



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for July 2013

With the start of the 2014 membership year upon us, I want to remind everyone that our numbers are starting to grow. With this being said we need to be working on getting new members and keeping the members we currently have. My goal this year is to be at 100% by Veterans Day. So if you can please get your dues to me as soon as possible so we can meet our goal for 2014 membership.

Voiture 1379 finished the 2013 membership year with 48 members with our goal being 46. That put the Voiture at 104.35% and that put Voiture 1379 at the top of membership improvement for the entire Grande.

For those who did not attend the recent Grand Cheminot and Promenade, you missed out on a good time.

The Grande du Missouri held its elections for the 2013 – 2014 membership year. Voiture 1379 is well represented in the Grande.

Sous Grand Chef de Train: Ed Schmidt

Grand Garde de la Porte: John-Paul Kopp

Grand Directeur Child Welfare: Calvin Bumgarner

Grand Aumonier: John Kopp

Sous Grand Conducteur: John-Paul Kopp

Grand Directeur Carville Star: Mike Scruby

Grand Directeur POW/MIA: Gary Reno

Sous Grand Directeur POW/MIA: Vernon Hudspeth

Grand Directeur Americanism: Robert Emery

The numbers of Americans who remain missing from conflicts in this century are:

World War II (73,000+), Korean War (7,900+), Cold War (126), Vietnam War (1,655), 1991 Gulf War (0), and OEF/OIF (6). Over 600 Defense Department men and women -- both military and civilian.

Friday, September 10, 2013 will be this years National POW/MIA Recognition Day. For more information and to download or order this years National POW/MIA Recognition Day Poster go to http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/pow_day/

Don't forget September 25th is the Annual Voiture 1379 ChicNic being held at Wallace State Park near Cameron, MO. This year the ChicNic will be held on Wednesday our normal Promenade night. The ChicNic begins at 17:00 HRS and the cost is \$10 per person for adults. Please be sure to bring something to use for a door prize give away.

This months Promenade will be July 24th in Cameron, MO at Post 33 at 19:00 HRS with dinner at Dino's Restaurant at 18:00 HRS and the Promenade at Post 33 at 19:00 HRS.

Thank you for your service to Our Great Nation and the 40et8 through Voiture 1369. If we all work together we can and do make a difference.

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