

V/L	LOCATION	24 GOAL	2024	24 GOAL	24 GOAL	SHORT
53	RICHMOND	23	20	86.96%	24	-3
86	NORFOLK	44	45	102.27%	44	1
380	BULL RUN	29	26	89.66%	30	-3
449	RICHMOND-HENRICO	5	0	0.00%	6	-5
829	ROCKBRIDGE	4	4	100.00%	4	0
976	NEWPORT NEWS	31	29	93.55%	32	-2
1088	SMYTH WYTHE WASH	8	0	0.00%	9	-8
1184	CHARLOTTESVILLE	39	1	2.56%	40	-38
1312	SOUTH HILL	17	5	29.41%	18	-12
1530	COLONIAL HEIGHTS	74	71	95.95%	75	-3
1569	FAIRFAX	56	24	42.86%	57	-32
	TOTALS	330	225	68.18%	339	-105
To	reach 2022 National GOAL		330	we need	105	
To	reach 2022 Virginia GOAL		340	we need	114	

The Loco — Motion News

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The LOCO-MOTION NEWS

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If you write articles for publication, please send them to the Grand L' Editeur or e-mail them to him so articles arrive no later than **the 15th of the month prior to the publishing month.** Photographs will be returned only upon request.

From the Grande Chef de Train
Dec 2023

Greetings;

As we head into this quarter of the membership year our membership numbers are lower than they should be. Yes, the Grande has suffered Voyageur lose due to death, aging, and disinterest. You have heard it before; membership is the lifeline of our organization and with effort we can give this organization a blood transfusion and end the year 2024 at 100%.

I know it's hard to recruit even though you may be knowledgeable about our Grande and Locale membership goals, but sometimes we just have to brag a bit about our organization.

The Grande membership goal this year is 330. Currently we have 221 renewed Voyageurs. National goal is 330, we need 109 Voyageurs. Virginia's goal is 340, we need 119 Voyageurs to reach that goal.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our existing Voiture Locales to meet, talk to potential Voyageurs in a casual atmosphere without any pressure trying to seek their membership. I hope that you can be the one that will step up and help us make this year a huge success.

Congratulations to the Locales that are at 100%.
(86 and 829)

Merci,
Alice V. Cooper

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Dates to Remember

105th Promenade Natl
Sept. 10-14, 2024
Sandusky, OH.

Grande Prom: 26 Jul 24 @ V-86
Fall Cheminot: 10/11-12/24 Oct
@ Col. Hgts
Winter Cheminot: 1/26-28 2024
@ Col. Hgts V-1530

Spring Cheminot: 3/16/24 @ V-449

Southland Dixie: 18-20 Apr 2024
Greensboro, NC
Memorial Day: 25-27 May 2024
Grande Prom: Jul 2025 T B D
Prom. Natl 2025: Baltimore, Md ?



◀Grande Chef
Ann Robins

Grande
Chef de Train
Alice Cooper➤



◀Grande Sous
Chef de Train
Geri Stephens

NEWS from the Locales



Fall Cheminot introduced three new Voiture Militaire to Grande du VA.

Grande Voiture du Virginie Grande Spring One Day Cheminot March 16, 2024

Hosted by Voiture Locale 449
@ American Legion Post 144, 1717 Old Hanover Rd, Sandston,
VA., 23150

Spring Cheminot will start at 10:00 a.m.

Name(s): _____ Voiture: _____ Cabane: _____

Street or P.O. Box _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ Work(____) _____

Reg. Fee (Voyageurs) ____ @ \$20.00 ea \$ _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Registrations:

Registration includes meal and non-alcoholic drinks in the
back of the meeting room. There will be NO banquet.

Make your check for Registration payable to:

Voiture Locale 449 and mail nlt March 1, 2024 to:

Chuck Talley, 500 Mango Ct., Richmond, VA. 23223



V/M John Schenk had the privilege of chauffeuring Grande Chef Ann Robins and her aide V/M Chet Parzych in the 2023 Tidewater Veterans Day parade.



