



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for March 2025

Carville Star –Part 1

Hansen's disease (leprosy) is named for the Norwegian scientist that discovered the causative agent, a bacteria that closely resembles the bacteria that causes tuberculosis. For centuries, Hansen's disease (HD) patients have been shunned and ostracized by society. In the US and elsewhere in the world, no other disease has ever led its victims to comparable extremes of isolation, confinement, discrimination and stigma. In 1894, the first HD patients were transported up the Mississippi River by barge from New Orleans to a dilapidated plantation home, the centerpiece of a former sugar cane plantation. No one would have believed that this site would ultimately become a US Public Health Hospital, where effective treatment of HD would be discovered and thousands of HD patients would be rehabilitated and afforded education and training opportunities enabling a return to the world outside the hospital.

However, it was an arduous journey that took many years to get to the point where HD patients could enjoy freedoms of communication with the "outside" world, unrestricted travel, the right to vote, and even get their deposits back on bottles of Coca-Cola.

UPCOMING GRANDE EVENYS:

Grande Spring Cheminot & WRECK,

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

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.

Soon it will be election time again, so if you are interested in holding an office or be a director of one of the 40et8 programs for the locale please let the current officers know your interest.

This month's Promenade will be on March 24th 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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