



# FORTY et EIGHTER

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La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

Le Grand Voiture de Maryland, Inc.

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## Voyageurs to muster in Williamsport for 89th Prom, Dames to Rendezvous

**V**oyageurs and delegates from the nine Voitures Locale of Grande du Maryland will convene July 31, 2010 at Potomac Post 202, Williamsport, MD, for the 89th Grande Promenade and 26th Grande Rendezvous. Grand Chef de Gare Robert J. Ouellette, Sr. will preside at the opening rites of the plenary session at 9 a.m.

The annual Corporation meeting and election of officers and trustees will be chaired by President John P. Baron at 8 a.m.

The one-day Grande Promenade is a departure from the usual three-day schedule of activities, although many Grand principles and delegates will meet informally at the Red Roof Inn and Post 202 Friday afternoon for pre-Promenade activities.

Rooms are still available at the Red Roof Inn on Route 11, in Williamsport, a short distance from Post 202. You must make your reservation by calling (301) 582-3500 mentioning the 40/8 before July 24 to receive the \$65.00 room rate.

The Grande Committee on Committees met prior to the Fourth Grande Cheminot in Woodsboro in April and chose the slate of officers for Administrative Year 2011.

**AMONG THE NOMINEES:** Patrick J. Hauke as Chef de Gare; Martin G. Price, Senior Chef de Train (East); John C. Cockrell, Chef de Train (North); Deborah DeFrank, Sous Chef de Train (North); Brenda Dougan, Chef de Train (West); and James Beckman, Sous Chef de Train (West). Chef de Gare Ouellette becomes Cheminot Nationale and is expected to be named to a National membership position.

**Other nominees include:** Norman M. Covert, Commissaire Intendant; Warren L. Dearstine and Francis M. Marino, Sous Commissaires Intendant.

Among the appointments, Earl E. (Gene) Benner will continue as Grand Correspondant, John P. Baron, Avocat, and

John W. Mackall Sr., Grand Aumonier. Sanford R. McGuire was appointed to replace the late Donald Donohoe as Nurses Training Directeur and will stay for 2011.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED** for the Grand Promenade, time is short. You must get your reservation form to Correspondant Benner before July 24, cutoff date for luncheon reservations. You may send it with your check covering the \$2.00 registration fee for all attendees plus \$15.00 per person for the luncheon. Send to P. O. Box 711, Sharpsburg, MD 21782-0711.

You should also send an email at [ebenner@comcast.net](mailto:ebenner@comcast.net) to alert him that you are coming.

Past Chefs de Gare Club members' luncheon fees are prepaid, but you must notify Correspondant Benner.

**THE PROMENADE SCHEDULE** includes registration from 8-9 a.m. with the Annual Corporation Business Meeting being conducted simultaneously, beginning at 8 a.m.

Chef de Gare Ouellette will bring down his gavel and ring the bell at 9 a.m. opening the 89th Grande Promenade.

The Joint 40/8 and La Femme Memorial Service will be conducted beginning at 11 a.m.

Installation of 2011 officers is scheduled following luncheon with the First Cheminot set for 2:30 p.m. The Promenade schedule does not include the traditional Saturday night banquet.

**Directions:** Williamsport is located in Washington County, Md., accessible from either direction on I-70 to I-81, turning toward Williamsport/Boonsboro by taking EXIT 1. Keep right at the fork to go on MD-63N/MD68W and drive 0.5 miles turning left onto American Legion Ave. Potomac Post 202 will be on your immediate right.



**Robert J. Ouellette, Sr.**  
Chef de Gare

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# Warren Dearstine to relinquish CI post after nearly quarter century of service

Grande du Maryland will be missing a familiar face on its leadership team when the 2010 Grande Promenade concludes July 31, 2010.

Warren L. Dearstine of Mechanicsville will step back as Commissaire Intendant and Corporation Treasurer, jobs he has held for nearly a quarter century. He was elected at the 64th Grande Promenade in 1985.



