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## Racing to Preserve Our Eight and Forty Story - Nationale L'Archiviste February Bulletin

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Partners,

I hope you are doing well and trying to stay warm! Our 8&40 race is on and I wanted to check- in to see how you are doing.



Can you believe that it is already February! January we waved the green flag for another year, I hope your holidays gave you time to refuel with family and friends. Now buckle in and get rolling on one of our most important races—preserving our Eight and Forty history.

History doesn't record itself. If we don't log the miles, the moments are lost to time. Every Departmental and Petit Salon has a story worth finishing strong.

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### **Pre-Race Checklist: Getting Your History Book Started**

If you haven't started your History Book yet, don't worry—you can still get a solid start right out of the pit lane. Required opening sections include:

Introductory Page (Department name, number, and location)

Prayer of your choice

Pledge of Allegiance

Star-Spangled Banner

Flanders Fields

American Answer

Chapeau Response

List of Departmental or Petit Salon Officers and Chairmen

Completing these pages now puts you comfortably ahead of the pack and sets the pace for the rest of the year.



### **Logging the Miles: How History Is Made**

Keeping a history of your Departmental or Petit Salon is like maintaining a race log.

Record activities and programs

Capture contributions and community impact

Note milestones, challenges, and victories

Whether you write monthly or after each event, every entry matters. Small details today become meaningful memories tomorrow.

### **Partners I need for you to pull in for a pit stop and complete some paperwork**

Thank you to those members who have sent me your Personal Histoire. If you haven't my **ASK** for you this month is to please complete, mention at your next meeting and encourage another partner to complete. Please forward to my email address at [lhoyland277@gmail.com](mailto:lhoyland277@gmail.com)



### **A Few History Facts about February:**

1. February is the second month of the Gregorian calendar and is the year's shortest month.
2. Amethyst is the birthstone for February
3. National Black History Month is held in February
4. Aquarius and Pisces are the zodiac signs for February
5. February is the hottest month of the year in the Southern Hemisphere
6. February is a significant month for U.S. statehood, as several states were admitted to the Union during this month, including:
  - Massachusetts: Became the 6th state on February 6, 1788.
  - Maine: Became the 23rd state on February 15, 1820.
  - Oregon: Became the 33rd state on February 14, 1859.
  - Arizona: Became the 48th state on February 14, 1912.
  - Oklahoma: Became the 46th state on November 16th, 1907, and was officially admitted to the Union on November 16, which is sometimes considered the "Oklahoma Day."

Have a wonderful month.

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