



The FORTY & EIGHT

The Society of 40 Men and 8 Horses

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

is an independent, by invitation, honor organization of the United States Veterans, more commonly known as the **Forty & Eight**.

The Forty & Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is to uphold and defend the United States Constitution, to promote the well-being of veterans along with their widows and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include programs that promote child welfare and nurse's training.

The title and symbols of the Forty & Eight reflect its First World War origins. Americans were transported to the battle fronts on French trains within boxcars stenciled with a "40/8" denoting its capacity to hold either forty men or eight horses. This uncomfortable mode of transportation was familiar to all who fought in the trenches; a common small misery among American soldiers who thereafter found "40/8" a lighthearted symbol of the deeper service, sacrifice and unspoken horrors of war that bind all who have borne the battle.

The Forty & Eight was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France. Originally an arm of the American legion, the Forty & Eight became an independent and separately incorporated veteran's organization in 1960. Membership is by invitation of honorable discharged veterans and honorable serving members of the United States Armed Forces.

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