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Moving Forward With The Basics



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From the Grand Chef

I would like to say that Southland's Dixie in Alexandria, Louisiana was a great time spent with all who attended. My next trip is May 18th through the 20th to attend the 37th Annual Gator Wreck in Goose Creek, South Carolina. Remember, May 14th is Mother's Day and Flag Day. Armed Forces Day is May 20th and Memorial Day is celebrated on the 29th this year. Become involved with local or national events in your area. Wear your 40&8 apparel out and about often and promote our great organization.

Please get all your year-end reports to the each of the Grand Directeurs by May 15th. You can find the forms on the Nationale Website (fortyandeight.org) under Petite Communiqué. If you have any endorsements, please send them in. June is just around the corner, and we will be electing new Officers.

When I became Grand Chef, I said I would not be micro-managing but I having a hard time understanding the low attendance at Grand functions. When you took a position, whether as an elected or an appointed officer/directeur, you agreed to fulfill an obligation. Too many of you have not fulfilled your obligation. Obligation, as defined, is the condition of being morally or legally bound to do something. Your obligation as an officer is to attend ALL grand functions. If you cannot make these events, it is YOUR responsibility and obligation to inform the Grand Correspondant AND ensure your report is

presented in your place. The next Grand event is the Grand Promenade. The dates are June 8 through 11, 2023. ALL ELECTED and APPOINTED OFFICERS and DIRECTEURS are expected to attend. Additionally, Voiture Locale Chefs de Gare or a representative are obligated to attend. Each Voiture Locale is expected to be represented.

RENEW! RENEW! RENEW!

A reminder, anyone who has not renewed their membership card for the 2023 year, he/she will NOT be able to participate in any event, whether Locale or Grand or Nationale, until said mentioned membership has been renewed.

If you have any questions or need help with anything, please contact me. My phone number and email are listed above. I expect everyone to do their job, have a positive attitude, and to recruit. Remember we are a fraternity of veterans.

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Grand Correspondant

Just got back from a whirlwind of travel. I am proud to be representing Nationale as Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer as well as Grand du Florida. I have attended Grand du Missouri's Spring Promenade and Wreck in Springfield, Missouri; Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Kronen's Homecoming in Independence, Ohio; The Hillbilly Wrek in Cleveland, Tennessee. Then a week at home followed by The Great Western Promenade in Rapid City, South Dakota and Southland's Dixie Promenade in Alexandria, Louisiana. I have had the most wonderful time with old friends and meeting new friends. I am home for 3 weeks, then I am off to the Gator Wreck in Goose Creek, South Carolina (my old stomping ground) where my husband and I will again be filling our positions in the Ritual Team. It is our understanding that there will be 19! PGs.

WOW!! Memorial Day at the end of the month of May followed closely by the Great Lakes Promenade in Okemos, Michigan.

The Grand Promenade is only a month away. That means elections are upon you at the Locale level. Every Locale should be getting their officer list together NOW and getting the ones running for a Grand office vetted. The Grand Correspondant needs to have a copy of each Locale's Officer list **PRIOR** to the Grand Promenade. The dates for the Grand Promenade are June 8-11, 2023. The registration form is attached to this bulletin. Officers **MUST** attend the Grand Promenade. Plan accordingly.

- Okay, Sparky, if you are the Chef de Gare of your Locale and need a letter of nomination, have two of your Locale members to sign the letter and submit it. YOU must have the letter to the Grand Correspondant 30 days prior to the Grand Promenade.

Those wishing to be appointed must let the Locale Chef de Gare know so your name can be submitted to the current Grand Chef, who will pass the information to the incoming Grand Chef. Please be aware that an appointed position, also, has expectations of the office.

If you are confused as to which positions are elected, here is the list:

- Grand Chef de Gare
- Grand Chef de Train
- Grand Conducteur
- Grand Garde de la Porte (2)
- Grand Commis Voyageur
- Grand Commissaire Intendant

This list constitutes "the chairs." Grand Commissaire Intendant is not actually part of the chairs as not everyone has the capability to manage the financial side.

