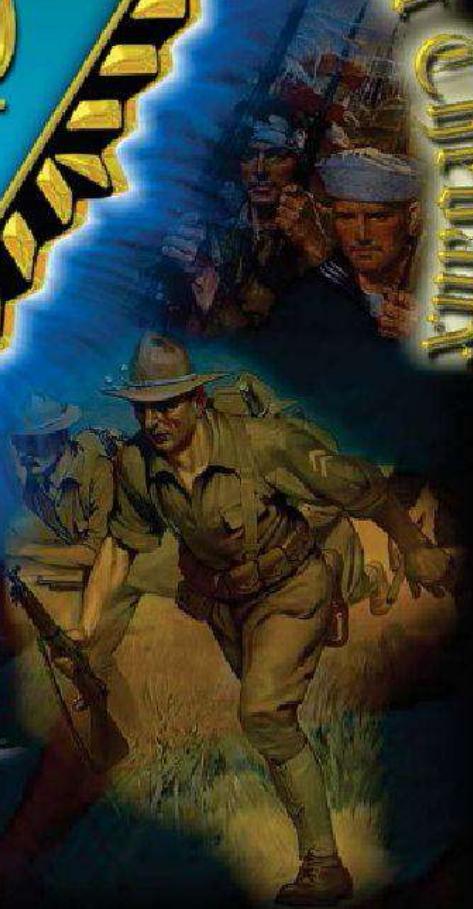
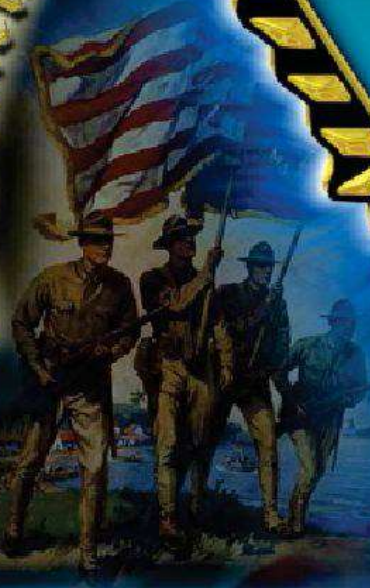


La Société des Quarante Hommes et Dix-huit Chevaux





WELCOME



- The Forty and Eight/ La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux.
- Names come from the French railroad and its 40/8 Boxcars.
- The Forty and Eight is a Fraternal and Charitable Honor Society of American Veterans.
- Membership is by invitation only.



40/8 NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA






HISTORY



- Formed on March 15, 1920 by Joseph W. Breen and 15 other prominent members of the newly formed American Legion.
- The vision for the organization was for a new and different level of membership and camaraderie for leaders of the American Legion.
- Name and Symbol comes from the Boxcar.
- Our names are taken from the French Railroad in “Improved French”.

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- The initiation ceremony was developed based on the common wartime experiences of American Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.
 - To incorporate fun making with patriotic bonding.
 - Some famous Veteran's who have been 40/8er's include John Pershing, Harry Truman, and Gerald Ford.
 - Major Breen a veteran of two wars was the first Chef de Chemin de Fer "Nationale Commander".



PROGRAMS

CHILD WELFARE

- Founded in 1923 its original purpose was to care for orphaned children of servicemen killed in WWI.
- In 1925 the Child Welfare fund was established which became the Charles Ardery Child Welfare Trust.
- The Ardery Trust provides grants to aid children who are the victims of disaster.
- Funds are raised by an annual dues assessment of \$.50 of which \$.25 goes to the trust fund.



- In 1932 The Forty and Eight declared war on childhood diphtheria and distributed vaccine to those who were unable to afford it.
- Another program provided iron lungs for victims of polio.
- Funding of worthy programs for students is a Child Welfare favorite.
- Most recently we raised \$21,800 for children who were impacted by hurricane Sandy. Excess funds were used for tornado victims in Indiana, where an elementary school was completely destroyed.



ARDERY FUND RECEIPIANT



MUSIC STUDENTS AT BANQUET





NURSES TRAINING



- The Forty and Eight began issuing Nursing Scholarships in 1941.
- Program officially started in 1955.
- Program is primarily administered at the Locale (Voiture) level.
- National money for nursing scholarships comes from the Boland Nurses Training Trust Fund.
- Scholarships help many nursing students that are juggling family, child care, work, school and studying.





