



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for March 2018

Membership: Voiture 1379 paid up membership is currently at forty (40) with our membership goal of forty five (45). If you have not yet paid your 2018 dues please do so now. According to the Nationale Constitution your membership is delinquent as of January 1st, 2018.

The National Resource Directory (NRD) at <https://nrd.gov> is one of the largest online collections of government and non-government resources specifically designed for Veterans, service members, their families and caregivers. With a unique collection of more than 16,000 organized and vetted resources, the directory provides information covering a variety of topics, including benefits and compensation, education, homeless assistance, housing and other services. For Veterans looking for reliable resources and information, the directory is an one-stop alternative to searching through multiple websites and publications to find what you're looking for. At www.nrd.gov, all resources and information for a topic area can be found within a single website and are easily located using the site's search engine.

"The resources listed on the National Resource Directory are vetted and undergo a thorough review process on a continuous basis," said Jonathan Morris, director of business requirements for the Office of Warrior Care and manager of the directory. "The NRD's purpose is to provide information and access to high-quality, reliable resources that benefit individuals in, and connected to, the Veteran and military communities." This means no scams, no privacy concerns and no fear that the resources found on nrd.gov are anything but the highest quality resources supporting Veterans.

March 15th – **98th Birthday** of "La Société de Quarante Homes et Huit Chevaux" commonly known as the Forty and Eight, or La Société. In March of 1920, Joseph W. Breen, a member of the newly formed American Legion and an officer of Breen McCracken Legion Post 297, met in Philadelphia with fifteen other prominent Legionnaires where they originated the idea of The Forty & Eight. They envisioned a new and different level of elite membership and camaraderie for leaders of the American Legion. The box car of the French Railways, so familiar to American ground troops of the First World War, was chosen as the symbolic heart of the new organization. The French/Railroad theme was applied to official functions. During the last 98 year La Société has endeavored to seek out and satisfy the needs of our nations Veterans, Local Communities and the nation's children.

This month's Promenade will be on March 28th at Post 61 Kansas City, MO with dinner at 18:00 HRS. The Promenade will begin at 19:00 HRS.

Reminder to all: Please update your contact information so you will not get lost in the shuffle.

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

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