Any Voyageur wishing to run for an **ELECTED** position at the Nationale level **MUST** submit a

Resolution to their Locale who must recommend you. The Locale Chef de Gare/Locale Correspondant must forward the approved nomination to the Grand Correspondant thirty (30) days prior to the Grand Promenade. An appointment on the *Nationale level* needs a letter of request for nomination to their Locale who must recommend you and forward the approved recommendation to the Grand Correspondant thirty (30) days prior to the Grand Promenade.

☛ **ALL CANDIDATES MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE LOCALE, WITH THE GRAND AND WITH NATIONALE.**

☛ **IMPORTANT NOTE: LEARN WHAT YOUR POSITION IS, WHAT YOUR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE BEFORE YOU REQUEST THE NOMINATION OR GET ELECTED/APPOINTED.**

Regional delegate's name and contact information: This is not anything new, each Region **MUST** elect a delegate every year. The following Regions do not have a current delegate: 1, 4A, 6B*, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15*, and 17*. (*These Regions only have 1 Locale.) These delegates are considered part of the Grande's Cheminots. There are obligations governing the Cheminots and are listed in the Grande du Florida's Constitution and can be found in Article VII, Sections 2-7. These Cheminots are listed in Article VII, Section 1 (the last item on the list).

☛ **IF YOUR REGION HAS THE SAME DELEGATE AS THE PREVIOUS YEAR, THAT NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION MUST BE SENT AS WELL. DO NOT ASSUME THAT THE GRAND CORRESPONDANT CAN READ YOUR MINDS.**

THE STORY OF A MEMBERSHIP TEAM THAT FAILED

This is a story about four Voyageurs named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and

Nobody.

There was a Membership Committee at the Voiture trying to reach its membership goals and Everybody was sure that Somebody would get it done.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Now, Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody would do it. Nobody realized that Everybody would not do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

EVERYBODY CAN BE A SOMEBODY----
 ----ANYBODY CAN BE A
 NOBODY.....WHICH ARE YOU??????????

RECRUIT, RENEW, REINSTATE...BE SUCCESSFUL!!!

DELEGATE STRENGTH

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2: "In the Grande Promenade every Voiture Locale shall be entitled to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternate delegates for the FIRST fifteen (15) members and one (1) additional delegate and one additional alternate delegate for each additional fifteen (15) members, or major fraction thereof, provided that the per capita tax has been paid and was properly reported of the regulation membership forms provided by Voiture Nationale, and which have been actually received Voiture Nationale at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the holding of the Grande Promenade".

MEMBERS	VOTES
10-22	2
23-37	3
38-52	4
53-67	5
68-82	6
83-97	7

98-112	8
113-127	9
128-142	10
143-157	11
158-172	12

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Grand Chef de Train

I want to congratulate twelve Voitures for making it to 100% and out of that twelve, five Voitures are over that 100% mark 899 at 110.53 with 2 over their quota and 1120 with 123.81% and 5 over their quota great job all. There are 8 Voitures who need 3 or less to hit your 100%. Call those who are delinquent and see if your Voiture can help them or remind them that their dues are due now.

Just because you're at 100% doesn't mean you can't add more to your roster, go find a few more PG's.

Our state membership or Grand is at 508 paid as of February 9th. We are short 63 just to break even. We have lost one Voiture.

Your Local elections are coming and you should be looking for new officers or putting in bids for the position yourself. If you like the way the Voiture is being run but the membership is dropping off You need to reevaluate your Voiture and make some changes. This may mean changing the way the Voiture is doing business or the leadership that is running it. That is why we have elections.

I know the more seasoned veterans have life experience and perhaps a different frame of reference. But we should never think that the younger generation is any different. As a leader, you should always welcome new ideas from everyone, talk to the Desert Storm, OEF and OIF veterans. The younger veterans are full of ideas-just as we were at that age. You should embrace their energy; you will be pleasantly surprised with the innovative ideas that they come up with. Be open to these new ideas. The youth are the very lifeblood of our organization.

