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WOUNDED WARRIOR. *Unidentified patient meets Chef de Gare Bob Ouellette and La Societe Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Pat Beamer at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda.*

La Societe returns to NNMC; patients & families say 'Merci'

Success of the Grande's effort delivering food to wounded warriors and their families at Thanksgiving prompted Chef de Gare Robert J. Ouellette to decide it was a no-brainer to return to the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, during the Christmas hiatus.

This time Chef Ouellette took along some high powered help in the form of National Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Pat Beamer, who was in town for the holidays.

Like the first visit, patients and family were grateful for the two-hour catered hospitality.

Patients and families went through the buffet line set up in the center of the fifth floor. Everyone was pleased with the chicken fingers, potato salad and cole slaw from Selby's Market in Poolesville.

Volunteers, including family members, helped take food to patients who were restricted or unable to leave their beds in the ward.

Leftover food was packed for use by families at their discretion. The only food source for family members on weekends is local fast food outlets.

Patients and families were grateful to Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Pat and Chef Bob who enjoyed talking with many of the patients. They assisted with food line duties and met with some

You're Invited to Williamsport; 89th Grand Promenade July 31

Le Grande Voiture de Maryland will depart for the first time from its usual weekend retreat to conduct a one-day 89th Grand Promenade and 26th Grande Rendezvous July 31st.

Your **Official Registration Form** is available on Page Six of this newsletter; Page five contains the official calls for the Promenade, Rendezvous and Corporation meeting, which will be conducted as part of the plenary session beginning Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

Page 5 also includes the schedule of events, plus nominations for corporate officers may be found there. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor for Trustees in the Class of 2013.

Grand Correspondant Earl E. (Gene) Benner requests that you neatly cut out the registration form, fill it in legibly and attach your check to cover registration fees for you and your guest(s) and for the luncheon.

The Promenade schedule this year does not include the traditional Saturday night banquet.

Installation of 2011 officers is scheduled following luncheon with the First Cheminot set for 2:30 p.m.

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.

You must make your own reservations at the Red Roof Inn by calling 301-582-3500 before July 24, 2010 and mentioning the 40&8. The room rate will be \$65 plus tax.

See you there!

non-ambulatory Marine and U. S. Navy patients expressing appreciation and encouragement.

Backup help during the visit included Grand Chef Bob's family including wife Cathy, president of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 247; their sons Bob, Jr. and Spec. Joe Ouellette, Voyageurs from VL 265, with Joe's fiancée PO2 April Clift and T. Sgt. Jason Kuhn.

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89th Promenade 2010, 26th Grande Rendezvous

Correspondant du Grande

By Earl E. (Gene) Benner

We are coming to the end of this membership year and we still need a small number of renewals, reinstatements or new members to make a 100 percent for this year. I know we can do it. It requires personal contact with the ones who have not paid. You may learn there is a matter for which they need our help. Only your contact with them will provide that information.

The Grande Promenade will be Saturday, July 31, 2010, at American Legion Post 202, Williamsport, Md. The Registration Form and Official Call are at Pages 5-6 in this newsletter. Please cut out the form, fill it out, attach your check and return it to me. I will not be mailing any out. We are looking for a large turnout because it is on a Saturday.

Unfortunately this is the last year that the Grande Cabane will be with us. They must turn in their charter because there are not enough Cabanes Locale in the Grande. There must be at least three and we have two. As a Grande Chef de Gare Passé, I will miss all that they do to support this Grande and the fun times they shared with us over the years.

Please remember, if your dues for 2010 are not paid by March 31, 2010, you are no longer considered by Nationale to be a member and all items must be returned to your Locale Correspondant.

The Grande Committee on Committees will meet at the next Cheminot at 10:30 a.m. at American Legion Post 11, Frederick, Md. on Saturday April 24, 2010. This meeting is open only to the members of this committee, but precedes the Cheminot, which is open to all Voyageurs Militaire.

As of this writing, we have two Locales over the top, VL 265 and 1230; and VL 651 at 100 percent. Good work.

