



## *Voiture 1379 Communiqué for May 2013*

The Voiture will soon be WRECKING three P.G.'s into the Forty and eight and Voiture 1379. The P.G.'s are Ron Sloniker, Herschell Smoot, and James Gallup. Once we get their chapeaus we will be able to WRECK them properly. With the addition of these three P.G.'s the Voiture will make its membership goal for 2013. Voiture 1379 membership will be 47 Voiture Militaries with our goal being 46 our 2013 membership will be at 47. This will put Voiture 1379 membership at 102.17% for 2013. The Voiture needs to continue to grow so be on the look out for potential new members and remember we have a fund to help defray some of the initiation cost. So if you know someone who would make a good member invite them to a Promenade and let the see what we are all about.

Nominations: At the last Promenade the Voiture made its officer nominations for the 2013 – 2014 membership year. Ed Schmidt agreed to be Chef de Gare for another year. The following Voiture militaries have also volunteered to hold office as well:

John-Paul Kopp Chef de Train  
Don Happy Commissaire Intendant  
John Kopp Conducteur  
Vernon Hudspeth Garde de la Porte  
Bill Hendrix Aumonier  
Bob Box Commis Voyageur  
Grand Cheminot Calvin Bumgarner

POW/MIA: The DPMO announced 22 APR that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Army Master Sgt. Robert A. Stein, 29, of Jamestown, N.Y., will be buried April 27, in Arlington Heights, Ill. In late 1950, Stein and elements of the 31st Regimental Combat Team (RCT) were engaged by vastly superior numbers of enemy forces east of the Chosin Reservoir near Sinhung-ri, South Hamgyong Province, North Korea. On Dec. 1, 1950, remnants of the 31st RCT, known historically as Task Force Faith, began a fighting withdrawal to a more defensible position near Hagaru-ri, south of the reservoir. Stein was reported missing Dec. 2, 1950. After the 1953 armistice, surviving prisoners of war who returned during "Operation Big Switch" said Stein had died in a POW camp during an aircraft rocket attack. Stein's remains were not part of the 1954 United Nations and Communist Forces remains exchange known as "Operation Glory." Between 1991 and 1994, North Korea gave the United States 208 boxes of human remains believed to contain the remains of 200-400 U.S. servicemen. North Korean documents, turned over with some of the boxes, indicated that some of the remains were recovered from the area where Stein was last seen. In the identification of the remains, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) used circumstantial evidence, compiled by DPMO and JPAC researchers, and forensic identification tools, such as dental comparison, to identify Stein. They also used mitochondrial DNA—which matched Stein's cousin.

This months Promenade will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Cameron, MO at Post 33 with dinner at 18:00 HRS and the Promenade will begin 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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