



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 of 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 2022-12**

Encl: (1) Special Awards 2023 – Where to Start? (Nomination information and form)

1. Good Afternoon! Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and did not get too big from eating that Turkey plus the fix-ins. Hopefully you were able to share dinner with family and friends, the best part of any holiday. Our prayers and blessings go out to our fellow Veterans and their families who were not able to be together.
2. Last month, information pertaining to Voiture Nationale Special Programs was provided. People will be recognized in the below categories:

Hero of the Year Voyageur of the Year Law Officer of the Year City or Town of the Year

With the holidays upon us, it's a good time to observe individuals who significantly help our Community, State, and Nation. Let's recognize the organizations they are involved with and their positions/titles within that organization to include any achievements and contributions made.

3. Enclosed is the 2023 Special Programs nomination information and points of contact for each category. All Grande Chef de Gares or Directeurs of Special Awards need to reach out to their Voitures and have them submit nominations to the Grande utilizing enclosure (1) for all categories. Grande Directeurs shall have nominations reviewed, identify recipients for each award, then forward nominations to the Nationale Sous Directeur for that particular award category. Note: The 2023 Special Awards nomination form must be completed; but in addition, strongly recommend information be provided that will further tell us why they should be selected for these awards ... What makes them stand out... Any questions, please email them to me so I may assist you: dtcaudelljr@att.net
4. Everyone, please have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's. May you, your families, and friends be safe and blessed throughout this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Don Caudell Jr.

Copy to:

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SPECIAL AWARDS

Where to Start? - 2023

These Special Awards pages are instructions for submitting nomination packets for competition. The third page is also to be used for end of year reports from both Locale and Grande. Special Awards is one of the “newer” programs. Each Voiture Locale should appoint a Special Awards Program Chairman. That Chairman should contact his/her Grande Directeur for current and pertinent information.

If no one is appointed to do the job, it falls back on the Chef de Gare and/or Correspondant to get it done or, in so many cases, it doesn't get done. If it doesn't get done, it isn't fair to your Voiture and the voyageurs associated with it. It also isn't fair to potential candidates for these awards. They deserve better.

There is a lot of satisfaction in giving out these awards. The pride in the eyes of the recipient will make you a believer when you present them an award. The presentation can be made at your regular Promenade, a special meeting or a dinner meeting is even nicer. Contact the media to get some publicity for the recipient. He or she will enjoy this and believe it or not, it will acquaint the public with La Societe also. You can promote your other programs at this same time. Your Voiture will appreciate this publicity the next time they are raising funds for their programs. If people have heard of you, it is a lot easier to sell tickets and other fund raising items.

HERO OF THE YEAR	VOYAGEUR OF THE YEAR
LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR	CITY OR TOWN OF THE YEAR

The **Nomination Form** is designed so it can be used for any of the four awards. A separate nomination form must be submitted for each award; for instance, one form for Hero; one form for Voyageur; etc. The top part of the Nomination Form is to be completed by the Locale. The bottom is used for reporting to Nationale Special Awards. All nominations to Nationale must go through the Grande Voiture and be accompanied by a **Participation Reporting Form** (found on page 19 in this booklet) signed by the Grand Correspondant.

The submission process starts with the Voiture Locale submitting their nominations to their Grande Voiture by June 1st or a date set by the Grande. The Voiture Locale's nominations must be accompanied by the Participation Reporting Form completed with all requested information (top part of page 19). The Grande Voiture then selects a winner to send to the National Sous Directeur Special Awards judge for that category. The selected winner is usually honored by the Grande Voiture at one of its Grande functions, such as a Grande Promenade or Grande Cheminot meeting. These winning Grande Voiture nomination packets must be received by the designated National judges no later than July 1st. The bottom part of page 19 must be completed with all requested information and signed by the Grand Correspondant.