I recently asked all nine locales for information regarding their Promenade schedule. My thanks to VL 456 and 651 which responded. Your Locale's information may be missing in the 2011 Grande Roster.

Locale Correspondants must keep me informed in a timely manner of Voyageur deaths, address changes and new members or reinstatements. I must maintain up-to-date records and should not have to wait for National to send it to me.

Take pride in your Locale and the job you do for it, no matter how large or small it is. The Grande can only accomplish its goals by everyone doing their part.

Membership Grande Voiture de Maryland March 18, 2010

Voiture	2009	2010	percentage	diff.
VL 122	28	28	100.00%	-0
VL 155	88	81	92.05%	-7
VL 164	33	24	72.73%	-9
VL 265	119	122	102.52%	3
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	63	77.61%	-4



Gene Benner

Voiture Everlasting

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

- James R. Reid, Jr. VL 155 (Jan. 6, 2010)
- Leon Carnahan VL 651 (Mar. 8, 2010), (see P. 7)
- Donald Donahoe, VL 1297 (Mar. 2, 1010)
- Joseph Maurer, VL 1297 (Feb. 26,2010)
- Donald White, Grand Chef de Gare (Del) (Jan. 24, 2010)

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Jacob H. Maurer

Grand Chef de Gare (Passe)

Past Chef Maurer died Feb. 26, 2010 after a brief illness. Services were conducted at Evans Funeral Chapel Wednesday Feb. 3, 2010 Interment was at Moreland Memorial Park, Parkville.

He was born in Reading, Pa., and was a veterans of the U. S. Navy, serving during the Korean War.

A member of Voiture Locale 1297, he served as Grand Chef de Gare in 1984. He also served as secretary of the Past Chef's Club. He was Wrecked into VL 1297 in 1974. A distinguished American Legionnaire, Past Chef Maurer was a Past Commander of American Legion Post 148, Essex.

He is survived by his widow Jeannette McComas Maurer; two daughters Jacqueline Amacher and husband Roy, and Alician Humphreys (husband Rob); he had eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He also is survived by two sisters Ethel Rearden and Josephine Heller of Reading.

Donald L. Donahoe

Grand Directeur Nurses Training

Directeur Donahoe died unexpectedly March 2, 2010. An honor guard of Voyageurs Militaire assisted in a Ritual Memorial Service March 4, 2010 at Charles S. Zeiler & Son, Inc. funeral home, Baltimore.

Grand Chef de Gare Robert J. Ouellette presided with Norman M. Covert, Grand Chef de Gare (Passe, Hon.) serving as Aumonier. Chef de Gare (Passe) John Baron gave the eulogy.

A native of Belfont, Pa., Directeur Don worked many years for Bethlehem Steel in the tin mill.

He was a Vietnam War veteran, having served with the 101st Airborne Division. He was a member of American Legion Post 38, Dundalk, where he served in the color guard.

Like his compatriot Jake, Don was Wrecked into Voiture 1297 in 1974. He served as Correspondant Locale and Commissaire Intendant for VL 1297. He was elected to the Grand du Maryland leadership team in 1983. He served as Commis Voyageur in 1992 and has been Grand Directeur of Nurses Training since 2004.

The son of the late Raymond and Mae Donahoe, he is survived by his brother Gary Donahoe and nieces Dawn Canova and Diane Dell, plus several great nieces and nephews.



Donald Donahoe

NURSES TRAINING

VL 155 partners with Frederick, Carroll community colleges

Frederick/Carroll Voiture 155 has joined with several other Grande du Maryland Voitures in partnering with local colleges to advertise and help administer Nurses Training scholarship programs.

On March 18th VL155 signed a formal agreement with **Frederick Community College Foundation, Inc.** establishing a \$1,000 annual scholarship to a deserving student.

A two-county Voiture, it has finalized a mirror agreement with Carroll Community College Foundation, Inc. in Westminster.

Voiture Locale 456 has been partnering with the College of Southern Maryland Foundation, Inc. for several years. Its winner, **Cynthia Bomgardner**, was recognized by the college in December as winner of the Tri-County 40&8 Nurses Training scholarship.

