



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for March 2015

The Grande “Spring Wreck” is coming up on March 27th through the 29th in Jefferson City. Voiture 1379 will be sending two (2) PG’s to be “WRECKED” and anyone that can should please try and attend to help properly initiate our PG’s into the Forty and Eight and Voiture 1379.

If you would like to be considered for a Grande position elected or appointed please let me know which position you would like and I will send you name into the Grande for consideration.

The Voiture will also need everyone’s support at the “Spring WRECK Race”. Calvin Bumgarner has been working on customizing the Voiture 1379 race car. We still need a “Driver” to represent our race car.

Four POW/MIA family groups representing every conflict back to World War II have banded together to express their displeasure with the Defense Department’s current personnel accounting reorganization and have asked Congress to step in again. In a joint statement released last week, the groups — World War II Families for the Return of the Missing; Search and Recover Greatest Generation; Korea Cold War Families of the Missing and the National Alliance of Families for the Return of America’s Missing Servicemen — said they have been forced out of the reorganization process. “We unite to voice our extreme displeasure and frustration at the current turn of events in the process to reorganize the POW/MIA accounting effort,” the groups said in their statement. “Unless significant changes in policy, practice and attitude take place in the coming weeks, our membership will be FORCED to deal with a new organization that will be nothing more than a costly cosmetic change and the new POW/MIA accounting agency will be a failure before it is even fully operational. ... Our missing servicemen and their families deserve better.”

The task force and working groups were terminated in October, according to the League’s website. Management consultants ‘The Clearing’ stopped working with families, and the results of all of these efforts have not been made public. Since the leadership announcement last month, the groups say they were threatened with exclusion from the process because of their vocal criticism of the stalled process and asked to provide financial information and membership lists. Currently, the groups are not involved, Phillips said. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Community and Public Outreach Rene’ Bardorf responded but did not address specific allegations.

This months Promenade will be on March 25th Post 33 Cameron, MO with dinner at 18:00 HRS. The Promenade will begin at 19:00 HRS.

Reminder to all: Please update your contact information so you will not get lost in the shuffle.

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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