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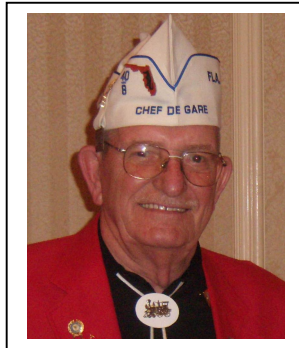
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"Marching with Archie"



From the Grand Chef

As we approach August the Grand du Florida placed 22nd in membership with 100.89%. Merci to all that put the grand over 100%.

I am happy to announce that the Grand du Florida now has a Honor Guard. The Guard consists of the following: Honor Guard Captain Tom Smith, members John Garvey, Jimmie White, Gary Justice, Ric Gannon, and John Kaiserian. The Honor Guard will be available for Grand Wrecks and Promenades.

On 4 July 2009, I represented the Grand du Florida in Safety Harbors' 4th of July Parade. The parade was the efforts of American Legion Post #238, The Safety Harbor Fire Department and the Town of Safety Harbor. The parade route was well attended by town people. I was not too surprised by the number of parade watchers that did not render proper respect toward The American Flag, either because of indifference or laziness.

On 9 July 2009, I installed the new officers for Voiture 541 at Kally K's. The incoming Chef is Howard Hoover.

On 12 July 2009, I attended the installation of officers for Voiture 1219. The installation was held at Darlis Greens. The Installing Officer was Past Grand Chef John Gore. The Dames were installed by Marie Pink. The picnic style buffet and swimming pool was enjoyed by all.

See ya all somewhere,

Archie Pairadee
Grand Chef de Gare

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Grand Correspondant

Florida Tops 100% in Membership for 2008 – 2009. Let's repeat it for Archie!!

Well this is the start of another 40 & 8 year and once again the pleading and begging for the names of your Chef de Gare and Correspondant continues. Please send your roster of new officers for our locales, especially Chef de Gare and Correspondant locale to Ben Meredith and me so that we can have an up to date roster. **Please do this immediately so that the lines of communication are not broken.** Please get this information in so that we can complete the Roster. Thanks in advance for your help and cooperation.

The Cripple Creek Wreck for this year is history. Once again Voiture 1219 exceeded all expectations even providing a new Holiday Inn Express and Hospitality Room. Eleven new Voyageurs Militaire joined our ranks and they were not neglected in any way. The Voyageurs and Dames of Voiture and Cabane 1219 led by Rich Gannon are showing the Grand that they are the leading Voiture and Cabane in Grand du and de Florida. Thanks!!

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Box Car

At this time all 41 Voitures from around the state should have their Crew Cards and Boxcar Pins. My Sous Directors have contacted you and you should have put an order in by now. If by chance you are not part of the list handled by my Sous I will be contacting you myself. The Boxcar Program raises funds for all 40&8 programs. Without the support of all Voitures we put a burden on the ones who do purchase cards and pins.

I would like to report that Florida's Boxcar located in Holly Hill is in great shape and I invite you to stop by when you are in the area. The City of Holly Hill keeps the grounds surrounding the car

in great shape. Well hope to see you in the area or at one of the many wrecks around the state.

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National Membership Directeur

With only 3 days left to go to membership closeout, Florida is in 22nd place at 100.89% with 1359 Voyageurs. Congratulations to last year's membership team and good luck to this year's team. We must grow to prosper.

I am still accepting Ritual Reports and have gone out with letters/emails to those Locales who haven't submitted their report. We have 21 of 41 Locales reported so far. Surely we can do better.

Pat Beamer

National Membership Directeur

Grand Ritual Directeur

Grand Chef de Train

MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

By now all voitures should have had their installations. This means that all of your officers should have paid their 2010 dues. We can't expect voyageurs to pay their dues unless we have paid ours. We should lead by example.

You should also be planning the future of your voiture. Now is the time to decide its programs, its activities and who you want to invite to join La Societe.

A worthy veteran, when invited, will more likely say yes if: your voiture is actively supporting the community; your voiture participates in fun activities; your voiture is involved in some great programs; and there is strong camaraderie amongst

your voyageurs.

It is up to all of us to be involved in the plans of our voitures. Remember – failing to plan is planning to fail.

All the way for La Societe,

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Grand Conducteur

Much is written in the ritual manual and officer's manual about protocol. They explain the expectations of how a Voiture should treat its guests. They outline who should be invited, how introduced, where seated and order of introduction etc. Tables and tableaux are arranged according to proscribed diagrams. Voitures are instructed to show the best care and hospitality to their guests. Nothing I can find however explains what the conduct of the guests should be. Well here are my expectations.