Leon (Curly) Borowski, VL 1230 chef de gare, said his Voiture partners with Ann Arundel Community College, but picks their own scholarship students and pays funds directly into the student's accounts. The Voiture awards \$500 per semester to four students who maintain a close relationship with the Voyageurs.

Chesapeake College (Easton and Cambridge campuses) reports it has a good working relationship with **VL 1371**, headed by **Chef de Gare Ruth Higgins**.

VL 155 has awarded Nurses Training scholarships since inception of the national program in 1955. La Societe was concerned about the shortage of nurses nationwide, plus Voyageurs Militaire recalled compassionate and professional care provided by military and civilian nurses.

Delegates to the 1955 National Promenade enthusiastically supported the effort. This led to establishment of the George



SIGNING. *Frederick Community College President Carol Eaton (right), and Richard Haney of the FCC Foundation, Inc., flank VL 155 Nurses Training Directeur Norman M. Covert after signing the Scholarship agreement. Unable to attend the signing was VL 155 Chef de Gare Patrick J. Hauke.*

B. Boland Nurses Training Fund. It assists Voitures who fall short of resources to meet their financial obligations to their scholarship students.

VL 155 has awarded two scholarships annually since the mid-1970s. By the early '90s it was donating \$500 to scholarship winners. This was increased to \$1,000 in 2006 when it became apparent that the cost of books and necessary learning materials exceeds \$500 per semester.

Scholarship recipients have earned certifications from colleges and universities in Maryland as well as programs administered in other states.

Richard Haney, a Vietnam veteran, is FCC vice president for learning support and chief development officer. He worked with the Voiture to ensure La Societe, FCC and student nurses realize the full benefit of the scholarship.

The agreement utilizes the FCC's scholarship selection committee to advertise, accept and screen applicants for VL 155, then selecting the scholarship winner.

It will follow these guidelines:

Recipient must be an FCC student enrolled in the clinical portion of its nursing course of study.

In addition to maintaining a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00, the student must have demonstrated volunteer service to the community through a youth group, church, or other local organization.

Preference will be given to students who are military veterans, have parents/grandparents who are military service veterans and/or are members of La Societe.

The application must include a narrative of their career goals and motivation to seek Registered Nurse certification.

When notified of the winner's name, VL 155 will arrange a suitable ceremony.



RECOGNITION. *VL 1230's Nurses Training Scholarship winners recognized. Front row (from left) are: Katie Bringman, Tabatha Reckard, Megan Collins. Not pictured is Angelynna Weatherstein. Back row (from left) are: Grand Chef de Gare Bob Ouellette, Nurses Training Directeur Gordon (Mike) Mallonee, Chef de Gare Leon (Curly) Borowski and Correspondant Robert Clayton.*

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WUZ CLUB

By Nancy Baron

Locale Correspondante

Please let us know of any **WUZ CLUB** members who need our thoughts and attention.

If you have not yet paid your 2010 dues, please take a moment and pay them now.

This will be the last year for us to collect dues. We are still going to maintain the **WUZ CLUB** and will still hold our annual breakfast or luncheon meeting to discuss business and have some fun. We look forward to seeing you all soon. Also, please consider

attending the next Grande Cabane Cheminot on April 24, 2010. This is a SATURDAY!

CABANE LOCALE 1297

By Nancy Baron

Locale Correspondante

Your dues are due for the 2010 year. Please take a moment and pay them now. We are down two members.

We sadly report that one of our Dames passed away. Dame MaryLou Gilbreath, mother of La Locale La Presidente Carol Carden, passed away in February. Please keep MaryLou and her family in your prayers.

Also, please consider attending the next Grande Cabane Cheminot on SATURDAY, April 24, 2010 at the Frederick American Legion Post 11.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

CABANE LOCALE 265

By Linda L. Green

Locale Correspondant/La Commissaire Intendante

Not been much has captured my attention around Cabane Locale 265, or Voiture Locale 265. However, I am confident programs are being worked with enthusiasm.

