

# Whistle

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## August 2025



A publication of the Grand du Michigan Forty and Eight

### From the Grand Chef de Gare

Voyageurs,

My, this year has sped by. I want to thank everyone for their support and very helpful advice since you chose me as Grand Chef de Gare last August. I have truly been honored to have worked with so many of you in advancing the visibility and programs of the Forty et Eight. Thank you for this opportunity.

We did beat Ohio in our membership renewals, which is always rewarding. Michigan came within 24 renewals of 100 percent, and I appreciate everyone who worked so hard to achieve 100 percent (or more) on the Locale level.

Now as we head into August (and I am putting this out early so registration is still possible), it is important that you make plans to attend Grand Promenade at the Best Western in Okemos on Aug. 8 and 9. We will have registration and a hospitality room on Friday, Aug. 8, with lots of good food and drink. On Aug. 9 we will conduct Promenade and Rendezvous during the day and continue to offer food and drink in the hospitality room after our gatherings, so try to make it a weekend stay and enjoy the company and hospitality we offer.

We will be having elections on Aug. 9, and we need to get the Grand Line in order. Voyageur Ted Hendges has laid claim to Grand Garde de la Porte as long as he can see everyone's membership card and hear them repeat



### From the Grande La Presidente

Hello, Dames.

I hope this finds you all well and happy. Oh yea—and COOL! It sure has been a hot momma so far this summer.

Our final membership numbers for last year show that all Cabanes, except for one, reached 100 percent.

Good work! Although it is summertime, keep up the good work, get dues in, and recruit new members.

Membership is the life blood of our organization.

Grande Rendezvous is just a few weeks away. I hope to see many of you there. I'm

sure a registration form will be included in this mailing. And after that is Rendezvous Nationale in Gettysburg, PA. I know I will be there and hopefully some others will too. Good learning experience, with a little bit of fun thrown in.

Well, this is the last article I will be writing as your Grande La Presidente as I am turning over the gavel in August. It has been an honor to have served you over the last three years. Thanks to my officers who have stuck with me, even though in some cases, it wasn't necessarily in their plan. I couldn't have done it without all of you. Please support our new officers coming in. I know they will work hard to further our mission. See you in August and/or September.

Yours in service

Lori Coe

Grande la Presidente



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## From the Grand Chef Continued from Page 1

the password. We will be electing Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Train, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Conducteur, Grand Avocat and Cheminot Nationale. Please attend so you can have a voice - or even better a position - in the Grand Line. You must have served as a Chef de Gare Locale to be eligible for a Grand elected position.

This has been a busy summer. I attended Great Lakes in DeKalb, Ill. There was a lot of information shared during the various official and unofficial gatherings, as well as enjoying the various hospitality room events put on by Grand du Illinois. There was a distillery tour Dawn and I took advantage of that was so much fun, and Dawn took a vineyard tour. It was a great trip.

I had the honor of attending Voiture 181's Promenade in June and installing incoming officers. It was a great time and I met many of the Voyageurs there who I had not met at previous events.

Congratulations to the new officers and I appreciate the invitation.

Grand du Michigan has a new Hero of the Year. Macomb County Deputy Nicole Miron was on patrol last September when she and her partner got a call about a driver having a medical emergency and losing control of his pickup truck.

Miron, who was passenger in the patrol car, climbed from her seat to the moving truck and brought the truck under control. The driver of the truck has since recovered from his condition, and Miron is truly a hero. She will be presented with an award at Grand Promenade.

Also in this edition is information on how to register for Promenade Nationale in Gettysburg, Penn.

It's too late to get the early discount on registration, but you can still sign up until Aug. 31.

This is a very enjoyable and educational gathering and you can let your voice be heard by

attending.

I want to thank those who served as officers and program directeurs and other assigned positions for the past year. Your service is always recognized and appreciated. Special thanks to Grand Correspondant Gary Bourdeau for stepping up and taking the office. His help was essential to our success.

Last (but not least) I would like to thank Grand La Presidente Lori Coe for her service leading La Femme for the past few years. I enjoyed working with her and feel she and I were able to amplify communication between Voyageurs and Dames and work together to make our Grand Cheminots and Promenade enjoyable. Thanks also go to the hardest working La Correspondante Carrie Haynes for her role in ... well, everything.

Respectfully,

Rich Adams

Grand Chef de Gare  
Grand du Michigan

### Upcoming military observances:

Aug. 4 -- Coast Guard Day

Aug. 7 -- Purple Heart Day

Aug. 8-9 -- Grand du Michigan Promenade

Aug. 10 -- Agent Orange Awareness Day

Aug. 14 -- Navajo Code Talkers Day

Aug. 16 -- National Airborne Day

Aug. 29 -- Marine Corps Reserve Birthday

Sept. 2 - V-J Day

Sept. 11 -- Patriot Day

Sept. 18 -- U.S. Air Force Birthday

Sept. 19 -- National POW/MIA

Recognition Day

Sept. 28 -- Gold Star Mother's Day

Sept. 29 -- VFW Day

Oct. 13 -- U.S. Navy Birthday

Oct. 26 -- Day of the Deployed



**Grand du Michigan  
Grand Promenade & Rendezvous  
Hosted by Voiture 946  
August 9, 2025**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grand \_\_\_\_\_ V/C \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Dame Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grand \_\_\_\_\_ V/C \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: \$10 Voyageurs # \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Dames # \_\_\_\_\_

Ads: Half page \$25, full page \$50

Boosters: \$2/name

Boosters \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Western Hotel & Conference Center  
2187 University Park Drive  
Okemos, MI 48864  
517-349-8700**

Room block held until July 19. Use code Forty and Eight.

