



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for September 2016

2017 Dues are being collected now! Dues are still only \$20.00

Very few renewals are coming in now. We currently have twenty five (25) members paid up for the 2017 membership year.

Here are the unpaid members for 2017 – Please take a moment and pay your dues today.

Larry Allen, Robert Beatty, Paul Bennett, Rebeeca Boehmer, Tim Coulter, Lisa Coupel, Lynn Coupel, Ray Crestwell, Joel Doyscher, Paul Ellison, James Gallup, Billie Gammill, Jodi Hatcher, Joseph Hendrix, Janet Keating, Daniel Mott, Jerry Phelps, Carmen Quintero, Roy Rash, Neal Reno, Darrell Richards, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Antoinette Shirley, Ron Sloniker, and Dirk “Where is my chapeau” Stapleton

Calvin Bumgarner is our Chef de Gare Locale so please congratulate him and give him the support to help make Voiture 1379 a success.

PROTEST - A sailor in training at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, posted a video of herself sitting during the anthem at a colors ceremony, saying she won't stand until the U.S. proves "that they've got my back as a black woman." She contends that "The Star-Spangled Banner" contains a verse with racist lyrics. The sailor's action, which sparked a firestorm online, was in solidarity with NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who said he'll continue taking a knee during "The Star-Spangled Banner" until people of color are treated more fairly. The controversy highlights the limits placed on troops' free speech rights, a freedom enshrined in the Bill of Rights that is limited for those to protect the cohesion of military commands and to bar the military hierarchy from political partisanship.

. The case highlights the restrictions on basic American freedoms that service members submit to when they volunteer to serve: Colin Kaepernick has the right to sit through the anthem. Service members do not.

Navy regulations are clear on standing during the anthem, in or out of uniform: “Whenever the National Anthem is played, all naval service personnel not in formation shall stand at attention and face the national ensign,” the regulations state. “In the event that the national ensign is not displayed, they shall face the source of the music. ... Sailors not in uniform will face the flag, stand at attention, and place the right hand over the heart.” However, troops have the right to protest off base and out of uniform, Meadows added. “If a Sailor is not in uniform they can participate in a protest out in town — if they are not in violation of a law, riot, etc.,” Meadows said.

A leading military justice expert said that the sailor's legal defense was minimal since she had clearly broken the rules. “Military personnel have First Amendment, but they are different from the rest of us,” said Eugene Fidell, a former Coast Guard judge advocate who teaches military law at Yale Law

The Fall Grande Cheminot and Grand Chefs Homecoming will be held October 7th to the 9th in Springfield MO at the Ramada Plaza Hotel and Oasis Convention Center. Please come out and see what is going on the Grande du Missouri.

This months Promenade will be at Post 61 on September 28th with meal at the Post at 18:00 HRS and Promenade starting at 19:00 HRS.

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

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