



# **SPECIAL AWARDS**

## **Where to Start? - 2009**

The question often arises upon receipt of the Petite Communique, "What do I do with these forms and Pages?", most often referring to the pages for some of the newer programs. Special Awards is one of the "newer" programs. The most important answer is "assign a voyageur to direct the Special Awards Program" in your Voiture, be it Locale or Grande. All this requires is to pick a Voyageur, give him these Nationale Special Awards pages and let him know that, if he needs help, that he should contact anyone on your Grande or the Nationale Special Awards Committee.

If no one is appointed to do the job, it falls back on the Chef de Gare and/or Correspondant to get it done or, in so many cases, it doesn't get done. If it doesn't get done, it isn't fair to your Voiture and the voyageurs associated with it. It also isn't fair to potential candidates for these awards. They deserve better.

There is a lot of satisfaction in giving out these awards. The pride in the eyes of the recipient will make you a believer when you present them an award. The presentation can be made at your regular Promenade, a special meeting or a dinner meeting is even nicer. Contact the media to get some publicity for the recipient. He or she will enjoy this and believe it or not, it will acquaint the public with La Societe also. You can promote your other programs at this same time. Your Voiture will appreciate this publicity the next time they are raising funds for their programs. If people have heard of you, it is a lot easier to sell tickets and other fund raising items.

**HERO OF THE YEAR  
LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

**VOYAGEUR OF THE YEAR  
CITY OR TOWN OF THE YEAR**

The **Nomination Form** is designed so it can be used for any of the four awards. A separate nomination form must be submitted for each award; for instance, one form for Hero; one form for Voyageur; etc. The top part of the Nomination Form is to be completed by the Locale. The bottom is used for reporting to Nationale Special Awards. All nominations to Nationale must go through the Grande Voiture and be accompanied by a **Participation Reporting Form** (found on page 19 in this booklet) signed by the Grand Correspondant.

The submission process starts with the Voiture Locale submitting their nominations to their Grande Voiture by June 1st or a date set by the Grande. The Voiture Locale's nominations must be accompanied by the Participation Reporting Form completed with all requested information (top part of page 19). The Grande Voiture then selects a winner to send to the National Sous Directeur Special Awards judge for that category. The selected winner is usually honored by the Grande Voiture at one of its Grande functions, such as a Grande Promenade or Grande Cheminot meeting. These winning Grande Voiture nomination packets must be received by the designated National judges no later than July 1st. The bottom part of page 19 must be completed with all requested information and signed by the Grand Correspondant.

### **Year 2009**

- \* Your Grand Hero of the Year nomination is to be sent to Sous Directeur National Special Awards judge, Wally Hammond, 490 W. Pine St., Canton, IL 61520, 309-647-5915, cell 309-338-8332, E-mail: mrbear812@sbcglobal.net
- \* Your Grande Law Officer of the Year nomination is to be sent to Sous Directeur National Special Awards judge, Lonnie Haynes, 2388 Baseline Rd., Leslie, MI 49251, 517-589-0219, cell 517-652-4847, E-mail: chaynes@uaw.net
- \* Your Grand Voyageur of the Year nomination is to be sent to Sous Directeur National Special Awards judge, Rick R. Beasley, 2696 Chancellor Way, Duluth, GA 30096, cell 404-630-0857, E-mail: rickrbeasley@bellsouth.net
- \* Your Grande City/Town of the Year nomination is to be sent to Sous Directeur National Special Awards judge Carl E. Asher, Jr., 276 N. El Camino Real #19, Oceanside, CA 92058-1728, 760-722-6768, E-mail: palomar1406@aol.com

### **General Guidelines for Special Awards**

1. Each Voiture Locale may enter only one (1) candidate for each of the four awards. Likewise, Grande Voitures may enter one candidate for each of the four awards. All nominations to Nationale must come through the Grande Voiture and must be accompanied by a Participation Reporting Form from the Grande Voiture. A nomination without a Participation Reporting Form is considered incomplete and will not be judged.
2. All entries must be made on the form approved by Voiture Nationale. All nominations must be typewritten or legibly printed.
3. All documentation is to be attached to, or included with, the Official Nomination Form (page 18). Documentation includes, but is not limited to, a biography newspaper clippings, radio/TV transcripts, magazine articles, letters of commendation, etc. It is suggested, but not required, that two color photos (one 8 x 10 and one 3 x 5) accompany the nomination. In any event, photos will be required within a few days of the individual's selection as a Nationale winner. These are for the article in the *Forty and Eighter* magazine.
4. All candidates must live or be involved in the jurisdiction of the Grande Voiture.
5. All Grande Voiture nomination "packets" must be received by the appropriate National Sous Directeur of Special Awards judge by July 1st. "Packets" received late cannot be judged as there is no time to spare to get everything done for the *Forty and Eighter* Magazine deadline and Promenade Nationale.





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## Participation Reporting Form—2009

### LOCALE REPORT

Date of report: \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Grande \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted Candidates to Grande:

- \* Hero of the Year    \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- \* Law Officer of the Year    \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- \* Voyageur of the Year    \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- \* City or Town of the Year    \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Homme Hours \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 equals \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Miles Traveled \_\_\_\_\_ x \$0.50 equals \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Actual Cash Expended \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ hours + \$ miles + \$ actual cash) = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Person responsible for submitting report \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Locale Correspondant \_\_\_\_\_.