Nightly rate \$105.00, suite \$135.00, if available

Attendees responsible for making their own reservations.

All activities (Memorial Service, Promenade and Rendezvous) held on Saturday, There is NO banquet. Hospitality room will be open Friday from 10 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. and Saturday after Promenade. Specific times for Memorial Service is 0900 Saturday. Promenade and Rendezvous will be held at 1030.

Send Voyageur registration fee, booster and ad monies to Gary Boudreau, 34 W. Phillips Ave., Milan MI, 48160 payable to Grand Voiture du Michigan.

Send Dames registration to Lori Coe, 2544 Martina Drive, Holt MI 48842, payable to Grande Cabane du Michigan. You can also register on site Friday or Saturday

Registration(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ad: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Booster(s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount sent: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with registration.

## Grand du Michigan



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### La Societe Des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

To: Grand Officers  
 Grand Cheminots  
 Voiture Officers  
 Grand Committeemen  
 Grand Executive Committee  
 Interested Voyageurs

By order of the Chef de Gare, Grand Voiture du Michigan, the Grand Promenade will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the Best Western Okemos/East Lansing Hotel & Suites, 2209 University Park Drive, Okemos MI 48864

Pre-registration \$10, send to Gary Bourdeau, 34 W. Phillips Ave., Milan MI 48160,  
**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO GRAND VOITURE DU MICHIGAN.**  
 Doughnuts, fruit and coffee will be available at registration desk.

Femmes pre-registration \$10, make pre-registration checks payable to Grande Cabane de Michigan and send to Carrie Haynes, 506 Mill St., Leslie MI 49251.

Registration for voyageurs and dames begins at 1600 Friday, August 8 and 0800 Saturday, August 9.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meets at 1015 Aug. 9, then each committee will be called in order, then the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will close the meeting.

#### SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 9, 2025: Memorial Service begins at 0900 sharp.  
 Executive Committee meets at 1015, Promenade opens at 1030. Past Chef luncheon is at 1200. Promenade reconvenes at 1330 for election and installation of officers

ALL OFFICERS, CHEMINOTS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTEURS ARE ADVISED  
 TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN COPY OF THEIR REPORT to the Correspondant.

*Rich Adams*  
 Grand Chef de Gare

*Gary Bourdeau*  
 Grand Correspondant

Grande du Pennsylvania & Grande du Maryland invite you to attend the



# 106<sup>th</sup> Promenade & 62<sup>nd</sup> Rendezvous Nationale

Gettysburg, PA

September 23-27, 2025

*Explore Civil War History in Gettysburg*

Date form completed \_\_\_\_\_



PLEASE SUBMIT SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REGISTRANT

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by Check? (Enter Check Number): \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by Credit Card? (Check one below)

VISA  Master Card  Discover

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Card Exp Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

BILLING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE FOR CREDIT CARD REQUIRED

BILLING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BILLING ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity	Description	Amount
# _____	Voyageur's Registration @ \$30.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)	\$ _____
# _____	Voyageur's Late Reg. Fee (AFTER 6/1/25) @ \$35	\$ _____
	Grande Voiture: _____ Voiture Locale: _____	
# _____	Dame's Registration @ \$25.00	\$ _____
	Grande Cabane: _____ Cabane Locale: _____	
# _____	La President Luncheon (9/25/25) @ \$35.00	\$ _____
# _____	Early Bird (9/23/25) Tickets @ \$30.00	\$ _____
# _____	Banquet (9/26/25) Tickets @ \$45.00 each	\$ _____

Select one meal for each attendee:  
London Broil \_\_\_\_\_

Citrus Peppercorn Tilapia \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

THE EISENHOWER (HQ) AND ASPIRE HOTELS ARE FOR BOTH VOYAGEURS & DAMES.

ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE THEIR RESERVATION WITH THE HOTEL DIRECTLY.

RESERVATION LINKS:

EISENHOWER (HQ) HOTEL: <https://bit.ly/3TevF28>

ASPIRE HOTEL: <https://bit.ly/3MziiWt>

OR YOU CAN CALL

1-717-334-8121

MAKE SURE TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR PROMENADE & 62nd RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE

NOTE: Rates ONLY available through Promenade Nationale Corporation

REGISTRATION AND RESERVATIONS

Promenade Registrations must be received by August 31, 2025

PROMENADE REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES MUST REGISTER WITH THE PROMENADE NATIONALE CORPORATION.

Please provide your credit card information or make your check payable to "106<sup>th</sup> Promenade Corporation"

Mail form and payment to:

Voiture Nationale

1635 Hawthorne Drive

Plainfield, IN 46168

Or Email to [ttaylor@fortyandeight.org](mailto:ttaylor@fortyandeight.org)

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 20, 2025

Additional forms are online at [www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org)

HANDICAP ROOMS ARE LIMITED: PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING YOUR REQUEST. HANDICAP ROOMS ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS

Registration closes August 31th, 2025