



## *Voiture 1379 Communiqué for October 2020*

### **2021 Dues are being collected now! Dues are still only \$25.00**

After the last communiqué I receive several renewals but we are still not at one hundred (100%) percent. We currently have thirty (30) members paid up for the 2021 membership year.

**Here are the unpaid members for 2021** – Please take a moment and pay your dues today.

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John-Paul Kopp, Carmen Quintero, Antoinette Shirley.

### **VA Benefits Handbooks 2020 Now Available Online**

VA's new website landing page makes it easier for Veterans and family members to access VA benefits and services information. The website, [www.va.gov/getstarted](http://www.va.gov/getstarted), provides two newly updated booklets on information about VA benefits and services, as well as how to apply for them.

The first booklet is the 2020 Federal Benefits Handbook for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors. The handbook contains a comprehensive listing of VA benefits and services with direct links to contact benefits and services representatives. In fact, an index located on the inside cover lists both phone numbers and websites for easy reference. Importantly, the handbook provides a legal overview on eligibility requirements to include the definition of a Veteran. Additionally, as VA serves many generations of Veterans, there are specific qualification guidelines for distinct periods of service to clarify eligibility during both peacetime and wartime environments. The handbook aligns with benefits information and services for VA's three administrations: Veterans Health Administration; Veterans Benefits Administration; and Veterans Cemetery Administration. Also, a section of the handbook discusses non-healthcare services, such as homelessness, survivor assistance, women and minority Veterans, and many other programs. The handbook is a one-stop resource for Veterans, family members and survivors. Limited printed copies may be available at medical centers or VBA regional offices. The website allows Veterans to access VA benefits and services information.

The second resource booklet, the VA Welcome Kit, complements the handbook with easy-to-understand words and graphics to better navigate VA's many benefits. This booklet is structured on the idea that no two Veterans are the same, and not all experience major life events and moments in the same order. Based on where a Veteran is in his or her life, VA serves Veterans in different ways. This resource includes a journey map to help explore how VA supports Veterans both now and in the future. This resource also reviews VA benefits and services. This includes a useful check list to help Veterans learn and organize important documents needed for application purposes. In addition, Veterans can also learn eligibility periods for certain benefits, such as education or life insurance. The best part is that one can simply crosswalk a search by benefit, how it can help, documents required and VA points of contact

This month's Promenade will be in Kansas City at Post 61 on October 28<sup>th</sup> with Promenade starting at 18:30 HRS.

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

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