



District 3 Southwest Region

Grande Voiture du Indiana



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My Fellow Veterans & Voyageurs!

Hope everyone had a great summer!

First, I would like to sincerely Thank the many Men and Women who have/are currently serving this Great Nation in the Armed Forces. No matter what the reason was when you took the Oath, you took on the obligation and responsibility in taking care of our Country, even if it met giving the ultimate sacrifice that many of our brothers and sisters have given. To the families who have had or have members serving, I have the utmost respect for you and thank you for your tireless support for them. It's not easy; but, very much needed in order to keep our Country strong and free. Honor, Courage, and Freedom! Values to live by...

Today, I am sitting here trying to figure out how to help my fellow Voyageurs regarding membership this year. As Veterans, our service to our Country continues on after we leave the military. It's instilled in most of us! We have lost so many good Voyageurs to Voiture Everlasting and now it's time to aggressively tackle today's membership which impacts tomorrows. As everyone knows, membership is a total team mission to meet each year in order for the Forty and Eight Veterans Organization (40&8) to keep going strong. We as Voyageurs, are looking for the Voyageurs to lead us through the next 100 years and continue supporting our many vital programs.

Each year in June, the National Headquarters sends out the new membership cards for upcoming year. On August 1st, the new membership year starts and Voyageurs may renew their membership for the new year. Our 40&8 membership year runs from 01-August to 31-July annually (vice January 1st). All Voitures can start turning in their membership renewals, and we can't forget those new memberships, after September's Promenade Nationale.

All Voitures, please continue doing your best in getting those renewals (membership cards) turned in as soon as possible. If you need assistance, reach out to fellow Voyageurs and Voitures throughout the 40&8 to get ideas on getting new members, doing events, and managing programs...

Voyageurs, your membership has been an integral part of success in supporting all programs, and the operation of the Forty and Eight. You would be surprised how much your membership helps! If you have not renewed your membership yet, that's ok, just take a moment and send it in today. Contact your Locale Correspondant or Chef de Gare if you have any questions.

If you need assistance, please give me a call at (317) 603-6291 or email me at dtcaudelljr@att.net.

What we, as Voyageurs, achieve today will impact the Forty and Eight of tomorrow!

Thank You for renewing your membership and providing the much-needed financial support for our many Veterans, their Families, our Communities, and our Great Nation, the United States of America!



"TOP DOG" SOUTHWEST INDIANA MEMBERSHIP!						
Voiture			Membership	Renewals/New	% Achieved	+/-
952	Perry County	Tell City	24	21	87.50%	(3)
145	Marion County	Indianapolis	72	58	80.56%	(14)
1390	Hendricks County	Brownsburg	72	44	61.11%	(28)
471	Vanderburgh County	Evansville	71	28	39.44%	(43)
21	Vigo County	Terre Haute	81	22	27.16%	(59)
931	Morgan County	Martinsville	22	3	13.64%	(19)
1349	Crawford County	Marengo	12	1	8.33%	(11)
843	Monroe County	Bloomington	18	1	5.56%	(17)
107	Knox County	Vincennes	193	10	5.18%	(183)
813	Dubois County	Jasper	61	3	4.92%	(58)
1287	Clay County	Brazil	1	0	0.00%	(1)
District 3 SW Totals to Date:			627	191	30.46%	(436)

2020 Goal

All Voiture Locales achieve or exceed 100% Membership!



2019 Top Dog!

Voiture Locale 145 Marion County
 2019 Voiture Nationale Membership Award
 presented to Past Grande Chef Jim Cox, Past Chef de Gare Mike Delaney

Americanism in the Hoosier State!

Did you Know:

The Flag of the United States of America

The U.S. flag, also known as Old Glory, the Star-Spangled Banner, or simply the Stars and Stripes, has been an important national symbol since its official birth on June 14, 1777. Let's look at what each part of the flag represents.



50 stars: Represents the 50 states within the USA.

13 stripes: The seven red and six white horizontal stripes represent the original 13 colonies.