A guest should exhibit at least the same courtesy and hospitality shown by the hosts. The Voiture, and its property as well as the Post and its members deserve our respect. The forty and eight presents an image of itself to the host hotel and the community where most of us are staying. Whether that image is good or bad depends on our behavior. Threat the hotel property as you would wish to be treated. We are a fun organization but that does not include treating the hotel as one big garbage can.

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POW-MIA

Let's all take a moment to say a prayer for the safe return of Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl of Ketchum, Idaho. He is our newest POW being held captive by the Taliban in Afghanistan at the time of this writing. We will be having our Cripple Creek Wreck this weekend and hope to see some of you there. Remember all our Service Men and Women in your prayers who are fighting for the Freedom we enjoy here in the United States, and all those who gave their lives for that same Freedom. May God Bless and watch over them.

Bring Them Home

Until They All Come Home

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Voiture Activities

About four years ago my Voiture decided to have Voiture Activity, a St. Patrick's Day dinner. The purpose was to raise money for Nurses Training. The Public Relations Directeur got the event in the Veterans Affairs section of the local paper. A retired nurse who was sponsored over fifty years ago by the 40/8 for the sum of \$500 total, saw the ad As she lived several miles away, in another county, she could not attend but sent a check for many times the cost of the dinner.

We lost contact with her for a few years and recently we gave a donation to Central Florida Community Collage that our Public Relations Directeur had an article and picture in the paper as before. The same ex nurse called and asked if I was still in charge at the Voiture. Naturally I said I was. She had seen the picture in the paper and it reminded her to send another similar donation. I gratefully gave her our address and soon deposited a similar sized check.

So you see how the decision to have an

activity can pay such dividends and touch so many programs of La Society.

As always I am available to answer questions and send needed forms. Contact me below and note the new e-mail address.

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Directeur of Special Awards

WOW. What a year we just finished. Not a lot of participation, but the outcome was tremendous. More information to follow after Promenade Nationale.

One unfortunate void last year was the absence of a LAW OFFICER of the YEAR candidate. When I think about that, all I can do is just scratch my head. Thousands are employed in the state of Florida and not one did anything worthy of recognition? It is difficult to understand.

Nomination packets can be submitted ANYTIME before the May deadline for next year. There are ALWAYS late submissions, the result of which is automatic exclusion from the selection process.

As odd as it sounds, for the last several years, most of the Grand award winners in Florida were submitted by a Voyageur who had never nominated anyone before. That is proof positive that ANYONE can produce a winner.

Working for 40/8,

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AMERICANISM

By the time you read this V-1219 will have had their annual "Cripple Creek Wreck" and hopefully you attended. The Americanism Report for Grand

du Florida was forwarded to National and hopefully we will be recognized. Although, I have seen an increase over last year, I know we could have done better if more Voitures would have sent me their reports. Start collecting your data now for the coming year.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

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Ways and Means

How we will make monies this coming year has yet to be determined. I am still waiting to hear about a possible cruise package and am certainly open to other suggestions.

One idea which seemed to be the consensus of opinion at our meeting in Ocala is that whatever we raffle off should cost \$5.00 or \$10.00 per ticket rather than the \$100.00/ we have done the last two years. That should certainly increase ticket sales.

Send me some ideas.

In Service,

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VAVS

August is a slow month for VAVS news. Still we see progress at the national level. VA funding is gaining and should be approved shortly. There are some significant gains for veterans support. I'll address these once the process is finished.

In the meantime, be careful out there. Skin cancer is not something to ignore and our Florida sunshine has real risks, even on cloudy days. We still have far too many fatal results from what started off small but grew and spread to critical organs. If you have not had a check lately, I strongly recommend you schedule a visit to a dermatologist soon.

National Honors for State Veterans' Nursing

Homes: Emory L. Bennett Vet's Nursing Home in Daytona Beach and the Baldomero Lopez Vet's Nursing Home in Land O' Lakes were recently received the 2008 Excellence in Action Award, a national honor for exemplary customer and workforce satisfaction.

VA Claim's Backlog: The backlog of unprocessed claims for disability compensation for psychological and physical injuries connected to their military service is now over 400,000, up from 253,000 six years ago. The department says its average time for processing those claims, 162 days, is better than it has been in at least eight years

Dementia study: A study reported that Veterans diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) have a significantly higher risk of developing dementia compared with veterans who don't have the disorder. The mean age at the start of the study was 68, and 97% were at risk. Now I know why I'm in such bad shape mentally. Other studies show that moderate alcohol intake reduced risk of dementia by 37%. So there's hope for me and lots and lots of my friends so take a couple of drinks each day for your health! (*yea, right!*).

