

Voiture 1379 Communiqué for January 2009 Happy New Year to One and All.

Honor Flight Network has established an aggressive goal for 2009 — they want to transport 25,000 veterans from across the United States to the World War II Memorial. The program presently has 71 hubs in 30 states. By the end of 2009, Honor Flight Network hopes to have a hub in all 50 states. Due to the senior age of our heroes, and the prediction that we are losing approximately 1,000 of them daily, we are committed to do all within our power to make their dream a reality. Our current focus will remain on World War II veterans and those veterans from any war who have a terminal illness. However, our vision goes beyond World War II.

In the future, Honor Flight Network will also pay tribute to America's other heroes who served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, followed by veterans of more current wars. They, too, have given so much and it's time we show them that their efforts are not forgotten. Honor Flight Network has learned a lot over these last four years and one point that stands out is that our veteran heroes aren't asking for recognition. It is our position that they deserve it. Our program is just a small token of our appreciation for those that gave so much.

Please help them continue to make their dream of visiting THEIR memorial, a reality. HONOR FLIGHT NETWORK — our way of saying to all our veterans — one more TOUR with HONOR.

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We are still in need of some fundraising ideas. We currently have the money in the bank to cover the Nurses Training Scholarships the Voiture currently is sponsoring. After that we will need to find a way to raise funds in order to continue sponsoring Nurses Training.

The Voiture has gone over the top in membership and have three P.G.s to wreck so far and more applications coming in. We will be saving our P.G.s for the Spring Wreck so they can be properly initiated into the 40et8.

The Spring Wreck and Grand Cheminot will be held March 27th through the 29th at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 7301 Tiffany Springs Road, Kansas City, MO. We will need volunteers to help making this successful. If you can help please let Gary Reno know.

This months Promenade will be on January 28th in Cameron, MO with dinner at McCorkle's at 18:00 HRS with the Promenade beginning at 19:00 HRS at Post 33.

If there are any other functions you would like to "get the word out" please let me know and I will put them on the Grande du Missouri, Voiture1379 and 3rd District web sites as well as the communiqué.

Thank you for your service to Our Great Nation, your service to the American Legion, and the 40et8 through Voiture 1379. If we all work together we can and do make a difference. **Robert C. Emery, Correspondant Locale, Voiture 1379**

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