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Grand Chef de Gare 2018-19 Tom Reesman

Greetings to all Grand du Georgia Voyageurs and Dames.

I write this just after attending the Shamrock Wreck in Savannah and the Grand Petite. A good time was had by all and Voiture 567 picked up five new Voyageurs. We were honored to have the Chemin Chef de Fer Rick Williams in attendance. At the Petite, it was decided that the next Grand event Mid winter and Homecoming will be held in Warner-Robins on the 22-23 February 2019. Communications was also a big topic at the Petite. Please remember that communications flows both ways. So, Please acknowledge that you have received the communications, this allows the sender to know that you have received and understand. I am still looking for some support to fill out the officer roster for this year, if you have a desire to participate please let me know. As you all know membership is what keeps the organization in existence, please strive hard to get all the renewals in by December 31, 2018. Then you can work hard the rest of the year to increase your membership.

Bells of Peace

On November 11th, at 11:00 a.m., one hundred years ago, the armistice that ended the Great War transpired. Join the nation in commemorating WWI Doughboys who gave all when serving in the War to End All Wars." Bells will ring from churches, Legion Posts, many organizations and even citizens.

That's right – citizens as in the general public. If you have a smart phone, there is an app for it. You can Simply Download "*Bells of Peace*", from Play Store or your applicable iPhone App. Many Post, churches, schools, and other public locations will celebrate on Monday November 11th. Some of our favorite restaurants, auto service centers, barber, salon, and spas will offer great discounts and deals in appreciation to we who served, so let us show up and reciprocate our appreciation to them.

Nadine Asberry

Aumonier Grand du Georgia

Greetings Voyageurs,

As I write this article I am very saddened at the loss of our Grand Chef de Gare du Georgia Passe

Tommy Fordham.

Two weekends ago, several of us from the Atlanta Area travelled south to Savannah, for the Shamrock Wreck. I and [my](#) husband Ed have attended the Shamrock Wreck over the last few years and always had the best time with Tommy, Charlotte, Rav, Mike, and other Savannah, Albany, Goose Creek Voyageurs and Dames.

Sadly, I was not as fortunate as the many others who have known Tommy Fordham for a long period of time. However, the three years that I have known Tommy Fordham left a memorable impression of a strong leader and gentleman that's fair, with a wry sense of humor. He was very knowledgeable, practiced good judgment, and plain old good common sense.

LET'S ROLL INTO 100 YEARS WITH 100 PERCENT MEMBERSHIP

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La Grande Presidente
2018-19
Debra Coody



Hello!

I do hope that all of our Dames and Voyageurs made it through Hurricane Michael safely! I know that our brothers and sisters in Albany were hit very hard with property damage and I'm sure that others were also. As far as I know, no one was physically injured. We all need to check on our members to see what we can do to help. Please let me know if we, as a Grande, can be of assistance in any way.

I want to tell everyone about my trip to Nationale in Kentucky. It has been a number of years since I was able to go so it was wonderful to be able to attend. We had a great representation from Georgia. Ten of our Dames were there. I attended the Ritual Committee and asked why our Dames could not order large print Ritual Books the way the Voyageurs could. The Committee agreed it would be useful since so many of our members are aging and would be helped by large print. I offered a notion to have Nationale add a large print Ritual Book to our Emblem Sales section of the Nationale website and the notion passed. I went to the luncheon that the NBCA Hobo Clowns provided for a large group of well-behaved first graders. Audrey O'Keefe presented a check for \$1,700 from Georgia to the school. The children serenaded us with, "We Are the World" and did a wonderful job! The Grande de Georgia came in 1st Place for the Joyce Wiseman POW/MIA Trophy and 2nd Place for the Esther O'Kane Carville Star Trophy. Cabanes 217 and 280 also placed in several of the Locale Awards so I was very proud of Georgia! The total value of all the work that was sent in to Trophy and Awards amounted to \$2,012,916.00. As an organization, we do good work! Our own Janet Walsh was named Dame of the Year by Nationale and we were all very happy for her. I don't know anyone who deserved it more. I also had the high honor of nominating Janet Walsh for La Sous Presidente Nationale and she was elected to that position.

