Voiture 751
Winnebago County, Wisconsin

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From The Chef de Gare

There are quite a few important things coming up at our next promenade. One of them will be to vote on whether we should be moving our promenades around like we used to do it. Our next promenade will be held at Tanner's Tap in Omro at 7 PM on the 26th of November. Do not forget that we will not be having a promenade in December because our next one would be during the Christmas season. According to the last figures that I saw we have about nine members that have not paid their dues for the year 2013. Hope to see everyone at the next promenade.

Marlin Brand

Dates to Remember

November 19	Gettysburg Address (1863)
November 22	Happy Thanksgiving
November 26	Promenade at Tanners Tap & Grill, Omro @ 7:00 PM
December 07	Pearl Harbor Day (1941) Services at the EAA Grounds @ 7:55 AM
December 08	White Collar Wreck Shawano, WI
December 15	Bill Of Rights Day
December 16	Battle Of The Bulge
December 20	Panama "Operation Just Cause"
December 22	**No Promenade, next Promenade is January 28, 2012**
December 25	Christmas
January 1	New Years Day
January 28	Promenade at 7:00 PM (Location TBD)
February 7-9	Mid-Winter Petite Promenade Beaver Dam, WI

November Promenade

Our November Promenade is scheduled to take place at 7 PM Monday November 26 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.

Email Addresses

If you have email and received this newsletter by means of your postal carrier, I ask that you let me know of your email address. Mailing the Voiture newsletter to you costs us more than the $2.50 we get from your annual dues. Sending the newsletter by email saves us money and saves my printer some extra work. Email me at wipfbc@gmail.com and I will add you to the Voiture 751 e-mail list.

2013 Voiture Promenade Schedule

The 2013 Promenade location schedule will be discussed and voted on at the November Promenade. The 2013 location schedule will be published in the January newsletter. Please attend the November Promenade to have your opinion heard.

2013 Dues

Our Commissaire Intendant Clary Reinhardt has our 2013 membership cards in his possession. We ask that you submit payment of $20.00 to him as soon as possible by mail (address below) if you will not be at a Promenade soon. Please do not make us chase you down to collect the dues. We expect to see every current voyageur renewed before the end of the calendar year. With the possibility that there may need to be a dues increase in the future, a paid-for-life option allows you to lock in the $20.00 per year fee for life, see Clary Reinhardt at 725-1485 for more details about paid-for-life costs.

Clary Reinhardt
137 State St.
Neenah, WI 54956

2013 Grand Midwinter Petite Promenade

The Grand Mid-winter is rapidly approaching. It is being held in Beaver Dam on February 7-9. The general session takes place on Saturday February 9. The Saturday session will be extremely informative especially if you have not attended a Grand function. It is a great opportunity to meet our Grand officers as well as voyageurs from all over the state of Wisconsin and beyond. The Voiture will pay the registration fee of any voyageur attending a Grand Promenade or Grand Midwinter. You can register the day of the Promenade, but you MUST pre-register for the Saturday night banquet ($15.00). A registration form is available on the front page of the November Badger Forty et Eighter or call Bob Wipf (920-685-5323)

WHITE COLLAR WRECK

DATE: DECEMBER 08, 2012
HOSTED BY: VOITURE LOCALE 986
LOCATION: AMERICAN LEGION POST 117
850 S Lincoln Street, Shawano, WI
TIMES: PG's to arrive by 11 AM
Lunch - 12 PM Wreck - 1 PM

FOLLOWED BY THE SECOND CHRISTMAS PARTY OF THE SEASON
Turkey and Ham Dinner with all the trimmings plus Dessert $10.00 Gifts are optional – bring one / get one – man or woman – $10.00 maximum
Cocktails will begin at 4 PM (or shortly after completion of wreck)
Dinner to be served at 5 PM COME ONE - COME ALL SPEND THE DAY

RECRUITMENT OF NEW VOYAGEURS

Now is the time to actively seek new recruits to la Societe. Get them in while they get the most bang for their buck. Remember new recruits do not need to be Legionnaires as in the past. They simply need be honorably discharged veterans or current military personnel. The recruiter must personally review the prospective member's DD-214 to ensure eligibility if not a member of The American Legion or VFW who will have already been screened.

