



## *Voiture 1379 Communiqué for April 2025*

Carville Star –Part 2

Remarkably, reaching that point is where veterans organizations made a big difference. In 1931, 20 Spanish-American War and World War I veterans formed a Post of what was for many years the parent organization of the Forty and Eight. Working on behalf of the welfare of veterans, for the first time all hospital patients were to benefit from "outside" advocacy. Improvements in recreational activities came first, followed by legislative activity that resulted in an initiative to build a state-of-the-art hospital and new patient quarters. Carville patient Stanly Stein began publishing a patient newspaper The Star in 1931 for the purpose of airing patient grievances and reaching the outside world. One of its campaigns was to promote use of "Hansen's disease" instead of "leprosy" and to halt the use of the word "leper." Stein recognized the Forty and Eight as the third veterans organization to appear at Carville. He notes, I hesitate to think what the hospital would be like today if veterans had not been committed here, for it was through the vets that the national organizations became interested in Carville as a whole.

The first documented contribution of the Forty and Eight at Carville occurred in 1943, when a voyageur from Arkansas contacted the 40&8's Grande du Louisiana regarding the need for a printing press for The Star. In December 1943 the Grand presented a press and all its accessories as a Christmas present to Stanley Stein and The Star

### UPCOMING GRANDE EVENYS:

Central States Promenade,

May 8th thru May 10th, 2025, OASIS Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield MO

V#448 Murder Mystery Dinner,

June 14TH, 2025, at Creve Coeur American Legion Post 397

Grande Cheminot & Promenade,

July 4th thru July 6th, 2025, OASIS Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield MO

As usual membership is life blood of any organization so let's get out there and find new members to help support the Forty and Eight and its programs.

Your thoughts and prayers for voitures recently passing.

Kermit "DALE" Hunt

Harold Ray Creswell

Bring your fundraising ideas – this helps support our programs

Fundraisers will need everyone's participation for it to be successful.

Now is a good time to start keeping track of your hours, miles, and dollars spent doing various activities through the year so your information can be added to the Voiture Programs reports that are reported to the Grande Directures so they can add them to their reports to Nationale for the year end totals. Remember that anything you help with can be added to the reports since you are a Voiture militaries always.

This month's Promenade will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Post 61 – Kansas City – With meal at 18:00 HRS followed immediately by the Promenade.

**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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