Voiture 751
Winnebago County, Wisconsin

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From The Chef de Gare

I am sorry that I could not make the last promenade. I was laid up with some king of virus. Our Promenade this month will be at Tanner's Tap in Omro and I hope to see a lot of members there including some that we have not seen in a long time. We are still looking for new members. I have not talked to Loretta Miller in quite awhile but from what I hear she is not doing too good. See you on the 25th of March.

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March Promenade

Our next Promenade is scheduled to take place at 7 PM Monday March 25th at Tanners Tap & Grill Omro, WI. Should you need transportation, please let me know and I will do my best to see to your need. Many of you have not attended a Promenade in a very long time. Please do try to find the time to join us again soon. You will be surprised at the many new faces in the Voiture since you last were at a Promenade.

Dates to Remember

March 12	Cold War: The Truman Doctrine is proclaimed to help stem the spread of Communism. Historians often consider it as the start of the Cold War (1947)
March 14	U.N. forces recapture Seoul for the second time during the Korean War. (1951)
March 25	**Promenade at Tanners Tap & Grill**
April 2	Invasion of Okinawa began 1945.
April 10	Bataan Death March (1942)
April 14	Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building
April 18	Doolittle Raid (1942)
April 19	Revolutionary War began - 1775
April 22	**Promenade at American Legion Post 33 Neenah**
April 30	Vietnam War ends (1975)
April 30	Battle of Dai Do began (1975)

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.
--- **Will Rogers** (1879 - 1935) U.S. humorist & showman) quoted in Saturday Review, Aug. 25, 1962

Flags for First Graders 2013
"THANKSTO ALL THAT HELPED"

George B. Boland Nurses Training Scholarship Trust Fund

The Boland Nurses Scholarship Trust was founded to provide additional scholarship support to those Voitures Locale who have exhausted their scholarship funds but who still have qualified individuals applying for scholarships. The trust is administered by Voiture Nationale, and all determinations regarding the awarding of scholarships grants are made by the Boland Trust Committee consisting of three (3) members of La Societe. Only those Voitures Locale who have an official Nurses Training Program in place may apply to the Boland Trust for further assistance, as the Trust Fund is intended as a a supplement to, and not a replacement for, a local nurses training program.

NEWSLETTER AD'S

Please continue to contact potential sponsors using the donation form that has been distributed. There will be more forms available at the November Promenade or feel free to make your own copies.

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40/8 Recruiting

We need to strongly encourage recruiting new members. One hundred percent membership should not be our goal. Our goal should be growing the Voiture 751. We should all be aware that membership in the Forty and Eight is now open to all military veterans holding an honorable discharge regardless of membership in The American Legion. It still requires that our voyageurs reach out and offer invitations to potential voyageurs to join our ranks. It is not as though we are a household name.

Consumer Price Index Update: As national politicians continue debating the federal budget and possible severe budget cuts, the AARP is criticizing the negative impact the proposed "chained Consumer Price Index" would have on compensation and pensions paid to West Virginia's veterans. The "chained CPI" would change how cost-of-living adjustments are calculated for veterans' compensation and Social Security, cutting amounts veterans would receive every year. Over time, the cuts would have the biggest impacts on the oldest veterans and those with severe disabilities. AARP said it is joining more than a dozen veterans groups opposing the "chained CPI," including Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America and Disabled American Veterans. West Virginia's AARP chapter estimates Mountain State veterans would lose more than $103 million over the next 10 years if the "chained CPI" is included in legislation that is then passed.

Medicare Reimbursement Rates 2014 Update: What will it take to put a “fix” into the “Doc Fix” for real Medicare payment reform?” For doctors, seniors and TRICARE beneficiaries, the nail-biter has become a familiar. Lawmakers invariably defer the cuts in Medicare payments to providers, commonly referred to as the “doc fix” which was originally a payment reimbursement formula developed back in 1997. Everyone agrees this formula is broken and beyond repair. But these ”kick the can” deferrals are always temporary due to the difficulty of finding offsetting funds, or cuts, to pay for a permanent fix. (This payment issue is important to TRICARE beneficiaries because TRICARE’s reimbursement rate to its providers is tied to the Medicare payment rate). In 2010 alone, Congress delayed the cuts with temporary patches five times -with the longest patch lasting one year. Now to this year. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) on 5 FEB lowered its estimated 10-year cost of freezing Medicare physician pay by a whopping $100 billion-plus. This is a move viewed by many as a potential “game changer.” In that this may help to create an opening for Congress to pass a permanent Medicare “doc fix” perhaps this year. CBO’s latest estimate is $138 billion, which is down considerably from its August 2012 estimate of $245 billion to replace the current doc fix formula. CBO’s latest estimate is $138 billion, which is down considerably from its August 2012 estimate of $245 billion to replace the current doc fix formula.

Have You Heard?

A college professor, an avowed atheist and active in the ACLU, was teaching his class. He shocked several of his students when he flatly stated that for once and for all he was going to prove there was no God. Addressing the ceiling he shouted: "GOD, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform. I'll give you exactly 15 minutes!" The lecture room fell silent. You could hear a pin drop. Ten minutes went by. "I'm waiting God, if you're real, knock me off this platform!" Again after a few more minutes, the professor taunted God saying, "Here I am, God! I'm still waiting!" His count down got down to the last couple of minutes when a NAVY SEAL, just released from the Navy after serving in Afghanistan and Iraq and newly registered in the class, walked up to the Professor. The SEAL hit him full force in the face, and sent the Professor tumbling from his lofty platform. The Professor was out cold. The students were stunned and shocked. They began to babble in confusion. The SEAL nonchalantly took his seat in the front row and sat silent. The class looked at him and fell silent ..... waiting. Eventually, the professor came to and was noticeably shaken. He looked at the SEAL in the front row. When the professor regained his senses and could speak he asked: "What the heck is the matter with you? Why did you do that?" "God was really busy protecting America's soldiers, who are protecting your right to say stupid things and act like an idiot. So He sent me."