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Grand Ritual

Greetings Voyageur's, I'm hoping everyone (Voiture) in Grand du Florida will have candidates in for City of the Year, Hero of the Year, Law Enforcement Officer, and Voyageur of the Year. I would like to give everyone some information directly from the form. "There is a lot of satisfaction in giving out these awards. The pride in the eyes of the recipient will make you a believer when you present them with an award. The presentation can be made at your regular Promenade. A special meeting or a dinner meeting is even nicer. Contact the media to get some publicity for the recipient. He or she will enjoy this and believe it or not, it will acquaint the public with La Societe also. You can promote your other programs at this same time. Your Voiture will appreciate this publicity the next time they are raising funds for their programs. If people have heard of you, it is a lot easier to sell tickets and other fund-raising items." The Nomination Form is designed so it can be used for any of the four awards. A separate nomination form must be submitted for each award; for instance, one form for Hero; one form for Voyageur; etc. The top part of the Nomination Form is to be completed by the Locale. The bottom is used for reporting to Nationale Special Awards. Please try to get your Ritual report in by the 7th of May 2023. Merci.

Lawson Dukes

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Grand Conductor

Greeting Voyageur's, It's that time of the year again. You can account for all the traveling, Promenades and money spent. So, please take the time to submit your reports. I have the same problem as everyone else, taking the time to get the reports done. But I'm going to download all the forms. Check all my notes and submit as many reports as I'm able to (if I can do, you can do).
Merci.

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Boxcar



I Hope all had festive holidays with family and friends. January Midwinter convention is upon us in just a few weeks. Participation is paramount for all to keep our programs alive for all our friends and family within and out of the 40 and 8. The Shadow Box for the Nurses Pin collection will have its final draw during the mid-winter convention. If you order pins and cards, it would much appreciated. For those who have not order their pins, they will be available at mid-winter. If you can't make, It is just takes 5 mins to send sending me an email, telling me which Voyageur/Cabaña unit you are in, what you want and how many you need. I will send them to you in the mail. You can send a check, or you can get them on consignment. Remember, Box Car is the only program that does not keep any monies, the organization donates all monies made back to all the programs in need. Remember Crew Cards money goes to adult cancer patient and Associate Cards money goes to the children cancer patient.

Without your support our program will not be as successful as it is. The box car pins are \$4.00 each, crew and associate cards \$1.00 each. 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. That makes the program truly one of kind. See at Mid-Winter

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POW-MIA



Greetings Voyageurs,

Well, spring has been knocking on our door ion the North Country, but Mr. Winter has not let his grip loose yet. We have seen all the snow starting to melt, but they tell us more is on the way this weekend. I t seems it may never end.

As we enter spring it is a great time to look at what you as a director and your Voiture has been doing with your POW/MIA program. Not only do we need to be supportive of the scholarship program, we also need to be raising awareness of those that are currently listed as a POW/MIA. Raising awareness can be as simple as occasionally reporting on who nationally has been recovered, and taking a moment of silence during your promenade. I'm only aware of one of my Grandes that does this; I think it is a

great way to remember those that have earned that distinction.

With college year also approaching the end, this is a perfect time to find that special student that qualifies for the POW/MIA scholarship. I say this as I have learned that most college students are already applying for scholarships and registering for classes for next fall.

As we continue into the second half of the year, please ensure that your Voitures can acquire merchandise. We started out strong with pin sales at the beginning of the year, but have since slowed. Please continue to promote the pins, remember that these pins can be bought by anybody, not just 40/8 members.

For those Grandes/Voitures who have not received their 2023 POW/MIA pin, you may, order them through Steve Slegers at cell:503-348-9576 or s.t.slegers @q.com in any quantity desired.

I have also included information for the POW/MIA gun raffle. Please follow the link on the flyer if you are interested. This is a great way to support the POW/MIA scholarship fund.

DO NOT FORGET OUR NFOUR GOALS:

1. Raising our POW/MIA Survivor Scholarship Fund Awareness
2. Merchandise Sales
3. Consolidated Reports
4. POW/MIA Pin Design

For La Societe,

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Jesse Hixson

Voiture Activities

Call all the members in your Voiture. Give each member a small list and have them Call the members on the list. Invite them to the next event and be positive thank them For there service. Don't forget to introduce yourself and tell them of your service and Branch have a great conversation enjoy your 40 & 8 Thank You.

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Grand Trophies and Awards



Nick Weyers
Nationale Sous Director of Youth Sports
Grande du Kansas Chef de Train
Grande du Kansas Director of Youth Sports
Voiture 58 Avocat
Voiture 58 Chef de Gare Passé, 2021-2022



Americanism

Chef de Gare's, Correspondents, Local Directeurs. Here are the things you can report on. To keep our organization strong, we need to report what we do.