Voiture Locale: X "box", complete all above and send to Grand Directeur Special Awards or Grand Correspondant by June 1st each year. If sending in a Candidate attach to Nomination Report.

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Grande Voiture: X "box" below and complete all below. A copy of the below report must accompany all nominations for Special Awards, as shown on the Official Nomination Form.

### GRANDE REPORT

Date of Report \_\_\_\_\_ (Deadline is July 1st) Grande Submitting Report \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted Candidate for Hero of the Year to Nationale \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Candidate's Name, Address, and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted Candidate for Law Officer of the Year to Nationale \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Candidate's Name, Address and phone \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted Candidate for Voyageur of the Year to Nationale \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Candidate's Name, and Address and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted Candidate for City/Town of the Year to Nationale \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

City or Town Name \_\_\_\_\_

Membership of Grande \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Locales in Grande \_\_\_\_\_ (A)

Number of Locales Reporting \_\_\_\_\_ (B) Percentage of Participation(B divided by A) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Locales submitting a Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Homme Hours \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Miles \_\_\_\_\_ X \$0.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Actual Cash Expended \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$Hours + \$Miles + \$Actual Cash)= Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address and phone # and title of Grande Officer Submitting Report \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Grand Correspondant \_\_\_\_\_



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## **Nominations Guidelines—2009**

### **Guidelines for Hero of the Year**

The Hero of the Year award was adopted by La Societe during 1991. The purpose of the award is to recognize and pay tribute to a person whom, without hesitation or regard for their own safety, did demonstrate an unselfish desire to aid others. By recognizing and respecting those who perform a heroic deed, we familiarize our community, state and nation with the programs of the 40 et 8.

In every Voiture's community or state there are individuals worthy of becoming a candidate for the Hero of the Year Award. Don't wait for another Voyageur to sponsor a candidate, for it may be too late and never happen.

1. A Grande Voiture may submit a candidate only once for a specific heroic deed.
2. The candidate need not be a veteran to be eligible. The candidate, however, must be living and over the age of 18.
3. The candidate's "packet" must be received on or before July 1st by Sous Directeur Nationale Special Awards  
Wally Hammond, 490 W. Pine St., Canton, IL 61520

### **Guidelines for Voyageur of the Year**

The Voyageur of the Year was adopted by La Societe during 2001. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor Voyageurs who have performed outstanding service to La Societe. Each Voiture Locale should honor a Voyageur each year at one of their main Promenades. Our Voyageurs doing service for La Societe deserve to be recognized. This service can be for something done for a particular program (Nurses Training, Child Welfare, Americanism or any of our named programs or for La Societe in general (attending functions, setting examples and/or creating an atmosphere of camaraderie that will create a desire for one to be or become a Voyageur Militaire). There are many Voyageurs among us worthy of this honor and should be recognized at all levels-Locale, Grande and Nationale.

1. A Grande Voiture may submit the same candidate only once in three years.
2. A previous winner of the Nationale award cannot be further submitted.
3. A candidate may live anywhere. His membership must be within the Grande Voiture submitting the candidate.
4. It is not a requirement to hold or have held an office in La Societe, but must be living voyageur in good standing.
5. The candidate's "packet" must be received on or before July 1st by Sous Directeur National Special Awards judge,  
Rick R. Beasley, 2696 Chancellor Way, Duluth, GA 30096

### **Guidelines for Law Officer of the Year**

The Law officer of the Year award has been in existence for some time and has been well received by the Membership. The purpose of this award is to recognize and pay tribute to a Law Enforcement Officer who has done an outstanding job of performing his or her duties at the level of his employment, both past and present.

Candidates for this award may be obtained by seeking recommendations from the agency chief executive (Superintendent, Sheriff, Chief, etc.) or directly by the Voiture Locale. The rules for selection are as follows:

1. A Grande Voiture may submit the same candidate only once.
2. At the time of entry, the candidate shall be a living, full-time Law Enforcement Officer (Local, County, State, Federal, Military, etc.). The candidate must reside within and/or perform his duties within your Grande Voiture, but not necessarily within the jurisdiction of the submitting Voiture Locale.
3. The candidate need not be a veteran to be eligible for this award.
4. It is not a prerequisite, although a favorable attribute, for any candidate to have accomplished an extraordinary feat to be eligible. It is the intent of the Program to recognize the Law Enforcement Officer who has performed their duties in an outstanding manner for a number of years, as well as their off-duty contributions to the community, state and nation.
5. The candidate's "packet" must be received on or before July 1st by Sous Directeur National Special Awards judge,  
Lonnie Haynes, 2388 Baseline Rd., Leslie, MI 49251

### **Guidelines for City or Town of the Year**

The City or Town of the Year was adopted by La Societe during 2001. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor a City or Town which has and/or is doing something significant for veterans in that City or Town. There are many cities and towns that meet this requirement. These cities and towns should be recognized and given publicity at all levels-Locale, Grande and Nationale. This recognition, hopefully, will encourage other cities and towns to do more for Veterans. The rules for selection are as follows:

1. A Grande Voiture may submit the same candidate only once in three years.
2. A previous winner of the Nationale Award cannot be further submitted.
3. The City or Town should be within the jurisdiction of the Grande Voiture.
4. The candidate's "packet" must be received on or before July 1st by Sous National Directeur Special Awards judge, Carl E. Asher, Jr., 276 N. El Camino Real #19, Oceanside, CA 92058-1728