Voiture Locale 86 hosted Grande Chef Ann Robins in the Tidewater Veterans Day parade in Virginia Beach. Chef Ann waived at and thanked the by standers for attending and handed out approximately 50 American Flags.



GRANDE CORRESPONDANT

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Dec 2023

Salut Virginie,

Good news or Bad news! There are STILL 101 Voyageurs who receive the Loco Motion News as hard copy. Effective 21 Jan 2024, the Post Office is raising its rates again. In this year of 2023-2024, I find it hard to believe that there are still this many Voyageurs who do not have email! The organization is NOT bringing in lots of money and we will not be able to continue printing and sending these hard copies. I would appreciate YOU providing me with your email address. I DO NOT send out emails that have to do with (prayers, money requests, dirty jokes or pictures, chain letters). The only email I send to all Voyageurs is the one that says the Loco Motion News is on the Virginia web site.

If your Locale partakes in anything and pictures are taken, I could use them to fill up space in this newsletter. Please forward to me as "word" documents.

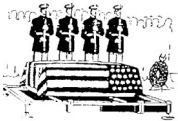
Membership: When you receive this issue of the Loco Motion News, take out your membership card and check the date. If your Membership card says 2023, on 1 January 2024, if you haven't paid your dues, YOU are delinquent. A tip of the chapeau to Locales 86 and 829 who have made the 100% goal. A couple others only need two or three more renewals.

Cheminot: Tentatively speaking, the Spring Cheminot will be hosted by Voiture Locale 449 at American Legion Post 144 on March 16, 2024.

Travel: I have received and forwarded to the Grande Staff the registration and Ad paperwork for Southland Dixie. The 2024 Dixie will be held in Greensboro, N.C.. Information concerning Southland Dixie and 2024 Promenade Nationale is on the 40 & 8 web site under tab resources, Forty & Eighter current edition (Fall).


P L M: Remember, every Cheminot and the Grande Promenade you attend you should sign in on the P L M membership drawing list. At the Grande Promenade, Voyageur Gretchen Trujillo's name was picked as the Membership attendee winner. Voyageur Gretchen is already a P L M, so she received a check for \$100.00.

Merci, John



GRANDE DU VIRGINIE

2023-24 ROLL CALL OF VOITURE EVERLASTING



H. E. "Buddy" Guenther	27 Jan 2023	V-86	45 yrs
Ryland M. Bowen Jr	Jun 13, 2023	V-53	27 yrs
Ed Parrish	Oct 2023	V-53	24 yrs

X



**Grande DIRECTEUR
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Dec 2023

Bonjour Voyageur Militaries,

I hope that your Fall is going well. It was fantastic to see some of you at the Grande Fall Cheminot in Colonial Heights on October 14. I hope that you have a wonderful finish to end calendar year 2023!

I still have three 2024 Boxcar pins and cards from Nationale. The majority of what I ordered were purchased at the Fall Cheminot. If I have these 3 pins and cards left, I will bring them to the Winter Cheminot in January.

If your Voiture Locale would like to get its own supply of 2024 Boxcar pins and cards, please do so. The same contact that you used for 2023 is the same one for the 2024 pins and cards.

If you are still wanting to get the 2023 pins and cards, please let me know. I still have 3 pins and cards. They are \$6.00 for both the pin and card.



Have a wonderful Holiday season!

Grande Directeur Boxcar

William Chan

NEWS from the Locales



MARYMOUNT
UNIVERSITY

Nia S. Graduating 2024 “ Once I graduate I plan to work for the ICU or Emergency Department and gain all the skills I can possibly gain and master them. Once I master these skills, I would like to help those who are less fortunate and are in more need of medical help but cannot afford it. Helping people who need it gives a sense of justice and our healthcare system needs a reminder of why it exists and why it should thrive.”

