



La Societe Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Sous Directeur of Special Awards
Don Caudell Jr.

Grands: AR, IL, IA, KS, LA, MN, MO, NE, ND, OK, SD, TX, WI

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From: Sous Directeur, Nationale Special Awards

To: **Chef de Gares, Correspondants, and Directeurs Special Awards of**

Grande Voiture du Arizona, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana,
Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin

Subj: **SPECIAL AWARDS COMMUNIQUE 2022-10**

1. Hope everyone is doing great. It's my honor to be able to serve as Sous Directeur, Special Awards Nationale in FY-2023. My October letter seem to get lost in cyberspace; therefore, some people did not get to read those words of wisdom, lol, plus I did not have a backup copy. Now, with a new computer I'll be able to put out information/assist people without having to use a cell phone (don't understand how people can read those things so small...).
2. *A little bit about myself:* Served in the U.S. Navy/Naval Reserves (Active) from April 1974 to December 2001 as a Chief Navy Counselor/Yeoman. I'm a plank owner of the USS NIMITZ (CVN68), my 1st duty station. Last duty station was Naval Reserve Recruiting Area Central where I was responsible for Naval Reserve Recruiting for the State of Indiana and some areas of Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois... After retirement I worked for the State of Indiana Workforce Development as a Disable Veteran Outreach Program specialist and Employment, Bureau of Child Support as a Program Director Audit/Security, and worked for two secondary education schools as Director of Admissions and Director of Recruitment. I am a married man for 35years with six children, and 17 grandchildren.
3. *40&8 experience:* Wrecked 12-November-2012 in Voiture Locale 1390 Hendricks County IN. My sponsor was Chef de Chemin de Fer Paul Sorrentino 1998. Voiture positions held: Chef de Gare 2015, Chef de Train, Sous Chef de Train, Americanism Directeur, Youth Sports Directeur, various committees and I am currently the Locale Correspondant. Grande Voiture du Indiana positions: Grand Chef de Gare 2022, Chef de Train, Americanism Directeur and various committees. Nationale positions: Sous Historian 2021, Cheminot Nationale 2023 and Special Awards.
4. *Organizational Memberships:* Post Commander American Legion Post 331 (2012-2014), 40&8 Veterans Organization (Paid Life Member), Master Mason of Potomac Lodge No.5 Washington DC (Raised 1991 – Life Member). Bowling League President/Manager for too many years (can't get anyone to step up).

5. **As Sous Directeur**, I have the honor of working with these great States/Grands: AR, IL, IA, KS, LA, MN, MO, NE, ND, OK, SD, TX, WI and will be overseeing Nationale' s Voyageur of the Year 2023 award.
6. We are early into the new membership year, but it is not too early to be thinking about your submittals for Voyageur, City, Law Officer, and Hero of the Year. The submittals last year were few and we want to see more applicant packages from all Grands. In the months to come, I will provide more information for your submittals.

Sincerely,

DON CAUDELL Jr.

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