



## *Voiture 1379 Communiqué for September 2021*

**2022 Dues are being collected now! Dues are only \$25.00**

We currently have twenty nine (29) members paid up for the 2022 membership year. Here are the unpaid members for 2022 – Please take a moment and pay your dues today. Robert Beatty, Billie Gammill, Larry Hammes, Dale Hunt, Carmen Quintero, E. Dale Moses, and Darrell Richards

We will soon have two (2) P.G.'s to WRECK

Membership of an organization is its life blood and like many the 40et8 is also struggling with membership. Many of our members are passing away and more are not renewing their membership. We are currently fighting an uphill battle with membership. So we need to work on getting new members recruited and get current members to renew their membership. If things continue Nationale will need to increase dues to make up for the short fall in revenue. So let's all be on the lookout for deserving veterans and invite them to join the 40et8.

### **The German General Who Refused To Destroy the City**

By August 1944 Adolf Hitler had few prizes left in his beleaguered domain. From Tripoli to Rome to Kiev, the conquered metropolises had been retaken. He had just lost the first capital he had won almost five years earlier, as Josef Stalin's surging Red Army replaced Warsaw's brown yoke with a red one. When resistance forces within Warsaw rose against the Germans in anticipation of the Russians' arrival, Stalin paused. Seasoned guerrilla fighters would not be a valued commodity in Soviet-occupied Poland, so the dictator ordered his advancing hordes to halt mere miles from Warsaw, leaving the hapless guerrillas alone against a German garrison determined to thoroughly eradicate this rioting gang of "subhumans."

By the time the new rulers marched in, the city was a smoldering rubble heap whose inhabitants were in no state to present difficulties. It was a situation the Führer also found quite appealing, if for a very different reason. If Hitler and Germany could not have Warsaw, why should anyone else? For that matter, why should anybody else have Paris? Far from Warsaw, a very powerful American was also preoccupied with the fate of Paris. For General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the French capital, the cultural and artistic nucleus of Western civilization, was a gargantuan headache. Two miles inland from the Normandy coast, the supreme Allied commander sat in his nondescript, rain-drenched command caravan and reluctantly decided that he would have to postpone the liberation of the "City of Light."

To learn how Eisenhower dealt with the situation, his nemesis DE Gaulle who disagreed with him, and how Paris was eventually liberated refer to the attachment to this Bulletin titled, "WWII Paris' Unlikely Savior" [Source: <https://www.historynet.com/paris-unlikely-savior-july-96-world-war-ii-feature.htm> |

Voiture Locale 1379 Promenades are the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Wednesday of the month

This month's Promenade will be in Kansas City at Post 61 on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Post with meal at 18:00 and Promenade following the meal.

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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