Year 2023

- * Your Grand Hero of the Year nomination is to be sent to Sous Directeur National Special Awards Sean D. Johnson, 1005 N Main St, Aberdeen, SD 57401, seanjohnson@abe.midco.net, 605-228-1636
- * Your Grand Law Officer of the Year nomination is to be sent to Sous Directeur National Special Awards Lawson Dukes, 600 Domenico Cir Apt A1, St Augustine, FL 32086, lawkes@yahoo.com, 904-797-6842
- * Your Grand Voyageur of the year nominations is to be sent to Sous Directeur Special Awards Donald T Caudell, Jr, 239 Longview Bnd, Brownsburg, IN 46112, dcaudelljr@att.net, 317-603-6291
- * Your Grand nomination for City/Town of the Year is to be sent to Sous Directeur Special Awards Mildred S Wright-Pearson, PO Box 233, Tranquillity, Ca 93668, mswp48@gmail.com, 559-250-8247

General Guidelines for Special Awards

1. Each Voiture Locale may enter only one (1) candidate for each of the four awards. Likewise, Grande Voitures may enter one candidate for each of the four awards. All nominations to Nationale must come through the Grande Voiture and must be accompanied by a Participation Reporting Form from the Grande Voiture. A nomination without a Participation Reporting Form is considered incomplete and will not be judged.
2. All entries must be made on the form approved by Voiture Nationale. All nominations must be typewritten or **legibly printed**.
3. All documentation is to be attached to, or included with, the Official Nomination Form (page 18). Documentation includes, but is not limited to, a biography newspaper clipping, radio/TV transcripts, magazine articles, letters of commendation, etc. It is suggested, but not required, that two color photos (one 8 x 10 and one 3 x 5) accompany the nomination. In any event, photos will be required within a few days of the individual's selection as a Nationale winner. These are for the article in the *Forty and Eighter* magazine.
4. All candidates must live or be involved in the jurisdiction of the Grande Voiture.
5. All Grande Voiture nomination “packets” must be received by the appropriate National Sous Directeur of Special Awards judge by July 1st. “Packets” received late cannot be judged as there is no time to spare to get everything done for the *Forty and Eighter* Magazine deadline and Promenade Nationale.



SPECIAL AWARDS

Official Nomination Form—2023

For: Hero of the Year
 Law Officer of the Year City/Voyageur of the Year

Make a separate Official Nomination Form for each Award you are submitting and "X" one of the above.

Date _____

Candidate's Name: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Telephone _____

If Candidate is for Law Officer give Position: _____

and Employer: _____

Brief description of why this nominee deserves this Award: (Attach a second sheet if necessary)

Please attach (or include) all documentation to this form.

Can candidate attend Grande and Nationale Promenades if selected and requested? ___ Yes ___ No

Submitted by: _____ Title: _____

Voiture Locale # _____ Grande Voiture de _____

Voiture Locale is to complete all of the above and by June 1 send to Grand Directeur Special Awards or Grand Correspondant if Grande does not have a Special Awards Directeur. Application must include Locale's Participation Report (Page 18).

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Grande Voiture is to complete all below and send to the designated Sous Directeur National Special Awards judge. Nomination packets must be received by July 1st. Late packets will not be considered. Current names and addresses may be found on Page 19 of this Petite.

This certifies that the above has been selected as the _____ of the Year
for the Grande Voiture du _____.

Grand Directeur Special Awards
Grand Correspondant

THE GENERAL'S CLUB

The funding for the Nationale Special Awards Programs is the General's Club. Contact any of the members of the Special Awards Committee, current General's Club members (recognized by the five star pin they wear) or Nationale Headquarters, for how to join. The General's Club is a worthwhile club to which you will be proud to belong and wear the five star pin. An added bonus is The General's Club Lunch which is held on Friday morning at Promenade Nationale. Watch for information in the *Forty and Eighter!*



SPECIAL AWARDS

Participation Reporting Form—2023

LOCALE REPORT

Date of report: _____ Voiture _____ Membership _____ Grande _____

Submitted Candidates to Grande:

- * Hero of the Year ___ Yes ___ No
- * Law Officer of the Year ___ Yes ___ No
- * Voyageur of the Year ___ Yes ___ No
- * City or Town of the Year ___ Yes ___ No

Homme Hours _____ x \$5.00 equals \$ _____ Miles Traveled _____ x \$0.50 equals \$ _____

Actual Cash Expended \$ _____ (\$ hours + \$ miles + \$ actual cash) = Total \$ _____

Person responsible for submitting report _____.

Signature of Locale Correspondant _____.

Voiture Locale: X "box", complete all above and send to Grand Directeur Special Awards or Grand Correspondant by June 1st each year. If sending in a Candidate attach to Nomination Report.

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Grande Voiture: X "box" below and complete all below. A copy of the below report must accompany all nominations for Special Awards, as shown on the Official Nomination Form.