You've bought pins, donated other moneys to many other organizations in your community. You have taken your follow Veterans to the hospital for appointments and a lot of you fly your flag with pride in your neighborhoods. Report it and send your reports to me at my address. We need to keep

Grand du Florida strong. Complete the Petite Communique at 40and8.org. Remember this is how we communicate with our State and U.S. Representatives in D.C. Strength through numbers.

AMERICANISM AWARDS

School, High School, College, Jr. ROTC, Sr. ROTC, Community Organizations, Citizens (Private), Fire Prevention, Law Enforcement, Others. **AMERICANISM SPEECHES AND**

FLAG ACTIVITIES

Flag presentations, Flag raising ceremonies, Flag retirement ceremonies. **YOUTH ACTIVITIES** Band support, Baseball, Boys and Girls State, Oratorical Contests, Scouting (Boy, Girl, Cub), Valley Forge Freedom Foundation, Child ID Programs, Driver Training, FFA, 4H, PTA, etc.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Blood donor, Community Services, Get out the Vote, National Security, Political Action, Senior Citizens, Hunter Safety Programs, Poppy Sales, Special Olympics Meetings/Promenades/Wrecks, Activities in other Fraternal Organizations.

HOLIDAYS AND MEMORIALS

Calvin Kain Memorial Service, Grave Decoration, Memorial Day, Memorial Services: funerals, memorial dedications, Parade participation, patriotic events, installations, Veterans Day.

VETERANS

Veterans Home Activities, Transportation to Hospitals/Doctors, Veterans Employment.

FLAGS FOR FIRST GRADERS PROGRAM

Dates to remember: Cinco de Mayo May 5th , Victory in Europe Day May 8th , Mother's Day May 14 th, Peace Officers Day May15th, Armed Forces Day May 20 st. National Maritime Day May 22nd . Memorial Day May 29th.

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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 Vulture 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.

John Alicia

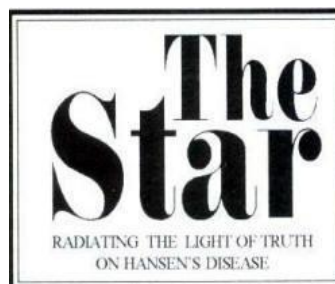
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Carville



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 ad \$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.

John R Lee

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Child Welfare



Greetings fellow Voyageurs. I’m looking forward to the Grand Promenade and Rendezvous next month. I will have another cheer basket for raffle, so get your dollars together. I should have the 2024 Child Welfare pins by then. I will also have Russell Home pins and “PG Passe” buttons for purchase. All proceeds will go to Child Welfare. Remember, supporting the Russell Home is a Grand Child Welfare function. If you have any donations for the Russell Home Thrift Store, please bring them to the Grand Promenade and I will deliver them in your name. I will be pushing for every

Voyageur to purchase a Russell Home pin during the Grand Promenade. They are only \$2.00 each. Voitures desiring to be considered for a Grand Child Welfare Award, I will need your Child Welfare Reports NLT May 10th in order to meet Grand’s deadline for awards preparation. Look forward to sharing some camaraderie at the Grand Promenade.

CHILDREN ARE OUR MISSION CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

I will be pushing Russell Home pins at the Grand Promenade. They are only \$2.00 each. You can purchase a brick from The Russell Home in your name, your Voiture’s name or in memory of someone.

CHILDREN ARE OUR MISSION CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

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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

AD BOOK

DEADLINE MARCH 1ST 2022

Color Full page	\$80.00	\$	_____
Color Half page	\$50.00	\$	_____
Color Quarter page	\$35.00	\$	_____
Booster \$2.00 per name (list on back)		\$	_____
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

INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS?

Rick (423) 716-3370, or Gary (423) 364-9119 Leave Message if no answer.
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GRANDE PROMENADE GRANDE DU FLORIDA ORLANDO, FLORIDA

June 8-11, 2023

Courtyard Orlando Lake
Buena Vista at Vista Centre
8501 Palm Parkway, Orlando, Florida 32836



RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE BY MAY 15, 2023

USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL VOYAGEURS/DAMES/GUESTS

Voyageurs Name: _____ Title: _____

Grand/Locale: _____ Email: _____ Phone # _____

Dame Name: _____ Title: _____ Grand/Locale: _____

Dinner, Lodging and Program Ad

Full registration includes promenade and banquet. The Hospitality Room is **NOT** a Grande function and is provided by those who are running for elected positions.