Kelsey B. Graduating 2024 “In high school, I decided I wanted to become a Nursing assistant, and I have been working as a CNA since 2013. I worked through COVID, and had some eye-opening moments. My plan was and still is to change the healthcare field for the better. My career plan is to receive my BSN, work for a few years, receive my MBA in nursing administration, and hopefully run my own facility”

Emily D. Graduating 2023 “. It is my goal that every patient understands that they are important and cared for with my best abilities every time. I love all areas of nursing, but I have a special place in my heart for labor and delivery.”

Voiture Locale 1569 has a history of supporting the Nurse Training Program at Marymount University. The above highlighted statements were extracted from the students “thank-you” letters.

Grande Voiture du Virginie –
Grande Winter Cheminot Jan 27, 2024

Hosted by: Voiture Locale 1530 - At Chateau 1530,
Colonial Heights

15930 Happy Hill Rd., Colonial Heights, VA. 23834

7/26 - Hospitality @ Chateau - 1800-2200

7/27 - Winter Cheminot 1000

7/27 - Grande Winter Banquet / Happy Hour 1800

Name(s): _____ Voiture: _____

Street or P.O. Box _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home (_____) _____ Work(_____) _____

Reg. Fee (Voyageurs*) @\$50.00 ea / Guests (\$30.00)

\$ _____ **Total Amt**

(*Includes the cost of the Registration/Banquet)

Enclosed: \$ _____

Make your check for Cheminot Reg. payable to:

Voiture Locale 1530 and mail nlt Jan 14th 2024 to:

David Stephens, 2943 Sand Hills Dr., Chester, VA. 23831,

**Hotel Information: Make your own reservations directly
with the Hotel.**

Room rates are \$89.00 plus tax.

Deadline for hotel reservations is

Jan 14th, 2024.

Candlewood Suites, 15820 Woods Edge Rd,

**Col Hgts, 23834, 1-804-526-0111. Mention 40&8 for
special rate.**

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HOW TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION:

1. Don't attend the meetings.
2. If you do attend, arrive late.
3. Find fault in the officers and members.
4. Never accept an office, it's easier to criticize than do this.
5. Never the less get annoyed if you are never appointed to a committee.
6. If appointed to a committee, don't attend the meetings.
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion, say nothing, but then afterwards tell everyone how things should have been done.
8. Do no more than necessary when others are rolling up their sleeves.
9. Hold back your dues for as long as possible or don't pay them at all.
10. Don't bother getting new members, but if you do, make sure they are gripers like yourself.



**Merci Voyageurs
2024**

5 Years

Paul A. Bartz, V-976

James JK. Lostetter, V-976

Willie B. Morgan, V-976

10 Years

William B. Cayson, V-1530

Charles E. Davis, Jr., V-1530

Michael E. Fletcher, V-1569

Matthew J. Hallinan, V-380

Guy T. Jacobs, V-976

James L. Lipscomb, V-1530

Gerri Stephens, V-1530

Robert D. Yowell, V-380

15 Years

Charles Buettner, V-380

Edwin T. Casey, Jr., V-86

William C. Griebel, V-976

James A. Hawkins, V-1569

Richard L. Jordan, V-1530

Chet Parzych, V-1530

Ann M. Robins, V-1530

John M. Ser, V-976

Kenneth F. Whitmer, V-1569

20 Years

Milton Bolton, V-1530

Curry Brooks, V-86

Christopher D. LeMire, V-1530

Edward A. Murray, V-53

Richard Oertel, V-1530

Jim F. Taylor, V-86

Connie B. Wood. V-1114/2000

25 Years

Ken Barnard, V-86

William D. Englert, V-976

Glenn R. Getty, Jr., V-976

Richard H. Gunn, V-1114/2000

Lowell W. Kilby, V-1530

F. "Tony" Morgan, V-1530

Edwin S. Parrish, V-53

Herbert Williams, V-1530

30 Years

Joseph H. Evans, V-86

Charles K. McMurdo, V-1530

35 Years

Arnold L. Martin, V-829

Roger Puckett, V-1530

40 Years

45 Years

H. E. Buddy Guenther, V-86

50 Years

60 Years



Grande Directeur Carville Star
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Dec 2023

Bonjour Voyageurs,

Although we have enjoyed magnificent weather this year in Virginia, we unfortunately have to separate ourselves from our pensive indulgence and return to our tasks at hand. The Forty & Eight has a number of programs that we have traditionally supported and those endeavors depend on the well-intentioned efforts of organizations like ours. Though we are not a huge group with vast resources, we can become a singular spoke in the wheel that when combined with other small organizations coalesce to make a significant difference. We do matter and only through our labors will we continue to make a difference!

