

# Le Petite Communiqué

LA SOCIETE DES QUARANTE HOMMES ET HUIT CHEVAUX VOITURE LOCALE 265

**NOTICE  
TO  
WRECKING  
CREW**

- December 5th
- 2:30 pm
- American Legion Post 86, Rockville
- Wreck to begin at 3 pm
- All Voyagers are needed.

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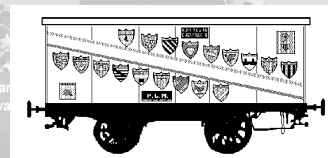
**F R O M   T H E   G R A N D   C H E F   D E   G A R E**

Greetings Voyagers,  
By December, I will be just about half-way through my term as Grand Chef de Gare. It certainly a high honor to serve as the Grand Chef de Gare for the Grand du Maryland.

The Grand has made an effort to ask qualified veterans to become Voyagers. On Dec 5th, we will Wreck at least 7 new Voyagers into Locale 265.

As an Honor Society it is our duty to find the best and brightest and ask them to join us. I would like to remind

my fellow Voyagers that it is our solemn duty to nominate worthy veterans to become members of La Societe.



Merçi Train Box Car

To that end I charge all Voyagers to nominate at least 1 new member of La Societe. A nomination form is in this newsletter. For many all that needs to

be done is ask.

According to the MD Department of Veterans Affairs there are 444,000 veterans in Maryland. The Grand's membership at the end of 2009 was 474. That is .001 of the veteran population who are Voyagers.

I ask that you look around your community and nominate deserving veterans for La Societe. They do not need to be members of The American Legion, they must however be honorable discharged.

**Bob Ouellette**  
Grand Chef de Gare

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**L O C A L E   2 6 5   H O L I D A Y   P A R T Y**

Please join Locale & Cabane 265

December 5th at 6 pm

(Voyagers invited to a Wreck at 3 pm)

Location: Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86,  
2013 Viers Mill Rd, Rockville, MD 20853

Donation: \$10 per person (cash bar)

R.S.V.P to  
bobo@post295.org

**Please bring a non-perishable food item or a toy. We are collecting food and toys for the family of a Soldier KIA from Montgomery County.**

## HOW TO INVITE PROSPECTIVE VOYAGERS

To ask prospective Voyagers to become a member of La Societe use this as a script:

You may not know it but you are eligible to become a member of the 40 & 8. As a member of the 40 & 8, I would be honored to nominate you for membership in La Societe des Quarante Hommes at Huit Chevaux. Not all veterans will receive this honor as membership is by invitation only.

La Societe is an independent, by invitation, honor organization of male and female U. S. veterans, more commonly known as the Forty & Eight. The Forty & Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is 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.

The titles and symbols of the Forty & Eight reflect its First World War origins. Americans were transported to the battle front on French trains within boxcars stenciled with a "40/8", denoting its capacity to hold either forty men or eight horses. This uncomfortable mode of transportation was familiar to all who fought in the trenches; a common small misery among American soldiers who thereafter found "40/8" a lighthearted symbol of the deeper service, sacrifice and unspoken horrors of war that bind all who have borne the battle.

The Forty & Eight was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France. Originally an arm of The American Legion, the Forty & Eight became an independent and separately incorporated veteran's organization in 1960. Membership is by invitation of honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces

To complete your nomination; complete highlighted portions of the Nomination form and return it in the enclosed envelope to the Correspondent, include the 1 time initiation fee of \$60. The initiation fee includes; chapeaux (Distinctive Forty & Eight Hat), Marching Medal, Lapel pin and Ritual Book.

Please ensure that the Correspondent received the nomination in a timely manner to ensure that there is time to order the chapeaux for their wreck.

### MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS GUARD AND RESERVE

**The National Guard and Reserves are required to meet the same 40&8 membership eligibility requirements as the full time federal active veterans.** To be eligible, the National Guardsman/ Reservist must have served at least one day on federal active duty, and either have an honorable discharge or currently be serving either in the Guard/Reserve or on federal active duty. The key to determining if a Guardsman/ Reservist has been on or is currently serving on federal active duty is the "Authority Line" on the activation orders of the Guardsman/Reservist. In both cases "Title 10, Subsection 672 or 12301" are orders from the Secretary of Defense and are federal orders. The authority the Governor uses to activate the National Guard as an individual or unit is "Title 32" orders, i.e. Weekend Drills and Annual Training. These are not federal orders. The Reserves have similar reserve orders, which are "Title 10, Subsection 270." This authority code gives the reserve component the authority to activate the reserves for Weekend Drills and Annual Training. Use the chart below when determining eligibility for National Guard and Reserves. This information was taken from Military Law Chapter 39.

	<u>ELIGIBLE</u>	<u>NON-ELIGIBLE</u>
National Guard	Title 10 Subsection 672 or 12301*	Title 32
Reserves	Title 10 Subsection 672 or 12301*	Title 10 Subsection 270

\*This Subsection was created following Desert Storm to replace 672.

Note: A DD-214 will be issued for the time on federal active duty or a DA-1059 for a completion of a school will be issued with a character type of discharge. All Reserve components send their service members to "Basic Training" using Title 10, Subsection 672/12301 orders.

