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# Moving Forward With The Basics



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## **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.

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### **Grand Correspondant**

Your officers are working hard to get all of Grand du Florida's ducks in a row before heading out to Nationale. Work is being done to set up for the Training Session in October followed by the Mid-Winter in January. Speaking of working, I cannot do my job if you don't do yours. 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.

I need your **2022-2023** officer's list **NOW!!!!!!**  
This list **MUST** have **CURRENT** position title,

name, address, phone number(s) and a working email address. Missing: 199, 202, 215, 218, 294, 795, 880, 890, 899, 1219, 1388, 1490, 1526, 1571, 1580, 1606, 1610, and 1634.

I also need your 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, 4B, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, and 17.

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.

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### **Grand Chef de Train**

This information is for our future and the future of our children and Grandchildren. If you have a relative that just got out of the navy and is having a hard time. For a limited time, the Navy is offering great Navy bonuses of 115K to future Sailors who leave for boot camp before October.

For Reserve duty Future Sailors who leave for boot camp before October may qualify for bonuses up to \$25K. Prior Service Affiliation Bonuses for Navy personnel can earn up to \$20,000 for going Reserve. The Army also has many monetary incentives to enlist. If a family member is not sure what way to go to find a career, becoming a veteran is not a bad way to go.

The military is having a hard time finding young men and women to fill the billets necessary to complete the mission.

The VFW Put this out about the Camp LeJeune Justice. Many veterans have reached out regarding

participate in lawsuits until VA clarifies how the settlements will affect service-connected benefit and care. VA regulations on this are expected in the coming months. For information contact a service officer near you.

October is our picnic and training seminar. Please sign up or send your new Voyageurs so they can be viable members of your Voiture.

### ***Paul J Bosco Jr***

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### ***Grand Avocat/ Protocol***

Listed below are the **Responsibilities for the Grand Avocat** according to our Grand du Fl Constitution.

**It shall be the duty of the GRAND AVOCAT to interpret the Constitution of the Grande Voiture du Florida during and between Grande Promenades. He shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Grand Chef de Gare and the Grande Promenade. He shall also serve as Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of the Grande Voiture and the Grande Promenade.**

The **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE** shall receive propose and consider any changes or amendments to the constitution of the Grande Voiture du Florida. The Grand Avocat shall be the Chairman of this Committee and shall make recommendations for the Committee for adoption of any changes or amendments at the Annual Grande Promenade.

The **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE** shall receive and consider all resolutions for recommendation(s) as to approval or rejection by the Grande Promenade assembled or the Grands Cheminots if expediency is required between Grande Promenades; having due concern for those matters and interests of La Societé as to established policies and programs of Voiture Nationale, the Grande Voiture and Voitures

Locale.

If any Voiture or Voyageur needs assistance in these areas, please feel free to contact me directly.

### ***D.R.Richard***

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### ***Grand Ritual***

Greetings Voyageur's, the latest revised issue of the Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies is dated September 25, 2019. It has two changes in it: Number 1 is dated 11, May 2018, Pages 23 & 25 - Alignment changes for ease of reader (cadence). Number 2 is dated 13, September 2018 - Page 37 - replace OPTIONAL with MANDATORY. The new blue Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies has been updated about three times (No one should still be using the old Gold manual). If you've a older blue manual, just add the updates (no need to order a new book). Here are some more updates for the first blue manual: National Ritual committee voted these changes in 2019 & the following items were changed in the large (blue) Ritual manual: Page 37, Remove "If not used go to ^^" in the middle of the page", Page 39, Remove "^^" before Wrecking Chef", Page 43, Change to "If your salute is returned, you have the floor" in the last sentence of the third paragraph under Wrecking Chef", Page 58, Add "Widowers" to the Preamble in bold print between, widows and orphans to read "and their widows, widowers and orphans;"", Page 5, Change to "You will Recite with or after me the Preamble to the Constitution ". If you don't want make any changes, just order a new manual. Merci.

### ***Lawson Dukes***

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### ***Grand Conductor***

Greetings Voyageur's, the only method of induction into La Societe is the Wreck. With the First and Third Degrees being identical, it is important that the nominee be offered the option of either the Active

Second Degree or the Formal Second Degree. It is mandatory that the First, Second, and Third Degree be used as written, and that no changes knowingly be made. The Three Degrees of the initiatory work must be given to each nominee before he can be taken in the membership of La Societe; and there can be no changes in these degrees, nor in the obligations. It is the most important that the conferring officers learn the printed work, and it is strongly recommended that every spoken word of the initiatory work be memorized. This is the first part, of the start of Instructions for initiation from the Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies. These instructions are important for every officer to know, I'll give the second part next month. Merci.

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### **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.