I was able to make the banquet at the Shamrock Wreck in Savannah and enjoyed a very good meal. It was good to see new Voyageurs come in to the Voitures. This gives us an opportunity to extend an invitation to join the La Femmes to the women affiliated with these new Voyageurs. I have to thank Cabane 567 for their hospitality and the beautiful Chrysanthemum and card they presented to me at the banquet. I enjoyed myself very much!

Our Petite Cheminot was not quite as successful. We only had 7 Dames attend, representing 4 Cabanes, so we did not have a quorum. We spent the time discussing what went on at Nationale. We also talked about things we could do to encourage new members. We mentioned assisting new Dames by helping them find baby-sitters so they could attend the Rendezvous. We brainstormed activities that would be fun and would encourage members to be more active such as having teas or trying new recipes from different cultures. We spoke about getting dues paid by October as much as possible so our organization would have the funds with which to operate and the fact that there will no longer be a 3 month grace period for membership. We discussed the proper way to pronounce some of our French titles. We even discussed the fact that I want everyone to SING. I want everyone to come up with their own version of my acronym because there are a great many words and phrases that can be meaningful and match it. I had come up with so many that even I have a hard time remembering the exact phrases that I settled on. I had to type them out and have to pull my sheet out when asked the meaning.

My intention is to visit each Cabane this year. I look forward to seeing you and hope to be an encourager. If you have questions or problems, feel free to call. I may not have all the answers, but we can work on solutions together.



Rendezvous Nationale was held during September 11-15, 2017 in Louisville, Kentucky. The Grande Cabane de Georgia was well represented with 10 Dames in attendance.

(Audrey O'Keefe-C719, Sandy Wood-C217, Beulah Thigpen-C217, Janet Walsh-C217, Deanna Nicholson-C909, Brenda Alward-C909, Gail Burkhalter-C1229, Barbara Wad-C499, Debra Coody-C280, and Cheryl Boswell-C280)

Activities were kicked-off with the Early Bird Party on Tuesday evening. The next day started early with "The Walk". This annual fundraiser raises money for the Ardery Child Welfare Trust Fund and the Boland Nurses Training Trust Fund. The NBCA Children's Party was Wednesday with a wonderful group of First Graders from local schools. They were entertained by the Hobos and a skit about the American Flag. A donation in the amount of \$1700 from the entire Grande Georgia family was presented by Dame Audrey O'Keefe.

Committee meetings followed the Cheminot session on Wednesday afternoon, and continued Thursday morning. A lot of information is exchanged during these committee meetings and is a great learning experience. The luncheon on Thursday is held to honor La Presidente National Passe. Being in Louisville, the theme was the Kentucky Derby and there were many beautiful hats on display. Following the luncheon, the Annual Memorial Service was conducted by Aumonier Nationale. Our own Pass Nationale Presidente 1996 Lynn Whitfield was honored during this service.

Next came the opening of Rendezvous Nationale session and on to business. Reports from Nationale Officers and Committee meeting reports were presented. It is always amazing to hear about all the hard work the Dames are doing. La Presidente Nationale Joyce Robberstad presented Voiture Nationale with checks totaling \$17,965.63 raised by the Locale and Grande Cabanes for various programs.

Friday morning was when the Nationale award winners were announced. The Georgia Dames made quite a few trips to collect their awards.

Dame Janet "Moose" Walsh – Sharon Schulte Dame of the Year Award

Cabane 217 – 3rd place - Alice T. Capel Carville Star
Cabane 217 – 1st place – Helen Payne Americanism
Cabane 280 – 1st place – Gladys Everroad Aide to the Voiture
Cabane 280 – 2nd place – Ethellynn Neville Carville Star
Cabane 280 – 2nd place – Marilyn Rowley Youth Sports
Cabane 280 – 3rd place – Dorothy Thompson Child Welfare
Grande Cabane de Georgia – 1st place – Joyce Wiseman POW/MIA
Grande Cabane de Georgia – 2nd place – Esther O'Kane Carville Star



The grand total from all Nationale reports was \$2, 012, 916.

