



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for April 2018

Membership is currently at 42 with our goal of 55 for the 2018 membership year.

We welcomed two new members to the Forty and Eight at the Grande Spring WRECK in Springfield. Douglas Millison and Roger Kimbrell both enjoyed their time at the Grande Spring WRECK. Please welcome them to the Forty and Eight and Voiture 1379.

We have one P.G. waiting to be WRECKED.

We are growing so keep on the lookout for those deserving veterans as possible members of the Forty and Eight.

It is also that time of the year for reports. If everyone would take a little time and make a note of your information for the past year (July 2017 to June 2018), that would help make our reports better. Generally the Directeurs are looking for total number of hour's volunteered, total number of miles driven and total dollars donated to various community and veteran projects.

Why we love the Marine Corps

Hard to boil it down to five reasons why we love the Marine Corps, what with all the amazing things they do. How handsome and good looking they all are, to how ferocious they are in battle. It's going to be a tough go to select the five qualities that truly define why we love the Marine Corps.

1. Marines win battles. Ever heard of a place called the Chosin Reservoir? Or how about an island named Iwo Jima, maybe this place called Fallujah? In the entire history of the United States Marine Corps, the only time they've surrendered was during WWII when there were only a few hundred Marines versus extremely overwhelming numbers of Japanese, with naval support. Even then they fought for several days inflicting high casualties against the invaders. Marines win battles, and if they don't, they make the enemy pay in blood for each piece of ground gained.

2. Marines look damn good. Every single member of the other services can't deny that Marine dress blues are the best looking dress uniforms. Despite the numerous crayon and glue insults, every other branch knows it's game over for them at the bar if Marines show up in their dress blues..

3. With the exception of corpsman, Marines are self-sustaining. They have their own air support, they have their own armor, and they have their own infantry. There isn't much the Marine Corps can't do on its own. Truth be told, they wouldn't really have it any other way. By the way, the corpsman, they are ours now and you can't have them back, we've adopted them.

4. They were founded in a bar! Marines like to fight, Marines like to drink. It's only reasonable that the guy who wanted a bunch of mean and nasty fighters to fight the redcoats aboard ship would go to the world famous Tun Tavern in Philadelphia to recruit some of the meanest, nastiest, beer drinkingest, rough and tumble men ever assembled.

5. Marines have this sense of arrogant, cocky pride about them. Their only flaw, if we had to pick one is that Marines don't actually know how good they really are. Everything that is asked of them gets done. An old unofficial saying in the Marine Corps "Improvise, Adapt, Overcome" proves that it doesn't matter where or how you fight Marines, they'll find a way to win, because in the wise wise words of Dj Khaled, "All we do is win."

BEST MARINE IS A SUBMARINE

This months Promenade will be on April 25th at Post 33 Cameron, MO with dinner and Promenade at the Post starting at 18:00 HRS.

Thank you for your service to Our Great Nation, and your service to the 40et8 through Voiture 1379. If we all work together we can and do make a difference.

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