

**40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee
Registration / Ads /Boosters / Flag Donations
2024**



5 December 2023

Salut Voyageurs!



One of the highlights of the Chef de Chemin de Fer year in office, is his attendance at the Memorial Day Ceremonies on Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery. This is the only time that our organization is recognized as a Veterans Service Organization. Our Chef de Chemin de Fer, along with the Sous Chefs have the honor of placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



The 40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee **will not** be informed that this remembrance ceremony can take place until March-April 2024. **We hope** that we will be allowed, as in the past, to hand out 4x6 inch flags to every person that attends the ceremony at the amphitheater. Traditionally, the 40 & 8 attendees that attend, hand out 10,000 plus flags every year. We pay for these flags with the donations to the flag fund and boosters in the program book.

Grande du Virginia and Grande du Maryland were asked to put the program back together and go forward with it for Memorial Day 2024. Voyageur Dick George agreed to chair the program as Committee President, as long as he had assistance. So, all of us military minded individuals know the difference between "volunteer and voluntold". We had a staff and I agreed to chair the registration and program book part of the program. The Voyageurs of Voiture Locale 1569 and Grande du Maryland agreed to take care of all the local requirements in the Arlington area. Also, in conversation with the incoming Grande Chef du Maryland, the 2023 Finance Officer and myself agreed to continue with the same duties for 2024.

So, with all of this said, I prefer not to wait until the last minute to put a program book together. **Attached, please find the registration form and a booster sheet** for you to use at your Grande Cheminot, and/or Locale Promenades, whenever you meet. First received, first included in the book is my motto. **The Hotel has said they will honor the \$129.00 rate up to three (3) days pre-arrival and three (3) days post-departure based on room availability**

Merci in advance

s/s John Schenk

Grande Correspondant du Virginia / Registration / Program Book

406 E. Randall St., Norfolk, VA. 23503 757-588-7732 legionjohn@cox.net

FORTY AND EIGHT MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

LA SOCIETE DES QUARANTE HOMMES ET HUIT CHEVAUX

2024 Program Booster Page – (PLEASE PRINT)

\$2.00 per name / \$4.00 for Mr. & Mrs.

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Make checks payable to "Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee"
and send to

John M. Schenk, 406 E. Randall Ave., Norfolk, VA. 23503

Money collected at _____ (place/event) Date: _____

MEMORIAL DAY IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



The Forty and Eight Memorial Day Ceremony is an annual event hosted by the 40 & 8 Memorial Day Committee. Planning for the weekend starts in October for the next year's Memorial Day Ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery. The Sunday evening banquet includes the Calvin Kain Memorial Service. Monday is a solemn occasion when we attend and participate in the National Memorial Day Ceremony at the Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery. At this event, Voiture Nationale and Cabane Nationale Drapeaux are marched into the Amphitheater. After Memorial Day addresses are given by the President of the

United States and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chef de Chemin de Fer and La Presidente Nationale are invited to present a wreath at the tomb of the Unknowns. This is the only time that the 40 & 8 and La Femme leaders are recognized publicly by the US Government.

In 2001 we started a tradition of giving a U.S. Flag to everyone entering the amphitheater. Because this requires about 10,000 flags, the committee requests donations. If you can help, please send your contribution to the Committee (as shown on the registration form). All donors will be listed in the Program Book. This is truly a weekend to remember and it is OPEN to everyone who would like to attend. Because of limited space, we recommend you register early.

The weekend is largely financed by the Memorial Day Program Book, so even if you are unable to attend, please consider purchasing an ad or being a booster.

Alvin R. "Dick" George, President
Forty and Eight Memorial Day Committee



FORTY AND EIGHT MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM
May 24th – May 27th 2024



REGISTRATION & RESERVATION

(Please Print or Type)

NAME: _____ VOITURE: _____ TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

IF REGISTERING FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON, PLEASE LIST NAMES BELOW WITH CURRENT TITLE

Event Cost Per How Many Total

Registration: \$35.00 _____ \$ _____

(Please note registration covers hospitality room and transportation to Cemetery)

Banquet: \$40.00 _____ \$ _____

Beef _____ Chicken _____

Donation for Flags: _____ \$ _____

Program Ads: Full Page - \$70, ½ Page - \$40, 1/3 Page - \$25

(Please provide copy and size of Ad. Cutoff date May 3, 2024)

Boosters - \$2.00 per name, or \$4.00 For Mr. & Mrs.

1. _____

2. _____

Ads/Boosters: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Attendees must make their own hotel reservations prior to April 29, 2024. Room rates are \$129.00 + 13% room tax.

Holiday Inn Express; 8180 Silverbrook Road; Lorton, VA 22079. Rates available 5/24 thru 5/28 2024

Call 1-703-643-3100, mention 40&8/American Legion.

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