Warren Dearstine

A long-time Voyageur in Southern Maryland Voiture Locale 456, Mr. Dearstine's ability to attend the quarterly Cheminots has been hampered by medical and physical challenges the past year. However, he has conducted financial affairs in an exemplary fashion, paying obligations promptly, managing accounts and providing written financial reports for each Cheminot and corporation meeting.

He has accepted the position of Sous Commissaire Intendant for 2011. He will continue as a corporate trustee (Class of 2012).

The financial team will also include Sous Commissaire Intendant Francis M. Marino.

The Grande Committee on Committees met in April to nominate the slate of officers for 2011 and extended its appreciation

for the long service of Chefs de Gare (Passé) Donald Fellows and Gale Murdock, who have been signatories on the Grande account for many years.

Mr. Dearstine will be advising Commissaire Intendant (nominee) Norman M. Covert. They began the transition in April, including establishing checking and savings accounts in a more accessible bank and beginning the transfer of funds. The transition will be completed in time to meet the deadline of July 31, 2010.

A World War II U. S. Army combat veteran of New Guinea in the South Pacific, Mr. Dearstine was discharged in 1945 having served since his induction in 1942.

He was wrecked into La Societe after having served as commander for two years (1961-1963) of John K. Fogarty Post 162, The American Legion. He also served the post as adjutant and treasurer. He also was elected county and district commander, serving one year as Department of Maryland Vice Commander.

His service to La Societe includes Chef de Gare and numerous leadership positions for VL 456, in which he remains as correspondant.

He was elected Grande du Maryland Chef de Gare for 1981 and served as Avocat Nationale and member of its Child Welfare Committee. He was also elected Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer.

Mr. Dearstine was retired in 1977 from the Public Works Directorate at Patuxent Naval Air Station after more than 30 years of federal service.

He and Dame Agnes will continue to serve La Societe and she laughingly agreed to continue being the "Sweet Sous" in the coming years.

## Nat'l Directeur praises Carville Star support

*(Editor's Note: By request, we are printing the following letter to ensure widest distribution of the appreciation expressed for continued support by Voyageurs of the National Hansen's Disease Center at Carville, LA.)*

Salute, Voyageurs et Dames,

I hope you know me as your Nationale Directeur of our Carville Star Program. Please know I am open to each and every one of our Voyageurs and Dames in our Forty and Eight Family.

I am sending you this letter to THANK YOU and your Grand for your support to our program in 2010. We have had a successful program this year even with the turmoil of our economy.

For those of you who have supported the 2010 Carville Star Program, please tell your Voyageurs and Dames how much their support helps to stamp out the stigma of Leprosy in the world. We still have much work to be done and if you are a subscriber to the STAR publication, you will read our newly adopted ways

to assist all Hansen's Disease patients in the United States.

Again, I thank you for your support and I am looking for your participation and support in the upcoming years. Please know, if I can be of assistance to you or your Grand, do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

God Bless You and our Veterans this Memorial Day. For God and Country and La Societe,

George H. "Doc" Willis  
Nationale Directeur  
May 27, 2010

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# Correspondant du Grande

By Earl E. (Gene) Benner

The membership year has come to an end and with it again this year the Grande did go over the top in membership. Thanks to all who renewed their membership and a special thanks to those who brought in a new member.

A special thank you for a superior job of recruiting goes to our own Grande Chef de Gare Bob Ouellette. He not only obtained members for his Locale, but for other Locales as well.



Gene Benner

The New Year brings many changes in our administrative group. First, long-time Commissaire Intendant Warren Dearstine is stepping down, but will be Sous Commissaire Intendant. Warren has been a great assist to this Grande for many years.

Second, there will no longer be a Sous Correspondant. I will handle all administrative duties by myself. I thank Grand Chef de Gare (Passe) Jeff Hughes for his many years of service in this capacity.

We will also be welcoming some new faces to the group. Locale 651 Chef de Gare Brenda Dougan becomes the Chef de Train (West). She will replace Patrick J. Hauke, who will become new Chef de Gare, Grande Voiture de Maryland, on 31 July 2010. Come out to Grande Promenade and welcome him into his new position. I personally look forward to working side by side with him.

