

*La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux  
Grand Voiture du Florida, Inc.*

*Grand Chef de Gare  
Binnion Williams*  
(904) 608-1629  
[bbwilliams41@aol.com](mailto:bbwilliams41@aol.com)



*Grand Correspondant  
Deb Reynolds*  
843-729-6011  
[ladynavyvet@hotmail.com](mailto:ladynavyvet@hotmail.com)

**OCTOBER 2022**

# Moving Forward With The Basics



**INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

1	<b>Grand Chef</b>
2	<b>Grand Correspondant</b>
3	<b>Chef de Train, Grand Protocol Grand Ritual</b>
4	<b>Grand Conductor, Box Car, POW/MIA, Voiture Activities</b>
5	<b>Trophy &amp; Awards, Americanism, Youth Sports, Nurses Training, Carville Star</b>
6	<b>Child Welfare, VAVS, Time &amp; Place</b>
7	<b>Officers Required List</b>
8	<b>Grand PikNic Ad</b>
9/	<b>Reminder, Subscription Form, Taps, Upcoming Events</b>
10	<b>Membership</b>
11	<b>Boosters</b>

## **From the Grand Chef**

I like to say Happy Labor Day to everyone and I hope you enjoy your day with family and friends. Our upcoming events are:

The 103rd National Promenade & 59th Rendezvous Nationale in Green Bay, Wisconsin, September 13-17, 2022.

We have the Grand du Florida 2022 Seminar & Picnic for October 15, 2022. The registration form is attached to this newsletter.

Membership – Our #1 job is to help increase our membership and I am pleased to announce I have had several phone calls from voyageurs who are going to have a White Collar Wreck. This is outstanding news! Please send the Grand Correspondant the date and time of your White Collar Wreck for the files. Thank you. Remember, membership is our backbone and it is very important that everyone renews their membership by paying dues in a timely manner.

Speaking of membership - - - if a voyageur passes away, changes addresses, transfers into another Voiture or even in/out of Grand du Florida, please notify the Grand Correspondant as soon as possible. There have been several Voyageurs who have passed away recently and no one from their Voiture has bothered to notify the Grand Correspondant or even the Grand Aumonier. Please let us know when one of our own reports to the Supreme Commander. It's the honorable thing to do.

We have quite a lot of blank boxes on our Officers/Directeurs list. I would like to remind all Regions MUST elect a representative for their Region. This is an elected position that has been nominated from the Locales in each Region. If there is only 1 Locale in a Region elects, a member at your next promenade. Once elected send this individual's name and contact information to the Grand Correspondant.

As stated before, my motto for the year is 'Moving Into The Future with Basics.' I do not plan to micro-manage any directeur or program manager. But when I request an individual to complete a task, I expect it to be completed without disrespecting me or the individual conveying the message. I have full confidence in your abilities. My plan is to have a successful year and we can have a successful year with everyone's participation in their Officer/Directeur/Committee position. This is to include attending Seminars, Mid-Winter and Grand plus having your voitures to increase membership. I expect for everyone to do their job, have a positive attitude, and to recruit. Remember we are a fraternity of veterans.

**Binion Williams**

(904) 608-1629

[bbwilliams41@aol.com](mailto:bbwilliams41@aol.com)

**Grand Correspondant**

Good morning, Grand du Florida! Even though some of the Grand is getting wet while other parts are still dry, we are still above ground. And this is a good thing. We are now seeing the light at the end of the August Tunnel. Time is short if you plan of going to Green Bay for Promenade Nationale. I hope you can make the trip; it is well worth it.

By now you have received your registration for the Training Session on October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have not, contact your Locale's Correspondant or look in the latest Bulletin. Your elected and appointed

officers have been working with Voiture 304 to set up for the Training Session on October 15, 2022.

Please get the information requested to me so we know who you all are. We haven't heard from most of the Voitures in several years. Let us know what is happening with your Locale. Knowledge is power. Attached is an updated Officers/Directeurs list. There have been some changes and updates that need to be mentioned.

Your **2022-2023** officer's list now past due.

