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## THE HONOR SOCIETY OF AMERICAN VETERANS

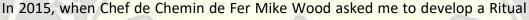
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On March 15<sup>th</sup> La Société is officially a Century old! I hope every Locale, regardless of size, has plans for a celebration of this milestone. It is an amazing opportunity for us to show our accomplishments to not only the Veterans of our communities but, our communities themselves.

Although I believe that we should celebrate the birthday of the 40et8 every year the 100<sup>th</sup> is an extraordinary event that deserves an extra measure of commitment and pride.



for La Societies birthday I was both honored and somewhat baffled as to where I should start.

Bev and I have attended several Marine Corp Balls over the years and have always looked forward to the pomp and circumstance of their birthday ceremony.

As I researched the traditions of the other Military Services, I found that the similarities were many and I felt that we as Voyagers would best be served in following the theme that ran though virtually all of their celebrations.

They say pride is a mortal sin and if that is so, then I earned a front row seat on a keg of nails in hell when Mike Wood approved the Ritual, and it became an official part of our traditions.

As I stated before, I hope each Voiture finds appropriate time to insert the ritual into a Promenade or Wreck this year.

In paragraph 6 of the Ritual a reference is made to a "Program leaflet" where more information can be found on the accomplishments of La Société. I have attached a "Leaflet" that accomplishes that for you to use if you wish but I recommend that you make additions to it for your Locale and it's specific accomplishments in your community.

I wish all of you a fantastic celebration and continued success for the next 100 years!

Yours in service to la Société,

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