Please remember in both your daily prayers and thoughts one of our Grand Chefs de Gare (Passe) -- James Jones. He is undergoing some very challenging medical procedures. Drop "JJ" a card or an email and let him know you're thinking about him and his lovely wife Norma. I know they will both appreciate it.

Hopefully, Maryland will have a Nationale Appointment this year. Grande Chef de Gare Robert C. Ouellette, Sr. has been nominated for the Nationale Committee on membership.

Have a safe and happy summer and don't forget to renew and bring in new members for the coming year. Remember an organization is only as good as its weakest link. When you do bring in a new Voyageur, take him or her to the Locale Promenades and introduce them, don't just ignore them or they will feel both unwelcome and not wanted and then we will lose them.

## Membership

Grande Voiture de Maryland  
July 1, 2010

Voiture	2009	2010	percentage	diff.
VL 122	28	28	100.00%	-0
VL 155	88	84	95.45%	-4
VL 164	33	29	87.88%	-4
VL 265	119	124	104.20%	5
VL 456	54	52	96.3%	-2
VL 651	29	34	117.24%	5
VL 1230	18	22	122.22%	4
VL 1297	38	35	92.11%	-3
VL 1371	67	67	100.00%	0
	474	476		Net +2



## MEMO FOR: Voyageurs et Dames

Salute,

With this edition of the *FORTY et EIGHTER* (Vol. LXXXX), No. 4) we complete one full year of publication since reintroducing it to members of Grande du Maryland and National leadership of La Societe. It can only be a valuable resource if you provide input for each edition.

We appreciate the reports from several Voitures Locale on their activities and the input provided by Nancy Baron and Linda Green from Grande Cabane de Maryland and Cabanes Locale. Chef de Gare Bob Ouellette has always been ready with important words, Gene Benner's input from the Grand Correspondant venue and John Baron's words from the Past Chefs Club were important contributions in the quest to produce a newsletter with information of value to Voyageurs.

**The cost of producing** this publication is within our means for the foreseeable future. However, it represents another burden on the Grande's annual budget, which will continue in the red this administrative year unless we can earn monies through a fund raiser.

With your help we can eliminate the newsletter as a budget buster. If each Voiture would sponsor one page, or a portion of a page of each issue it would certainly help defray the cost of printing and mailing. Voyageurs also could make donations to Grande du Maryland and designate it for newsletter expenses.

**We are prevented** from putting advertising in the newsletter by US Postal Service regulations on non-profit bulk mailing material. However, we can acknowledge in a fairly robust fashion the personal, Voiture and corporate sponsors of *FORTY et EIGHTER*.

Consider, *sils vous plait*, this tax deductible contribution as well as a part of your mission/responsibility as an Homme or Dame. Contributions large and small will help.

To discuss how you, your Voiture, your business or local commercial partners can help, contact me at 301-694-9554, email me at [nmcovert77@aol.com](mailto:nmcovert77@aol.com), or just send your tax deductible contributions to "Le Grande Voiture de Md Inc" 627 Grant Place, Frederick, MD 21702-4143.

We look forward to another year of serving Grande du Maryland through the *FORTY et EIGHTER*.

Norman M. Covert  
L'Editor

## NURSES TRAINING: Haunting water color can be yours for top bid

By Leroy Wyatt  
Correspondant Locale 122

**C**ongratulations to Chef de Gare Martin Price for Achieving 100 percent membership and for taking home the prize he inspired.

Chef Price expressed great surprise when was named winner of the personalized Box Car Art picture.

The print has its origin when Chef Price talked with Artist Patrick McHenry of North Carolina about creating something that depicted the symbols of La Societe. A free lance artist, Mr. McHenry's work is valued among art afficiandos.

Chef Price provided examples of similar illustrations when McHenry agreed to the unpaid commission as a favor.

McHenry created a haunting image of Doughboys debarking from the 40/8 Box Cars in Voiture Everlasting.

The completed water color was framed, another gesture of good will for VL 122, which sought to raise funds for its Nurses Training scholarship.

When Chef Price won the water color he immediately put it back on the block for sale to the highest bidder.

