



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for April 2019

Membership is currently at 42 with our goal of 42 for the 2019 membership year.

We welcomed one new member to the Forty and Eight at the Grande Spring WRECK in Saint Louis. John Worrel enjoyed his time at the Grande Spring WRECK. Please welcome them to the Forty and Eight and Voiture 1379.

We are growing so keep on the lookout for those deserving veterans as possible members of the Forty and Eight.

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 2018 to June 2019), that would help make our reports better. Generally the Directeurs are looking for total number of hours volunteered, total number of miles driven and total dollars donated to various community and veteran projects.

Marines better make sure they remember all the words to the Marines' Hymn. As of 15 APR the top Marine wants them to sing it out loud when it's played, according to Marine officials. That's one of a slew of changes coming to the Corps' new drill and ceremonies manual, which is expected to be published around on that date said Training and

Education Command Sgt. Maj. William J. Grigsby told Marine Corps Times in an interview. "It is now directed that Marines, present and who have served honorably, who are not in formation or part of an actual ceremony, or marching in a parade or review, who when they hear the playing of the Marines Hymn will stand at attention, face the music and sing the words to the Hymn," the updated drill and ceremonies manual reads. Previously Marines were directed to stand at attention during the playing of the Corps' official song, the Marines' Hymn — a tradition that dates back to just after World War II.

The American Legion is spitting mad that some members of Congress have removed the black POW/MIA flags from their office entrances and replaced them with transgender equality flags. The Legion issued a press release 29 MAR expressing "extreme displeasure" with the swap. National Commander Brett Reistad said he takes no issue with members of Congress honoring additional groups but, he added, "it should be in addition to, rather than instead of our heroes." "These servicemen and servicewomen went missing while defending all Americans. Their flags should not go missing as well," Reistad said in the release. The National Center for Transgender Equality sent flags to all members of Congress to commemorate the International Transgender Day of Visibility on 31 MAR. According to media reports, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and

Speaker of the House Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) swapped out their POW/MIA flags for the banners. On 26 MAR, a federal appeals court granted a government request to lift an injunction against a proposed ban on people with gender dysphoria serving in the U.S. military, a decision that will allow the policy to go into effect 12 APR. Two days later, the House voted 238-185 on a nonbinding resolution opposing the policy. In a floor speech 28 MAR, Pelosi called the ban "an act of cruelty." "There is no moral justification for this ban, which violates every value of our American democracy and betrays our fundamental belief in fairness, dignity and respect," she said. Reistad said every member of Congress should honor POWs and those missing in action by showing the flag. Lawmakers should ensure, he said, that it is "properly and permanently displayed outside their offices."

This month's Promenade will be on April 24th at Post 61 Kansas City, MO with dinner and Promenade at the Post 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.

Robert C. Emery, Correspondant Locale, Voiture 1379