



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

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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 2022-11**

1. Happy Veteran's Day! Hope everyone enjoyed some of those freebies provided recognizing your honorable service in the Armed Forces. As a fellow Veteran, I also would like to thank you for your service to our Country. It's men and women like yourself who continue to make this country great. On that note, I did have the pleasure of attending a few Veterans' Day programs which included my grandchildren's program at their school. It was very touching and patriotic. What we do today impacts our children's future!
2. Would like all Grand Voitures/Voitures go over Nationale's Special Awards Program. People, businesses, organizations like recognition, rewards, public praise, appreciation... and the list goes on. Each year Voiture Nationale recognizes special people and Cities or Towns from around the Nation. These awardees are selected and nominated by Local Voiture' s. National Awardees in each category are:
  - **HERO OF THE YEAR**  
The Hero of the Year award was adopted by La Societe during 1991. The purpose of the award is to recognize and pay tribute to a person whom, without hesitation or regard for their own safety, did demonstrate an unselfish desire to aid others. The 40/8 feels it is of paramount importance to recognize and respect those who perform a heroic deed.
  - **VOYAGEUR OF THE YEAR**  
The Voyageur of the Year was adopted by La Societe during 2001. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor Voyageurs who have performed outstanding service to La Societe. This service can be for something done for a particular program. Nurses Training, Child Welfare. Americanism or any of our named programs or for La Societe in general.
  - **LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR**  
The Law officer of the Year award has been in existence for some time and has been well received by the Membership. The purpose of this award is to recognize and pay

tribute to a Law Enforcement Officer who has done an outstanding job of performing his or her duties at the level of his employment both past and present. Candidates for this award may be obtained by seeking recommendations from the agency chief executive (Superintendent, Sheriff, Chief, etc.) or directly by the Voiture Locale.

- **CITY OR TOWN OF THE YEAR**

The City or Town of the Year was adopted by La Societe during 2001. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor a City or Town which has and/or is doing something significant for veterans in that City or Town. There are many cities and towns that meet this requirement These cities and towns should be recognized and given publicity at all levels; Locale, Grande and Nationale. This recognition, hopefully, will encourage other cities and towns to do more for Veterans.

When it comes to awards, its very motivating to individuals. Voitures take a look and ask yourselves who in your Voiture, Community/City, Organization... has significantly contributed to The Forty and Eight and its programs, Veterans Organizations, Community, etc. How did they contribute? Let's recognize those achievements and contributions!

3. National program winners are supported by the Generals Club for their travel and lodging for Promenade Nationale. Please consider joining this club for \$10 per year by submitting an application to me or another club member since membership is by invitation only. Additional information and application can be found at: [www.fortyandeight.org/generals-club/](http://www.fortyandeight.org/generals-club/).
4. Looking forward to working with everyone. I will be sending information monthly. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact me.

*Sincerely,*

DON CAUDELL Jr.

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