The picture is 22x18 inches mounted on a beautiful frame. The artwork has an appraisal value of \$2,200.00.



Bidding is open to all Voyageurs and Locales as well as those who collect 40/8 art work. Bids should be mailed or emailed to Leroy Wyatt, P.O. Box 219, Hurlock, MD 21643. Emails should be addressed to [leroywyatt@hughes.net](mailto:leroywyatt@hughes.net) (all lower case letters).

The winner will be announced at the 89<sup>th</sup> Grand Promenade and 26<sup>th</sup> Grande Rendezvous.

Voiture Locale 122 offers best wishes for the 89<sup>th</sup> Grand Promenade and 26<sup>th</sup> Grande Rendezvous.

## *VL 155, Carroll Community College, establish Nurses Training grant*

**F**rederick/Carroll Voiture Locale 155 was able to follow through April 23, 2010 on its support to Clinical Nurses Training at Carroll Community College, Westminster.

Chef de Gare and Grand Senior Chef de Train Patrick J. Hauke and VL 155 Nurses Training Directeur Norman M. Covert signed an agreement with Carroll Community College Foundation, Inc. to fund one \$1,000.00 scholarship beginning this year.

CCC President Dr. Faye Pappalardo and Foundation Director Stephen Wantz offered the thanks of the college and students in its clinical program for the donation that is hoped will grow beyond the single scholarship through the foundation investment.

VL 155 signed a similar agreement with Frederick Community College Foundation, Inc. March 18, 2010.

The selection panel at both colleges will select the winner based on the same criteria.

Chef de Gare Hauke said the intent of Voyageurs of VL 155 is to reward student academic and personal excellence rather than financial need alone.

Recipients must be enrolled in the clinical portion of its nursing course of study.

Scholarships for students in clinical programs at the College of Southern Maryland, Ann Arundel Community College, and Chesapeake College's Easton and Cambridge campuses are supported by VL 456, VL 1230 and VL 1371, respectively.



**NURSES TRAINING.** Stephen Wantz, director of Carroll Community College Foundation, Inc., Westminster, is flanked by (from left) VL 155 Chef de Gare Patrick J. Hauke and Nurses Training Directeur Norman M. Covert after signing scholarship agreement April 23, 2010.



## WUZ CLUB

By Nancy Baron  
Locale Correspondante

If there are any **WUZ CLUB** members who need our thoughts and prayers, please let me know.



Nancy Baron  
Nancy Baron

The **WUZ CLUB** will hold its annual meeting at lunch during the Grande Rendezvous in Williamsport, MD. There will be a lot of business to discuss. I hope as many Past Grande Presidentes can make it as possible.

Even though this is the last Grande Rendezvous for us, we, as **WUZ Club** members will continue to meet each year where ever the Grand Prom is being held.

### CABANE LOCALE 1297

By Nancy Baron  
Locale Correspondante

We ended the year down two members.

We are sorry to report that one of our Dames passed away recently. Dame MaryLou Gilbreath, mother of La Locale Presidente and Past Grande Presidente Carol Carden passed away in February.

Also, please remember the last Grande Cabane Rendezvous will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2010 in Williamsport, MD. The Grande Cabane will turn in its charter at the end of this Rendezvous and close up its affairs honorably.

Carol Carden remains our Locale Presidente and Nancy Baron remains our Correspondante/Commissaire Intendante for 2011. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

### CABANE LOCALE 265 CAPERS

By Linda L. Green  
Locale Correspondante/La Commissaire Intendante

Happy summer to all Cabane Locale 265 Dames!

Although the administrative year has almost come to a close, we are still anxiously awaiting all of our Dames to get involved in our Cabane activities – WE NEED YOU!

We have had a good year – membership being down only by two, but it's not too late to be reinstated for 2010 if those two pay up! I'm still at 9320 Dogwood Park Street in Capitol Heights, MD 20743. At the close of Rendezvous Nationale in September, 2011 dues will be due – still at \$20 per Dame, so send me your check, payable to Cabane Locale 265 soon. As soon as the incoming La Presidente Nationale signs the cards, yours will be on the way!

