

# THE KORAN IRON HORSE

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THOMAS WILLIAM FAY, JR. AWARD FY 2005

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# America

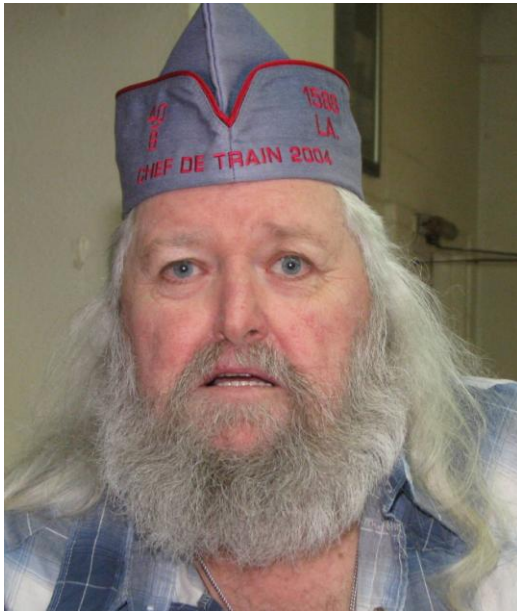
Still the Land of the Free . . .  
Because of the Brave

God bless and protect our military troops



## VOITURE 1588 OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

Chef de Gare	Donnie Glasgow	Commis Intendant	Hank Kwiatkowski
Chef de Train	James Vise	Commis Voyageur	Steve Chesney
Chef de Train	Larry Aytes	Garde de la Porte	Paul Roland
Correspondant	John DeMoss	Aumonier	Carl A. Barr
Avocat	Burt Pitts	Publiciste	Carl A. Barr
Conducteur	Jesse Morrison	Cheminot	James Brumley
Sous Conducteur	Jack Steransky	Cheminot	Robert Zirkle
Lampiste	J. R. Johnson	Cheminot	Paul Strange
Medicin	Chuck Rodgers	Cheminot	Dick LaDue



### Chef de Gare Donnie Glasgow

We selected the Nominating Committee at the March Promenade: Larry Aytes, Carl Barr, J. R. Johnson, John DeMoss and Chuck Rodgers. These have been charged with the task of recommending Voyageurs to serve as your officers for 2011-12. If you would like to serve in some capacity, please get in touch with one of the members of the Nominating Committee as soon as possible—or be present at the May Promenade to have your name presented as nominated from the floor. Election will be at the June Promenade.

You may be aware of seeing the same few names from year to year in different roles. We can't elect you or appoint you if you do not show enough interest to show up at the monthly Promenade—always on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the

month, beginning at 6:00 PM. at the home of A/L Post 388 in Koran. Come out and be a part of the planning and execution of our programs and activities.

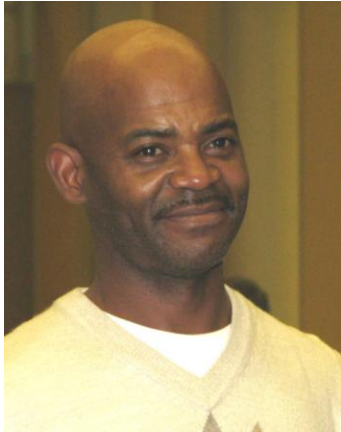
Cajun Wreck 2011 and Homecoming were a great success for Grande de la Louisianne. Some photos of the event are printed herein and more are posted on the web <http://www.cajunlink.org/Cajun-Wreck--11-Page-2.html>

### *Donnie*

**YOUR 40 & 8 DUES ARE STILL ONLY \$25.00 PER YEAR. THE 2011 MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE HERE. JOIN THOSE OF YOUR FELLOW VOYAGEURS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2011 DUES.**

**PLEASE SEND YOUR \$25.00 CHECK TO: CORRESPONDANT JOHN DEMOSS, 5401 HIGHWAY 527, HAUGHTON, LA 71037 JOHN WILL IN TURN SEND YOUR 2011 MEMBERSHIP CARD TO YOU.**

## Aumonier/L'Editeur Carl A. Barr



### American Legion Cooper Road Post 450

Commander Carl Moore has initiated an unusual approach to recruiting members for the post that was formed in January—he sent out text-to-land-line message urging prospects to join now as a Charter Members. When A/L National Commander Clarence Hill visited here in December 2009, one of the things that he emphasized was to encourage the use of internet and all available hi-tech means of communication. Mr. Moore is to be congratulated for using imagination to supplement other recruiting efforts.