**Nomination for Membership**  
in  
**LA SOCIETE DES 40 HOMMES ET 8 CHEVAUX**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

To the Chef de Gare & Voyageurs Militaire of VOITURE LOCALE # \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Voyageur Militaire of Voiture Locale # \_\_\_\_\_, realizing my responsibilities and remembering my obligation do hereby recommend and nominate for membership in our honored La Societe, Legionnaire/Veteran/Armed Services Member \_\_\_\_\_

This nominee has rendered the following service(s) to the Community which in my opinion entitles him/her to membership in La Societe (include Organizations and Offices held):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Voyageur Militaire

**RECOMMENDATION**

Believing the above nominee to be entitled to membership in La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, we the following Voyageurs Militaire, recommend the above applicant and vouch for his/her character:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

(These two sections are to be completed after nominee has been elected to membership)

Nominee's Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been denied membership in La Societe? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

I accept the invitation and elect: Formal Initiation  Active Initiation \_\_\_\_\_ Included herewith is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which covers the initiation fee and dues for the current year. Hat Size \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to continue my Community activities, to participate in the observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and to attend funerals and memorial services of departed comrades whenever possible. I further promise and agree that should I ever cease to be a member of La Societe, I will surrender to my Voiture Locale all property or insignia belonging to La Societe in my possession at that time.

\_\_\_\_\_

(Nominee's Signature)

REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

To Voiture Locale # \_\_\_\_\_

Your Committee appointed to investigate the character and eligibility of Nominee:

\_\_\_\_\_

Has completed its investigation, and we certify that we have researched his/her Military Service and his/her current Service in the Community, and find both:

To be as represented \_\_\_\_\_.

Not as represented \_\_\_\_\_.

Therefore, we recommend:

Election \_\_\_\_\_.

Rejection \_\_\_\_\_.

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_



CORRESPONDANT'S RECORD

Application Read \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_.

Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_.

Voted On \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_.

Elected \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Initiated \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_

**SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT**  
**BY MIKE WOOD NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTEUR**

Reprinted from [www.fortyandeight.org/program\\_updates.htm/membership](http://www.fortyandeight.org/program_updates.htm/membership)

Over a year ago at the 89th Promenade Nationale in Orlando, FL, a resolution was passed to open membership eligibility to the Forty and Eight to ALL Honorably discharged veterans and active duty personnel. This was passed by a majority of no less than two thirds of the membership as in accordance to the Nationale Constitution. However there seems to still be some confusion on this matter, and I would like to clear it up and put this to rest for good, so we can move ahead and use this valuable recruiting tool.

In my travels I have heard many comments on how we have “separated” or “split” from the American Legion, nothing could be further from the truth. The Forty and Eight extended every possible scenario to remain as we were since 1921 and met nothing but barriers and resistance. Much or should I say most of the problems existed because of the ideology that had been planted since the mid 1950’s and passed down over the years. Voyagers and Legionnaires, we are not children, we are all Honorable veterans, and these issues should have been solved years ago, not allowed to grow and fester over more than 50 years as they have. The Forty and Eight finally reached a crossroads in their membership and a decision had to be made to find a way to increase its membership or cease to exist, hence the resolution to open the ranks to all honorable veterans.

As far as the view from La Societe there is absolutely NO CHANGE in the relationship with the American Legion. We are still made up almost exclusively of Legionnaires and that is still a preferred recruiting base. Voiture Nationale has nothing but the upmost respect for the American Legion, and as you all know, the Legion and the 40 & 8 work very similar programs for the good of the community and veterans. So there is not a division or separation between these 2 fine veteran’s organizations. We as the 40 & 8 needed to open the recruiting base to survive and grow, and that’s why the resolution was passed. Please do not read anymore into this other than the fact that we needed more members and had to have a way to find them.

With that being said, I would hope that each of you, as a Voyager Militaire would take full advantage of this most valuable recruiting tool. We now have the largest recruiting base in the history of La Societe and our membership numbers should reflect that. We now have an opportunity to strengthen our numbers into the millions, just as the American Legion or the V.F.W. has. No one can convince me that a veterans is any less worthy or Honorable just because he did not serve during war time or on a hostile foreign soil. That veteran took an oath just as we all did, and in my book that constitutes serving your country. It goes without saying that active duty personnel are worthy, for they are today’s defenders of our way of life, whether during war time or peace. I ask each of you, as a Voyager, to open you arms and welcome these veterans and active duty troops into our fraternal order. You will be giving them the opportunity to be a member of The Honor Society of American Veterans” and helping La Societe grow. It is a WIN WIN situation. Please remember that, “The Greatest Barrier to Progress, Is Resistance to

WE ARE ON THE WEB!



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Nationale <http://Fortyandeight.org>

Grand Web [http://grande\\_de\\_maryland.tripod.com/](http://grande_de_maryland.tripod.com/)

Grand Blog <http://40et8maryland.blogspot.com/>

Facebook Grand de Maryland ID=106215338806

Locale Web <http://voiture265.tripod.com/>

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Preamble to the Constitution of La Societe:

For God and country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To create a charitable and non-profit veterans organization; to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America; to assist and promote the welfare and well being of those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during all wars and conflicts, recognized by the Congress of the United States, and their widows 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 (a) the welfare of the children of America; (b) the health of our Nation by fostering a nurses training program; and (c) selected charitable endeavors."



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