



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for September 2017

2018 Dues are being collected now! Dues are still only \$20.00

I have not received any renewals since the initial renewal notices were sent out. We currently have twenty four (24) members paid up for the 2018 membership year. Here are the unpaid members for 2018 – Please take a moment and pay your dues today.

Paul Bennett, Tim Coulter, Ray Crestwell, Joel Doyscher, Paul Ellison, Joseph Hendrix , Larry Hammes, Janet Keating, John F. Kopp, John-Paul Kopp, Daniel Mott, Ted Nelson, Cole Nixon, Jerry Phelps, Carmen Quintero, Roy Rash, Neal Reno, Darrell Richards, and Antoinette Shirley,

Membership of an organization is its life blood and like many the 40et8 is also struggling with membership. Many of our members are passing away and more are not renewing their membership. We are currently fighting an uphill battle with membership. So we need to work on getting new members recruited and get current members to renew their membership. If things continue Nationale will need to increase dues to make up for the short fall in revenue. So let's all be on the lookout for deserving veterans and invite them to join the 40et8.

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

The Fall Grande Cheminot and Grand Chefs Homecoming will be held October 6th to the 8th in Springfield MO at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center. Please come out and see what is going on the Grande du Missouri.

For all those who can't remember the password don't worry there is a new one that was put out at the Promenade Nationale. So you should show up at the next promenade to learn the new password.

Warrior Sailing

If you know a veteran that you think could benefit from facing a new challenge on the water, please check out the warrior sailing program. No prior experience is required. They hold a series of classes during the year and participate in races like the ones that will be held at the Annapolis Yacht Club in October. According to Jen French, the founder of Warrior Sailing, "Military veterans and active duty personnel who have been diagnosed with a disability are welcome to participate in the Warrior Sailing Program. Among the 250 participants about 75 percent suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or some type of brain injury. Participants range in age from 19 to 80." In a news article announcing the event at Annapolis, French stated, "We're not just taking them for boat rides. We're teaching them the sport of sailing. By and large, they've never been on a sailboat before. To learn more about the Warrior Sailing Program, please see WarriorSailing.org.

This months Promenade will be in Cameron at Post 33 on September 27th 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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