Red: Signifies hardiness and valor.

White: Signifies purity and innocence.

Blue: Signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

From a True American – Our Flag!

*I AM THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
By Howard Schnauber*

*I am the flag of the United States of America.
My name is "Old Glory".
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.
I stand guard with power in the world.
Look up and see me.*

*I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.
I stand for freedom.
I am confident.
I am arrogant.
I am proud.*

*When I am flown with my fellow banners,
My head is a little higher,
My colors a little truer.*

*I bow to no one!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped – I am saluted.
I am loved – I am revered.
I am respected – and I am feared.*

*I have fought in every battle of every war
for more than 200 years.
I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg,
Shiloh and Appomattox.
I was there at San Juan Hill,
the trenches of France,
in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome
and the beaches of Normandy, Guam,
Okinawa, Korea, and Vietnam.
I was there. I led my troops.
I was dirty, battle-weary and tired,
but my soldiers cheered me
And I was proud.*

*I have been burned, torn and trampled
on the streets of countries I have helped set free.
It does not hurt, for I am invincible.*

*I have been soiled upon, burned, torn
and trampled on the streets of my country.
And when it's by those whom I've served in battle – it hurts.
But I shall overcome – for I am strong.*

*I have slipped the bonds of Earth
and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space
from my vantage point on the moon.
I have borne silent witness
to all of America's finest hours.
But my finest hours are yet to come.*

*When I am torn into strips
and used as bandages
for my wounded comrades on the battlefield,
When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier,
Or when I lie in the trembling arms
of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter,
I am proud.*

*MY NAME IS "OLD GLORY".
LONG MAY I WAVE.
DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN,
LONG MAY I WAVE.*





Veterans Day Facts!

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

When Is Veterans Day?

- Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States in honor of the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, known as Armistice Day.
- In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.
- In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.
- Veterans Day commemorates veterans of all wars.
- Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and World War II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November).
- In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.
- Every Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day, Arlington National Cemetery holds an annual memorial service. The cemetery is home to the graves of over 400,000 people, most of whom served in the military.

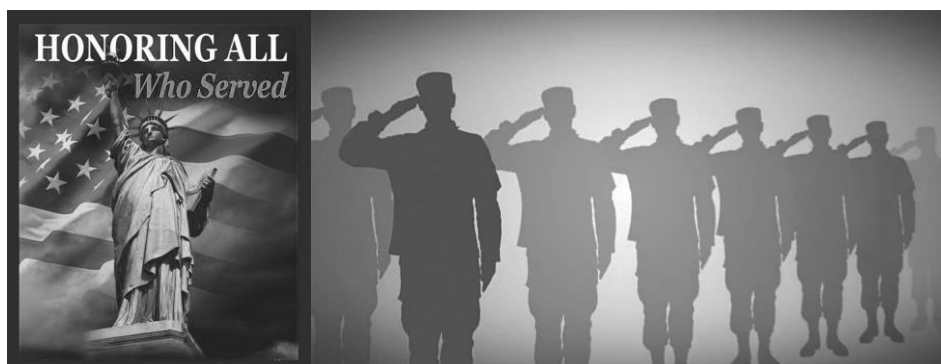




Veterans Today

The military men and women who serve and protect the U.S. come from all walks of life; they are parents, children, grandparents, friends, neighbors and coworkers, and are an important part of their communities. Here are some facts about the veteran population of the United States:

- 18.2 million living veterans served during at least one war as of 2018.
- 9 percent of veterans are women.
- 7 million veterans served during the Vietnam War.
- 3 million veterans have served in support of the War on Terrorism.
- Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II, about 496,777 were still alive as of 2018.
- Connecticut was home to the highest percentage of World War II veterans as of 2018 at 7.1 percent.
- 2 million veterans served during the Korean War.
- As of 2017, the top three states with the highest percentage of Veterans were Alaska, Maine and Montana, respectively.



God Bless America – Land of the Free!