A Rendezvous is being planned prior to the July 31st Grande Rendezvous in Williamsport, hope you can make it. We will be finalizing reports, including audit report, and elections for the 2010-2011 year, as well as Rendezvous meeting agendas for the upcoming year. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to join us so we can begin planning for another year for La Societe de Femme. Time and place to be determined in Williamsport.

We regret the passing of Grande Chef de Gare Passe, John J. O'Connor on Sunday, July 4, 2010. Our heartfelt prayers remain



La Grande Presidente Betty Turney  
La Grande Correspondante Linda Green  
La Grande Commissaire Intendante Nancy Baron  
La Grande Aumonier Laurette O'Connor

## Grande Cabane de Maryland

By Linda L. Green  
La Grande Correspondante

Greetings Dames of the Grande Cabane de Maryland!

I hope to see many Dames in attendance at the July 31, 2010 Grande Rendezvous in Williamsport.

It is with sincere regret and deepest sympathy that this will be our last Grande Cabane gathering. Since the closing of Cabane Locale 122 without malice last year, we now only have two Cabanes Locale, Cabane 265 and Cabane 1297, in Maryland; therefore, we cannot have a Grande Cabane without three Locales participating.

The good news to this is that Maryland will still have both of these Locales chartered on a Locale level. Both Cabane Locales 265 and 1297 plan to participate, along with the Grande Voiture, in their Memorial Service each year at their Grande Promenade. The La Correspondantes of the Locales look forward to working with the Grande Voiture Correspondante with these preparations.

The Grande Cabane's WUZ Club, consisting of all Grande La Presidente Passes, will continue to meet for their usual fun and entertainment to the Grande Voiture. So stay tuned Voyageurs, we are not done yet!!!!

Although the Grande Cabane is closing this year, bear in mind if enough interested Dames could be ascertained in the future, we can always re-charter the Grande Cabane de Maryland.

On a personal note, I want to thank all the Grande La Presidente Passes that I have served throughout my tenure as Grande La Correspondante. It has been educational and most rewarding and I look forward to extending my untiring efforts to my own Voiture and Cabane 265, as well as lending a hand to Voiture and Cabane 1297 and the Grande Voiture de Maryland. A right-hand salute to all of La Societe!

For God and Country, I remain a dedicated and loyal Dame.

with his wife Laurette and family during this time. John will be missed among his many American Legion and 40 and 8 peers for his numerous hours of dedication to La Societe, American Legion and other fraternal organizations.

Our prayers remain for all of our Dames in sickness and distress, particularly Patricia Rice. She has undergone surgery and therapy and we wish her a speedy recovery -- also Lee Cherepes and hope that she is feeling better.

Please keep your thoughts and prayers always with our Veterans, living and deceased, and their families in your hearts and prayers — without their sacrifices we would not have La Societe de Femme. Remember, time spent with a Veteran is invaluable and most rewarding!

For the good of La Societe, I remain forever faithful.



## PAST CHEFS' CLUB

By John P. Baron, Secretary



**John P. Baron**

Greetings, Past Grand Chefs and fellow Voyageurs.

I would ask you to please come to the Grand Voiture Promenade in Williamsport, MD, July 31, 2010. Your presence is not only wanted, but appreciated and I look forward to seeing you.

I am sorry to report that we have lost two Past Grand Chefs this year. Past Grand Chefs Jacob Maurer and John J. O'Connor.

Please keep Past Grand Chef Jim Jones in your thoughts and prayers during his

illness.

I hope you will keep all of their families in your prayers.

## VOITURE LOCALE 1297

By John P. Baron  
 Locale Correspondant

Greetings Fellow Voyageurs !

It is with great sadness since the start of this year, we have lost 3 Voyageurs Militaire from our Locale.

They are:

Ralph E. Moody, Jr. on Jan. 9, 2010,

Jacob H. Maurer (Past Grand Chef) on Feb. 26, 2010;

Donald L. Donahoe (Grand Nurse's Training Directeur) on March 2, 2010.

I am happy to report that all members have paid their dues except for one. At present we have 33 members.

