



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for February 2018

Membership is currently at forty (40) out of forty five (45). As usual membership is life blood of any organization so let's get out there and find new members to help support the Forty and Eight and its programs.

Don't forget the upcoming Grande du Missouri Spring WRECK being held March 23 – 25 in Springfield. Voiture 1379 hopes to have two P.G.s to be WRECK'ed. So get your reservations in so you can join in the fun and welcome them into the Forty and Eight.

If you have had any changes in your contact information please let me know so I may keep current on your information. Thank you in advance.

Swearing ? Turns Out It is F**king Good For You

Humans aren't the only primates who can curse, but we're really good at it, as anyone in the military might know. And, it turns out, it's good for us. Cursing can promote teamwork and trust, and even make us more tolerant to pain, according Emma Byrne, author of the new book "Swearing is Good for You." An interview with Byrne is available on National Geographic. A Marine yells orders to his squad members during an Integrated Training Exercise How can cursing can build teamwork and increase pain tolerance? "Using swear words appropriate for that person shows how well you know them; and how well you understand their mental model," Byrne told National Geogrpahic. She also notes that at research shows that people who are swearing can withstand much more pain than people who are otherwise quiet. More important, other primates can curse? Yep, chimpanzees taught sign language develop signed swear words that they use not only in their daily lives, but they also teach the signed words to younger chimps. So, swearing not only builds teamwork and tolerance for pain, it's arguably in our f**ckin nature.

Gun Salutes at Military Funerals

At military funerals, one often sees three volleys of shots fired in honor of the deceased veteran. This is often mistaken by the laymen as a 21-gun salute, although it is entirely different (in the military, a "gun" is a large-caliber weapon. The three volleys are fired from "rifles," not "guns." Therefore, the three volleys aren't any kind of "gun salute," at all).

Anyone who is entitled to a military funeral (generally anyone who dies on active duty, honorably discharged veterans, and military retirees) are to the three rifle volleys, subject to availability of honor guard teams. As stated, this is not a 21-gun salute, nor any other type of "gun salute." They are simply three rifle volleys fired. The firing team can consist of any number, but one usually sees a team of eight, with a 87 noncommissioned officer in charge of the firing detail. Whether the team consists of three or eight, or ten, each member fires three times (three volleys).

The three volleys come from an old battlefield custom. The two warring sides would cease hostilities to clear their dead from the battlefield, and the firing of three volleys meant that the dead had been properly cared for and the side was ready to resume the battle. The flag detail often slips three shell casings into the folded flag before presenting the flag to the family. Each casing represents one volley.

\This months Promenade will be on February 28th at Post 61 – North Kansas City - with dinner at 18:00 HRS. The Promenade will begin at 19:00 HRS.

If there are any other functions you would like to "get the word out" please let me know and I will put them on the Voiture 1379, The Grande du Missouri web site as well as the communiqué.

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

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