



## *Voiture 1379 Communiqué for February 2015*

### **If your membership card does not say 2015 you are delinquent! Dues are still only \$20.00**

To those who have not yet paid their 2015 dues please take a moment and do so.

Here are the members who have **not yet paid their 2015 dues** so far:

**James Gallup, James Gooden, Roger Kohrs, J. Whitfield Moody, Jerry Phelps**

My Fellow Voiture Militaries I must report that John Poteet has passed away.

John suffered a heart attack on Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>. Please keep John's family in you thoughts and prayers.

The date for this year ChicNic has been set for August 15<sup>th</sup> at Wallace State Park. Ray Diven reported that this was the best date he could get for the ChicNic. Ray said that the enclosed shelter house was being renovated and will have air conditioning.

Voiture 1379 will be entering a car in the Grande Car Race Fundraiser at the banquet at the Grande Spring Wreck. Calvin Bumgarner is customizing our race car – 2015 Ford Mustang - with some suggestions from Mike Scruby – what could possibly go wrong there. We will also need a properly attired DRIVER for the car as well – so we are looking for a volunteer. Hopefully we will have a few if not all our PG's there to be WRECKED and welcomed into the 40et8 in a most proper and fun way.

In what was likely his last major policy move, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced 9 JAN the formation of a new agency to coordinate disparate efforts at accounting for and recovering the missing and dead from the nation's wars. The new agency within the Defense Department, which has yet to be given a name or a home headquarters, would merge the Defense POW/MIA Office (DPMO), the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), and several forensic laboratories under a new director to be appointed by President Obama.

The main goals of the new agency were to end the bureaucratic infighting that has plagued recovery efforts in the past. It will also seek to communicate and coordinate better with the families of the missing. "America will remain committed to always bringing home our missing and fallen," Hagel said. "The decisions we are announcing today will ensure we honor that solemn obligation." Last year, Hagel appointed a Personnel Accounting and Consolidation Task Force to review recovery efforts following complaints from the families and Congress over "dysfunction" in the management system. The non-partisan Government Accountability Office also issued a report citing "long-standing leadership weaknesses and a fragmented organizational structure" within the existing structure of the POW/MIA accounting and recovery system.

This months Promenade will be February 25<sup>th</sup> and held in Kansas City, MO at Post 61 with dinner at the Post beginning at 18:00 HRS and the Promenade starting at 19:00 HRS.

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

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