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From the Grand Chef

Have a Great and Happy Fourth of July and remember our forefathers who gave us this Great experiment our United States of America. I want to thank all of you who supported me in getting into the high office of Grand Chef de Gare. I can't believe that I'm sitting in the Chair of many great leaders. I hope to be able to lead you, our Florida Voyageurs, into a prosperous and active year. I will need all of you to get on board and help me make us great, in membership. I'm Challenging every Voiture in Florida to get 5 new PG's.

We are all veterans, and we should not lose or forget what we shared when we were stationed State side or deployed overseas. We worked hard together, ate together, traveled together, and slept in the same rooms together. You can still do this by bringing PG's and Officers to our state functions.

We still need Grand Regional Cheminot. The following Regions need to elect someone to represent their region. Region 4A (V1219 - V1580), Region 7 (V218 - V1631), Region 8 (V880-V899), Region 13 (V1526-V795), and Region 17 (V294). Chef de Gare's in these Regions need to get together and find someone who can represent them. Get this information to the Grand Correspondent by the end of the month. Once again have a Great Fourth of July.

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about two months remaining, to reach a 100%. Let's reach out to these Voyageur's and get their membership in, because we'll need them again for next year (to prevent our numbers from dropping even more). I'll be watching to see which Voitures are able to get our numbers up in the next thirty days. Merci.

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Grand Ritual

Greetings Voyageur's, I'll start the year off with my pet pea (should be everyone's). At every Promenade, Cheminot or meeting, everyone should have their Blue Ritual and Manual of Ceremony Manual with them (latest edition or updated). This way, if someone loses their place (or sometime are on the wrong page of the manual) it's a simple thing to get them to the correct place (in the manual) and continue the ceremony without much delay or input from others. I've talked about this since my first day as your Ritual Directeur. I enjoyed seeing everyone who made it to Grand, a few weeks ago. Hope everyone has a great summer, Merci.

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Grand Conductor

Greeting Voyageur's,
This is my first voyage into writing an article. I will start by Thanking Everyone that made this possible. And a special Thanks to Tom and

Chyerl Smith for pushing me on this mission. As Conducteur it is my duty to ensure that all aspects of the Ritual are followed, not just escort Voyageurs and guests to the podium.

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Boxcar

The Grand Promenade is over and new leadership is in place. The Final drawing for the Nurses Shadow Box Pin collection was completed and made a fine collection to the winners' collection. 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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POW-MIA



Good day Voyageurs. My name is Jim

Tewes, and I am the new POW/MIA Chairman. I took this position because the POW/MIA program is something that is very near and dear to my heart.

A very good friend of mine, Rich Hentz, is still listed as POW/MIA and I plan on being involved until his name is no longer on that list.

I hope that all will remember that the 3rd Friday in September every year is the National POW/MIA Day and you will have a program to remember.

Jim Tewes

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Voiture Activities

I wish you all a great year.

I helped a fellow Voiture put up a Flagpole we had a great time together. Remember to count your hours and mileage on your reports.

Lotta good time for you all this year.

Gary LaFrance

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Grand Trophies and Awards

Vacant



Americanism

My name is Ron Garland and this is my first article of the new Americanism year. I am going to introduce myself and talk a little about what I hope to accomplish this year.

As you know we are going to be selling pins to help finance the Americanism Program. Selling pins and accepting donations should they happen. But there is more.

Over the next few months I am going to try to

explain how and why Americanism is an opportunity of great proportions. Pins make the money, but Americanism can help our organization with publicity and it can help us grow La Societe.

I hope to be able to accomplish this with your help.

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Youth Sports



Vacant

Nurses Training

Greetings to all, hoping everyone is doing well.

As I have discussed earlier, setting up a Nurses Training scholarship program for the grand. Where each Voiture once they have depleted their scholarship funds.

Can Submit an application to the Grand. This student cannot be the same as the one that has already received a scholarship from the locale. The application is sent to your locale director on Nursing each locale can only submit one applicant to Grande Nurses Training Chairman.

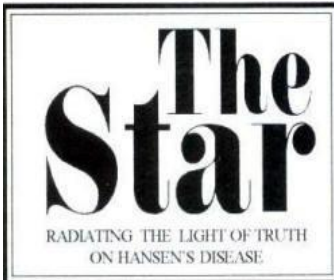
At the grand the nurses training committee will select one applicant for the scholarship. The amount has not been set yet.

There are still a few details to be work out, which I hope to work out soon and submit to the Grand for ratification.

