

THE KORAN IRON HORSE

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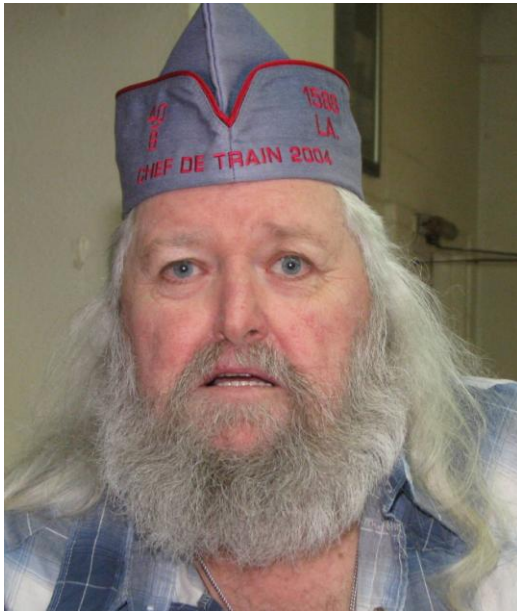
Still the Land of the Free . . .
Because of the Brave

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

Our monthly Promenade is scheduled on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the home of A/L Post 388 in Koran, at 6:00 PM. Come out and be a part of the planning and execution of our programs and activities. Our fall fund raiser festivities will take place at Post 388 from noon to 4 PM on Saturday, 6 November—that follows the A/L 4th District Fall Conference at Post 6.

Congratulations to L'Editeur Carl A. Barr—“*The Koran Iron Horse*” is the recipient of the John Emerson Award for best publication without advertising by a Voiture Locale for 2010.

Hank Kwiatkowski is Chef de Chemin de Fer for 2011. Several Louisiana Voyageurs are on the National Staff—Carl Barr, Gerald Theriot, John DeMoss, Milt Harrison, Gil Lovelady, Dudley LeBlanc, Ray Blanchard, Dr. Kenneth LaFleur, Paul Landry, Donna Fransen-Miller, Archie Boyette. We wish Hank and all a successful year.

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

The Homecoming celebration for Chef de Chemin de Fer Hank Kwiatkowski will be held in conjunction with the 2011 Cajun Wreck in Lafayette. A pdf copy of the Registration Form has been posted on the web site <http://www.cajunlink.org> Note that the date is later than usual—3 to 6 March.

PROMENADE NATIONAL-More photos <http://www.cajunlink.org>



At least 23 Voyageurs from Louisiana in the front two rows at Promenade Nationale stood and shouted "**Who Dat?**" when Hank was called to take his place as Chef de Chemin de Fer—eight from Voiture 1588—Strange, Aytes, Barr, Johnson, Lovelady, DeMoss, Steransky, Kwiatkowski.

Gil Lovelady is Garde de la Porte National
John DeMoss is Aide de Camp and Sous Box Car Directeur
Carl A. Barr is Aumonier National



Top left: Oath administered by Verne Eccleston, Chef 1999

Top right: Sharon tests the fit of the new Gold Chapeau

Left: Chef de Chemin de Fer 2011 Hank Kwiatkowski takes charge

Symbolic of the fun and festivities during the Promenade is this photo of the receiving line at Hank's hospitality room Thursday evening. Dudley LeBlanc, Hank, and Sharon stood their place for what seemed several hours, greeting everyone and hanging sets of Mardi Gras beads around the neck of each visitor. Donald Burkhart of Kentucky is reaching for his beads and a handshake. The Louisiana style food by Ray Blanchard and others and the fellowship made it a night to remember.



Voyageur Jerry Cruthis pleased these Chefs de Chemin de Fer with his artistry. Chef Ted Lang 2009 on the left, and Chef Jerry Brady 2010 on the right received these wood craft mementos by Voyageur Cruthis. Hank gave Jerry Brady a little help to hold his plaque. The plaques are theme based representing the home states of the recipients, Illinois and Texas.

Voiture 137 Voyageur Billy Williams is in W/K Bossier; no visitors as of Friday, 24 September, but Janet will enjoy having you drop by to give her some encouragement.

Voiture 137 Voyageur Terry Clark's daughter-in-law died on Sunday, 26 September. No other details available.

Voiture 1588 will host a wreck on Saturday, 23 October, at the home of Koran Post 388. We expect PGs from Voiture 1532 in Bastrop, Voiture 224 in Covington, Voiture 137, our own and possibly others. Activities will begin at 0800.

Primary voting in Louisiana is on Saturday, 2 October. There are two Constitution amendments, Lt. Governor, and several local offices to be determined. The Secretary of State and Registrars of Voters are expecting a very low turnout. Don't be a slacker—vote as you wish, but do participate and encourage your family and neighbors to take part also.

Plan now to vote Tuesday, 2 November.

MEDAL OF HONOR
THOMAS E. McCALL
WWII – POSTHUMOUS AWARD

Rank and organization: Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Company F, 143d Infantry, 36th Infantry Division. Place and date: Near San Angelo, Italy, 22 January 1944. Entered service at: Veedersburg, Ind. Birth: Burton, Kans. G.O. No.: 31, 17 April 1945.

Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty. On 22 January 1944, Company F had the mission of crossing the Rapido River in the vicinity of San Angelo, Italy, and attacking the well-prepared German positions to the west. For the defense of these positions the enemy had prepared a network of machinegun positions covering the terrain to the front with a pattern of withering machinegun fire, and mortar and artillery positions zeroed in on the defilade areas. S/Sgt. McCall commanded a machinegun section that was to provide added fire support for the riflemen. Under cover of darkness, Company F advanced to the river crossing site and under intense enemy mortar, artillery, and machinegun fire crossed an ice-covered bridge which was continually the target for enemy fire. Many casualties occurred on reaching the west side of the river and reorganization was imperative. Exposing himself to the deadly enemy machinegun and small arms fire that swept over the flat terrain, S/Sgt. McCall, with unusual calmness, encouraged and welded his men into an effective fighting unit. He then led them forward across the muddy, exposed terrain. Skillfully he guided his men through a barbed-wire entanglement to reach a road where he personally placed the weapons of his two squads into positions of vantage, covering the battalion's front. A shell landed near one of the positions, wounding the gunner, killing the assistant gunner, and destroying the weapon. Even though enemy shells were falling dangerously near, S/Sgt. McCall crawled across the treacherous terrain and rendered first aid to the wounded man, dragging him into a position of cover with the help of another man. The gunners of the second machinegun had been wounded from the fragments of an enemy shell, leaving S/Sgt. McCall the only remaining member of his machinegun section. Displaying outstanding aggressiveness, he ran forward with the weapon on his hip, reaching a point 30 yards from the enemy, where he fired 2 bursts of fire into the nest, killing or wounding all of the crew and putting the gun out of action. A second machinegun now opened fire upon him and he rushed its position, firing his weapon from the hip, killing 4 of the gun crew. A third machinegun, 50 yards in rear of the first two, was delivering a tremendous volume of fire upon our troops. S/Sgt. McCall spotted its position and valiantly went toward it in the face of overwhelming enemy fire. He was last seen courageously moving forward on the enemy position, firing his machinegun from his hip. S/Sgt. McCall's intrepidity and unhesitating willingness to sacrifice his life exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

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