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**LETS
GET TO
IT**



From the Grand Chef

August 1st is Purple Heart Day. The Purple Heart medal is the oldest U.S. military decoration, established by General George Washington in 1782 to honor merit, especially among the enlisted soldiers. The original medal was a purple heart-shaped piece of cloth edged with silver braid, and only three Revolutionary War soldiers received it from Washington himself. The award was forgotten for about 150 years until it was revived in 1931 by General Douglas MacArthur, who redesigned it with the help of an Army heraldic specialist. The Purple Heart is now awarded for bravery in action and for wounds received in combat. If you hold a Purple Heart and have not filed for VA Compensation and Pension you need to see a service officer and file.

National Aviation Day is observed in the United States on August 19 each year to celebrate the history and development of aviation. [It coincides with the birthday of Orville Wright who, together with his brother Wilbur, made significant contributions to powered flight. The holiday was established in 1939 by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who issued a presidential proclamation which designated the anniversary of Orville Wright's birthday to be National Aviation Day. Each year the president may issue a proclamation to designate August 19 as National Aviation Day; call on government officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on the day; and invite people living in the United States to observe the day with appropriate exercises to further stimulate interest in aviation in](#)

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[their communities.](#)

The Grand has many things coming up the pike. In October we have the Training Seminar. In April 2024 the Grand is planning a cruise to the Bahamas. Now with that in mind, we need to get members. We have 517 members in the state. Some voitures have but three members. Some meet in restaurants. Some don't meet at all. You need to reenergize your Voiture and look for a veteran who is proud to have served in the U. S. military. He's the one with the Army, Navy, Air Force. Coast Guard, hat on. Ask him to join and have an inactive wreck if need be. Lets get to it.

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Grand Correspondant

Whoa! This month has flown by. I feel like I just did the July Bulletin's article. Not much to report this month. The 2023 Membership year ended July 31st. This means our 2023 membership cards are obsolete but in reality they are acceptable until December 31 st. Don't wait until the last minute, renew your membership today!

Attached to this bulletin are 3 resolutions that have been sent to the Constitution and Resolutions Committee. Please review and discuss them at your August Promenade. They may be voted on at the Nationale Promenade and Grand du Florida's delegates need to be armed with the wishes of mthe members of Grand du Florida. Discuss them, vote on them and report the results to the Grand Correspondant. The Grand Correspondant will inform the Nationale Cheminot and the Grand Chef de Gare of your wishes. If you have any questions about the resolutions contact the Grand Correspondant, the Grand Avocat or G. Pat Beamer for any clarifications.

I have received several more Officer Rosters. Those RECEIVED are V-199, V-294, V-304, V-472, V-890 V-1120, V-1490, V-1571, and V-1621. As Grand Correspondant I need to have a copy of each Locale's list of Officers for the

2023/2024 membership year as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT NOTE: LEARN WHAT YOUR POSITION IS, WHAT YOUR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE BEFORE YOU REQUEST THE NOMINATION OR GET ELECTED/APPOINTED. THIS IS FOR EVERY LEVEL!

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Grand Chef de Train

Greetings Voyager's, if you're a local correspondent like myself. Then you've been waiting on your 40 & 8 membership cards (longer than normal). I've always gotten mines, the first week of July. It's the end of the month now and I still haven't received them. I call Voiture Nationale, early this week and talk with Tammy. She informs me that the cards, didn't go out until the fourteen of the month. And a Voiture in Virginia had just received their, and I would probably be getting my cards no later than the first week of August. Okay, I've gotten my fingers cross, hope you'll have your member cards by now. Merci.

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Grand Ritual

Greetings Voyageur's keeping with tradition I want to bring everyone this annual reminder, on why we as Veterans never break the colors.

"Never Break the Colors"

Our unwritten tradition of never breaking the Colors has always been a finable offense but few of us know why. Thanks to some research by Monsieur Pat Beamer, Chef de Chemin de Fer 2013, the genesis of our tradition appears to come from our history with the American Legion. According to American Legion custom and flag etiquette, the area between flags posted for a meeting is considered "Hallowed Ground," representing the graves of our fallen comrades. No person is to reach between the flags to hand or receive items from the speaker or table, thus preserving the honor and respect to our fallen Veterans.

Here is a poem written by Past Florida Department American Legion Commander, Nolle Deas, 1973-74, about the Hallowed Ground:

THIS IS HALLOWED GROUND

WHY YOU DON'T WALK OR REACH BETWEEN THE COLORS

*Between the flags that proudly fly
Let no one dare to stand
For here our fallen comrades lie,
We call it Hallowed Ground.
A symbol, yes, but mark it well;
Here let us ever humbly pause
In Memory of the ones who fell
In fighting for our sacred cause.
On sea or land these buddies died.
Some lie beneath a foreign sod
In graves caressed by winds and tide,
In spots unknown to all but God.
And so this place is Hallowed Ground.
And it shall be forever blessed,
As though it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest
Be ever watchful, Legionnaire.*

*Of those two flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care*
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Grand Conductor

The New Year for Voiture's is just beginning and our work has just begun. Since the New Year is here we should try to set goals for ourselves and for our Voitures early. This will give all of the Voyageurs something to focus on for the upcoming year. These goals should be lofty but attainable. If you are a newly elected or appointed officer in your locale learn the duties of your new office; your success at the locales determines the success of the Grand. Have the correspondent order you a copy of the Voyageurs Guide and the Officers Handbook to better understand the duties of the office you hold. I challenge all Voyageurs who have held these offices to help the new officers get acquainted with their new duties. I have talked to many Voyageurs and have been told "I did my time", that attitude only hurts your Voiture. Let us all work together and have a good year.