The Carville Star program has historically produced a huge effect in the advancement in treatment and mode of therapy of Hansen's Disease. No longer do we find a need to mindlessly institutionalize these patients. They are able to be treated as out patients and function without scorn in everyday society.

Our programs do work, but you must step-up to make them work. Something as simple as purchasing a pin can make a huge difference. Check your chapeau. Do you see an updated Carville Star pin? If not, remedy the problem! Did your Locale purchase a city or country? If not, remedy the problem! I challenge you Voyageur, HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

By the way, I do have pins for sale. Contact Me!!!!

Merci and may God Bless, Doc Jordan

Grande Voiture du Virginie Patrons List

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Add your name or your affiliation to the Patrons list for only \$2.50 per year. (Pay for four years and get your name listed for five in 3 editions of the Loco-Motion News)

! NOTE !


The date at the right of your name is the expiration date. This date is the last issue that your name will appear.

I have all this extra room to fill with boosters, Can you support?

As you look through the News, please note the number of blank spaces at the bottom of each page. At one time there were two business card ads per page.

Blank spots thru out the Newsletter are due to negative submissions of articles and/or photographs.

Angie L. Anderson	V-86	2036/08	Samuel Ramseur	V-1569	2024/01
Softsoap Brnayan	V-86	2022/09	Brett Reistad	V-934	2027/01
Crawford Braswell	V-86	2028/03	Ann Robins	V-1530	2027/08
Jim Brock	V-1569	2029/11	John Ronkartz	V-1530	2024/11
Janice Brock	C-86	2026/11	Richard Rooney	V-934	2033/12
Barbara Burden		2024/10	Ruth Rooney	C-934	2033/12
Jim Burden	V-976	2024/12	Jim Rovinski	V-977	2027/11
Cooper, Alice	V-86	2025/10	Archie R. Scott	V-976	2027/02
Tony Cerella	V-976	2026/07	John M. Schenk	V-86	2024/09
Edna Eagle	C-1569	2024/03	Leonard E. Smith, III	V-1312	2027/05
Roscoe Eagle	V-1569	2024/03	Randy Shrader	V-1569	2026/04
J. Ray Edmundson JR	V-1530	2024/06	Dave Stephens	V-1530	2024/10
Linda Edwards	C-977	2028/01	Geri Stephens	V-1530	2024/10
William D. Englert	V-976	2031/03	Robert A. Stewart	V-1184	2039/09
Bill Feasenmyer	V-1530	2025/11	William E. Strickland	V-976	2036/12
Rita Feasenmyer		2025/11	Jay A. Wilson	V-1569	2027/10
Rick J. Foster	V-380	2035/09	Garland M. Woods	V-1184	2024/10
Dick George	V-1569	2026/12	Robert Yowell	V-380	2031/10
Patti George	C-934	2026/12			
Graulau, Vic	V-1569	2025/10			
H. E. Guenther	V-86	2027/05			
Willie T. Harris	V-1530	2024/10			
Steady Hicks,	V-1569	2024/04			
G. Al Hillman	V-53	2032/07			
Richard L. Jordan	V-1530	2024/02			
Patrick M. Kelly	V-1184	2027/05			
Lundy Lowe	V-1312	2043/01			
Bob Lyles Jr.	V-934	2024/03			
Dolly Lyles	C-934	2024/03			
William S. Martin	V-829	2024/02			
Sol McCauley	V-1184	2027/05			
F.H. Tony Morgan	V-1530	2026/11			
Otha Newton	V-86	2024/03			
Dave Ogden	V-1184	2026/12			
Doug Osborn	V-1530	2024/12			
Chet Parzych	V-1530	2027/08			
Howard Perross	V-1530	2029/10			
Vincent C. Post	V-1569	2024/03			

from the

publisher

Merci to the individual
supporters for keeping
their boosters updated



David Stephens



**Grande Chef de Gare
Passe 2020**

**Geralyn (Geri) Stephens
V/M 1530**

2024/05



Compliments Of



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2023/11



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2024/01



**2024
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DUE**



**Grande
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Dec 2023

Well the Grand had a very successful Fall Cheminot, as a lot of business was completed. We have 3 new members to the Grande.