## *Your new 40/8 vehicle tags are being made to order!*

Chef de Gare Robert J. Ouellette, Sr.'s effort to attract supporters for a personal automobile license plate bearing La Societe's logo is another one you can put in the can of his many successes. More than enough Voyageurs signed up.

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) has agreed to produce the 40/8 vanity license plate, and has now been supplied with the proper artwork from which they will make the first die.



Chef de Gare Bob Ouellette said he will collect the \$25 fee from you soon and submit it to MVA when

the tags have been manufactured.

It is not too late to get your plate. Send Monsieur Chef your name, Voiture Locale and current license plate number. He will keep it secure until the time for your check.

## Grande du MD mourns loss of Chef Passe John O'Connor

**J**ohn J. O'Connor, Grand Chef de Gare (Passe) was ordered to Voiture Everlasting Sunday, July 4, 2010. His passing on Independence Day is a bittersweet tribute to a Voyageur regarded as a true Patriot.

He was a member of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, Voiture Locale 265 and Grande Voiture de Maryland plus other organizations including Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, and Loyal Order of Moose.



**John J. O'Connor**  
 2004 Grand Promenade

A veteran of the U. S. Navy (1952-54) during the Korean War, John was hired by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He was a member of the American Legion in Washington, D.C. where he was commander. He transferred to Post 136 and in 1984 was invited to join Voiture Locale 265 where he served numerous leadership roles, including Chef de Gare.

He was appointed Directeur of Public Relations and Pub-

licist for Grande du Maryland and was appointed to the National committee, on which he served several years. He also served on the Grande du Maryland leadership team when it hosted the 80th National Promenade in Hagerstown, MD in 2001.

John served as Senior Chef de Train (South) prior to being elected Grande Chef de Gare in 2003, and became Cheminot National in 2004.

John is survived by Laurette, his spouse of 51 years, with whom he attended numerous National Promenades; daughters Erin O'Connor Fleming, Sheila O'Connor, Eileen O'Connor-Liebman; sons John O'Connor, Jr. and Dennis O'Connor; and nine grandchildren.

A Voiture Everlasting Service was conducted by Grande Chef de Gare Robert J. Ouellette, Sr. July 8, 2010 at Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, Silver Spring. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mark the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Hyattsville, July 9, 2010.

## VOITURE EVERLASTING

The following Voyageurs Militaire are recorded as having been called to Voiture Everlasting since the last newsletter:

- Howard Cline, VL 155 (March 25, 2010)
- G. Davidson Collins, VL 265 (May 4, 2010)
- Robert L. (Bud) Kennedy, VL 155, (April 10, 2010)
- Gordan A. Mallonee, VL 1230 (April 5, 2010)
- John J. O'Connor, VL 265 (July 4, 2010)
- James Reid, VL 155 (Jan. 6, 2010)

# 89th GRANDE PROMENADE

SATURDAY JULY 31, 2010 ONLY

*Registration Deadline July 24, 2010*

**HEADQUARTERS HOTEL:** Red Roof Inn, Route 11 South, Williamsport, MD

**REGISTRATION:** Saturday, July 31, 2010 8-9 a.m., Potomac Post 202, Williamsport, MD

**HOTEL RESERVATION:** Rooms are \$65 + tax (you must mention 40&8 of Maryland).

-- *All reservations must be made directly with the Red Roof Inn, Williamsport, MD.*

**LUNCH RESERVATIONS:** Fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad/choice of dressing, dessert, roll/butter, coffee, iced tea.

**DELEGATE/GUEST FEES:** Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Visiting Voyageurs and their guests must pay a \$2.00 Delegate (Registration) Fee.

## MEETING SCHEDULE:

(All sessions are conducted at Potomac Post 202, The American Legion, Williamsport, MD.)

- 8:00 a.m.** - Registration, Post 202
- Annual Corporation Meeting
- 9:00 a.m.** - Chef de Gare Gavels Opening Ritual
- 11:00 a.m.** - Joint 40/8 & La Femme Memorial Service.
- 12:00 Noon** - Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m.** - Installation of Officers for Administrative Year 2011.
- 2:30 p.m.** - First Cheminot of 2011

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## REVISED AGENDA

### 2010 CORPORATION MEETING

Saturday July 31, 2010, 8:00 a.m.

