



La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

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Dear Comrade Voyageurs Militaire,

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**Memorial Day.** What would be more fitting than to write a letter about Americanism on this day? And this will be the first time in over 30 years that I have not participated in a Memorial Day Ceremony with the American Legion. Why, because I traveled 4,500 miles to be with my son and his family in Honolulu Hawaii. Oh, by the way, he is a combat veteran.

I also visited the VA wing in Tripler Army Hospital. So I guess you could say that I traveled all that way to make a veteran's home visit. And, I did so in more than one way. So, round trip I traveled over 9,000 miles, spent over \$2000 on travel, and over 26 hours of time to travel to see a veteran and his family and visit a veteran's hospital. Am I going to include that in my report? You betcha. I'm not going to include the 150 hours of time I spent in my son's home. That might be stretching it.

I challenge each of you to challenge your Locales to challenge their Voyageurs to take the time to think about what they really have done that fits into Americanism and include it all in their reports. Speaking of reports, I hope I start seeing them come in. Please email me (or snail mail me if you don't have email) a copy of your report when you send it to Bob Molina.

Thanks for all you do.

**God Bless America.**

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