

Voiture 1379 Communiqué for March 2016

Membership: Voiture 1379 paid up membership is at forty nine (49) with our membership goal if fifty five (55). If you have not yet paid your 2016 dues please do so now. According to the Nationale Constitution your membership is delinquent as of January 1st, 2016.

The Grande "Spring Wreck" is coming up on April 1st through the 3rd in Springfield. 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 National Park Service is considering limiting the items it collects at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The agency said in a news release 9 FEB that it will only keep items left at the memorial that are personal artifacts of soldiers whose names appear on the memorial; Vietnam War military service items; and protest, activism and advocacy materials related to the war. Objects left at the wall with no direct connection to a Vietnam veteran or the Vietnam War will not be kept. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Collection includes more than 400,000 objects left at the memorial since its dedication in 1982. The National Park Service is accepting public comment on the proposed changes. Comments are accepted at

https://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=70782.

Hawaii this month became the eighth state to find photos of all their Vietnam fallen. The addition of Army Sgt. 1st Class Felicisimo Hugo of Wahiawa now means all 277 fallen service members from Hawaii have a photo on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Foundation's Virtual Wall of Faces. The other states who have submitted photos for all their Vietnam fallen are Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming. More than 45,000 photos have been received, but another 13,000 still need to be collected to ensure there's a picture for every name inscribed on The Wall. Learn more about the initiative and how you can help at:

http://www.vvmf.org/news/article=Hawaii-Becomes-Eighth-State-To-Find-Photos-For-Their-Fallen . Every photo collected will be featured in VVMF's Virtual Wall of Faces http://www.vvmf.org/wall-of-faces and seen in the future Education Center at The Wall http://www.vvmf.org/education-center. [

This month's Promenade will be on March 23rd at Post 61 North Kansas City, 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. Robert C. Emery, Correspondant Locale, Voiture 1379

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