



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for September 2009

Membership renewals for 2010 are coming in very slowly again this year. I currently have 21 of the 42 listed members of Voiture 1379 paid up for 2010.

Membership is our life blood and if we are to continue we need to find new members so be on the lookout for prospective 40et8'ers.

I know that my goal to have us at 100% by Veterans Day and it's just a couple of months away. If you have not yet paid your 2010 dues please take a moment and send them in today.

September 18th brings the observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day which are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools and veterans' facilities. This observance is one of six days throughout the year that Congress has mandated the flying of the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag. The others are Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. The flag is to be flown at major military installations, national cemeteries, all post offices, VA medical facilities, the World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the official offices of the secretaries of state, defense and veterans affairs, the director of the selective service system and the White House.

China Archives Arrangement:

U.S. and Chinese officials signed a document in 2008 in Shanghai, China to formalize research in Chinese archives on Korean War POW/MIA matters. Ambassador Charles A. Ray, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs, signed the arrangement with Major General Qian Li Hua of the Chinese Ministry of National Defense. The arrangement outlines expected cooperation between the U.S. and China in researching the archives, which may shed light on Americans who were missing in action or held as prisoners of war in camps managed by the Chinese.

Well here is you last chance to attend a Grande du Missouri event on this side of the state for a while, so get signed up to attend and come have some fun. We will be needing help putting this event on again so if you can help and have a little fun please let us know you can help.

The Grande Cheminot and Homecoming will be held October 2nd through October 4th at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel KCI Airport.

Friday October 2nd, 2009

Registration 15:00 till 17:00 HRS

Hospitality Room 15:00 till ????

Saturday October 3rd, 2009

Registration 08:00 till 12:00 HRS

Hospitality Room 08:30 till 13:00 HRS

Executive Meeting 09:00 HRS

Cheminot 13:00 HRS

Banquet 19:00 HRS

Hospitality Room opened after banquet

This months Promenade will be on September 23rd in Cameron, MO with Dinner at McCorkles at 18:00 HRS followed by the Promenade at Post 33 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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