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Boxcar

A new Shadow Box is being selected for next year and should be up for raffle in October. I want to thank all who purchased the 2024 Box Car pins, crew and associate cards. I was able to sale 90% of them at the Grand Promenade. I still have some available, so reach out to me if you need some. Remember Crew Cards can ONLY be sold to Voyageurs; Associate Cards and program pins may be purchased by anyone wishing to support the program. Final reminder, the box car program is the only one that will allow you to get credit for two programs when you send monies through the box car program. See you this fall.

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Grand Trophies and Awards

Vacant



Americanism

Almost everything we do in the community is considered Americanism. Coaching a youth sport, serving meals at the post or Elks or the Moose or the Mission, cutting your neighbor's grass. In many of these instances you are working with people that are not Voyageurs. Rubbing elbows with people that are

also serving. You are being seen and noticed for your service and actions. That makes it an opportunity to tell them who you are, who we are as Voyageurs and what we do.

Most of the public have never heard of the 40&8. Let them know what we do. Talk to them about their service and how important it is to the community and those they are serving. Find out their qualifications and when it becomes appropriate ask them to join us in service. Give them a pin.

If you are doing flags for first graders you might want to consider giving them an Americanism Pin. Even an outdated pin may cause them and their parents to want to know more about Americanism and us. A small cost that may bring great rewards. The purpose is to bring about awareness of the concept of Americanism and the 40&8 and its programs.

This would take very little more effort than the service you doing are you may make a new friend.

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Vacant

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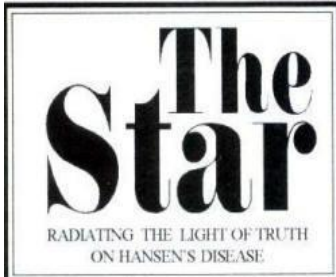
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Carville Star



Not much change from me this month as I was un-able to attend the Grand Promenade due to long range family commitments. I hope everyone that attended had a great time and accomplished the goals they had for the year and congratulations to our new Grand Chef de Gare for the 03-024 membership year Paul Bosco Jr.

I would like to again emphasize that there is a new Nationale special project in support of the Carville Star which is restoration of the monument located in the first Carville cemetery and your donations are very much needed to make this project a success. Make your checks out to "Carville Star" annotated in the remarks "Special Project" and send checks to your Grand Directeur Carville Star. New pins will not be available until after Promenade Nationale however I have 14 of this year's pins remaining so for those locales that still haven't supported the program and still want pins please send me your order. A picture of the 2023 pin is depicted above. Pins for 2022 are still available as well. You can order them now by sending a check made out to Grand du Florida for the pins at \$3.00 each for the 2023 pins and \$1 each for the 2022 pins. Your support is desperately needed as this is one of our organizations oldest programs and pays for the distribution of the Carville Star research paper that comes from the only research center in the US and is distributed virtually all over the world. When you order pins send your request to me, again if paying by check please make it out to

"Grand du FL". If your Locale would like to buy a country or buy a clinic you can download the forms for each of those subprograms that also support the Star from the Nationale website at www.fortyandeight.org under the caption forms.

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Child Welfare



Greetings fellow Voyageurs.

I am down to 9 2024 Child Welfare pins. If you want pins for your Locale, please let me know and I will pick them up at the Promenade Nationals in September. I also have Russell Home pins, US Flag pins and "PG Passe" buttons for purchase. If you need pins, just let me know. All proceeds will go to Child Welfare.

Remember, the Russell Home is a Grand du Florida sponsored program. The only way we can continue to sponsor them is to raise funds to support their home. Consider donating to them.

**CHILDREN ARE OUR MISSION
CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE**

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Time and Place

To all of Grand du Florida...

We have yet to finalize what we're doing in January for Mid Winter, most likely it will be a One Day Cheminot, in a yet to be determined Location. However, we are working on a couple of locations. We have yet to reconfirm that the Hotel has released us with out any penalty for 2024. When we do here, we will advise everyone. We have been informed from the Grand Commissaire Intendent, that we have accumulated a Net Loss of about \$7,500.00 from the 2 Proms Grand has had at the Courtyard in Orlando in 2023. This is a DIRECT loss to the General Funds because the Voitures have failed to send representatives to these GRAND EVENTS. We were not able to meet our Number of Rooms to receive our Meeting Spaces & Hospitality Room for free. Therefore, that's why we are reducing our event for the Mid-Winter In January. 2024. Without attendance, we MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE THE 2025 Mid Winter. Yet to be Determined.