Voyageur Registration \$10.00 (per Voyageur)	=	\$ _____
Banquet – \$55.00 per person x _____ (covers meal & tips)	=	\$ _____
Lodging - \$115.00 per night x _____ nights	=	\$ _____
Program Book – Flyer is attached to this form	=	\$ _____
Total Cost	=	\$ _____

Check or Money Order #: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

For Credit/Debit Cards: Name on Card: _____

Card Number _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____

NEW THIS YEAR!!!! The Grand now has the ability to accept credit cards! The Grand Correspondant has opened a Square Account which allows accepting credit/debit cards. **There is a fee however that will be added to your account. The fee is 4.5% per transaction.** All is needed is to fill out this form and mail it to The Registration Chairman Deb Reynolds, 12383 162nd Terrace, McAlpin, FL 32062. Of course, you can still pay by check.

>Make ALL checks payable to: Grand du Florida.<

Reservations can be made individually by calling 407-239-6900. Advise you are with 40/8 Grand Du Florida Hotel Room rate per night - **\$115.00** plus tax. (See attached page 2,



**GRANDE PROMENADE
GRANDE DU FLORIDA
ORLANDO, FLORIDA**



June 8-11, 2023

Courtyard Orlando Lake
Buena Vista at Vista Centre
8501 Palm Parkway, Orlando, Florida 32836

AD ORDER FORM – BOOK SIZE IS 8½” BY 11”

➡ MUST BE RECEIVED BY GEORGE NLT MAY 22, 2023 ➡

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

****GRANDE DU FLORIDA****

Full Page \$80 \$ _____

Half Page \$40 \$ _____

Quarter Page \$20 \$ _____

Boosters \$2 each name (Mr. & Mrs. = \$4) \$ _____

Total Cost = \$ _____

(It is advisable but not mandatory that those running for elected positions place an ad)

Send ads via Email in PDF format to George Hall at

georgehall@earthlink.net

**Send payment for ads to George Hall, PO Box 213,
Woodville, FL 32362. (If you wish to pay by Credit Card
contact Deb Reynolds at 843-729-6011.)**

➡ MUST BE RECEIVED BY GEORGE NLT MAY 22, 2023 ➡



GRANDE PROMENADE GRANDE DU FLORIDA ORLANDO, FLORIDA

June 8-11, 2023

COURTYARD ORLANDO LAKE BUENA VISTA
AT VISTA CENTRE
8501 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 32836



The Time and Place Committee has negotiated with the above mentioned hotel and are confident that you will be pleased with the choice made on your behalf.

There are a few pieces of information that must be passed along to you before you plan your attendance.

- Unfortunately, the cost of living (or staying) has gone up. The committee was not able to lower the cost of reserving a room but were able to get a lot more bang for your buck. Items like
 - Free buffet breakfast for everyone (up to 4) in your room for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. (\$20 per person per day savings)
 - No charge for parking. (\$17 per day savings)
- Additionally, the cost of food increased, therefore, the cost for the banquet also increased. This is the reason for the increase in the banquet cost.
- Again, you will be able to reserve and pay for your room through the Grand which will utilize the tax exemption status. (The hotel charges 22% hospitality tax) You must pay for your room in full at the time of registration in order to take advantage of this privilege. The tax savings will be about \$25 per night and with the other items mentioned there will be approximately an \$82 SAVINGS per night.
- **AGAIN THIS YEAR!** Grand du Florida has the capabilities to accept credit/debit cards. When submitting your registration just fill in the spaces provided on the form and let the Grand Correspondant know what type of room you will require. There is a catch – (isn't there always?) there is a fee attached to that privilege. The fee will be 4.5% per transaction. **YOU STILL CAN USE A CHECK!** Whichever is more convenient for you.
- If you have any questions feel free to contact the Grand Correspondant Deb Reynolds (843-729-6011) or the Chairman, Time and Place Committee, D.R. Richards (954-439-4093) Monday – Friday, 8am-8pm.
- **IMPORTANT!** If you plan on attending but need to pay at the event, it is important that a registration form be filled out and sent by the deadline in order to reserve your room and ensure there will be enough food prepared for your meals. Waiting to register at the event WILL NOT guarantee you will be accommodated.

