

If your membership does not say 2018 you are delinquent! Dues are still only \$20.00

Happy New Year to one and all I hope everyone survived the holidays and are ready for the New Year. Lets get the membership train rolling.

WWI Commemorative Coin Update 01 Available 17 JAN 2018

The World War I centennial year has arrived. There are a number of events planned in Europe to commemorate military campaigns and battles in the months ahead. In the meantime, VA and many federal agencies will continue to participate in planning for Nov. 11, 2018 — the 100th anniversary of the armistice bringing World War I to an end. In our partnership with the World War I Centennial program, U.S. Mint is issuing a World War I Centennial silver dollar. The coin, and its companion silver medals, will be available to purchase at noon Eastern Time, on Wednesday, 17 JAN Centennial silver dollar companion silver medals

The U.S. Mint coin and medals are a tangible way to be part of the centennial. They honor the 4.7 million American men and women who served during the war, and they help to support WWI education and commemorative programs. VA Secretary Dr. David Shulkin served as a keynote speaker at the groundbreaking ceremony for the National World War I Memorial on Nov. 9, 2017. The memorial will be built in Pershing Park, Washington D.C., near the White House. Funds for the memorial are being privately raised. To learn more about the World War I Centennial and activities taking place, please visit http://www.worldwar1centennial.org **Americanism** is the activity of any Voiture or Voyageur in service to the public. While participating in your communities' activities, you are not only accumulating hours, miles and dollars for the Americanism Program, you are promoting the Forty and Eight Americanism Program and its ideals by setting an example of a Veteran's love for his community, state and nation.

My fellow voyageur now is the time to start putting your Voiture Locale's activities for the 2017-2018 year down on paper for our annual reports. If you have done anything for the Forty and Eight, American Legion, VFW or any other veterans organization, then please report those activities to your Americanism Directeur Locale or Correspondant Locale for inclusion in the end of year reports. It is far easier to keep a running total, than it is to try and remember all of your activities at the end of the year. That being said we are still under reporting our activities to Nationale every year. Some times from forgetting to make note of things in the annual reports but mainly from not wanting to seem like we are bragging about what we do. So please report all your activities through out the year and let everyone know what the Forty and Eight is doing.

This months Promenade will be January 24th 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. **Robert C. Emery, Correspondant Locale, Voiture 1379**