Benefits Handbook: The latest edition of the Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents Pamphlet (i.e. handbook) 80-09-01 can be obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs online or by mail. The 2009 publication in English can be downloaded at no cost from VA's Web site at <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf> or http://www1.va.gov/OPA/vadocs/current_benefits.asp. A Spanish version of the 2008 handbook can be downloaded at

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedbensp.pdf>.

Hard copies of the 2009 English version can be purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO). GPO accepts credit card orders for the publication at (866) 512-1800 or (202) 512-1800/2104F for a cost of \$5 each to U.S. addresses.

Florida Dept. of Veterans' Affairs has their 20th Anniversary this year:

Nov. 1988 gave the department a charter to provide advocacy and representation for Florida's veterans in their dealings with the US Dept. of Veteran Affairs. The FDVA operates six veterans' homes, five are skilled nursing facilities and one is an assisted living facility. To learn more, go to www.FloridaVets.org

YOURS IN SERVICE

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Bulletin Fee Increase

The fees for the Grand bulletin were increased at the Grand Promenade in Ocala.

Fees for email went from \$5 to \$7

Fees for First Class went from \$12 to \$15

Fees for Adds and Notices are \$25 per month

These fees are effective immediately.

Please note that Joe Nolan of V-215 is the Grand Correspondant and will handle all requests for wrecks and disseminate the answers to your questions. Please help Joe and Ben Meredith to compile a viable roster of Chefs and Correspondants Locale as quickly as possible. Send their information including e-mail address. Joe and Ben's phone numbers and e-mail addresses are in this bulletin.

REMINDER.....

Communication!!!! Each correspondant of each Voiture locale in Grand du Florida **will** receive a **FREE** copy of the Grand Bulletin. Take it to the Prom and read it. Make copies for any Voyageur that asks and make sure that any pertinent officers get any information that will help them with their duties. Make sure that your officers' lists have been sent to the Grand Correspondant. We can't send a bulletin to a Correspondant whose name and address has not been sent in.

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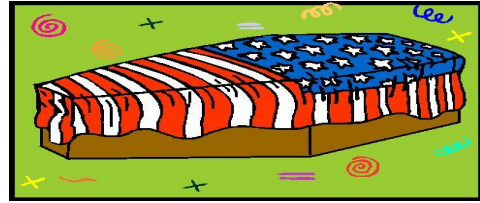
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Region 8
Benjamin (Gene) Stapp
Voiture 899

Upcoming Events

August 13-15 2009

Gold Coast Regional
Hosted by V-890
Ft. Lauderdale
Add Follows

Sept 5-12—2009

90thPromenade
Nationale
Rochester, New
York

Sept. 24-26-2009

Suncoast Regional
Wreck
Hosted by V_863
Lake Placid, FL.
At AL Post 25
More to follow

Nov 14 – 15--2009

Grand Picnic and
Seminar
V-218
Winter Haven,
At AL Post 8

***Remember ALL Activities for this calendar must be sent to
Joe Nolan, Grand Correspondant***



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You're Invited and bringing your PGS
To The
SUNCOAST REGIONAL WRECK

SEPT. 24th, 25th, 26th
Hosted by Voiture 863
American Legion post 25
Lake Placid Fl 33852



Thursday

Hospitality Room
12 Noon-?

Friday

Hospitality Room
12 Noon-5:30
Kangaroo Court starts 7:00pm
Music at Post 6:00pm

Saturday

Wreck
7:30 AM
Banquet 7:00 PM
Music till 11 PM

Dames luncheon Saturday. Meet at post 25 at 11:00 AM
Saturday Banquet (included in the \$35.00 registration).
Menu: Pulled Pork & all the trimmings.

Headquarter Hotel--Holiday Inn Express
608 South Lakeview
Lake Placid, Fl 33852

Phone: 863-465-9916 Fax: 863-465-9914

40 Rooms are blocked. Cut off is Sept. 1 2009.

After that it is first come first serve.

Be sure to mention the American Legion or the 40/8

Rate of. 75.00 + tax includes full hot breakfast.

The hotel is 5 mins to Post 25 and directly on us27 N.

There are no smoking rooms available!

