

## **GRANDE du CALIFORNIA AMERICANISM PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

By virtue of being veterans who have served their country in its time of greatest need, the fun-loving, hard-working Voyageurs Militaire maintain a strong commitment to the American way of life.

Purpose: The Americanism Program was established to promote Americanism to all citizens of the United States of America. Americanism Program Projects include Respect for the Flag, The US Constitution, and Bill of Rights, and Law and Order. This document has been developed to provide specific guidelines for the disbursement of funds set aside for the Americanism Program of the Grande Voiture du California.

Funds are primarily earned through the sale of Americanism Pins. These pins are purchased from Voiture Nationale, and sold to the Voitures Locale, Voyageurs, and others. Funds allocated to the Americanism Program of the Grande du California will be used for the purposes below. Amounts disbursed, and requirements will be subject to change by action of the Grande Promenade.

The Americanism Program Guidelines can be found on the Grande du California Web Site [www.cafortyandeight.org](http://www.cafortyandeight.org) under the Grand Correspondant's News Page.

### **1. Flags for First Graders Program Expense Reimbursement**

The Forty and Eight's Flags for First Graders is a flag education program designed to educate school children in flag history, respect, and protocol. A suggested program is available on the Voiture Nationale website. [www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org) Programs, Americanism

- a. Applications for program expense reimbursement are to be completed by Voitures Locale and submitted to the Directeur Americanism (or Sous Directeur) for consideration by the Americanism Committee at the Grande Promenade. Program reimbursement will be limited to direct program expenses. (e.g. American flags and printed literature distributed to school children, parents, or teachers);
- b. Receipts for expenses must be attached to the application;
- c. Voitures Locale applying for program reimbursement must have purchased, and paid for, a minimum of 10 Americanism pins during the year in which the application is submitted;
- d. A completed *Voiture Activities Report* (Voiture Nationale form) must accompany the reimbursement application;
- e. To be eligible for program reimbursement, the Voiture Locale must submit an *Americanism Report* for the year in which the reimbursement request is applied for.
- f. Reimbursement will be limited to \$50.00 per year per Voiture Locale.
- g. Applications approved by the Americanism Committee will be forwarded to the Grande Promenade for action. Following approval, The Grande du California Request for Payment/Reimbursement Form will be submitted by the Directeur of Americanism to the Grand Correspondant for the Minutes and the Grande Commissaire Intendant for approved reimbursements.

## **2. Fund Disbursement for Voitures Locale with Rolling Stock (Locos)**

- a. Voitures Locale that submit *Voiture Activity Reports* detailing Voiture activities that qualify as an Americanism Program, and where rolling stock was utilized for the promotion of Americanism, through the entertainment of children and/or the recognition
- b. of veterans and all who serve, shall be eligible for a fund disbursement of \$0.50 per individual involved. Examples of qualifying programs include 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, Veterans Day parade, school, and holiday events. A Grant Application must be completed by the Voiture Locale and submitted to the Grand Directeur of Americanism (or Sous Directeur) for consideration by the Americanism Committee at the Grande Promenade.
- c. Applications approved by the Americanism Committee will be forwarded to the Grande Promenade for action. Following approval, "The Grande du California Request for Payment/Reimbursement Form" will be submitted by the Directeur of Americanism to the Grand Correspondant for the Minutes and the Grande Commissaire Intendant for approved reimbursements.
- d. Voitures Locale applying for grants under this program must have purchased at least 10 Americanism Pins for the current year, and must have submitted BOTH the Annual *Americanism Report* and *Voiture Activities Report*
- e. Fund disbursement under this program is limited to \$200.00 annually per Locale.

## **3. Directeur and Sous Directeur Postage and Copying Expense Reimbursement**

- a. Upon approval of the Americanism Committee meeting at the fall and spring Grande Cheminot and Grande Promenade, the Americanism Directeur and Sous Directeurs may request reimbursement for postage and copying expenses directly related to promotion of the Americanism program. The combined reimbursement of the Directeur and Sous Directeurs shall not exceed \$50.00 per year.
- b. Upon approval for reimbursement, the Grande du California Request for Payment/Reimbursement Form and expense receipts will be submitted by the Directeur of Americanism to the Grand Correspondant for the Minutes and the Grande Commissaire Intendant for approved reimbursements.

**4. Annual Americanism Report** The *Annual Americanism Report* and the *Annual Voiture Activities Report* covering Voiture Locale Activities are available on the National Web Site [www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org) Resources/ Petit Communiqué. Fill in the blanks, print, and send to the Grand Directeur of Americanism.

The Grand Directeur will submit a current Pin Accounting Form to the Grand Correspondant at each Grande Voiture Meeting (Grandes Cheminots & Grande Promenade) . The form will be provided by the Grand Correspondant and is listed on the Grande Voiture Web Site [www.cafortyandeight.org](http://www.cafortyandeight.org)