It is important for all Voitures realize that these meetings are where we get input from YOU as Voyageurs, & Voitures. Without your attendance, or input, we have to make the decisions as we believe are in the best interest of the Grand du Florida.

More to come as we get more Information.

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REMINDER.....

We cannot stress the importance of communication! Each and every Voiture Local in Grand du Florida **will** receive a **free** copy of the Grand Bulletin. Take it to each Prom and share it. Enforce all officers and directors get all of the information that will assist them in the performance of their duties. Ensure your lists of officer's have been sent to the Grand Correspondant, ensuring all names and addresses are **correct** and **current**, especially the email addresses. We cannot send a Bulletin to a Correspondant whose name has not been submitted.

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All Voyageurs who wish to subscribe to the Grand Bulletin. Please use the form below.



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Upcoming Events

AUGUST 11-13 2023

Michigan Grand Promenade Okemos, MI

AUGUST 18-20 2023

Minnesota Grand Promenade Mankato, MN

SEPTEMBER 12-16 2023

Nationale Promenade Kalahari Sandusky, OH

OCTOBER 20-21 2023

Nutcracker Wreck Pascagoula, MS

OCTOBER 31

Halloween Any Where Spooks Are

NOVEMBER 5

Daylight Savings Time Ends

NOVEMBER 10

Marine Corps Birthday SIMPER FI!

NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER 7

PEARL HARBOR DAY

DECEMBER 7

Hanukkah Begins at sunset

DECEMBER 15

Hanukkah Ends at Nightfall

DECEMBER 22

Winter is Official

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

DECEMBER 26

Kwanza

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Remember ALL Activities for this calendar must be sent by the 15th of the month to Deb Reynolds, Grand Correspondant

County	Locale	Region	Meets	2023	2022	% of Quota	Short/ Over
Hillsborough	199	15	Tampa	16	16	100.00%	0
Orange	202	6B	Orlando	0	0	00.00%	0
East Duval	215	5	Jax Beach	30	30	100.00%	0
Polk	218	7	Winter Haven	7	17	41.18%	-10
Palm Beach	290	11	W. Palm Bch	34	42	80.95%	-8
Volusia	294	17	Daytona Bch	17	22	77.27%	-5
Duval	304	5	Jacksonville	28	29	96.55%	-1
St. Lucie	334	12	Fort Pierce	5	7	71.43%	-2
Lake	400	6A	Mt. Dora	15	18	83.33%	-3
	472	1	Panama City	10	10	100.00%	0
	728	9	Plantation	0	0	00.00%	0
Collier	795	13A	Naples	17	29	58.62%	-12
Manatee	880	8	Bradenton	15	15	100.00%	0
Broward	890	9	FT. Lauderdale	40	38	105.26%	2
Highland	899	8	Avon Park	21	19	110.53%	2
Brevard	954	12	Cocoa	15	20	75.00%	-5
Leon	1120	2	Tallahassee	26	21	123.81%	5
Citrus	1219	4A	Crystal River	36	34	105.88%	2
Okaloosa	1233	1	Ft Walton Bch	0	0	00.00%	0
Columbia	1352	3	Lake City	16	18	88.89%	-2
Alachua	1388	4B	Newberry	1	1	100.00%	0
Okaloosa	1490	1	Niceville	4	5	80.00%	-1
Charlotte	1526	13B	Port Charlotte	1	1	100.00%	0
Escambia	1571	1	Pensacola	20	23	86.96%	-3
South Pasco	1576	16	New Port Richey	0	0	00.00%	0
South Marion	1580	4A	Belleview	33	32	103.13%	1
North Lake	1598	6A	Lady Lake	0	0	00.00%	0
North Duval	1604	5	Jacksonville	33	35	94.29%	-2
Bay	1606	1	Panama City	25	27	92.59%	-2
St Johns	1610	5	St Augustine	14	14	100.00%	0
S Brevard	1621	12	Palm Bay	29	39	74.36%	-10
	1634			9	9	100.00%	0
				517	571	94.54%	- 54

NA = New Locale - No Quota Established.

New Totals as of 28 July 2023 NO CHANGE FOR AUGUST

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IMO John Gore	due 1/22
IMO Jacques Gore	due 1/22
Barbara Guglielmo	due 6/24
George Guglielmo	due 6/22
George Hall	due 8/27
Joanne Hirst	due 1/22
*Wanda Hunter	due 1/24
Roland Jones	due 1/26
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John Kaiserian	due 1/24
John Lee	due 10/3
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Anita Lee	due 3/23
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****Debra Reynolds	due 1/25

Clarence Richardson	due 3/24
Tom Smith	due 1/19
Cheryl Smith	due 1/19
Don Wittenberg	due 1/26
Voiture 472	due 1/22
**** Voiture 899	due 1/26
**** Voiture 1120	due 1/27
Voiture 1604	due 3/24

Boosters:

**Add boosters \$5.00 a year. A *
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your Voiture to be a booster.**

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be removed from this special list.**

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