



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for May 2025

Carville Star –Part 3

While the influence and activity of its one-time parent organization at Carville waned with the passing of the years and diminished demand for advocacy of patient grievances, support to Carville remained steadfast. The Carville Star Program is currently one of the 40&8's seven major programs. As such it funds publication and distribution of *The Star*, keeping alive the legacy of "radiating the truth about Hansen's disease." [Because there are no longer patients at Carville - *The Star* is now edited by a former patient. Now the magazine has as its purpose to: 1) Promote an educated public opinion of Hansen's disease. 2.) Serve as advocate for those who have experienced or been impacted by HD. 3) Foster self-empowerment of those who have experienced HD.]

The Carville Star Program funds projects for the Carville Historic District, including the cemetery and the museum. Recently the Program installed interpretive signage throughout the District for touring visitors. The National Hansen's Disease Museum at Carville, the beneficiary of 40&8 support, houses displays to tell the The 40&8 is a proud organization with Carville tightly bound into its history and tradition. No other veterans organization has as a declared mission to disseminate information to promote understanding of a disease.

La Société is an organization filled with traditions incorporated into our rituals and our programs like the Carville Star Program. In the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, Tevye addresses the importance of tradition when he says "Because of our traditions, we have kept our balance for many, many years...we have traditions for everything...You may ask, how did this tradition start? I'll tell you. I don't know. But it's a tradition. And because of our traditions, every one of us knows who he is, and what God expects him to do. Traditions, traditions. Without our traditions, our lives would be as shaky as... as... as a fiddler on the roof!" And so it is with La Société with our traditions insuring our identity - who we are and what we stand for."

UPCOMING GRANDE EVENINGS:

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.

This month's Promenade will be on May 28th 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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