I would like to make sure that we get them involved in the programs in each of their Locales as soon as possible.

I still have 20 pins left. Please contact me to get them to your Locale.

Lets see if we all can get our Grande to 100% membership by the end of December.

We need to not forget the 7th of December for all those who gave their all on that Fateful Day in History.

Don't forget that the Christmas Holidays are coming up. Make if you can invite a Veteran for a meal and check on others to make sure that are doing well.



**Merci:
James Rovinski**



NPCC = NATIONAL PASSE CHEFS CLUB

Each year there are at least 10 Locale Chefs and one Grande Chef in Grande du Virginia. How many are members of the NPCC ? Would you believe only 60 Chef Passe from Virginia belong. The object of the organization of the club are as follows; To honor, thru membership, those voyagers who have served their Voiture Locale and/or Grand Voiture as Chef de Gare; To directly support the Forty & Eighter Magazine with a \$25,000.00 per year donation derived from membership dues, memorial donations, gifts and other special fund raising projects that the club may undertake; To increase comradery between club members who have common bonds, and who are "Etiam Servans" (Still Serving). Interested (?), talk to the Grande Correspondant/Le Editor.



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Dec 2023



Fellow Voyagers,

Another year is beginning and hopefully we'll be moving out of the COVID scare and back to normal. Last year was a tough year for all of us with cancelled promenades and Cheminot's. Pin sales and donations were way down from previous years and many Locales did not sell all the pins ordered. As the restrictions loosen, make an effort to get out and support our programs. Let's start this year off on a better note.

Child Welfare pins are available to all who want to order for 2024. Pins are still \$3.00 each. Pins can be ordered directly from the National Director Joseph Donovan at 4660 N. River Rd. Spc12, Oceanside, CA. 92057-5879. His contact information is 760 721-9405 or fax number 760 721-0339. His email address is jdonovan4660@hotmail.com.

Payment is to be made to the National Child Welfare Treasurer John A. Kaiserian, 365 W. Olympia St., Hernando, FL 34442-4868. His contact information is phone number 352 746-1959 and his email address is john40and8@gmail.com.

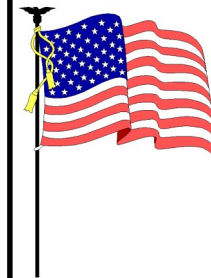
If selling pins is not an option or if your Locale wishes to make an additional contribution, donations are accepted by the Nationale Child Welfare Treasurer at the same address.

Our duty as 40 and 8 Voyagers is to support all our programs. As veterans we understand how important it is to accomplish our missions.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your service. Hope this letter finds all in good health. I'm looking forward to having a great year!

For God, Country and La Societe,

Jack White,
Grande Child Welfare Director



2024/12

Compliments Of

Linda Edwards

La Grande Whatever



Memorial Day

A.R. "Dick" George, Jr.
President

40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee

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2023/12



2024/01

VOITURE 1569

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COMPLIMENTS OF

James E. Rovinski

Grande Chef de Gare 2017-2018



2023/11



Nationale Directeur Youth Sports
Grande Directeur Youth Sports
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Dec 2023

Greetings to all Grand du Virginia Locales,
the 2024 the new year has begun.

The following was extracted from Health.gov

“The National Youth Sports Strategy aims to unite U.S. youth
sports culture around a shared vision:

“that one day, all youth will have the opportunity, motivation, and
access to play sports—regardless of
their race, ethnicity, sex, ability, or ZIP code”

Why youth sports? Research shows that participating in
youth sports can lead to immediate and long-term benefits for
youth, their families, and communities.”