Congratulations Dames! We have reached 100 percent with 19 renewals transmitted to Cabane Nationale. Although one Dame is in arrears, we were able to sign up a new one keeping our total intact. Thank you Dames for renewing membership in YOUR LOCALE!

Scheduling additional Rendezvous is imperative. Nominations of 2010-11 officers should take place in April with elections in May (our last Rendezvous for the year), plus planning fundraisers. Reports will soon be due for submission to Cabane Nationale.

As time passes, we may be left alone (without a Voyageur or Significant Other), and it may prove difficult to drive, remain active, or attend meetings. But, Cabane Locale 265 needs your support – HELP!

I will contact VL 265 for the date of their next Promenade, hoping we can hold a Rendezvous at the same place. I will notify Dames in writing of the time and place. Hope to see you there!

Thank you for your support. Hope we can again enjoy the fun-filled Rendezvous. With Honor, Respect, and Loyalty to our Veterans and La Societe, we remain forever faithful – GOD BLESS AMERICA!



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 to the Dames of Maryland! Despite the cold, snowy weather, we hope you all have had a wonderful "Winter Wonderland" season and are ready to bounce into Spring for, what else, the Programs of La Societe!



Linda Green

Sad to say, it truly looks as if this will be our last Grande Cabane year, but we still have a few remaining months to work with our Locales to accomplish those last-minute goals – so let's get going and do our usual bang-up job.

Report forms will be coming in April via the website (unless you submitted the postcard) for Cabanes to download and utilize. Cabane Nationale has a section under the 40&8 website – if you need help, feel free to contact me.

Maryland is at 93.55 percent with 29 Dames transmitted to Cabane Nationale. We are only minus two to achieve our goal of 31. I know we can, and will, try to reach 100 percent.

Our sympathies and prayers remain with Dame Carol Carden, who recently lost her Mother, Mary Lou Gilbreath. Carol is currently La Presidente of Cabane Locale 1297 and a Grande La Presidente (Passe).

In addition, the Grande Cabane extends sympathy to the families of several Voyagures, who have been called to Voiture Everlasting, Don Donahoe, Jacob H. Maurer and Leon Carnahan – may they Rest in Peace.



La Presidente
Betty Turney

Our heartfelt prayers always remain faithful to the Dames who may be ill or suffering from some type of loss. We wish you all a speedy recovery and good fortune.

To Dame Lee Cherepes: we sincerely hope you are feeling better and well – we often reflect on the dedicated moments you contributed to La Societe and the encouragement you gave us to carry on. We miss you, Lee!

Some important dates to remember, and we hope many of you are able to attend:

1. Fourth Cheminot Saturday, April 24, 2010 at American Legion Post 11 in Frederick, MD – lunch to be served at 12 Noon and Cheminot to begin at 1:00 p.m.

2. Grande Rendezvous Saturday, July 31, 2010 at Potomac American Legion Post 202 in Williamsport, MD, registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. and Rendezvous beginning at 9:00 a.m.

3. Official Call, hotel information, is in this newsletter (See PP. 5-6 this newsletter). Copies will be mailed to all Dames not in attendance.

For God, Country, and the Veterans – GOD BLESS AMERICA!

OFFICIAL CALL
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.

MEETINGS: All sessions are conducted at Potomac Post 202, The American Legion, Williamsport, MD.

8:00 a.m.	- Registration, Post 202
9:00 a.m.	- Chef de Gare Gavel 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

OFFICIAL CALL
2010 CORPORATION MEETING

Saturday July 31, 2010

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 of Resident Agent; 3) Financial Report and approval of annual disbursements; 3) election of officers for the current year; 4) 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

2011 Nominee

John P. Baron
Robert W. Ouellette, Sr.
Norman M. Covert
Warren L. Dearstine

TRUSTEES:

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

TERM EXPIRES:

January 2010
January 2010
January 2011
January 2011
January 2012
January 2012

Trustee Nominees

Patrick J. Hauke	January 2013
Earl E. Benner	January 2013

**La Societe des 40 Hommes Et 8 Chevaux
Le Grande Voiture de Maryland, Inc.**



89th Grande Promenade
& 26th Grande Rendezvous
July 31, 2010



Red Roof Inn
Rte US11 South
Williamsport, Maryland

REGISTRATION & RESERVATION

(Please type or print legibly)
(Cutoff Date: July 24, 2010)