HURRICANE SANDY CHILD WELFARE DONATION APPEAL

This is a special donation request that will be for hurricane Sandy assistance only and not the Child Welfare general account. This is a donation that is addition to the normal donations or pin sales that normally support the Child Welfare Program. As you know by what you have seen on the news, these families are in desperate need of the basic items of day-to-day life and will need a lot of assistance before they are once again functioning in a "normal" lifestyle. We anticipate a large amount of applications to the Ardery Trust Fund Committee and the funds will be depleted quickly and will need to be replaced to meet the needs of every applicant. We also expect other donation requests to come through Voiture Nationale as well. We all remember hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the great amount of funds raised by the Forty and Eight that were distributed to those needy families then. Well, hurricane Sandy is the worst disaster in the U. S. since Katrina and once again the Voyageurs are being called upon to help their fellow Voyageurs, Dames and Veterans families in time of crisis. This is just how the funding will be distributed too, by helping our own first and then if possible, others in need. I feel very certain that the Voyageurs and Dames will once again rally to this cause with their normal attitude of "service to the community." We represent the finest in the American spirit of working for one another in a crisis. Please designate that donations be sent to:

Voiture Nationale
ATTN: Sandy Donation Appeal
777 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204-1420

VA Fee-Basis Care Update:

Fee-basis care may be authorized to treat service-connected disabilities when VA has determined that available VA facilities do not have the necessary services required for treatment; the veteran is not able to access VA health care facilities based on geographic constraints or due to medical emergencies; or when it is economically advantageous to provide treatment using fee basis. These determinations are left to local management because they are in the position to best apply these considerations. All fee requests are reviewed individually to determine the entitlement of veterans in accordance with established Veterans Health Administration guidelines and to determine clinical urgency. You may be eligible for a fee basis ID card if:

- You have a service-connected disability
- You will need medical services for an extended period of time
- There are no VA health care facilities in your area

Student Loan Forgiven Debt Tax:

The Andrew P. Carpenter Tax Act (H.R.5044) was developed after 27-year-old Andrew Carpenter — a Columbia, Tenn., native — died after being shot while on active duty. The Internal Revenue Service billed the family about $2,000 in taxes on Carpenter's unpaid student loan forgiveness. Rep. Scott DesJarlais (R-TN) introduced the bill, which prohibits the IRS from collecting taxes on forgiven student loans held by veterans whose active-duty injuries led to death. "I want to thank the Carpenters both for bringing this issue to my attention and for raising such an extraordinary young man," he said. "In learning about Andrew throughout this ordeal, I've come to know a selfless individual who loved his country. "The bill is retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001 — the start of the war in Afghanistan. Families who already have paid taxes on such loans would be eligible for a refund, according to DesJarlais' office. DesJarlais is running against state Sen. Eric Stewart for re-election this fall. Stewart said he supports the bill, but thinks Congress — and DesJarlais — need to do more for veterans. "I fully support and encourage Congress to pass the Andrew P. Carpenter Act," said Stewart, a Democrat. "But Congress has done little more than talk about supporting our veterans when they return home from war. They have failed our men and women of uniform on more than one occasion." The bill passed the House 19 SEP but still needs to pass the Senate and be signed by President Barack Obama to become law.

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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THE AMERICAN LEGION
Deborah Hoskins
Commander

920-216-8500

Omro Pharmacy
Ken Bressers, R.Ph.
920-685-5041

Clopidogrel 75mg #90 $30.00
Atorvastatin 20, 40 or 80mg #90 $31.00
Call for price quotes on any of your medications!

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Hawley-Dieckhoff Post 33
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LEGION POST 152 MENASHA
PO BOX 441
MENASHA, WI 54952-0441

VFW Nicolet Post 2126
546 3rd Street
Menasha, WI. 54952

Two California Highway Patrol Officers (CHIPs) were conducting speeding enforcement on I-15, just north of the Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar. One of the officers was using a hand held radar device to check speeding vehicles approaching the crest of a hill. The officers were suddenly surprised when the radar gun began reading 300 miles per hour. The officer attempted to reset the radar gun, but it would not reset and then turned off. Just then a deafening roar over the treetops revealed that the radar had in fact locked on to a USMC F/A-18 Hornet which was engaged in a low flying exercise near the location. Back at the CHIPs Headquarters the Patrol Captain fired off a complaint to the USMC Base Commander. The reply came back in true USMC style:
Thank you for your letter. We can now complete the file on this incident. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Hornet had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked on to, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it, which is why it shut down. Furthermore, an Air-to-Ground missile aboard the fully armed aircraft had also automatically locked on to your equipment location. Fortunately, the Marine Pilot flying the Hornet recognized the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile system alert status and was able to override the automated defense system before the missile was launched to destroy the hostile radar position. The pilot also suggests you cover your mouths when cussing at them, since the video systems on these jets are very high tech. Sergeant Johnson, the officer holding the radar gun, should get his dentist to check his left rear molar. It appears the filling is loose. Also, the snap is broken on his holster. Thank you for your concern. Semper Fi.