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Carville Star



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. I have 14 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. Lastly I would like to wish the Grand du Florida a great Grand Promenade, I will miss seeing you all

there as I have a very important engagement that is happening at the same time and Becky and I will be in Pittsburgh PA attending our granddaughters high school graduation and seeing her off to college with the goal of becoming a future anesthesiologist.

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Child Welfare



Greetings fellow Voyageurs.

It was great sharing Camaraderie with fellow 40&8ers at the Grand Promenade and Rendezvous last month. I still have 2024 Child Welfare pins. 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. At the Grand Promenade, I pushed for every Voyageur to purchase a Russell Home pin, with proceeds to benefit their facility. Sadly, only 5 individuals purchased one. A big Merci to Voiture 290, as they purchased 10 Russell Home pins for their Voiture. 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.

**CHILDREN ARE OUR MISSION
CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE
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Time and Place

We are renegotiating the January 2024 Mid Winter, & Grand Prom with the Hotel. Most likely, we will Reschedule Them for A One Day Event for 2024. Location TBD at a Future Jan & June Dates. More info ASAP.

D.R.Richards

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The **HILLBILLY WREK**
 March 30, 31 & April 1, 2023
 American Legion Post 81
 227 James Asbury Dr. NW
 Cleveland, TN

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Voyager's Name: _____ Voiture #: _____
 Address : _____ City: _____ State: _____
 Zip: _____ Phone #: () - _____ E-Mail _____
 Dame/Guest Name: _____ Cabane #: _____

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Early Bird Greeting 30th 4 to 6 pm..... \$ 20.00 each \$ _____
 Hillbilly Wrek Registration 31st 9 am to 4pm \$ 30.00 each \$ _____
 Banquet 1st \$ 30.00 each Turkey Ham \$ _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE ON YOUR OWN. SUGGESTIONS

BE SURE TO MENTION THAT YOU ARE WITH THE FORTY AND EIGHT

- Exclusive Quarters 423 479 1333 210 James Asbury Dr.
- Clarion Inn 423 559 1001 185 James Asbury Dr (ONLY NON SMOKING) (headquarters)
- Red Roof Inn 423 472 5566 156 James Asbury Dr
- Quality Inn 423 478 5265 153 James Asbury Dr
- Classic Suites 423 339 4900 179 Bernham Dr

All of the motels are within walking distance of the American Legion.
 Early Bird and Wrek Events to take place at the American Legion Post 81

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Color Full page	\$80.00	\$	_____
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e-mail word format or jpeg to: voiture735_tn@charter.net		\$	_____
	TOTAL	\$	_____

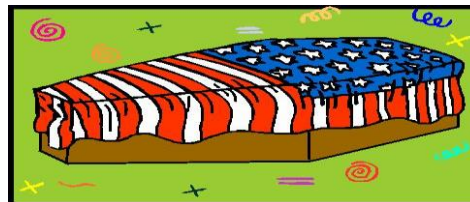
Make checks out to: Voiture 735 40 & 8MAIL to: Voiture 735 40 & 8 Societe
 P. O. Box 2153
 Cleveland, TN 37320-2153

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.



TAPS

Howard Mass V-304

Upcoming Events

July 14-15 2023

North Carolina Grand Promenade
Winston-Salem, NC

AUGUST 18-20 2023

Minnesota Grand Promenade
Mankato, MN

July 14-16 2023

Arizona Grand Promenade
Sierra Vista, AZ

SEPTEMBER 12-16 2023

Nationale Promenade
Kalahari
Sandusky, OH

July 14-16 2023

Kansas Grande Promenade
Whichita

OCTOBER 20-21 2023

Nutcracker Wreck
Pascagoula, MS

July 21-23 2023

Oregon Grand Promenade

July 28-30 2023

Virginia Grand Promenade
Lorton, VA

AUGUST 11-13 2023

Michigan Grand Promenade
Okemos, MI

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Check Total: \$ _____

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

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**Pat Beamer due 1/25
Paul Bosco due 1/27
Bosco due 1/27
Gloria Case due 10/23
*Ron Garland due 1/24
*Robbie Garland due 1/24
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
Carol Kaiserian due 1/24
John Kaiserian due 1/24
John Lee due 10/3
Terry Lee due 3/23
Anita Lee due 3/23
Henry Legros due 8/23
Andrew Nagy due 1/24
*Charles Patterson due 1/27
Mirna Perez due 1/27
****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.**

**Underlined due dates are soon to
be removed from this special list.**

The Names in **BOLD PRINT** are current in their booster payment. All others are in the rears. If you wish to remain a VERY SPECIAL BOOSTER. Send payment to: Grand L'Editeur
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