



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for April 2016

Voiture Militaire John Gooden transferred to Voiture Everlasting on March 1st at the Veterans Home in Cameron Missouri. Jim retired from the Army in 1980, as a Command Sergeant Major from Fort Riley, KS. Jim was awarded a number of honors throughout his years of service: Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Commendation Medal W/V 5th Oak Leaf Cluster, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Silver and 1 Bronze service star, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, (2) Purple Heart, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal (7), Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, Staff Service Medal 2nd Class, Meritorious Unit Commendation and later (September 24, 2005) the Silver Star (3rd highest combat award) for his heroism. Please take a moment and remember him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

For those who were not able to attend the Grande Spring WRECK you missed a most enjoyable event. Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer – Bill Simpson was present for the entire weekend.

One Voiture 1379 P.G. – Joel Doyscher was WRECKED in Springfield and is now a Voiture Militaries. Please take a moment and welcome him into the Forty and Eight and Voiture 1379.

The Voiture 1379 Hillbilly Golfer Jerry Phelps put on a good performance showing off his fashion sense and golfing skills. Thank you Jerry!

Membership is currently at 50 with our goal of 55 for the 2016 membership year. So keep on the lookout for those deserving veterans as possible members of the Forty and Eight. We still have three (3) P.G.'s to WRECK – Vernon Mattocks, R.E. Holtz, and Dan Mott. Sponsors please make sure your P.G. gets to the Promenade so we can get them WRECKED.

It is also that time of the year we will be seeking nominations for Voiture Locale Officers and Directeur. So anyone interested in a position please let the Chef de Gare Locale Calvin Bumgarner or Correspondant Robert Emery know of your interest.

It is also that time of the year for reports. If everyone would take a little time and make a note of your information for the past year (July 2015 to June 2016), that would help make our reports better. Generally the Directeurs are looking for total number of hour's volunteered, total number of miles driven and total dollars donated to various community and veteran projects.

Of the five candidates for President of the United States, Commander-in-Chief of all the armed forces of our country, not one of them is a veteran. None has served on active duty in any of our uniformed services. The fact is that less than 20 percent of Congress is veterans. In 1976 we saw more than 75 percent of Congress having previously served in uniform. Veterans, it's your call to continue to serve our community and/or the country by serving in Congress and in State Legislatures across this country. Who would be better to represent the voluminous needs of our current active military, and our veterans, before Congress? There is no substitute for the experience of having served when trying to understand the challenges, issues and experiences that military personnel go through from deployments through their post-service year

This month's Promenade will be on April 27th at Post 61 North Kansas City, MO with dinner and Promenade at Post 61 starting at 18:00 HRS.

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

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