



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for May 2021

As you know, in recent years the leadership of La Société, and by extension the membership, has wisely approved changes to our Constitution removed war service era barriers to our membership eligibility criteria. In many ways, La Société is the least restrictive Veterans Service Organization to join. You need not be a member of the American Legion, you don't have to be disabled, nor have served in a foreign war, nor during a specific time period. You only need to have served honorably, or be serving on active duty; and be asked by one of us. That's all.

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 2020 to June 2021), 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. The reports are due to Grande Directeurs by June 15th.

It is time for Voiture elections and appointments. If you are interested in any position please let me know and I will place your name on our list for consideration.

BOXCAR HOBO'S

The main objective of Hobos is to support and assist the National Box Car Association with the Children's party at Promenade Nationale and to help children in general. The purpose of the National Association of Boxcar Hobos is to entertain children and adults as Clowns, Hobos, and with a Hobo band and train rides. They also support and participate in the Child Welfare programs. Established in 1994, the Hobos visit hospitals, nursing homes, etc. to entertain those who are sick or can't be with their families for a period of time. Some are able to help with Special Olympics in their areas.

All current members of 40&8, Voyageurs or Dames may become members. Membership dues are only \$5.00 per year payable to National Association Boxcar Hobos. LIFE membership is \$100.00 up to age 50, \$75.00 from age 51 to 60, \$50.00 from age 61 to 70, and \$25.00 age 71 and higher, as long as you remain a 40&8 member in good standing. Membership year is 1Sep through 31Aug. Forms may be found on our website.

Maybe you would like to set up a Locale or Grande Clown Unit. There are no set rules.

This months Promenade will be on May 26th at Post 61 Kansas City, MO with Promenade at the Post starting at 18:30 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**