

Voiture 1379 Communiqué for January 2015 If your membership does not say 2015 you are delinquent! Dues are still only \$20.00

Happy New Year to one and all I hope everyone survived the holidays and are ready for the New Year.

Well so far very few renewals have come. We currently have forty three (43) members paid up for the 2015 membership year. Thank you to those who have already paid their 2015 dues. To those who have not yet paid their 2015 dues please take a moment and do so.

Here are the members who have **not yet paid their 2015 dues** so far: **Rebecca Boehmer, James Gallup, James Gooden, Larry Hammes, Jodi Hatcher, Roger Kohrs, J. Whitfield Moody, Bob Patterson, Jerry Phelps, John Poteet.**

We have two (2) P.G.'s waiting to be WRECKED – Amy Bennett and Ann Marie Roberts. Hopefully they will both make it to Jefferson City for the Grande Spring WRECK. This will help the P.G.'s to know the Forty and Eight and about the fun and honor of the Forty and Eight. I hope all those who can, will attend the Grande Spring WRECK and help introduce and welcome the P.G.'s to the Forty and Eight.

Americanism is the activity of any Voiture or Voyageur in service to the public. While participating in your communities' activities, you are not only accumulating hours, miles and dollars for the Americanism Program, you are promoting the Forty and Eight Americanism Program and its ideals by setting an example of a Veteran's love for his community, state and nation.

A special web page has been launched to assist veterans seeking to upgrade punitive discharges related to behavior problems caused by post-traumatic stress. The web page provides information and applications to seek an upgrade to discharge from service. The page can be found at http://arba.army.pentagon.mil/adrbptsd.cfm. It follows a recent directive to the Army's Review Boards Agency to give liberal consideration to requests for discharge upgrades from veterans who say they were kicked out of service because of problems related to PTSD. Thousands of Vietnam-era soldiers may have been given punitive discharges because they suffered from PTSD before it was recognized as a debilitating medical condition

My fellow voyageur now is the time to start putting your Voiture Locale's activities for the 2014-2015 year down on paper for our annual reports. If you have done anything for the Forty and Eight, American Legion, VFW or any other veterans organization, then please report those activities to your Americanism Directeur Locale or Correspondant Locale for inclusion in the end of year reports. It is far easier to keep a running total, than it is to try and remember all of your activities at the end of the year. That being said we are still under reporting our activities to Nationale every year. Some times from forgetting to make note of things in the annual reports but mainly from not wanting to seem like we are bragging about what we do. So please report all your activities through out the year and let everyone know what the Forty and Eight is doing.

This months Promenade will be January 28th and held in Cameron, MO at Post 33 with dinner at the Post beginning at 18:00 HRS and the Promenade starting at 19:00 HRS.

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

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