The encouragement of Youth Sports is not just a Forty and Eight
goal, but a goal of the U.S.A. in general. The many benefits of
participating in Youth Sports programs not only include Team-
work, but also help build social skills and social responsibility. The

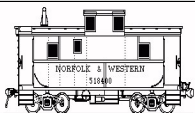


Forty and Eight through the Youth Sports programs can
encourage personal responsibility and self-control.

I believe we as a Grande also have a responsibility
to our communities to get out and volunteer and do
what we can to encourage today's youth so that
they have a bright outlook on life. Building leaders
for the future of our country is not a small
endeavor.

What has your Locale done to keep Youth Sports moving
forward?

Randall Shrader



Courtesy of
Fairfax County Voiture
Locale 1569

“Caboose
Chateau”

Doug Osborn
Chef de Gare

Jack White
Correspondant

2023/12



From the Desk of the Grande Chef de Gare
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Dec 2023

Bienvenue my fellow Voyageurs.

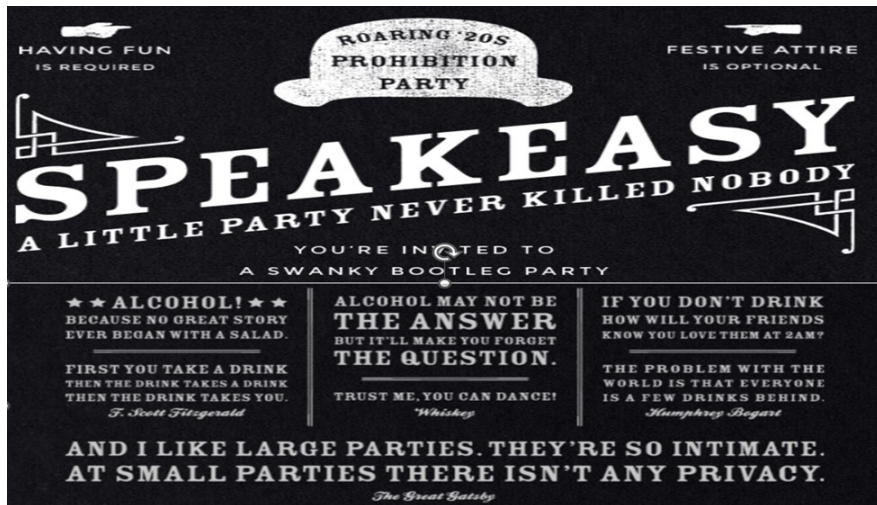
I hope that you all enjoyed a Happy
Thanksgiving and enjoyed the company of family
and friends. It's hard to believe that the holidays
are just around the corner and much colder weather
for most of us. Remember to conduct buddy checks
and reach out to those that may need some extra
help during the upcoming months.

As you begin to fill your calendar for 2024,
remember to include some time to participate in one
of our great programs. Law and Order for most
Locales is held in January, Flags for First graders
and Youth Sports programs throughout the school
year, scholarship nominations for deserving Nurses
training students, and so many more! Don't forget
our Memorial Day Committee always needs more
help.

Thank you to those Locales that have reached
out to me and giving me the honor of visiting your
locale. It is a great opportunity to see all the great
work being done throughout the Grande. I hope to
be able to visit more of you in the coming year.

Don't forget to save the date for January 27,
2024 homecoming banquet:

(continued on page 10)




My contact information is email 40.8Chefscorner@gmail.com and my cell phone is 804.502.5233. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve this incredible organization.


Merci

Ann




**COLONIAL HEIGHTS
VOITURE LOCALE 1530**

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COMPLIMENTS OF VOITURE 976
NEWPORT NEWS, VA


IN MEMORY OF

Jim Burden
 SAUNDERS B. MOON
 CHEF de GARE
 CORRESPONDANT



W. "BILL" ENGLERT


2023/12



COMPLIMENTS OF

Howard Perross, Jr.