GRANDE REPORT

Date of Report _____ (Deadline is July 1st) Grande Submitting Report _____

Submitted Candidate for Hero of the Year to Nationale ___ Yes ___ No

Candidate's Name, Address, and Phone _____

Submitted Candidate for Law Officer of the Year to Nationale ___ Yes ___ No

Candidate's Name, Address and phone _____

Submitted Candidate for Voyageur of the Year to Nationale ___ Yes ___ No

Candidate's Name, and Address and Phone _____

Submitted Candidate for City/Town of the Year to Nationale ___ Yes ___ No

City or Town Name _____

Membership of Grande _____

Number of Locales in Grande _____ (A)

Number of Locales Reporting _____ (B) Percentage of Participation(B divided by A) _____

Number of Locales submitting a Candidate _____

Homme Hours _____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____ Miles _____ X \$0.50 = \$ _____

Actual Cash Expended \$ _____ Total \$ _____ (\$Hours + \$Miles + \$Actual Cash)= Total \$ _____

Name, address and phone # and title of Grande Officer Submitting Report _____

Signature of Grand Correspondant _____

IMPORTANT: Each nomination packet must include this form completely filled out and signed. If this form is omitted or incomplete, the nomination packet will automatically be disqualified from Nationale Competition.



SPECIAL AWARDS

Nominations Guidelines—2023

Guidelines for 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. By recognizing and respecting those who perform a heroic deed, we familiarize our community, state and nation with the programs of the 40 et 8.

In every Voiture's community or state there are individuals worthy of becoming a candidate for the Hero of the Year Award. Don't wait for another Voyageur to sponsor a candidate, for it may be too late and never happen.

1. A Grande Voiture may submit a candidate only once for a specific heroic deed.
2. The candidate need not be a veteran to be eligible. The candidate, however, must be living and over the age of 18.
3. The candidate's "packet" must be received on or before July 1st 2023 by Sous Directeur National Special Awards judge Sean D Johnson, 1005 N Main St, Aberdeen, SD 57401, seanjohnson@abe.midco.net

Guidelines for Voyageur of the Year

The Voyageur of the Year award 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. Each Voiture Locale should honor a Voyageur each year at one of their main Promenades. Our Voyageurs doing service for La Societe deserve to be recognized. 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 (attending functions, setting examples and/or creating an atmosphere of camaraderie that will create a desire for one to be or become a Voyageur Militaire). There are many Voyageurs among us worthy of this honor and should be recognized at all levels-Locale, Grande and Nationale.

1. A Grande Voiture may submit the same candidate only once in three years.
2. A previous winner of the Nationale award cannot be re-nominated.
3. A candidate may live anywhere. His membership must be within the Grande Voiture submitting the candidate.
4. It is not a requirement to hold or have held an office in La Societe, but must be a living Voyageur in good standing.
5. The candidate's "packet" must be received on or before July 1st by Sous Directeur National Special Awards judge Donald T Caudell, Jr, 239 Longview Bnd, Brownsburg, IN 46112, dcaudellr@att.net

Guidelines for 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/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. The rules for selection are as follows:

1. A Grande Voiture may submit the same candidate only once.
2. At the time of entry, the candidate shall be a living, full-time Law Enforcement Officer (Local, County, State, Federal, Military, etc.). The candidate must reside within and/or perform his duties within your Grande Voiture, but not necessarily within the jurisdiction of the submitting Voiture Locale.
3. The candidate need not be a veteran to be eligible for this award.
4. It is not a prerequisite, although a favorable attribute, for any candidate to have accomplished an extraordinary feat to be eligible. It is the intent of the Program to recognize the Law Enforcement Officer who has performed their duties in an outstanding manner for a number of years, as well as their off-duty contributions to the community, state and nation.
5. The candidate's "packet" must be received on or before July 1st by Sous Directeur National Special Awards judge, Lawson Dukes, 600 Domenico Cir Apt A1, St Augustine, FL 32086, lawkes@yahoo.com

Guidelines for City or Town of the Year

The City or Town of the Year award 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. The rules for selection are as follows:

1. A Grande Voiture may submit the same candidate only once in three years.
2. A previous winner of the Nationale award cannot be re-nominated.
3. The City or Town should be within the jurisdiction of the Grande Voiture.
4. The candidate's "packet" must be received on or before July 1st by Sous Directeur National Special Awards judge Mildred S Wright-Pearson, PO Box 233, Tranquillity, CA 93668, mstp48@gmail.com