Missing: 199, 202, 215, 218, 294, 795, 880, 1219, 1490, 1526, 1580, 1606, 1610, and 1634.

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, 5B, 6B\*, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15\*, and 17\*. (\*These Regions only have 1 Locale meaning that these Locales need to elect a representative to report to/attend the Grand functions and report information back to the Locale.)

The following Voitures have a Constitution/Bylaws on file with the Grand Correspondant but are seriously out of date: 199, 202, 290, 954, 1219, 1571, 1604, and 1610. Please review your constitution/bylaws and update them as soon as you can.

The following Voitures do not have a Constitution on file with the Grand Correspondant: 215 (I know you are working on yours), 294, 334, 472, 795, 880, 899, 1120, 1352, 1490, 1526, 1606, and 1621.

Please keep the Grand informed of White Collars or Active Wrecks, Taps or other important events in or around your Voiture. We would like to try and participate in event all around the Grand.

**Deb Reynolds**

843-729-6011

[ladynavyvet@hotmail.com](mailto:ladynavyvet@hotmail.com)

## **Grand Chef de Train**

We continue to talk about membership. The Grand Chef in August and September has spoken about building membership. When the whole states membership in 2021 was 645, and in 2022 571, it shows we are not trying hard enough. Local Chef de Gare's make sure at every meeting and every Promenade you talk about membership. A lot of you go to the VA and meet many veterans. We go to other veteran organizations and talk to friends at meetings and at the bar. There is a pin "I Got Two" that comes from National. When a Voyageur brings in two members, go to the National website go to membership, fill it out and send it in. Get a pin for the Voyageurs efforts. Make it a challenge to yourself and to your Voiture. The pin costs nothing.

### **Paul J Bosco Jr**

(561) 281-8454 Cell (561) 733-6750 Home  
hamptonschapter@yahoo.com

## **Grand Advocat/ Protocol**

Welcome to October 2022. There have been only One New Locale Constitution's sent to me for review so for this year, (& that just happened). There are numerous Voitures that have OUTDATED Constitutions & By-Laws, or even Not having any on file with the current Grand Correspondant. If you are the Locale Chef, or Locale Correspondant, you must be utilizing some kind of rules, (By-Laws or Constitution), to run the business of the Locale. Please send a copy of your Documents to the Grand Correspondant immediately, regardless of whether you think she has a copy or not. Just send a copy electronically to her. If your documents are older than 3 years old, they probably don't comply with the latest changes of the Nationale Constitution. Therefore, they should be reviewed, changed, or corrected, & sent to the Grand Advocat for review, & forwarding to Nationale for final approval. PLEASE DO IT NOW...

## **D.R.Richards**

Director Grand Protocol  
Grand AdvocatDu FL  
dr1020@aol.com

## **Grand Ritual**

Greetings Voyageur's, I enjoyed seeing a lot of you in Green Bay, Wis. last week. My Trip started with the airline delaying my first flight, because they needed to change a tire on the plane (which took two hours). Which made me miss my connecting flight, which made me spin the next twenty-fours traveling to Green Bay, Wis. (but all is well, that ends wells). I was able to attend the Ritual committee meeting at Promenade Nationale, we starting the meeting with talking about three new passwords for the coming year. Then someone make a motion to keep the current password, which pass with little opposition. Next the chairman wanted to talk about Voyageur's wearing their chapeau incorrectly (i.e., medal not center), all Voyageur's must wear the voyageur militaire title bar (even if there is no other). He thought voyageur should wear the proper ribbon and have all of their title bars displayed on the ribbon in the order received (even though there is a regulation that covers the title bars). The last thing the committee did was to make a motion for the ritual committee to reviewing shorting the Preamble to the Constitution of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux. They will give their recommendation at the next meeting. Merci.