Name: _____ Voiture: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

<i>Event</i>	<i>Cost Per</i>	<i>How Many</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Registration: (All Delegates & Guests)	\$2.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration: \$ _____
Lunch: <i>(Luncheon Menu: Fried Chicken (two pieces); Ham; Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Salad, choice of Dressings, Dessert, Iced Tea, Coffee.)</i>	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lunches: \$ _____
Are you a Grande Chef de Gare Passe?		Yes ____ No ____	
			<i>Total Amount Enclosed:</i> \$ _____

Make check payable to: Le Grande Voiture de Maryland
Mail to: Gene Benner,
P.O. Box 711
Sharpsburg, MD 21782-0711

**NOTE: Voyageurs must make their own room reservations
prior to July 24, 2010.**

Call: Red Roof Inn

301-582-3500 before July 24, 2010

You must mention 40& 8 of Maryland to receive the room rate of \$65 plus tax.

Get what's coming to you: a *La Societe* license plate

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) has agreed to produce a 40/8 vanity license plate, but we need a total of 25 Voyageurs to sign on to this opportunity.

As of March 20th 19 Voyagers expressed a desire for their own 40&8 registration tag. You may select your number from the following: 0018, 0019, 0020, 0022, 0023, or 0024.

Chef de Gare Bob Ouellette started the ball rolling and will collect the \$25 fee from you and submit it to MVA when he has at least 25 willing participants.

Send Monsieur Chef your name, Voiture Locale and current license plate number. He will keep it secure.

The next tag to be assigned is 0011. If you have a lucky number from 0011 to 0025 send him your info so you may claim it.

Chef Bob is anxious to get on with this, but has set a July 1



deadline. He asks that you include this information in your newsletters and discuss it at your next Promenade. Include Chef Bob's contact info, to expedite the effort.

I have the following Voyageurs (if your name is not here re-send it): Chef Bob, Frank Marino, Gene Benner, Will Trotter, John Baron, Colleen Mulrone, Ralph Green, Martin Price, Tim Smith, Richard Hembrock, Melvin Smullen, Jeff Hughes, Larry Baker, Bob Glover, Axel Wicks, Skip McKinnon, and Barry Scarbrough.



PAST CHEFS' CLUB

By John P. Baron,
Secretary



Greetings, Past Grand Chefs and fellow Voyageurs.

This is just to ask all Past Grand Chefs if you are healthy and you can still drive or have transportation, you should know that the Grand Voiture needs all the help it can get.

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

I am sorry to report that Past Grand Chef Jacob Maurer passed away on Friday, Feb. 26, 2010. Please keep Jake and his family in your prayers.

Voiture Everlasting, cont.

Franklin Leon "Smoke" Carnahan

Voyageur "Smoke" Carnahan, 90, of Boonsboro, died Monday, March 8, 2010, at Washington County Hospital.

Born Nov. 6, 1919, in Hagerstown, he was the son of the late Houston and Lillian (Otto) Carnahan.

A graduate of Boonsboro High School, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of La Societe with VL 651, Washington County, lifetime member and past commander of Morris Frock American Legion Post No. 42 and a lifetime member of VFW Post No. 1936.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret J. Carnahan. Franklin is survived by two sons, Denny R. Carnahan and wife, Karen, of South Carolina, and Terry A. Carnahan and wife, Jenny, of Boonsboro; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Earl and Glen Carnahan.

A graveside service was held March 12, 2010, at Rest Haven Funeral Chapel, Hagerstown.

Grande du Delaware, Mid-Atlantic Region mourn Chef, Mme. President Don White, Jr.

Chef de Gare Robert J. Ouellette expressed personal condolence to the family and Voyageurs Militaire of Grande du Delaware on the death of Grand Chef de Gare Donald E. (Don) White, Jr.

