



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for July 2018

For those who may not know Calvin Bumgarner was elected to be Grand Chef de Gare for Grande du Missouri. Please take a moment and congratulate Calvin on achieving this great honor and maybe offer him some assistance through out his term as Grand Chef de Gare.

Don't forget Voiture 1379 Annual ChicNic will be held August 18th at Wallace State Park at the enclosed shelter house. Please remember to bring a item to be used as a door prize item.

Veteran's Creed

In an effort to promote public service and camaraderie among former service members, advocates unveiled a new "Veteran's Creed" on 14 JUN designed to provide a familiar mantra as they navigate civilian life. Organizers behind the project said their goal was to provide a rallying idea for the larger veterans community, which they believe is needed given the disconnect many veterans feel with their communities upon leaving the military. "It can serve as a unifying concept to remind veterans of the value of their military service, to inspire veterans to continue to serve and lead at local, state and national levels, and to push them to continue to excel," said retired Gen. George Casey, former chief of staff of the Army and one of the leaders of the effort. The creed itself is modeled after the Soldier's Creed, repeating many of the same themes. While the Army's version reminds soldiers to "never quit" and "maintain my arms," the new veterans version calls on individuals to "continue to lead and improve" and "honor and remember my fallen comrades." Joe Chenelly, national executive director at AMVETS, said veterans he has spoken to in recent weeks about the new creed have lauded the concept, even if the effort is largely symbolic. "This really speaks to the values that every veteran shares," he said. The idea has also gained support from several veterans in Congress, including Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL) who praised the idea at the Capitol Hill launch of the event. "All the military creeds out there ... we don't just put those words on paper, we say them, and then we say them again," he told the crowd of supporters. "We repeat it with each other and we remind ourselves of these things constantly, because they are such an important part of the makeup of who we are. "These are things that define us as service members, and have to continue to define us as veterans."

This months Promenade will be on July 25th at Post 61 Kansas City, MO with dinner at 18:00 HRS and 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 in the next communiqué.

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

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