Any Questions call: Chef de Gare

Ray Ploughe

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Gold Coast Regional Wreck

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Hosted by Voitures 290-728-890

Thursday Aug 13 - Saturday Aug 15, 2009

All events will be at V-890 Chateau. 1.5 miles E. of Hotel

Bring your PG's, we'll wreck them

HOTEL INFORMATION

Ramada Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel. State Rd 84 Ft. Lauderdale, FL3331

Call the hotel directly to make reservation. Rate \$75 w/ breakfast 954-584-4000

Ext. 522, Ask for Maria Andreatta

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 8-13

6 P.M. to 11 P.M.

Registration and Hospitality at
Chateau 890

FRIDAY 8-14

12-4 P.M. Hospitality room and
Registration at Chateau 890

6 P.M.- 7 P.M . Dinner at

Chateau - Roast Pork

7 P. M Kangaroo Kourt

SATURDAY 8-15

PG'S REPORT AT 8 A.M.

Wreck starts at 10 A. M.

Lunch of B&B will be served around noon.

5 P.M.. Attitude adjustment hour

6 P.M. Banquet w/ music and dancing -

Your choice of Beef or Chicken (Saturday

(Saturday Luncheon for Dames to be announced)

Registration Form: Please make check payable to Gold Coast Regional Wreck Association.

Registration Fee \$40 per person **Includes dinner Friday and Saturday**

Registration Cut-off - August 10, 2009 (*PG's free*)

Point of Contact: Robert "Bob" Jones (954) 755-4498

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Or Bill McIntyre (954) 232-4119

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1. _____ Voiture # _____ 2. _____ Voiture # _____

Circle one for each person registering:

Print Choice: Roast Beef or Chicken

Bring your PG's

Grand Membership Report

Locale	Region	County	Meets	2008	2009	% of Quota	Short/ Over
199	15	Hillsborough	Tampa	37	36	97.30%	-1
202	6B	Orange	Orlando	34	35	102.94%	1
215	5	East Duval	Jax Beach	93	96	103.23%	3
218	7	Polk	Winter Haven	44	41	93.18%	-3
290	11	Palm Beach	W. Palm Bch	51	48	94.12%	-3
294	17	Volusia	Daytona Bch	89	91	102.25%	3
304	5	Duval	Jacksonville	64	71	110.94%	7
334	12	St. Lucie	Fort Pierce	31	30	96.77%	-1
400	6A	Lake	Mt. Dora	20	21	105.00%	1
472	4A	Marion	Ocala	15	15	100.00%	0
478	6B	Seminole	Sanford	11	14	127.27%	3
541	16	Upper Pinellas	Clearwater	47	46	97.87%	-1
569	6A	Sumter	Bushnell	18	18	100.00%	0
728	9	W. Broward	Plantation	25	21	84.00%	-4
769	17	Flagler		10	9	90.00%	-1
790	13A	Lee	Fort Myers	68	60	88.24%	-8
795	13A	Collier	Naples	23	28	121.74%	5
797	8	Sarasota	Venice	29	26	89.66%	-3
822				1	12	1200.00%	11
863	8	Highland	Lake Placid	24	28	116.67%	4
880	8	Manatee	Bradenton	32	32	100.00%	0
890	9	Broward	Ft. Lauderdale	60	62	103.33%	2
899	8	Highland	Avon Park	24	15	62.50%	-9
954	12	Brevard	Cocoa	54	52	96.30%	-2
1120	2	Leon	Tallahassee	17	18	105.88%	1
1219	4A	Citrus	Crystal River	72	76	105.56%	4
1233	1A	Okaloosa	Ft. Walton Bch	18	19	105.56%	1
1352	3	Columbia	Lake City	25	24	96.00%	-1
1388	4B	Alachua	Newberry	12	13	108.33%	1
1490	1B	Okaloosa	Niceville/Crestview	35	28	80.00%	-7
1526	13B	Charlotte	Port Charlotte	37	36	97.30%	-3
1562	14	S.Dade/Monroe	Key Largo	13	6	46.15%	-7
1571	1A	Escambia	Warrington	32	32	100.00%	0
1576	16	South Pasco	New Port Richey	9	10	111.11%	1
1580	4A	South Marion	Bellevue	23	23	100.00%	0
1598	6A	North Lake	Lady Lake	44	50	113.64%	6
1604	5	North Duval	Jacksonville	20	25	125.00%	5
1606	1B	Bay	Panama City	38	43	113.16%	5
1610	5	St. Johns	St. Augustine	12	11	91.67%	-1
1619	11	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	8	9	112.50%	1
1621	12	S. Brevard	Palm Bay	28	29	103.57%	1

TOTAL

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100.89%

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