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The Palomar Observer is the official publication of Palomar Voiture 1406 of the Grand Voiture du California of La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, The Forty and Eight.

First nominations for next year's Voiture Officers were conducted at our regular Promenade on May 24: Nominations are: Chef de Gare, Freddie Sisaro; Chef de Train, open; Conducteur, Brock Thompson; Commissaire Intendant, Ivan “Ernie” Pyle; Commis Voyageur, Howard Haworth; Drapeau, Mark Stephenson; Garde de la Porte, Jim Cooper. Cheminot: Donovan, Rausher, Lynch. Chef Rene appointed Brock to Chef de Cuisine for the remainder of the current term.

As you see, we still need a Chef de Train. Want a good position take this one. In addition, the new Chef will need members to fill appointments. Please consider becoming a little involved by becoming an appointed officer if he requests it. It is your Voiture; it is up to you to ensure its continued success.

## Palomar Voiture Officers for 2009

*Chef de Gare*  
Rene Cortez

*Chef de Train*  
Freddie Sisario

*Correspondant*  
Carl Asher  
Grand Chef Passé

*Comm. Intendant*  
Ivan “Ernie” Pyle

Conducteur/ *Chef de Cuisine*  
Richard Cross

*Guard de la Porte*  
Jim Cooper (Acting)

*Drapeau*  
Mark Stephenson

*Commis Voyageur*  
Howard Haworth

*Avocat*  
Harvey Benne

*Lampiste*  
Bernard Homberg

*Aumonier*  
Lanny Peterson

*Cheminot*  
Joe Donovan  
Tom Rauscher  
Larry Lynch

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Membership: As an active Voiture in Grand du California, we are a bit behind the power curve in membership. We have transmitted 68 members to Nationale, that leaves 9 to go to meet goal. We have had several members decline to renew for various reasons, old age, lack of activity, disgruntled over the change in our constitution among the most common reasons. I have said it before, and I will say it again; We must move on. With or without those who turn their backs on the organization and their obligations to us.

Just because a Veteran does not qualify for the American Legion should have NO bearing on their being proposed for membership. What they have done for other Veterans and/or the community and posses an Honorable Discharge are the only criteria that matters. Gender, age, wartime service, or branch of service should not enter into the mix.

What we should ensure is that the Veteran we propose will be an active participant in our locale, our Proms, activities, programs and governing of our Voiture.

Many members are getting to the age that it is becoming very difficult for them to fully participate in our activities. They have been superb in their devotion to La Société and to Voiture 1406.

It is time for the younger members to take the lead, perform the duties as Voyageurs Militaire. However, let us not forget the valuable knowledge the senior members can provide and seek it at every opportunity.

Recruit value, not volume. Carl

Special Awards: I am disappointed that we as a Voiture have not supported this program. It is one of the programs that gets the Forty and Eight in the spotlight, the good one. We have failed our individual communities, law officers, fire fighters, citizens, and city/town. There are 68 paid Voyageurs in Palomar Voiture 1406. No one has submitted a thing. Shame.

I cannot do it alone. You have to help. You still have time to provide the Sous Grand Directeurs with inputs. Submit them through me and I will send it on to them. Tempest fugues fellows.

Correspondant: Perris Clean Up Wreck. WOW! We had a full day on May 16<sup>th</sup> at Perris. 14 new Voyageurs were made welcome following a day of fun, frolic and friendship. Voyageurs from San Bernardino Voiture 36, Baldy Voiture 104; Riverside Voiture 394, sponsored the wreck, along with 12 members of the Grand Wrecking Crew South put forth the effort and had a whiz bang time.

It was a long day but the Wrecking Crew did a magnificent job. We certainly had some tense moments as we found, or rather did not find, adequate and "Proper dress" for all the candidates. However, as always, we found a way, or rather clothes at the Salvation Army in Perris to supplement our resources.

Everyone pitched in to ensure a memorable event. The PG's we willing and mostly able. We had great participation from the sidelines, egging event, and all other facets. Thanks to the members of Voiture 394 for their hospitality.

We all got there and back through the efforts of Grand Correspondant and bus driver extraordinaire, Joe Donovan. Joe picked most of the crew up at the Veterans Memorial Building in Escondido, and brought us back safely. We owe a debt of gratitude to the bus company where Joe works for their generosity.

June marks the time we are getting ready for the annual sojourn to Grand Promenade. This year we are the guests of Sacramento Voiture 268, who in the past have been a great host. We will meet at headquarters, the Lyon's Gate Hotel in Sacramento. What a fine facility. It should be a nice place, a former US Air Force Base Officers Quarters and Mess. They treat you good there and it is a pleasure to visit and conduct business.

Speaking of Reports.....June is also the month we, read I, start putting the Voiture reports together....please, compile your miles, hours, and costs using the Voiture Activity report for Americanism. It is located on the Voiture web page at [www.palomarvoiture1406.com/VoyageurActivity](http://www.palomarvoiture1406.com/VoyageurActivity) Gents, I cannot do it alone. Never could, it takes your inputs to make it work.

We most likely will not make goal this year and although it is a bit embarrassing, we have to live with it. We need members, but we need ACTIVE members who will step up and participate in the Voiture and the activities of the Locale, District, Grand and Nationale organizations.

I am please to know of a couple of 'old timers' who are stepping up and will be appointed to Directorships and Grand Offices in the coming Grand Voiture Year. cea

Nurses Training: We did reasonably well in the sale of 90 Nurses Training Pins this past year, for a total of \$450.00 and received \$310.00 in donations from Mark Stephenson, George Megeath, Lenhoff Senior Planning, Inc. and \$300.00 from Stanley Scholarship Trust Fund. After paying Grande \$270.00 for pins, we will keep \$790.00 to support our locale nurses program.

