

MACOMB NAMED ILLINOIS CITY OF THE YEAR BY La SOCIETE 40et8



Lois Bigham, Macomb Mayor Mike Inman and 5th District Grand Cheminot Ray Iversen with the Grand Voiture du Illinois (40 et 8) City of the Year Award.

MACOMB, IL – Because of the commitment of the Macomb community to veterans, Macomb was recently selected as the "City of the Year" in a statewide competition sponsored by the Grand Voiture du Illinois (40 et 8). Macomb Mayor Mike Inman recently accepted the honor at the statewide meeting in Mt. Vernon (IL).

Voiture Locale No. 913 of Macomb nominated the City of Macomb for the competition based on the city's service and activities in 2010 for veterans and their families. Voiture Locale No. 913 Chef de Gare Bill Francis, assisted by member Terry Bigham and his wife, Lois, compiled a scrapbook containing numerous photographs, newspaper clippings, and recommendation letters from then-Mayor Mick Wisslead and Francis.

Such events and activities included in the nomination material included Macomb's Veterans Day and Memorial Day observances; participation in military funerals; the Flags for 1st Graders program; flag retirement ceremonies; Flags of Love; and a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the WWII Honor Flight.

"It is a great honor to have Macomb selected as the statewide City of the Year by the Grand Voiture du Illinois," said Macomb Mayor Mike Inman. "I am so proud of this community's commitment and dedication to our veterans and active military personnel. I greatly appreciate that Voiture Locale No. 913 nominated our city."

The scrapbook will be entered into the National City of the Year Award, which will be given at the national convention in Vancouver (WA) in October. The state City of the Year plaque, certificate and scrapbook will be on display at Macomb City Hall, following the national convention.