

Voiture Nationale 40&8

# VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

## Mike McGary – Chef de Chemin de Fer



It seems that the choice of membership as a topic last month was very well received by all of the responses I got. You can always tell who the real passionate ones are by how they respond to membership. I know there is a lot of frustration out there, as to why it is so hard to get it in. Through my experience and travels I believe it all comes down to Voiture Activities. Sure, you'll have those Locales with 10 or 12 members pay them up front and not worry about it for the rest of the year. But, those Locales and Grandes with larger numbers need addition stimulation.

That comes from Voiture Activities. We have to get everyone involved and keep them involved ALL YEAR LONG! I don't mean every day of the week but once or twice a month is very feasible. Whether it's a fundraiser for the programs or a fish fry to help those in need to pay their dues, or a dinner dance to bring everyone together. Members just don't want to pay dues just for the sake of belonging. They want to be active and needed. We've all been in the service of our country and told never to volunteer, but ASK a Forty and Eighter to pitch in and help they will be there with bells on. Let's make them feel needed again.



Last weekend was my homecoming in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I will never be able to repay everyone involved for all the work that was done while I was out on the road. The Dames of Indiana, specifically C-364 from Lafayette, In, did an outstanding job making sure no one went hungry. My Aide de Camps did everything that was asked of them and of course then there was "Pretty Boy" Maxwell. He was there from the start a year ago at the planning stage and to the end making sure eve-

rything ran like a watch. Thank you all!!!!

We had a great turn out and had a great time. Friday night was live music in the hospitality room and a few were having a really good time, I got pictures. Saturday, was hospitality room, banquet in the evening and then a return to the hospitality room and try to finish off the remainder of the alcohol, we didn't get it done, but we had fun trying. Thanks again to everyone for a great memory.

As some of you know by now the Southland Dixie has been cancelled for next month because of the ongoing health concerns across our nation. I don't know what the future holds for other events, but with all of the sporting events being cancelled, additional weeks for spring break, and businesses having their employees work from home, I sure there may be additional cancellations across the nation. Keep a close eye on our national website as any information regarding those issues will be posted.

In the meantime take care of yourselves and those around you. Wash your hands often and use a sanitizer, if you can find them for purchase. God Bless everyone and this great Nation.

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## Terry Sims -Correspondant National

Holly will be sending the 2021 Grand Officer list to all Grand Correspondants. When your officers are elected or appointed, please send the completed list back to Voiture Nationale. This includes the newly appointed program directeurs. This is very important because this information is put into individual program packets for the National Directeurs to make contact with your Grand Directeurs; therefore, promoting the programs of

LaSociete. Also, your officers will be listed in the 40/8er magazine.

If anyone has pictures or articles of 40/8 events, send them to Bill Beaumont to be put in the monthly Voyager Briefs and to Tom Orval to be shown in the 40/8er Magazine. The Voyager Briefs reaches approximately 8,000 Voyageurs via emails and the 40/8er reaches approximately 21,000 Voyageurs.



## Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



This month's highlight features an item that can be used to organize and advertise all of your 40&8 activities. One recommended use is as a membership tool to give to a prospective Voyageur. Just fill this attractive pocket folder with your most important membership information. The price for this item is \$15.00 for 10 folders. This item is only sold in multiples of 10 and can be ordered at our

emblem sales store online at - <http://store.fortyandeight.org/> or contact Terry Taylor, E-mail: [ttaylor@fortyandeight.org](mailto:ttaylor@fortyandeight.org) Ph. (317) 634-1804 Fax. (317) 632-9365

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## Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary Homecoming



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## Voiture 70 Grande du New Hampshire



On March 1st 2020 the Grande Chef Grande du NH gave out certificates of appreciation at Post 9 American Legion Derry, NH Appreciation Day on behalf of Voiture 70 NH.

Certificates were given to the Nutfield News for an article concerning the NH Merci Box Car, Derry Community Media for filming the Merci Box Car Ceremony for television, and the Molly Reed Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for all their effort in promoting the Merci Box Car.

1st photo Adrienne Dancer Molly Reed Chap. DAR receives Cert from Grande Chef Grande du NH Joe Di Chiaro, 2nd photo Deb Paul Nutfield News receives Cert. from Grand Chef Joe Di Chiaro, and 3rd photo Owen Provencier receives cert. from Grand Chef Joe Di Chiaro all on behalf of Voiture 70 NH.