The next order of business was the elections on Friday afternoon. This was completed in record time with the following results:

La Presidente > Cheryl Jamnick, MI
Sous Presidentes > Janet Walsh-GA, Sue Morgan-OR, Laura Blue-MN, Penny Haigler-NC
Commissaire Intendante > Carol Kaserian, FL
Garde de La Portes > Gail Reed- WI, Erica Klyap-FL
Historian > Lisa York, WI
Aumonier > Roberta Garland, FL
Drapeaus > Lori Bolley-Majeske-MI, Shellie Dexter-IN

The Grande Cabane was also recognized with the following appointments:

La Sous Drapeau – Deanna Nicholson, C909
Executive Committee – Janet Walsh, C217
Resolutions Committee – Cheryl Boswell, C280

Thank you for the opportunity to represent our Grande Cabane.

Cheryl Boswell
Grande Correspondante





From the desk of Tom Reesman

Grand Directeur
Voiture Activities



Bonjour,

Please remember to record all your Voiture Activities. If you record at every promenade, you won't have to struggle to remember. Almost anything you do for Veterans can be Voiture activities. We reported more this year than last, but we can do better.

I will be available to answer any questions you have on Voiture Activities, completing the form as well as provide any suggestions or ideas for events/ activities.

Don't forget to plan to attend Nationale in the upcoming years. Bossier City LA is the host city for 2017, Louisville KY 2018 hosts in 2018, and Myrtle Beach, SC hosts in 2019. These Nationales are all close for Georgia voyageurs to attend.

L'Editeur

If you are receiving a hard copy of GOT and would prefer electronic copy, let us know.

For Locale Correspondants, when your Voiture wrecks in new members please ensure that Tom & I receive their information so that they can begin receiving the Georgia on Track. Let us know if they want to receive it in hard copy (provide current mailing address) or electronically (provide valid email address). The GOT goes out, via email, to Nationale officers and all Grand Chef de Gares and Grand Correspondants that I have email addresses for. In turn I receive the newsletters of Grand du FL and Grand du VA. I pass them on, electronically, to all GA Locale Chefs and Correspondants. Ask to see them!!

You may submit your articles via email

and donations via snail mail to me and Tom at:

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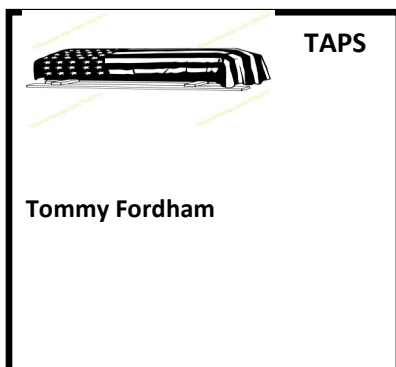
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Nadine Asberry

Aumonier, Grand du Georgia

VETERANS DAY

Voyageurs, as we anticipate Veteran's Day on November 11th, 2018, I ask, "How will you spend this day?"

As Voyageurs, it is our duty to remember our fallen comrades. And no, it doesn't matter if they died while in military service (Memorial Day), or those who are currently serving (Veteran's Day). Many confuse these two important military days of remembrance.

In June of 1926, Congress adopted a resolution requesting President Coolidge issue annual Proclamations that this holiday be observed as a legal holiday on November 11th and be dedicated to the cause of world peace. It is also known as Armistice Day.

In 1945 a WWII Vet, Raymond Weeks spearheaded a group to approach Gen. Eisenhower to propose National Veterans Day, which was first celebrated in 1947, in his home state of Alabama until Weeks Death in 1985. On June 1, 1954, Congress amended the bill replacing Armistice with Veterans Day. Also, in 1954 Veterans Day became a federal holiday.

VOYAGEURS AND DAMES:

Fall is suppose to be cool mornings and pleasant days. We are experiencing a late summer; but never fear winter and cold is right around the corner.

Voiture 499 is struggling to get Voyageurs to attend our promenades. As your correspondent I need input on what to put in the newsletter to make more readable.