### **Lawson Dukes**

904-814-6610  
lawkes@yahoo.com

## **Grand Conductor**

Greeting Voyageur's, last month I started given the instructions for initiation (please review if you missed it). This is the second part: "The first degree solemnly obligates the P.G. with four steps, which lead into the ranks of La Societe. Reflect back on this obligation and consider each step carefully. Be mindful of the symbolic meaning of each step – **FRATERNITY, LOYALTY, UNITY, CHARITY.**

The Second Degree, when stunts (or acts) are used, is intended to be the “Fun” Degree – a burlesque of the experiences through which veterans have passed during their service to heir country in its time of need. The Wrecking Crew thoroughly tests not only the P.G.s’ loyalty and courage, but also their humility, in order to remind each one that all Voyageurs Militaire are of a common base. The Formal Second Degree is optional and may be used in place of the active second degree. It is not intended to replace or in any way diminish from the use of the Active Second Degree. The Third Degree impresses upon each candidate that La Societe is comprised of those who honorably served in the Armed Forces, in order to promote peace throughout the world; and who are today serving as citizens of the greatest nation on the face of the earth.” This, Voyageur’s is straight from the Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies, which is where I’ve to go, to give you the proper information. Merci.

**Lawson Dukes**

904-814-6610

lawkes@yahoo.com

### **Boxcar**

With summer ending and fall approaching. Let’s not forget our focus on membership and programs. With friends and acquaintances with coming holidays what a better way to think about new membership and program pin sales. As I mention last month The Box Car Program will attempt a different approach with a raffle on the Nurses Pins that will span several years so look forward to helping with your support. Attached is a picture of the pin box to be ruffled off. If your local Voiture can not make the October training and would like to buy raffle tickets, send me an email with how many tickets you would like. I will respond to all Voitures email per-orders for the Nurses raffle. Helpfully the new 2023 Box Car pins will be in soon for October. Remember you can pay by check/cash or get them on consignment. 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.



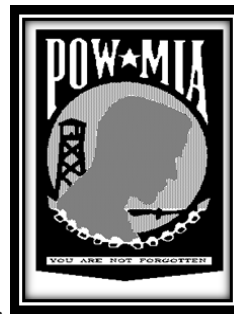
Respectfully,

**Keith Varney**

(561) 252-2400

[mustangridergt@gmail.com](mailto:mustangridergt@gmail.com)

### **POW-MIA**



As most of you know Promenade Nationale will be here this month. I will be picking up 2023 pins, if I have not be able to contact the Correspondant of your local Voiture PLEASE have them make contact with me I am trying to save Grande money and not over buy pins. The 2023 pin will sell at \$500 ea. Please contact me NLT the 9<sup>th</sup> of September

**Jesse Hixson**

**Voiture Activities**

**No Article**

**Gary LaFrance**

glafrance79@yahoo.com

## **Grand Trophies and Awards**

**No Article**

**Mike Klyap Jr**

[mklyap@gmail.com](mailto:mklyap@gmail.com)

### **Americanism**



Here are a few dates to remember.

2<sup>nd</sup> National V-J Day

5<sup>th</sup> Labor Day

8<sup>th</sup> National Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses Day.

11<sup>th</sup> Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance Day

13<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup> 103<sup>rd</sup> Promenade National Green Bay, Wisconsin

16<sup>th</sup> National POW/MIA Day

25<sup>th</sup> National Gold /star Mother's Day

I have the new pins available for purchase. The price is \$3.00. Message me at 5612818454. I will send them to you on consignment or send me a check. Make the check out to Grand du Florida. I hope to see you all at the Grand Picnic and Seminar in October.

**Paul J Bosco Jr**

[hamptonschapter@yahoo.com](mailto:hamptonschapter@yahoo.com)

**Youth Sports**

**Vaccent**

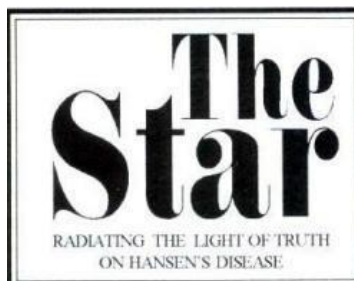
**Nurses Training**

**No Article**

**Alberto Marriott**

[alfema@live.com](mailto:alfema@live.com)

**Carville Star**



Here its September 15<sup>th</sup> and I have received the 2023 Carville Star I only ordered 100 pins this year and will have them available at the Seminar/Picnic and I can always order more if we can sell all of these. a picture of the new pin is depicted above. Pins for 2022 are still available as well and I will have them with me too. You can order them now either on consignment or send a check made out to Grand du Florida for the pins at \$3.00 each. If you want them on consignment send me a note including your name, Voiture Locale number and quantity requested, 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".