## Voiture 1411



Andy Jackson, V-1411 Americanism Directeur, is surrounded by admiring first graders after his recent Flags for First Graders presentation. Andy's diligent work in 2019 resulted in V-1411 receiving the Paul L. Landry Award for the Flags for First Graders Program. Thanks to his effective scheduling of schools and presenters, 2020 has been another highly successful year for V-1411's Program.

## Carville Star



Carville Star National Directeur Tom Adams visits the Daughters of Charity cemetery plot at Carville. Restored as a special project of the Carville Star Program. Through the generosity of Voyageurs and Dames, donations exceeded the project's goal by enough to purchase a recognition marker for the plot that reads "This Site Restored by The 40&8 Honor Society of American Veterans". The restored plot was dedicated during the Cajun Wreck's annual pilgrimage to Carville.

**Building Donation Challenge**  
**Grand Total \$182,820.87**  
**February 2020**



<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOITURE</u>	<u>GR</u>	<u>AMT</u>
Voiture 1597	1597	GA	\$ 40.00
Voiture 435	435	SC	\$ 32.00
Voiture 1539	1539	AK	\$ 20.00



**On December 11, 2019, Voiture 1067 presented Susan Kerver, Ralph H. Johnson VAMC Voluntary Service Director, with seventy-five (75) bus passes for Charleston area veterans for travel to appointments at the medical center. William Simpson and Bill Streuber presented Sue with the bus passes before making ward visits at the hospital.**

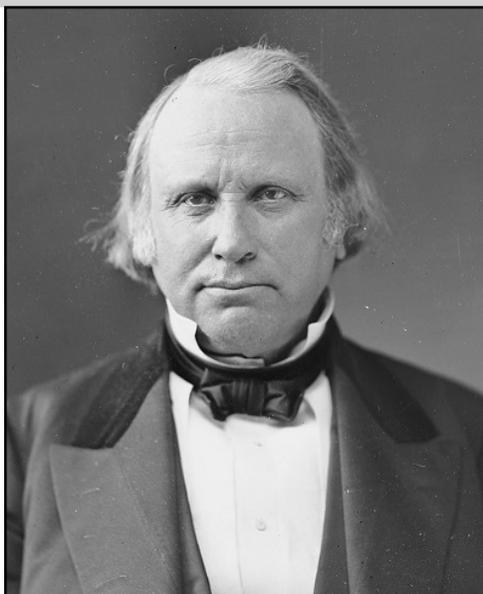
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## Vice Presidential History

**Henry Wilson** (born Jeremiah Jones Colbath; February 16, 1812 – November 22, 1875) was the 18th vice president of the United States (1873–75) and a senator from Massachusetts (1855–73). Before and during the American Civil War, he was a leading Republican, and a strong opponent of slavery.

Originally a Whig, Wilson was a founder of the Free Soil Party in 1848. He served as the party chairman before and during the 1852 presidential election. Wilson worked diligently to build an anti-slavery coalition, which came to include the Free Soil Party, anti-slavery Democrats, New York Barnburners, the Liberty Party, anti-slavery members of the Native American Party (Know Nothings), and anti-slavery Whigs (Called Conscience Whigs). When the Free Soil party dissolved in the mid-1850s, Wilson joined the Republican Party, which he helped found, and which was organized largely in line with the anti-slavery coalition he had nurtured in the 1840s and 1850s.



While a Senator during the Civil War, Wilson was considered a "Radical Republican", and his experience as a militia general, organizer and commander of a Union Army regiment, and chairman of the Senate

military committees enabled him to assist the Abraham Lincoln administration in the organization and oversight of the Union Army and Union Navy. Wilson successfully authored bills that outlawed slavery in Washington, D.C., and incorporated African Americans in the Union Civil War effort in 1862.

After the Civil War, he supported the Radical Republican program for Reconstruction. In 1872, Wilson was elected Vice President as the running mate of Ulysses S. Grant, the incumbent President of the United States, who was running for a second term. The Grant and Wilson ticket was successful, and Wilson served as Vice President from March 4, 1873, until his death on November 22, 1875. Wilson's effectiveness as Vice President was limited after he suffered a debilitating stroke in May 1873, and his health continued to decline until he was the victim of a fatal stroke while working in the United States Capitol in late 1875.