Memership as of October 5th is 40. Our goal is 55. We need every voyageur to pay their dues ASAP; they are \$25.00 and can be mailed to Jack Wade at 492 Hightower Ridge Road, Covington, Georgia 30014. It is imperative that we all do our best to recruit new members into our organization so please be seeking out prospective P.G.'s.

We still have a vacancy in our officers and directeurs for 2019. Please consider taking one of these positions.

As your Americanism directeur I need to start a sign-in sheet at every promenade. This will help every directeur to fill out reports at the end of the year.

We will be having a regular meal at our October meeting; come hungry and leave happy. Hope to see you there!

October 9th – social 6:30 p.m.

Promenade/Rendezvous – 7:30 p.m.

Jack Wade
Correspondant

RANDOM PICTURES



FROM THE DESK OF GRAND DIRECTEUR OF AMERICANISM

October 12, 2018



GRAND CHEF,

I attended the Grande Promenade in Macon, 8th to 10th of June 2018.

I would like to thank Georgia Locales for purchasing a total of (50) 2018 Americanism Pins. My goal for 2019 is to purchase and sell 100 pins. So, I need email addresses of all Locale Directeurs' of Americanism along with the number of pins obligated to purchase.

At Promenade National held in Louisville a new team was appointed to Americanism. They are listed below.

Dan Evers from Grand du Oregon Directeur

James "Jim" Helmick from Grand du Indiana as Sous Director

Flags for First Graders winner was Du Washington with 6,999 flags distributed. Georgia totaled 1,527 flags distributed.

Paul Sorrentino award: Grand du Maryland.

J. Frank Baler Award: Voiture 1038 (Louisiana)

Paul L. Landry Award: Voiture 605 (Texas)

Only 23 reports were received from 52 Grands.

The National Award winner was Janice Collee from Voiture 153 Grande du Oregon.

Remember almost everything we do as Voyageur Militaries can be documented on your Americanism Consolidated Report.

EDDIE ASBERRY

Grand Directeur of Americanism



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VOITURE 567 and the SHAMROCK WRECK

A great time was had by all at the Shamrock Wreck in Savannah! Voiture 567 added 5 new Voyagers Militaire to it's ranks and sends a grateful THANK YOU! to Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams and the other Nationale Officers that were in attendance. As the only active wreck in the state of Georgia, the Chef de Chemin de Fer's attendance is not only an honor but shows Nationale's support of our time honored traditions! Please join us in welcoming our newest PG's Passe, Chuck Ceccacci, Keith Fry, Billy Cope, Dustin Strickland, and Greg Lucas! Disclaimer: No PG's were injured during the performance of this wreck!



GRANDE VOITURE MEMBERSHIP

As of October 23, 2018

Grande du Georgia ranks 14th of 54 Grandes



<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Short/Over</u>	<u>%</u>
496	293	-203	59.07%

Voiture	2019	2018 YET	% of Quota	Short/Over
4	25	28	89.29%	-3
217	44	52	84.62%	-8
280	0	29	0.00%	-29
499	40	61	65.57%	-11
567	47	58	81.03%	-11
719	17	41	41.46%	-24
909	14	46	30.43%	-32
1145	11	28	39.29%	-17
1226	4	4	100.00%	0
1229	33	74	44.59%	-41
1317	19	20	95.00%	-1
1597	10	18	55.56%	-8
1631	3	12	25.00%	-9
1635	26	25	104%	+1
1636	0	8	0.00%	-8

GRANDE CABANE MEMBERSHIP

Grande de Georgia ranks 14th of 36 Grandes

<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Short</u>
118	148	65.92%	-61

Cabane	2018	2017 Reported	2018 Goal	% of Goal
4		8		
217		22		
280		16		
499		16		
567		12		
719		14		
909		12		
1229		21		
1317		11		
1631		5		

October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Shamrock Wreck	13 Shamrock Wreck
14 Petite	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween			

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Daylight Savings Ends	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Veterans Day	12 Vet Day Observed	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Years eve					