Chef Don, 68, of Seaford, Del., died Saturday Jan. 23, 2010. Chef Bob attended services held at Cranston Funeral Home, Seaford, Del. and at Sussex Veterans Cemetery, Bear, Del.

Chef Don is survived by his widow Margaret Lou Reining. He was preceded in death by his parents Donald E. White and Eleanor Rousseau White, and sister Valerie White Holfs.

Chef Don was elected last fall as Madame President of La Societe's Mid-Atlantic Region (see Dec. 2009 issue of *FORTY et EIGHTER*).

Chef Don was retired from the U. S. Army in 1989 as a Master Sergeant. He was a member of Walter L. Fox Post 2, The American Legion and past Delaware Department commander; member of the VFW and a Life Member of the DAV.



Donald E. White, Jr.

La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Le Grande Voiture de Maryland, Inc.
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**2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS;
FOURTH CHEMINOT &
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:**

*Saturday April 24, 2010, Francis Scott
Key Post 11, Frederick, MD*

**89th GRANDE PROMENADE;
26th GRAND RENDEZVOUS:**

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

*(Note: Cheminots begin at 1 p.m. preceded by
luncheon at Noon.)*

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STILL SERVING



Grand Chef de Gare Robert J. Ouellette, Sr. upon graduation from U. S. Army Basic and Military Police Training at Fort McClellan, Ala. 1981.



*Chef de Gare
Bob Ouellette*

Orders From the Chef de Gare

By Bob Ouellette
Grand Chef de Gare

Grande du Maryland as we go to press is only a few renewals from 100 percent (see P.2). Maryland has been in the top 20 for most of the year, ranking either 13 th or 14th place in recent months.

As of March 14th Locale 265 picked up 3 more Prisoners de Guerre so I am sure that with your help we will reach our goal together. I

should stress that Locale's should not wait until their next Promenade to submit members to Nationale who have paid.

The Grand's success cannot be measured by the work of one person or Locale, but by the Grand as a whole. I am sure that I could not have succeeded without the assistance and counsel of the Grand Correspondant Gene Benner and Grand Avocat John Baron and Frank Marino.

The Chefs de Train deserve recognition: Pat Hauke-- retiring from the USCG and job hunting can put a strain on anyone; John Cockrell, who underwent back surgery early in our year, has dealt with that all year; and Martin Price, whom I appointed in mid-term, did a great job until the snow slowed him down. I am most pleased by the appointment of Grand Publiciste Norm Covert, who has run the newsletter with firm hand.

I cannot forget the passing of our Grand Nurses Training Directeur Don Donahoe (see P. 2). We also will miss Chef de Gare (Passe) Jacob Maurer, V. Leon Carnahan and my new compatriot,

Don White, who died Jan. 23, 2010. He was elected Madame President for the Mid-Atlantic Region while serving as Chef de Gare for Grande du Delaware.

Membership is our life blood! The following Locales deserve a hearty "Merci" for reaching 100 percent or better by the beginning of March: Locale 122, Chef Martin Price & CL Leroy Wyatt ; Locale 265, Chef Bob & CL Karl Koles; Locale 651, Chef Brenda Dougan & CL Richard Dougan; Locale 1230 Chef Curly Borowski & CL Bob Clayton which exceeded its goal, reaching 122 percent.

The Grand must continue recruiting new Voyagers. Three of the four locales cite new membership as a key to their success. There are many worthy Veterans who want to become Voyagers. This is evidenced by two individuals with whom I talked recently. They waited two years for an invitation to join! You can easily identify quality veterans, who should get an opportunity to show their mettle.

One challenge we have is approaching younger veterans, whose participation can sustain La Societe for years to come. Many outstanding Voyageurs were reared in the Great Depression. Today's vets have been nurtured in a time characterized by the War on Terrorism and communications technology that can confound many of us.

Voyagers, Salute, and thank you again for honoring me as your Chef de Gare. I know you will join in giving a helping hand to Senior Chef de Train Pat as he prepares to relieve me in July. In the meantime, let's stay in the traces together, ensuring La Societe and our programs continue to serve the nation and state.