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic in Jacksonville.

**John R Lee**

[johnlee40and8@gmail.com](mailto:johnlee40and8@gmail.com)

**Child Welfare**



Was a pleasure meeting with friends and sharing camaraderie with fellow Voyageurs at the 103<sup>rd</sup> Promenade Nationale last month in Green Bay WI. I am pleased to announce that I was appointed Sous Nationale Directure of Child Welfare for the South Region.

I do not have any 2023 Child Welfare pins left, but have beaucoup Russell Home, American Flag and PG Passe pins remaining.

With Hurricane Ian recently hitting South Florida, the 40/8 Ardery Trust Fun can reimburse Locales for monies spent on the children affected by this disaster. Locale Directors should have this information. It is located on the 40&8.org website under programs. You can also contact me, and I will assist you with applications.

I continue to ask for your Voiture's support of The Russell Home. Although I ask this every month, I am getting little to no support. Come on folks. Everyone has clothing and household items lying around, that can be donated to their Thrift Store. Additionally, The Russell Home is constantly in need of paper products, cups, plates, paper towels, toilet paper, and kitchen products (anything you use in your own kitchen). If you will take the initiative to bring items to the Mid-Winter Cheminot, I will take the initiative to deliver them for you. Let's remember, the Russell Home operates entirely on donations and receives no support from the Government.

**Terry Lee**

[toplee4661@gmail.com](mailto:toplee4661@gmail.com).

**VAVS**  
**Jim Tewes**

## **TIME & PLACE**

Welcome to October 2022. We are in the final planning stages of the GRAND SEMINAR & PICNIC for October 15, 2022. We need to know if anyone from your Voiture will be in attendance. It is highly recommended that all Locale Chef's, Correspondants, & Grand Cheminot's to attend this SEMINAR. There will be a Grand Cheminot held during this Seminar. There will also be discussions on each Locale Officers Job. i.e. Chef, Correspondant, and All Elected Officers will receive instruction on your duties & responsibilities. There will also be a Computer Memory Stick given to each Chef/Correspondant to take home with all kinds of information on how to do your jobs, & be in compliance with required responsibilities to your Voyageurs. We hope to see you there.

We are working on the Grand Mid-Winter Promenade. Since no one has submitted any Bids, the Grand is working on the arrangements for this & the Grand Prom 2022, and Both events for 2023. More to come at the Seminar on where these events will be conducted.

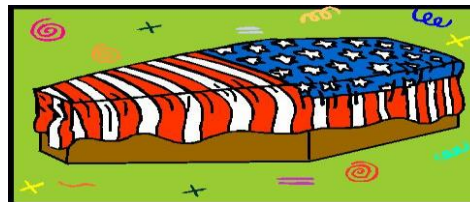
**D.R.Richards**  
**Chairman**

**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.

Ben Meredith  
Grand Le'Editeur  
[grandfeditor408@gmail.com](mailto:grandfeditor408@gmail.com)

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



TAPS

**Upcoming Events**

**January 20/2022**  
Grand Mid-Winter

**January 21/2022**  
Joint Carolinas

**February 11/2022**  
Wisconsin's Mid-Winter

**February 11/2022**  
Kansas Wreck

**March 11/2022**  
Chef de Chemin de Fer  
Simpson's  
Homecoming

**March 17-19/2022**  
Northeast Florida- First  
Coast Wreck

**2023Nationale**  
Kalahari  
Sandusky, OH

**GRAND VOITURE du FLORIDA  
BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture/Cabane \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to "Grand Voiture du Florida".

