



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for March 2012

We are down to four (4) members who have still not paid their dues for 2012.

They are as follows:

Lewis Basye (?? years), Morris Bram (64 years), Kenneth Campbell (43 years), and Darrell Richards (18 years). If their dues are not received soon they will be dropped from the rolls and the forty and Eight.

Membership is an organizations life blood. If we fail to keep getting new members this group will soon become a thing of the past. So please keep on the lookout for deserving veterans to invite to join the 40et8.

Missing in America Project - Veteran Recovery Program

You served your country through a war, or through peacetime. You expected to receive a military burial, recognition by our government of your commitment to our great country. You expected to have honor and respect paid to you as a result of your service to our great country. Instead, you reside on a shelf in a mortuary or a storage facility at a crematorium.

The mission of the MIAP project is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremains of veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations. These forgotten veterans have served our country and, as such, deserve to be buried with honor and respect. The impetus for our fine program began in November 2006. The Idaho State Veterans cemetery interred 21 cremains of forgotten veterans, with full military honors and the dignity these fallen heroes so richly deserved. Recently, a state hospital announced that 3500 cremains were on shelves to be identified. (The link to the newspaper article is: <http://tinyurl.com/2xrx9u>. On the shelf were cremains for the time span of the 1890s to 1971. It is estimated 1,000 of these cremains are veterans. This is happening in every state.

This project has just begun. We need to blanket every mortuary and cemetery in the United States and let them know there are people who desire to claim our veterans. We need to let them know it is our desire to see they are interred with the honor and respect they deserve. They served our great nation. It is now our great nation's turn to serve them.

The veterans languishing on shelves need us. They need America to step forward and ensure they are buried with honor. They need America to show their thanks for their service. Without them, we would not have the freedoms we enjoy today

You still have time to register and attend the Grande Cheminot and WRECK in Jefferson City March 30th to April 1st. Here is your chance to see a formal WRECK

Grand Conducateur John Kopp is still looking for people to help with the WRECK so if you would like to join the WRECKING CREW please contact John quick.

The next Promenade will be in Cameron, MO at Post 33 on March 28th, 2012 with Dinner and Promenade at Post 61 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 61 serving dinner at 18:00 HRS and Promenade beginning at 19:00 HRS.

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

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