634

BY-LAWS
VOITURE LOCALE #1634
La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

ARTICLE I
(Promenades)

Regular Promenade of Voiture Locale #1634 shall be held on the third (3rd) Saturday of each month, excepting when such date shall occur either the day prior to, on the day of, or the after a legal holiday; at 9:30am, or such other time as the Chef de Gare or Voiture Locale may designate by majority vote at any regular Promenade; at the Headquarters (CHATEAU) of the Voiture Locale; and providing further that a special Promenade to conduct a specific matter of business may be called by the Chef de Gare or the Voiture Locale, with no other business to be conducted unless approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at such special Promenade. Notice of any special promenade shall be sent to the entire membership by the Correspondant, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date set forth for such special Promenade. A quorum for a Promenade shall be seven (7) members in good standing; of which five (5) members shall be elected officers.

ARTICLE II
(Cheminot Locale Meeting)

Meeting of the Cheminot Locale shall be held once each month; the time and place to be designated by the Chef de Gare, with the approval of the Cheminot Locale.

ARTICLE III
(Nomination and Election of P.G.'s)

Nominations of membership shall be made in the following manner:

The name of the proposed member/s shall be placed before the Voiture Locale upon a written nomination form provided by Voiture Nationale,

The form shall be completed by a Voiture Militaire in good standing of Voiture Locale 1634, and filled in, with exception of the signature of the applicant and such other information that can only be furnished by the applicant shall be obtained from the applicant at the time of election and then being wrecked. The nomination shall be read to the membership during a regular promenade assembled and then shall be referred to an "Investigating Committee" appointed by the Chef de Gare. This "Investigating Committee" shall investigate fully, including status as a veteran and if has a DD-214 with Honorable Discharge, that reflects his/or her dates of **Eligibility, ONE DAY**

ON ACTIVE DUTY and any other veterans organization that he/she may belong to and report its findings to the Chef de Gare with recommendations. The nomination shall then be read a second time at the next succeeding promenade. The members present shall vote upon the nomination by secret ballot after allowing for discussion of the nomination by the membership present. **ONE THIRD (1/3) VOTES IN THE NEGATIVE** shall be sufficient to reject the nomination. Any such proposed member so rejected shall not again be nominated for a period of six (6) calendar months. A proposed member shall not be informed of the fact that he/she was not or has been nominated for membership. Upon election to a membership, a P.G. shall be notified by the correspondent only, and in writing.

ARTICLE IV (Voting)

Voting shall be **BY VOICE**, except upon election to membership, shall be by the designated signal as outlined in the official ritual, provided, however, that any three (3) members may call for a rising vote on any questions. The Chef de Gare shall have a vote at all times on any/or all questions.

ARTICLE V (Order of Business)

The order of business at a regular promenade shall be as provided for in the ritual.

ARTICLE VI (Membership Dues)

Dues for annual membership shall be \$25.00 and shall be payable not later than February 1st of each year, and such per capita amount as provided for by Voiture Nationale and the Grand Voiture of Florida shall be distributed from this amount accordingly; and provided further that the initiation fee for new members shall be \$70.00 to be paid prior to the initiation (wreck) of the prospective member, and such fee shall comply with provisions of ARTICLE VII, Section 2 of the Constitution.

ARTICLE VII (Fines)

Any member of La Societe may be fined by the Chef de Gare of the Voiture Locale for infractions of the rules of La Societe and such other reason as may be deemed suitable and proper within a promenade or during a "wreck". Said fines shall be limited to _____ for station officers, Voiture members and guests, except when an elected Grand Officer is present during a promenade the fine shall be (Un 1 dollar - \$1.00). All Voyageurs not in proper attire or late to promenade are subject to fines from the floor. Any errors in addressing the Chef de Gare

or promenades can be fined by the Chef de Gare. Fines will be deposited into the Voiture “General Fund”.

ARTICLE VIII
(Conduct of Promenades)

All Voyageurs Militaire shall conduct themselves with decorum and courtesy in all promenades and failure to do so shall subject them to fines through notions or by order of the Chef de Gare. No Voyageur Militaire shall, under any circumstance, be discourteous to the Chef de Gare or his lawful substitute while presiding. The Conducteur shall have the authority to fine a member or guest during an initiation and/or wreck; such fines being limited to the discretion of the Voiture Locale. Speeches and respect to the fines shall be limited to two (2) minutes.

ARTICLE IX
(Committees)

All committees shall be appointed by the Chef de Gare with the approval of the Voiture Locale at any regular promenade. The “Investigating Committee” shall consist of three (3) members, appointed by the Chef de Gare. The Chef de Gare shall have the authority to remove any member of any committee for failure to properly function.

ARTICLE X
(Removal of Station Officers)

Station officers may be removed from office for failure to attend three (3) Promenades without permission of the Chef de Gare or any excuse acceptable to the Voiture Locale. The Correspondant shall inform the Chef de Gare of the fact of such absence, and the Chef de Gare shall ask the pleasure of the Voiture Locale on such removal.

ARTICLE XI
(Appeal from the Decision of the Chair)

Any Voyageur Militaire may appeal the ruling of the Chef de Gare when such ruling is based entirely on the judgment of the Chef de Gare and not on tallied numerical ballot. When a Voyageur Militaire appeals the ruling of the chair, the Chef de Gare inquires as to the Voyageur Militaire’s desire to speak on the ruling. Should the Voyageur desire to speak, the Chef de Gare shall instruct the Chef de Train to assume the station of the Chef de Gare. The Chef de Gare shall vacate the station and yield the floor to the Voyageur Militaire to begin the discussion on the appeal. The Voyageur Militaire appealing and the Chef de Gare shall be the only parties discussing the appeal. The presiding Chef de Train may put the question to the Promenade after discussion has been completed. Should the Voyageur Militaire appealing decide not to speak on

the appeal, the Chef de Gare shall maintain his station and immediately put the question to the Promenade. A majority affirmative vote upholds the decision of the chair.

ARTICLE XII
(Amendments to these By-Laws)

These By-Laws may be amended in the same manner as provided for Amendments to the Constitution.

ARTICLE XIII
(Rules of Order)

“Roberts Rules of Order” as revised are adopted as the rules governing Promenade where not otherwise provided for in the Constitution of Voiture Nationale and Grand Voiture of Florida, or the ritual of La Societe.

ARTICLE XIV
(Repeal)

These By-Laws supersede and take the place of all previous By-Laws and Amendments thereof; and the same are hereby revoked and nulled.

Accepted by Voiture Locale #1634, Grand Voiture of Florida; in regular Promenade assembled

assembled this _____ day of _____, 20____, at

_____.

Chef de Gare Voiture 1634

ATTEST: _____
Correspondant Voiture 1634