SUPPORT OUR NURSES TRAINING PROGRAM

La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux



PROUDLY WEAR YOUR NURSES TRAINING PIN





CARVILLE STAR



- In 1947 the Forty and Eight began its long association with the Hanson's Disease Program in Carville, Louisiana.
- Hanson's Disease is erroneously associated with "Biblical Leprosy"
- The word Star comes from the publication "*The STAR*".
- The purpose of the "*The Star*" is to educate and enlighten the public and the medical profession on the truthful facts about Hansen's Disease and dispel myths that date back to the biblical days. It also furnishes vocational rehabilitation for interested patients.
- *The STAR* has a growing circulation going out to all 50 states and more than 154 foreign countries.
- The Forty and Eight financially supports this program and publication.



40 & 8's Presenting Printing Press in 1947





CARVILLE STAR



There are many ways to support the Carville Star Program including:

- *Star* Subscriptions
- Buy A Country
- Buy A Clinic
- *The Star* Maintenance Fund
- Museum Fund
- Pin Sales
- General Donations





YOUTH SPORTS

- Established in 1994 to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to individual athletes or teams who lack the funds.
- To enhance physical, mental and moral development of young athletes.
- Assisting all regardless of race or creed.
- Some Locale's are major supporters of "Special Olympics" in their area.
- Promotes Good Sportsmanship and Citizenship.
- Source of income come from sales of pins and other fund raisers.





POW/MIA

- The 40 & 8 program is known as the “POW/MIA Survivor Scholarship Fund” in memory of Lance Corporal John Dewy Killen who was declared Missing in Action in South Vietnam.
- Scholarships are available to the Spouse, Children, Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren, and Widows or Widower of verified POW/MIA. In remembrance of them that they are not forgotten.
- Support the ongoing effort to find and repatriate the remains.
- Sources of income comes for sales of pins, fund raising events and donations.





SPECIAL AWARDS



- 40 & 8 “Voyageur of the Year Award” (Locale, Grande and Nationale winners)
- “Hero of the Year Award” adopted in 1991 for the purpose of recognizing and paying tribute to a person who with out hesitation performed a heroic deed and demonstrated an unselfish desire to aid others.
- “Law Officer of the Year Award” is to recognize and pay tribute to a Law Officer who has done an outstanding job of performing his or her duties both passed and present.
- “City or Town of the Year Award” was adopted in 2001 to recognize and honor a City or Town which has or is doing something significant for Veteran’s in that City or Town.



LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2013





AMERICANISM

- Voyageurs Militaire maintain a strong commitment to the “American Way of Life”.
- Americanism projects include respect for the Flag, Constitution, Law and Order and the willingness to defend these principles.
- The 40 & 8 “Flags for First Graders” is an education program for elementary schools American youths on the United States Flag its, History, Respect and Protocol.
- Annual National Americanism Award Winner, to an outstanding American.
- Flags at Arlington Cemetery on Memorial Day (over 10,000 given to attendee’s).



FLAGS FOR 1ST GRADERS



MEMORIAL DAY ARLINGTON



JOSEPH BREEN MEMORIAL



NATIONAL AMERICANISM WINNER 2014 JOHN STEWART



BATTLESHIP ARIZONA & WWII MEMORIAL, PHOENIX, AZ





V.A.V.S./S.V.H



- Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (V.A.V.S.) provides a structured Volunteer Program.
- Traditional volunteers assignments include patient Escort Service/Volunteer Driver/ Information Desk Services at VA Hospital and Clinics /Chaplin Service for patients/Guest Relations Service.
- Representatives and Deputies at VA Hospitals and State Veterans Home's (S.V.H.) seek funding for Veterans needs.
- The Forty and Eight's "Keep the Wheel Chairs Rolling Program", funds worthy project to enhance the live of veterans.