Koran Post 388 hosted the annual Fred Raymond Memorial Chili Cookoff at the Post home on 19 March. The winners: 2<sup>nd</sup> Anita Shows; 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Bledsoe, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ron Hudson. Don Schreiber and Jesse Morrison won People's Choice Award. Eleven teams entered the competition and these were the best of the best.

## Homecoming for Chef de Chemin de Fer Hank



Voyageurs and Dames came in from all areas of the country to attend the Homecoming for Chef de Chemin de Fer Hank Kwiatkowski, held in conjunction with the Cajun Wreck 2011. There were numerous gifts from individuals and from organizations to express their appreciation and admiration for his service to 40 & 8. Pictured with him here is Voyageur Jerry Brady of Texas, Chef de Chemin de Fer 2009-10. More than 250 attended the banquet on Saturday evening, including some of the thirteen new Voyageurs who were wrecked that same morning.

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LEFT: CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FER HANK KWIATKOWSKI WAS OBLIGATING CHEF  
 RIGHT: CHEF HANK AND OTHERS OFFER CONGRATULATIONS AND PINS TO NEW VOYAGEURS



### THE CAJUN WRECK CLASS OF 2011

CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FER 1992 PAUL LANDRY (AT REAR) WAS WRECKING CHEF  
 SOUS CHEF GRETHMANN SEATED AT LEFT, SOUS CHEF MOLEN KNEELING AT LEFT  
 CHEF HANK AND GRAND CHEF DE GARE DON SCHREIBER  
 NEW - STANDING: JOHN JAMES 224, LUTHER STEPP 274, ROY SANDERS 274, DENNIS STEPHAN 1584,  
 CHARLIE MARTIN 1584, RON BURKHALTER 224  
 NEW - SEATED: HERBERT JONES 274, SAMMY WHITE 274, JAMES BARRON 1351, FRANK COURVILLE 1351,  
 DAVID WILLIAMS 224, PERCY HENRY, JR. 274, RAYMOND HARTLEY 224  
<http://www.cajunlink.org/Cajun-Wreck--11-Page-3.html> for more photos of Wreck

**Chaplain Jim Brooks**, 68, of Overton Brooks VA Medical Center died on 7 March.

**Philip Serio**, one of three survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack who were honored at NWLWVH on 7 December, died on 7 March, was buried with full military honors in Hillcrest Cemetery. Several members of Patriot Guard were in attendance.

# MEDAL OF HONOR

## **Gary W. Martini**

**Vietnam 1967**

***Posthumous Award***

Rank and organization: Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps, Company F, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division. place and date: Binh Son, Republic of Vietnam, 21 April 1967. Entered service at: portland, Oreg. Born: 21 September 1948, Lexington, Va. Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. On 21 April 1967, during Operation UNION\* elements of Company F, conducting offensive operations at Binh Son, encountered a firmly entrenched enemy force and immediately deployed to engage them.

Citation: The marines in Pfc. Martini's platoon assaulted across an open rice paddy to within 20 meters of the enemy trench line where they were suddenly struck by hand grenades, intense small arms, automatic weapons, and mortar fire. The enemy onslaught killed 14 and wounded 18 marines, pinning the remainder of the platoon down behind a low paddy dike. In the face of imminent danger, Pfc. Martini immediately crawled over the dike to a forward open area within 15 meters of the enemy position where, continuously exposed to the hostile fire, he hurled hand grenades, killing several of the enemy. Crawling back through the intense fire, he rejoined his platoon which had moved to the relative safety of a trench line. From this position he observed several of his wounded comrades lying helpless in the fire-swept paddy. Although he knew that 1 man had been killed attempting to assist the wounded, Pfc. Martini raced through the open area and dragged a comrade back to a friendly position. In spite of a serious wound received during this first daring rescue, he again braved the unrelenting fury of the enemy fire to aid another companion lying wounded only 20 meters in front of the enemy trench line. As he reached the fallen marine, he received a mortal wound, but disregarding his own condition, he began to drag the marine toward his platoon's position. Observing men from his unit attempting to leave the security of their position to aid him, concerned only for their safety, he called to them to remain under cover, and through a final supreme effort, moved his injured comrade to where he could be pulled to safety, before he fell, succumbing to his wounds. Stouthearted and indomitable, Pfc. Martini unhesitatingly yielded his life to save 2 of his comrades and insure the safety of the remainder of his platoon. His outstanding courage, valiant fighting spirit and selfless devotion to duty reflected the highest credit upon himself, the Marine Corps, and the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

<http://www.history.army.mil/moh.html>