

Salut, Voyageurs of Area V!

Since my last letter to you, many interesting and fun things have happened. The oldest, and some say the largest, Veteran's Day Parade was held in Birmingham, Alabama. The Banquet and Freedom Luncheon were attended by many dignitaries of many organizations, but we were especially proud to have Chef de Chemin de Fer Brady and Le Presidente Nationale Douglass honor us with their presence. We had two locomotives in the Parade, and the kids loved them.



- Loco V-909, Albany, GA



- Loco V-172, Birmingham AL



Chef de Chemin de Fer Brady at Banquet

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season came and went, and we, as Forty and Eighters, again displayed our generosity with many donations to charities, homeless, and needy citizens in our area. I am sure your Voitures did as well.

There is a weekly Public Relations Newsletter put out by the Directeur entitled "Keeping on Track With Tony", and contains up-to-date information and membership statistics. Please have someone in your Grande download the newsletter and distribute within your Grande. If you have no voyageur in your Grande with internet access, let me know and I will print and mail a copy to your Grande Correspondant or PR Directeur as needed.

A recent Information/Recruitment Brochure was published by Grand du Illinois and has been widely distributed thru internet channels. It is called the "National 40 & 8 Recruitment Flyer" and is a little too lengthy to print out and send with this letter. However, it should be available for downloading either at the Nationale or Public Relations Website. For those who may not have those internet addresses, they are:

www.fortyandeight.org (Nationale Website)

www.voiture542.us/pr_news.html (Public Relations Website)

Please keep me informed of the happenings in your Grand, along with any newsletters or articles published about our organization. I will certainly pass them along. Remember that Public Relations is our way of “selling” our organization to veterans and making them want to be a part of us.

Again, hope everyone survives this cold and flu season (that is killing me!), and we should all look forward to a Spring Time of fun events, promenades, and of course....recruiting! So, let's “Get ‘er Done”, and may God protect all of our Active Duty Forces that may be in harm's way.

Merci Beaucoup!

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