BOX CAR ASSOCIATION



- The National Box Car Association (NBCA) was founded in 1965. Its primary mission was to preserving the Box Car symbol of the 40 & 8.
- The NBCA goals are contributions to Hospitals, Children's Homes and Orphanages. At the annual Promenade Nationale, a party for children is held in the host city where the children and their escorts are treated to lunch, train rides on visiting Locomotives, entertainment by Hobo Clowns and bands.
- Also a monetary donation is made to the host city's local VAVS Hospital. Other donations go to the National Boland Nurses Training Trust Fund, the Charles Ardery Child Welfare Trust Fund and other programs requiring assistance, such as the National 40&8 Membership Committee, 40&8 Magazine, Law Officer of the Year program, and many others. All funding raised by the NBCA are distributed in the same year it is raised.
- The NBCA members are the "Kings of Raising Money".

40/8 BOXCAR MUSEUM OF THE U.S.A.F



MERCI TRAIN



The Merci Train was a train of 49 French railroad box cars filled with tens of thousands of gifts of gratitude from at least that many individual French citizens. They were showing their appreciation for the more than 700 American box cars of relief goods sent to them by (*primarily*) individual Americans in 1948. The Merci Train arrived in New York harbor on February 3rd, 1949 and each of the 48 American states at that time received one of the gift laden box cars. The 49th box car was shared by Washington D.C. and the Territory of Hawaii. Parades and ceremonies of welcome were conducted in the state capitols and major cities of almost all the states. The largest and most attended was in New York City where more than 200,000 people turned out to welcome that state's assigned box car.



ARIZONA'S MERCI BOXCAR



CHILDRENS PARTY



RITUAL

- Provides a consistent guide to all ceremonies and memorial services.
- Annually approves the current password for the coming year.
- Ritual provides a link to our past and the history of this Veterans Honor Society.





VOITURE ACTIVITIES



- All activities that promote Voyageur involvement.
- Some Voitures Activities programs include the following examples:
- A breakfast, brunch or luncheon.
- A barbeque or picnic.
- A regular dinner or dinner for a special occasion.
- A dance or karaoke.
- A bingo or casino night.
- A special party for kids.
- Involvement in a parade.
- Patriotic holiday observances.
- Public memorial services.

VOYAGEUR APPRICATION PICNIC



GATOR BOWL PARADE 2014



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY



AMERICAN VETERANS

* FRATERNITY * LOYALTY * CHARITY *

FOUNDED MARCH 15, 1920 * 95TH ANNIVERSARY

VOYAGEURS WALK ON WATER





VOITURE PIG ROAST

11TH Annual

**VOITURE 1466
PIG ROAST**

**Hosted by
Chandler Post #35 P.W.F.H. 40/8**

**Sunday October 12, 2014
Serving Begins at 2pm
Bar Bingo at 3pm**

Chandler Post #35

**Whole Roasted Pig
& Chicken**

**Come Watch
The NFL Package**

**The entire Legion family and their guests are
welcome and encouraged to attend.**

**This is a Voiture 1466 Charity Fund Raiser.
Adults \$7.00 Children 6–12 \$3.50, 5 and under free.**

THE PIG



CHEF KISSING THE PIG



VOITURE LOCO CHRISTMAS



BIG GAVEL PRESENTATION



MEMBERSHIP

- The life blood of La Societe.
- Retention thru annual membership renewal.
- Recruitment of Honorably Discharged Veterans.
- Reinstatement of lapsed members.
- Encouragement of the Paid Life Membership (PUFL) option.



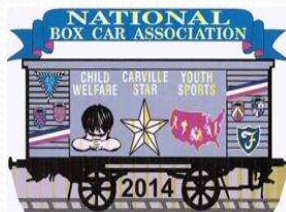
MEMBERSHIP AWARDS





PINS PROGRAMS

- Provides financial support to programs by selling nominally priced decorative chapeau pins that represent the essence of the program.
- The sale of these items represents an integral part of the programs success.
- All Voiture Locales can order Pins through their respected Grande Directeur.



LA FEMMES

- A fraternal organization of female members 18 years of age and older, with an affiliation with a veteran.
- Actively aids and supports the many charitable and patriotic programs of the Forty and Eight.
- Membership currently totals 3,129 Ladies.
- In 2014 presented checks; Child Welfare \$4,654.00., POW/MIA \$5,000.00, National Headquarters building mortgage \$19,500.00.



NICKELS FOR NURSES TRAINING



**Is a La Femmes Program to
Assist in Scholarship Funding
For Nurses Training
Scholarships**



IN SUMMATION

It is about

SERVICE

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CHARITY

Children

Young People

Under Privileged

Veterans