OFFICIAL CALL

101st GRAND PROMENADE

GRAND VOITURE du FLORIDA

The 101st Grand Promenade is called to convene June 8-11, 2023, at the Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista at Vista Centre in Orlando, Florida.

The 101st Grand Promenade is called for the purpose of electing Officers and Directeurs and for transactions of such business as may come before it.

In accordance with the Grand Constitution of the Grand Voiture du Florida, each Voiture Locale shall be entitled to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates for the first 15 members, and in addition thereto, one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each additional 15 members or major fraction thereof. Additional votes for Grand Officers shall be provided for in the Grand Constitution of Grand du Florida.

All other business of the 101st Grand Promenade shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Voiture as amended June of 2021 at Orlando, Florida.

By order of the Grand Chef de Gare.

Deb Reynolds
Grand Correspondant



STANDING RULES OF PROCEDURE
(101st) ANNUAL GRANDE PROMENADE
Grande Voiture du Florida
June 8, 2023, in Orlando, Florida

The following Special Rules are hereby adopted to govern the Grande Promenade held at the Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista at Vista Centre in Orlando, Florida June 8, 2023

1. Matters of procedure not provided for in the Constitution of the Grande Voiture du Florida or in these Special Rules shall be covered by Robert's Rules of Order.
2. When a delegate desires to offer a notion or address the Grande Promenade, they shall rise, address the chair as "MONSIEUR GRAND CHEF DE GARE," and upon receiving recognition, shall state his/her name and the Voiture Locale to which he/she belongs before proceeding.
3. Any resolution shall not be considered by the Grande Promenade unless presented to the Grand Correspondant in writing prior to the opening of the Grande Promenade. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates at the Grande Promenade is required for consideration of the resolution originating on the floor, which must be in writing. All resolutions shall be referred to the Resolutions Committee for further consideration and recommendation.
4. The voting order procedure used shall be that in which a tag bearing the number of each Voiture Locale in the Grande Voiture du Florida be placed in a container and drawn at random to determine the order of voting. The Chairman of each Voiture Locale delegation shall poll his delegation on the floor and shall announce the vote of his delegation. The vote of the Grand Chefs de Gare Passé and the Grand Voiture Officers shall be added to and included in the roll call vote of each delegation, as appropriate, and in accordance with Article IV, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the Grande Voiture du Florida. The voting order will be drawn and the Grand Wreck, or if not Grand Wreck takes place, prior to the convening of the Grande Promenade, and no publication of the voting order will be made.
5. Consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present is necessary for suspension of these Special Rules. Provisions of the Constitution of the Grande Voiture du Florida may NOT be suspended, altered, amended, or nullified except as provided in Article X of the Constitution of the Grande Voiture du Florida.
6. A delegate shall be properly registered when it is shown that his name is registered as being present at the Grande Promenade in accordance with the certification to the Grand Correspondant by the Voiture Locale as elected and the proper registration fee for each delegate has been paid. All Grand Chefs de Gare Passé and Grand Voiture Officers must be registered and have paid the proper registration fee to be entitled to vote on any and all questions before the Grande Promenade.

Presented to and adopted by the Grand Cheminots of the Grande Voiture du Florida for adoption by the Grand Promenade this 8th day of June 2023 in Orlando, Florida

ATTESTED:

Debra Reynolds
Grand Correspondant

D.R. Richards
Grand Avocat



➤ **GRAND VOITURE DU FLORIDA**
➤ **MID WINTER CHEMINOT MEETING**
➤ **JANUARY 12-15, 2023**

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- **The Grand Voiture du Florida Mid-Winter Cheminot Meeting came to order at 1300 hours January 13, 2023, by Grande Chef de Gare Binion Williams.**
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- **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – All Committees Chairpersons or Program Directeurs held micro-meetings within the 4-hour period. All voyageurs were invited to attend all meetings. Reports will be given by the Committee Chairman or Program Directeur during the Promenade on Saturday.**
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- **Americanism, Paul Bosco; Membership, Paul Bosco; Child Welfare, Terry Lee;**
- **Nurses' Training, John Alicea; POW/MIA, Jesse Hixson; Ritual, Lawson Dukes; Carville Star, John Lee; Finance and Budget, George Hall; Time and Place, D.R. Richards; Resolutions and Bylaws, D.R. Richards**
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- **With no further business coming before this Cheminot, Grande Chef de Gare Williams closed the meeting at 1530 hours.**
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- **Submitted by**
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- **Deb Reynolds**
- **Grande Correspondant**