**Voiture Locale Chef
1530 Passe**



2026/11



CHARLOTTESVILLE VOITURE LOCALE 1184



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Salut,

The following are recent statistics regarding the nursing profession:

- 55% of registered nurses are over the age of 50
- 4.7 million nurses are expected to retire by 2030
- 1.2 million new nurses are needed by 2030 to address the shortage
- 13% of newly licensed RNs change their job after only one year
- 37% of new RNs report wanting to change their job after only one year.

It's easy to glance over these statistics without really thinking about them. They should however, raise alarm bells for the baby-boomer and Gen X generations. These generations are at or approaching the stage of their lives when they need more health care. The shortage of nurses compromises the quality and safety of the medical care they receive. Many health care facilities are facing the challenge of having too few nurses for too many patients. This leads to increased stress and burnout among the nurses. Consequently, many novice nurses leave the profession, finding it falls short of their expectations.

The Voiture Locales of the Grande du Virginie can help alleviate the shortages in the nursing profession by sponsoring scholarships for nursing students in their areas. The amount of the scholarship doesn't need to be sizable. It only needs to show that Veterans care. If a scholarship candidate can't be found, a donation from the Voiture Locale to the Boland Trust Fund is another option. Purchasing the 2024 Nurses Training Program pins is the easiest way to become involved.

Merci,

Ray Jechorek



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The first quarter seemed to have come and went. Year 2023 flew right out the window and 2024 is still kicking down the front door.

The 2024 POW/MIA Pins are available for acquisition. They are the same size and price (\$4.00) as the 2023 pin and in the same bright brass material as the 2023 pin. The pin is set in a American flag setting with the eagle and POW/MIA in the middle, the 40/8 on one side and the Le-Femmes on the other. Crowning the top with a black banner showing "Some Gave All". From the original 50 pins I have already sold 23 pins, and have 27 pins on hand.

I have talked with the Nationale Directeur POW/MIA and he told me I can order through him any quantity I need for the Grande.

Contact me by e-mail listed above to let me know how many you want to buy, and include the return address (with the VL number shown) so I can mail your order to you. If you do not have a computer available, my snail mail address is:

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**For God and Country and La Societe,
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Greetings to all,

Well, it is that time of the quarter again, a statement from your incredible Sous Chef de Train. This article is going to be about our involvement in the 40&8.

I have been a member of the 40&8 for ten years and during that time I have watched membership decrease in participation in Voiture Locale Promenades and State Cheminots. This saddens me since our organization has done many great things in the past. It is time our Voyageurs step up to the plate and move this organization in a more positive direction.

I am challenging all Locales to each recruit and approve two new Voyageurs into their Voiture by the end of December. This may sound like a daunting task, but it can be accomplished. Remember, we never back down from a challenge. Consider the illustrious words of General McAuliffe to the German Commander "Nuts". Even though surrounded our soldiers never surrendered, so let's not start now.

In the military, we relied on each other to get the job done, so let's rely on each other again and make the 40&8 better than ever before. We can reach this goal with ease, so stand up and charge forward and get those new Voyageurs.

I also would like to see more Voyageurs become involved with the Grande and even in their own Locale. Meeting attendance has been decreasing and it saddens me that the fellowship is no longer there. Get your Voyageurs to the Locale Promenades and stand together.

Now I will get off my soap box, I have placed the gauntlet in your hands so don't disappoint success.

Have a great holiday time with your family and friends.

Merci , Geri , Sous Chef de Train



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to create a charitable and non-profit veteran’s organization:
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to assist and promote the welfare and well being of those who have served or are now serving in the armed Forces of the United States, and their widows, widowers and orphans:

to participate in all memorial services for and to be present at the funerals of departed comrades;

to take part in and encourage others to participate in the proper Observance of all days honoring veterans;

to preserve the memories of our Service in the Armed Forces of our Country;

to actively participate within our membership in projects relating to

-the welfare of the children of America;

-the health of our Nation by fostering a nurses training

program;

-and selected charitable endeavors.”



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