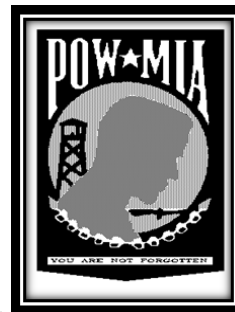
Respectfully,

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### **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**

**Gary LaFrance**

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## **Grand Trophies and Awards**

We are into the New Year and all locales need to start selecting the nominees for special awards. Special awards are for Law Officer of the year, Hero of the year, City of the Year and Voyageur of the year. In addition, please help the Americanism Directeur with nominations for the Americanism award. Grand Du Florida has been successful over the last few years in having our nominees win at the Nationale level. Let's keep up the good work. If you need any help, please let me know.

**Mike Klyap Jr**  
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## **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**

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## **Youth Sports**

## **Vaccent**

## **Nurses Training**

Voyageurs: Please remember to look for nursing students who may be in need of assistance with their studies.

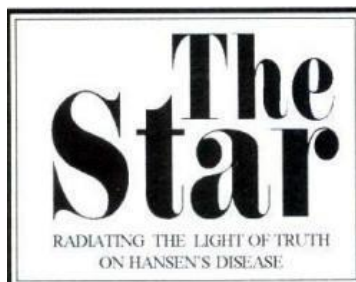
We must put the monies in Grand to good use. Please let me know immediately if you find any student in need.

Alberto F Marriott  
386-365-0867  
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Merci!

## **Alberto Marriott**

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## **Carville Star**



Here we are in the middle of August and The Nationale Directeur contacted me and said that the 2023 Carville Star pins will not be distributed until after Promenade Nationale. I only ordered 100 pins this year as that was all I was able to distribute last year and I hope it goes better this year, I can always order more. I still don't have a picture of the new pin yet but I am working on it. New pins for 2023 will be available shortly and 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 sent your request to me, again if paying by check please make it out to "Grand du FL".

**John R Lee**

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### **Child Welfare**



I continue to ask for your Voiture's support of The Russell Home, as it is a Grand sponsored function. I am out of 2023 Child Welfare pins. If you want any, please let me know and I will pick them up for you at the Promenade Nationale. I have beaucoup Russell Home, PG Passe and American Flag pins remaining.

I look forward to attending the Promenade Natioanle this month and sharing camaraderie with fellow Voyageurs and Dames.

Voiture 304 is hosting the 2023 Grand Seminar and Picnic on October 15 th in Jacksonville, A registration form was in the August Grand Bulletin and will be in the September Bulletin as well.

This is a worthwhile event to learn the concept of the 40&8 and receive changes from the Promenade Nationale. Grand Directeurs will be there to discuss their program with you. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

**Terry Lee**

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**VAVS**  
**Jim Tewes**

## **TIME & PLACE**

These are the Duties of the **Time & Place Committee**. I want everyone to understand what the responsibilities are before you read the article below.

**The TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE shall receive and consider bids or invitations for the holding of subsequent Grande Promenades and any Petite Grande Promenades, dealing with sites, accommodations and facilities. A report and recommendation for approval shall be rendered for adoption at the Annual Grande Promenade.**

### **Greetings from the Time & Place Committee:**

We are still waiting on anyone make bids or even send in the name of a hotel that will be able to house the 2023 January Mid-Winter Promenade for Grand du Florida. We have not heard from anyone within the Grand about any facility for us to consider holding this Mid-Winter Promenade or the Grand Promenade in June 2023...

If we don't hear from anyone by the Grand Seminar/Picnic then the Grand Officers will be responsible & have to decide what to do for these events for Grand du Florida for 2023.

If anyone has any thoughts or interest & has questions about making a BID or on where to hold either of these events, Please get in touch with any Time & Place Committee Member or me ASAP at the email/phone number listed after this article.

**D.R.Richard**  
**Chairman**

<b>OFFICER'S NAME</b>	<b>VOIT NUM</b>	<b>OFFICER'S NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
Americanism					
Avocat					
Box Car					
Carville Star					
Chef de Gare					
Chef de Train					
Cheminot Nationale					
Child Welfare					
Commissaire Intendant					
Conducteur					
Correspondant					
Garde de la Port					
Historien					
Membership					
Nurses' Training					
POW/MIA					
Public Relation					
Ritual					
Special Awards					
VAVS					
Veterans Home					
Voiture Activities					
Youth Sports					

# GRAND du FLORIDA 2022 SEMINAR & PICNIC



**5443 SAN JUAN AVE, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32210**

**October 15, 2022**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Voiture/Cabane** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGHEST OFFICE HELD: VOYAGEUR** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION: \$15.00 PER PERSON.**

**REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY 10 OCT 22**

**MAIL REGISTRATION TO: Voiture 304, 5443 San Juan Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32210**

**Voyeurs Seminar will be conducted in the Moon Building. Dames Seminar will be conducted in the Chateau. Seminars will begin at 9:00 AM**

**The Picnic will take place in the Moon Building, time to be announced**

**Menu: Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Cole Slaw & Baked Beans (included in registration fee)**

**Suggested Hotels within 8 miles:**

**-Best Western, 4580 Collins Rd. Orange Park, FL 32073, 904-264-4466, \$99.00-\$107.00  
Breakfast included**

**-Hilton Garden Inn 145 Park Ave, Orange Park, FL 32073, 844-996-3737, \$139.00 No  
Breakfast. You must mention 40&8 when registering.**

**-Hampton Inn & Suites, 141 Park Ave, Orange Park. FL 32073, 833-702-0544, \$139.00  
Breakfast included. You must mention 40&8 when registering.**

**For information, contact Voyageur Terry Lee, 904-504-5731**



**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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Grand Le'Editeur

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



TAPS

**Upcoming Events**

**September 13-17 2022**

**Nationale**

Green Bay, Wisc.

**October 15**

Grand Seminar/Picnic

Jacksonville

**2023 Nationale**

Kalahari

Sandusky, OH

**GRAND VOITURE du FLORIDA  
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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	2021	2022	% of Quota	Short/ Over
Hillsborough	199	15	Tampa	21	16	76.19%	-5
Orange	202	6B	Orlando	8	0	00.00%	-8
East Duval	215	5	Jax Beach	38	30	78.95%	-8
<b>Polk</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Winter Haven</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>113.33%</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Palm Beach</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>W. Palm Bch</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>107.69%</b>	<b>3</b>
Volusia	294	17	Daytona Bch	30	22	73.33%	-8
Duval	304	5	Jacksonville	35	29	82.86%	-6
<b>St. Lucie</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Fort Pierce</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0</b>
Lake	400	6A	Mt. Dora	14	18	128.57%	4
Bay	472	1	Panama City	8	10	125.00%	2
W. Broward	728	9	Plantation	2	0	00.00%	-2
Collier	795	13A	Naples	30	29	96.67%	-1
<b>Manatee</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Bradenton</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>107.14</b>	<b>1</b>
Broward	890	9	FT. Lauderdale	43	38	88.37%	-5
<b>Highland</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Avon Park</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Brevard</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Cocoa</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>105.26%</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Leon</b>	<b>1120</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Tallahassee</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>131.25%</b>	<b>5</b>
Citrus	1219	4A	Crystal River	44	34	77.27%	-10
Okaloosa	1233	1	Ft Walton Bch	0	0	00.00%	0
<b>Columbia</b>	<b>1352</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Lake City</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0</b>
Alachua	1388	4B	Newberry	2	1	50.00%	-1
Okaloosa	1490	1	Niceville	6	5	83.33%	-1
Charlotte	1526	13B	Port Charlotte	7	1	14.29%	-6
Escambia	1571	1	Warrington	28	23	82.14%	-5
South Pasco	1576	16	New Port Richey	3	0	00.00%	-3
<b>South Marion</b>	<b>1580</b>	<b>4A</b>	<b>Bellevue</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>118.52%</b>	<b>5</b>
North Lake	1598	6A	Lady Lake	0	0	00.00%	0
North Duval	1604	5	Jacksonville	36	35	97.22%	-1
Bay	1606	1	Panama City	36	27	75.00%	-9
<b>St Johns</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>St Augustine</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>107.69%</b>	<b>1</b>
S Brevard	1621	12	Palm Bay	55	39	70.91%	-16
	1634			12	9	75.00%	-3
				645	571	88.53%	-74

NA = New Locale - No Quota Established.

**New Totals as of 4 Sept 22**

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*Our Very Special Newsletter Boosters*

Bill Barkett due 1/29  
**\*\*Pat Beamer** due 1/25  
 Cary Deter due 1/22  
 Lash Deter due 1/22  
 \*Ron Garland due 1/24  
 \*Robbie Garland due 1/24  
 IMOJohn Gore due 1/22  
 IMOJacque 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 10/1  
 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 1/23

Carol Sloat due 1/24  
Tom Smith due 1/19  
 Cheryl Smith due 1/19  
**Don Wittenberg** due 1/26  
Voiture 218 due 1/19  
**Voiture 472** due 1/22  
 \*\*\*\* Voiture 899 due 1/26  
 \*\*\*\*Voiture 1219 due 3/20  
 \*\*\*\*\*Voiture 1120 due 1/27

**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 rears. If you wish to remain a VERY SPECIAL BOOSTER. Send payment to: Grand L'Editeur  
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