Give or mail to Ben Meredith,  
Grand L'Editeur,  
136 Menzel Street  
Valparaiso, FL 32580  
850-240-5227

**Subscription good for one year**

Email Subscription: \$1.00 With Dues

First Class Mail Subscription: \$17.00

Booster: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Remember ALL Activities for this calendar must be sent by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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	4	30	13.33%	-26
Polk	218	7	Winter Haven	0	17	0.00%	-17
Palm Beach	290	11	W. Palm Bch	6	42	14.29%	-36
Volusia	294	17	Daytona Bch	14	22	63.64%	-8
Duval	304	5	Jacksonville	24	29	82.76%	-5
St. Lucie	334	12	Fort Pierce	0	7	0.00%	-7
Lake	400	6A	Mt. Dora	12	18	66.67%	-6
Bay	472	1	Panama City	3	10	30.00%	-7
W. Broward	728	9	Plantation	0	0	00.00%	0
Collier	795	13A	Naples	5	29	96.67%	-24
Manatee	880	8	Bradenton	0	15	00.00	-15
Broward	890	9	FT. Lauderdale	22	38	57.89%	-16
Highland	899	8	Avon Park	15	19	78.95%	-4
Brevard	954	12	Cocoa	4	20	20.00%	-16
Leon	1120	2	Tallahassee	1	21	131.25%	-20
Citrus	1219	4A	Crystal River	11	34	32.35%	-23
Okaloosa	1233	1	Ft Walton Bch	0	0	00.00%	0
Columbia	1352	3	Lake City	1	18	5.56%	-17
<b>Alachua</b>	<b>1388</b>	<b>4B</b>	<b>Newberry</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0</b>
Okaloosa	1490	1	Niceville	3	5	60.00%	-2
Charlotte	1526	13B	Port Charlotte	1	1	100.00%	0
Escambia	1571	1	Warrington	12	23	52.17%	-11
South Pasco	1576	16	New Port Richey	0	0	00.00%	0
South Marion	1580	4A	Bellevue	8	32	25.00%	24
North Lake	1598	6A	Lady Lake	0	0	00.00%	0
North Duval	1604	5	Jacksonville	13	35	37.14%	-22
Bay	1606	1	Panama City	25	27	92.59%	-2
St Johns	1610	5	St Augustine	12	14	87.71%	-2
S Brevard	1621	12	Palm Bay	3	39	7.69%	-36
	<b>1634</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0</b>
				<b>223</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>39.05%</b>	<b>-348</b>

NA = New Locale - No Quota Established.

**New Totals as of 16 October 2022**  
**Ben Meredith**



136 Menzel St.  
Valparaiso, FL 32580  
Grandfleditor408@gmail.com

*Our Very Special Newsletter Boosters*

Bill Barkett	due 1/29	Tom Smith	due 1/19
**Pat Beamer	due 1/25	<u>Cheryl Smith</u>	due 1/19
Gloria Case	due 10/23	<b>Don Wittenberg</b>	due 1/26
*Ron Garland	due 1/24	<u>Voiture 218</u>	due 1/19
*Robbie Garland	due 1/24	<b>Voiture 472</b>	due 1/22
IMOJohn Gore	due 1/22	**** Voiture 899	due 1/26
IMOJacque Gore	due 1/22	****Voiture 1219	due 3/20
Barbara Guglielmo	due 6/24	*****Voiture 1120	due 1/27
George Guglielmo	due 6/22	Voiture 1604	due 10/23
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 3/22		
Anita Lee	due 3/22		
Henry Legros	due 8/23		
Andrew Nagy	due 1/24		
*Charles Patterson	due 1/27		
Larry Pink	due 7/22		
Marie Pink	due 7/22		
Debra Reynolds	due 1/24		
Carol Sloat	due 1/24		

**Boosters:**

**Add boosters \$5.00 a year. A \*  
for each additional \$5.00. Ask  
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 rear. If you wish to remain a VERY  
SPECIAL BOOSTER. Send payment to: Grand L'Editeur

136 Menzel St  
Valparaiso FL, 32580