Potomac Post 202, The American Legion, Williamsport, MD

The annual corporate meeting of members, officers and trustees of La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, Le Grande Voiture de Maryland, Inc., will be conducted in conjunction with the 89th Grande Promenade at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 31, 2010, at Potomac Post 202, Williamsport, MD.

Business will include: 1) Reading of 2009 annual meeting minutes; 2) Report on transfer of treasurer responsibility; 3) status of funds in new banking institution; 4) assurance of indemnity actions in support of the corporation; 5) Report of Resident Agent; 6) Financial Report; 7) election of officers for the coming year; 8) election of trustees for the Class of 2013; and 4) such other business as may come before it.

Le Grande Voiture de Maryland, Inc. is a registered entity with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

## CORPORATE OFFICERS

### *Incumbent*

**President:** John P. Baron  
**Vice Pres:** Robert W. Ouellette, Sr.  
**Secretary:** Norman M. Covert  
**Treasurer:** Warren L. Dearstine

### **TRUSTEES:**

John W. Mackall, Sr.  
Gail Murdock  
Jeffrey L. Hughes  
Donald E. Fellows  
Francis M. Marino  
Warren L. Dearstine

### *2011 Nominee*

**President:** John P. Baron  
**Vice Pres.:** Robert W. Ouellette, Sr.  
**Sec./Treasurer :** Norman M. Covert  
**Asst. Treasurer:** Francis M. Marino

### **TERM EXPIRES:**

Dec. 31, 2010  
Dec. 31, 2010  
Dec. 31, 2011  
Dec. 31, 2011  
Dec. 31, 2012  
Dec. 31, 2012

### *Trustee Nominees*

(Term Jan. 1, 2010 - Dec. 31, 2012)

Patrick J. Hauke  
Martin G. Price

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### 2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS;

89th GRANDE PROMENADE;

26th GRAND RENDEZVOUS;

FIRST CHEMINOT:

July 31, 2009, Potomac Post 202,  
Williamsport, MD.

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*Chef de Gare  
Bob Ouellette*

## Orders From the Chef de Gare

By Robert J. Ouellette  
Grand Chef de Gare

Salute Voyagers: the dog days of summer are here and I would not want to be a dog in this heat.

If you can imagine this heat and putting 60 pounds of gear on every day, then you would have an idea what our soldiers endure each day in Iraq during the summer months.

I want to challenge each of you to support La Societe in our effort to serve those who are recovering from wounds borne in battle and illness contracted while in hospitable locations.

Also, remember the families left behind, help them to cope with their loved ones in harm's way and make their struggle a bit easier as well.

Locally men and women are recovering from wounds at Walter Reed Army Hospital and National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda. Last November and December, I was honored to lead an effort to serve lunch for the wounded and their families. Many thanked us for providing lunch because no food was available nearby for the families.

I am looking for more volunteers, or better yet donations, to be able to provide meals to those serving our wounded warriors.

Any donations can be made to VL 265 and forwarded to me; it would be a great goal for us to be able to serve lunch at least once a quarter to these brave men and women and their families.

This past year I was honored to Wreck about 20 new Voyagers into our Organization. Over the past two years, the Grande has met our target of 100 percent, but missed goal. I urge each of you to again seek out worthy veterans and nominate them for membership so that our next Grand Chef can do it again. I will be honored to serve as the Grande's membership chair for the coming year.

The 2011 membership cards are available. Renew early, most dues are still relatively cheap. If you have not done so, send your dues immediately to your Correspondant. Remember, we ARE an Honor Organization and should not have to chase members to remind them of their obligations.

The 40/8 is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Without YOU, our mission is that much harder to uphold and defend the United States Constitution, to promote the well being of veterans and their widows and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include programs that promote child welfare and nurse's training.

I hope to see you at the Grand Promenade in Williamsport. We will be installing our next Grand Chef de Gare Patrick Hauke. Come out and show your support.