The Albert L. LaVaque/Dale M. McCoy Scholarship were awarded to two (2) outstanding nurses students at Palomar College on Wednesday May 20th they were Ruthanne Hall of Carlsbad and Daniela Popescu of Vista.

Last year's recipients of Albert L. LaVaque/Dale M. McCoy Scholarship received there RN pins on Tuesday May 19th they are Nancy Larson and Jackie Linehan and are graduating this semester.

Freddie Sisario, Grand Directeur Nurses Training.

Palomar Nurses Training: The College received notice from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) that they are at risk of losing their training accreditation if the school did not adjust the curriculum for their RN training. Palomar currently requires 85 units to graduate as an RN. This provides the student with a real advantage when pursuing their Baccalaureate in Nursing. It also sets Palomar Community College apart from the "run of the mill" JC's. Palomar is in high demand and has a 3 to 4 year waiting period for spots in the nurse's education program.

The college is faced with a dilemma, and there is some division among the staff. The NLNAC informs the college that they require too many units for the degree. The NLNAC has directed Palomar CC to reduce the required units or face losing NLNAC. The college has devised a course that requires 76 units; the cert board wants 74, in hopes of satisfying the board. The result is that many traditional courses reduce in time required in the classroom, or eliminated from the nurses training program requirements.

The college will have two avenues to an Associate degrees; the traditional RN (AA) degree, which requires 85 units to graduate; or the student may choose the RN (AS) degree, which will only provide the minimum to satisfy the National Board. Although I do not agree with the NLNAC requirements, the college has no option. Losing accreditation would be fatal to the schools Nurses Education program.

I attended a public forum on the subject and became aware of these requirements. I spoke with Dr. Judy Eckart, Chairman of the Nurses Education program. Dr. Eckart provided the explanations for the changes during her presentation and we further discussed them further following the forum. The school has no alternative but to adjust the curriculum to NLNAC requirement.

Carl Asher, Cheminot Nat'l.

## Birthdays



### June

02 Harvey Benne  
05 Francis Parkinson  
30 Howard Darter

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### Schedule of Events:

June 3: Voiture installs Post 365 @ 6 PM in Vista

June 4: Voiture installs Post 479 in Poway @ 7 PM Poway VFW.

June 6: Voiture installs Post 149 @ 11 AM in Escondido

June 13: Voiture installs Post 468 @ 10 AM in Julian

District 5 Cheminot at Post 354 Buena Park, 2 PM.

June 28: 7 AM Voiture 1406 Steak and Egg Breakfast followed at 11 AM by our Regular Cheminot and Promenade.

July 1: Reports due to Grand Directeurs du California.

July 16 – 19: Grand Promenade, Sacramento, CA @ Lyon's Gate Hotel.

July 26: 7 AM Voiture 1406 Steak and Egg Breakfast followed at 11 AM by our Regular Cheminot and Promenade.

Sept 8-12: Promenade Nationale @ Rochester, NY.

VAVS: There was a vote at VAVS meeting to purchase Two Diagnostic Instruments, approximately \$500.00 each; used for point of care testing to measure a diabetic patient's skin thermal reading in relationship to treatment of lower extremity diabetic ulcers. The VAMC Acting, & Assistant Director, did not attend this quarterly meeting. Regarding wheelchairs, the VA has purchased a substantial number of the STAXI wheelchairs. The wheelchairs are designed with safety and theft prevention in mind. The wheel chairs have under seat storage for patient personal items, retracting armrests for left or right patient transfer, an oxygen cylinder holder, a telescoping IV pole, a hand release that prevents it from rolling. Another person and not the patient must push the chair. I think you could liken it to a shopping cart sort of design where they can be stored in a row, one into another and so on. While ungainly in appearance, these are most practical for the purpose they serve. Again, VAMC San Diego leading the way through care, compassion & innovation to best serve our Veterans.

Ritual and Wrecking Crew: The Cheminot recommended we conduct a Formal Wreck just prior to the Installation of Officers on July 12, 2009. Wreck at 12:30 PM, Installation at 2 PM. Got Goofs?

Memorial Day: Joe Donovan and I attended Memorial Day Services in Oceanside on Monday, May 25, 2009. A great turnout, estimate between 150-200 citizens attended the service. Numerous Veterans Organizations took part in the service. We provided a wreath during the organizational wreath laying ceremony. There were 4 Gold Star Mothers who attended, along with the Mayor, several city councilmen and Veterans, who are also representatives from the North County Times newspaper. It was a touching ceremony with the MCJROTC from El Camino High School providing some pomp and circumstance along with the U. S. Marine Corp Honor Guard from Camp Pendleton.

Orchestrating the services and program was the Veterans Association of North County. The VANC also provided light refreshments following the services. Joe and I had the opportunity to talk briefly with Mayor Jim Wood of Oceanside and express our thanks for the cities support of the VANC and all individual veterans not only in Oceanside, but in North San Diego County as well.

Palomar Voiture should be proud to be affiliated with the VANC and we see a bright future ahead in our relationship. We are all working for the good of the Veterans in our community in particular, and for the good of the community in general.

I hope all members of Palomar Voiture 1406 at least took a few moments to reflect on the true meaning of Memorial Day and to say a small prayer for those who paid the full price for freedom and for the protection of those currently serving in harm's way. Carl Asher, Cheminot Nationale du California



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