**➤ GRAND PROMENADE
 GRANDE VOITURE DU FLORIDA
 COURTYARD ORLANDO LAKE BUENA VISTA AT VISTA CENTRE
 ORLANDO, FLORIDA JUNE 8-11, 2023**

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM REGISTRATION LAKESIDE FOYER
HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL OPEN AT THE DISGRESSION OF ITS COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM REGISTRATION LAKESIDE FOYER

10:00 AM – 4:30 PM COMMITTEE MEETINGS TBA

Each session will begin promptly at stated time unless prior session runs over. Each speaker is allotted thirty (30) minutes for their program training and information with audience participation. They will present their reports during the Grand Promenade session on Saturday, June 10.

10:00	Budget/Finance	George Hall	1:30	Carville Star	John Lee
10:30	Resolutions & Bylaws	D.R. Richards	2:00	POW/MIA	Jesse Hixson
11:00	Americanism	Paul Bosco	2:30	Ritual	Lawson Dukes
11:30	Child Welfare	Terry Lee	3:00	Box Car	Keith Varney
12:00	Lunch Break		3:30	Time & Place	D.R. Richards
1:00	Nurses' Training	John Alicea	4:00	Special Awards	Mike Klyap

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM REGISTRATION HOTEL LOBBY
THE HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE PROMENADE.

9:30 AM	GRAND CHEMINOT	LAKESIDE MEETING ROOM A
	Opening Ceremony	Grand Chef de Gare Binion Williams
	Pledge of Allegiance	Grand Chef de Train Paul Bosco, Jr.
	Invocation	Grand Aumonier David Trogdan
	Reading of Official Call	Grand Correspondant Deb Reynolds

Reading of Special Rules

Grand Avocat D.R. Richards

Roll Call

Grand Correspondant Deb Reynolds

Reports of Grand Cheminots - Reports of the Grand Cheminots will be confined to accomplishments this year and limited to three (3) minutes.

Region 1 –

Region 2 – George Hall

Region 3 – Alberto Marriott

Region 4A -

Region 4B –

Region 5A – Clarence Williams

Region 5B – Clarence Richardson

Region 6A –

Region 6B – Leon Jones

Region 7 –

Region 8 –

Region 9 – Jamie Grinis

Region 11 –

Region 12 – Bob Swinski

Region 13 – Meade Holland

Region 14 –

Region 15 – Frank Smith

Region 16 –

Region 17 –

Grand Chef de Train Membership Report

Paul Bosco

Time and Place

D.R. Richards

Finance & Budget Committee

George Hall

Announcements

Grand Chef de Gare Binion

Williams

Closing Ceremony

Grand Chef de Gare Binion

Williams

LUNCH BREAK

Hospitality Room opened 12-1pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

1:00 PM GRAND PROMENADE

LAKESIDE MEETING ROOM

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Opening Ceremony

Grand Chef de Gare Binion

Williams

Roll Call

Grand Correspondant Deb

Reynolds

Reading of minutes from Mid-Winter Cheminot

Grand Correspondant Deb

Reynolds

	Reading of Correspondant	Grand Correspondant Deb
Reynolds		
	Committee Reports	
Resolutions/Bylaws	D.R. Richards	Ritual Lawson Dukes
Child Welfare	Terry Lee	Special Awards Mike Klyap
Nurses' Training	John Alicea	Carville Star John Lee
Americanism	Paul Bosco	POW/MIA Jesse Hixson
Audit, Finance & Budget	George Hall	Time and Place D.R. Richards
		Box Car Keith Varney
Special Order of Business – Election		Grand Correspondant Deb Reynolds
Good of the Grand Voiture du Florida		Grand Chef de Gare Binion Williams
Closing Ceremony		Grand Chef de Gare Binion Williams
2:30 PM(TENTATIVE) MEMORIAL SERVICE		TBA
JOINT WITH LA FEMMES		Grand Aumonier David Trogdan
		Grande Aumonier
3:30 PM(TENTATIVE) INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS		TBA
JOINT WITH LA FEMME		
6:00 PM	Dutch Treat Cocktail Party	TBA
7:00 PM	Banquet	TBA
SUNDAY, JUNE 11		
8:00 AM	Past Grand Chefs Club Breakfast	TBA
9:30 AM	Grand Cheminot Meeting	TBA

ALL MEETING ROOMS AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!!





2023 POW/MIA PROGRAM PINS

Our pins are sold to raise funds in Honor of the Servicemen & Women who were Prisoners of War, or are considered Missing in Action while serving in the defense of the United States of America, or its allies during times of armed conflict. The funds are raised to facilitate the formation and continuance of a Scholarship Trust Fund for the direct descendants of verifiable POW/MIA Servicemen and Women. Scholarships are limited to the Veteran, the Spouse of the veterans, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of the veteran.



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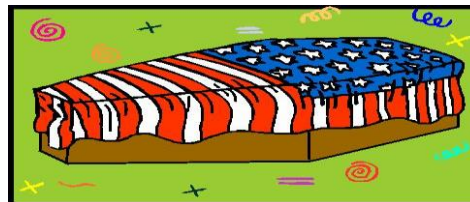
REMINDER.....

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Grand Le'Editeur

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TAPS

Upcoming Events

May 5 Cinco de Mayo

Oregon Grand Promenade

May 14 Mother's Day

June 14 Flag Day

May 18-20 2023

37th Annual Gator Wreck
Goose Creek SC

June 18 Father's Day

June 19 Juneteeth

May 19-21 2023

Mid Atlantic Association Cheminot

July 14-16 2023

Arizona Grande Promenade
Sierra Vista, AZ

May 27-29 2023

Memorial Day in Arlington –

July 28-30 2023

Oregon Grande Promenade
Sierra Vista, AZ

June 1-3 2023

62nd Great Lakes Promenade
Okemos MI

July 28-30 2023

Virginia Grand Promenade
Lorton, VA

July 14-16 2023

Arizona Grand Promenade

2023Nationale

Kalahari
Sandusky, OH

July 21-23 2023

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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	14	16	87.50%	-2
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	5	17	29.41%	-12
Palm Beach	290	11	W. Palm Bch	32	42	76.19%	-10
Volusia	294	17	Daytona Bch	16	22	72.73%	-6
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	19	23	82.61%	-4
South Pasco	1576	16	New Port Richey	0	0	00.00%	0
South Marion	1580	4A	Bellevue	33	32	103.13%	1
North Lake	1598	6A	Lady Lake	0	0	00.00%	0
North Duval	1604	5	Jacksonville	32	35	91.43%	-3
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
				508	571	88.97%	- 63

NA = New Locale - No Quota Established.

New Totals as of 29 April 2023

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Bill Barkett	due 1/29	Clarence Richardson	due
**Pat Beamer	due 1/25	3/24	
Paul Bosco	due 1/27	Tom Smith	due 1/19
Bosco	due 1/27	<u>Cheryl Smith</u>	due 1/19
Gloria Case	due 10/23	Don Wittenberg	due 1/26
*Ron Garland	due 1/24	Voiture 472	due 1/22
*Robbie Garland	due 1/24	**** Voiture 899	due 1/26
IMOJohn Gore	due 1/22	*****Voiture 1120	due 1/27
IMOJacque Gore	due 1/22	Voiture 1604	due 3/24
Barbara Guglielmo	due 6/24	Boosters:	
George Guglielmo	due 6/22	Add boosters \$5.00 a year. A *	
George Hall	due 8/27	for each additional \$5.00. Ask	
Joanne Hirst	due 1/22	your Voiture to be a booster.	
*Wanda Hunter	due 1/24		
Roland Jones	due 1/26		
Carol Kaiserian	due 1/24	Underlined due dates are soon to	
John Kaiserian	due 1/24	be removed from this special list.	
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		

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