



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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## BRANCH MEETING December 16, 2020

At 1905 President Keith Kaider convened an informal meeting with 5 members present including PRPEC Randy Phillipp, Jr. Past President Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Ralph Freibert and Shipmate Mark Allen. We held our meeting via Zoom and Dial-in only due to increase of COVID-19 cases in the area.

The meeting started with discussion and approval of the November Minutes. Shipmate Kaider made a motion to approve, Shipmate Phillipp seconded and all approved.

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that there was nothing new to report.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that he sent sympathy cards to the families of Shipmate PNP Mark Kilgore (Br. 22) and Shipmate John Fosen III (President, Br. 93). He also sent a sympathy card to Shipmate NC Paul Gunther for his uncle's passing. Our Deepest Sympathies go out to these families.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther was not present, but stated that he received 12 Americanism Essays for this year's Essay Contest. These will need to be reviewed and graded to select Branch winner's for submission to the East Coast Region A&P Committee.

Shipmate Kaider reported that as of December we have 81 members, five for renewal and one that terminated.

Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony, due to the increase of COVID-19 cases this year's ceremony was cancelled. It was reported by Shipmate Phillipp that the American Legion Post 86 had a small service that included the reading of the Arizona, a laying of a wreath and taps.

Shipmate Rauch went over the November Financial Statement and supporting reports and he made a motion to accept his report pending audit next time we meet in person, Shipmate Allen seconded and all approved. Shipmate Phillipp reported that he prepared his findings for the 2019-20 audit of the Treasurer Reports he conducted, but the report was at the Post, which is now closed because of the new COVID-19 restrictions. He will send when the Post re-opens.

Shipmate Rauch reported that he did not receive a December FRA Membership Newsletter and there was no new correspondence on the National Mailing List. Other correspondence received were three emails, two from Shipmate RSEC Paula Falu. The first email was forwarded from the FRA Communications & Marketing Director, Bill Stevenson asking for branches to send photos to be published in the FRAToday Shipmate News section. The second email was notifying us of Shipmate John Fosen III, Branch 93 President, call to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on November 25, 2020. Per John's wishes, Branch 93 will hold a memorial service for him in May 2021. The third email was from a past Branch Shipmates' son, his father purchased 10 shares of Triangle 182, Inc share in 1977 at \$2/share. This was a surprise to us and didn't realize the Inc sold shares up to 1978, which at that time it was voted on to disband the shares and allow all Branch and Unit members to be voting members of Triangle 182, Inc.

Old Business. Shipmate Rauch reported the status of membership pins and certificates that were sent out for Shipmate's that had a Anniversary ending in an 0 or 5 since July 1, 2020.

New Business, reminder of next CLC meeting will be January 23, 2021 at the home of Branch/Unit 24 (tentatively). Shipmate Phillipp also mentioned the Post will be closed until further notice due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1932 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved.

**Happy Holidays to all Shipmates and their Families!**

### Important Dates for January 2021

- 01 Jan ~ Happy New Year!
- 18 Jan ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 20 Jan ~ Branch Meeting @ 1900 via Zoom and Dial-in only  
Zoom: URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/74199719408>  
Meeting ID: 741 9971 9408  
Dial-In: 1-301-715-8592 or 1-253-215-8782  
Meeting ID: 741 9971 9408 Password: 570814
- 23 Jan ~ Central Liaison Committee Meeting (See Back)



### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of December 2020				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
81	5	0	1	0

You can renew at [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) or please contact our Branch Secretary for more information.

**Recruitment/Reinstatement:** See [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) or Branch Secretary for more details on incentive programs.

**Attendance:** See above for Branch Meeting Date, Time, Location

### Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance



#### Words from Branch President Keith Kaider:

December 7, 2020 marked the 79th Anniversary of the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor. We remember this event that changed America's destiny. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor tested the resolve of Americans like never before. On this infamous day, more than 3,500 were left dead or wounded, 21 ships were sunk or damaged and more than 340 aircraft were damaged or destroyed. Although it was a day of enormous tragedy, it was also a day that served to reignite our national pride and our great American spirit. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's speech to congress on December 8th has become among the most iconic speeches in American history. We all remember his words "...a date which will live in infamy" and his prophecy, "No matter how long it may take us to overcome the premeditated invasion, the American people, in their righteous might, will win through to absolute victory.... With the unbounding determination of our people - we will gain the inevitable triumph - so help us God." The attack awoke a sleeping giant, and with it, produced what has been called the "Greatest Generation". America was strengthened by its enduring value of freedom, dedication and service. The long odds that we faced during the dark days that followed the attack on Pearl Harbor served to fuel the indomitable spirit of our nation and carry us through to the ultimate victory against the axis powers.

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PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

For nearly 60 years, the lessons of Pearl Harbor kept our nation safe and secure, but we learned on September 11, 2001, and we are reminded almost daily that there are those who would destroy our institutions of freedom, so we must never let our guard down. We are not exempt from danger.

We therefore, continue to ask our young men and women to risk their lives, so that we may continue to enjoy this abundant freedom. And, not surprisingly, our countrymen and women continue to answer this request and serve us with honor, pride and sacrifice.

We will never forget the events of December 7, 1941. But more importantly, we will always remember and honor the thousands of service members who died during that terrible ambush and in the years of war that followed. Their contributions, their sacrifice, their steadfast devotion to duty, God, Country and their families inspire us to emulate their diligence and perseverance.

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Two Bell Ceremony in remembrance of those Shipmates that have received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

Shipmate PNP Mark Kilgore  
Shipmate John Fosen III

Please remember our troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.



### Upcoming Meetings/Events

#### Central Liaison Committee

January 23, 2021 2:00 PM at Branch 24  
100 Compromise St, Annapolis, MD 21401

#### 2021 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting

March 26-27, 2021  
Holiday Inn Richmond South  
4303 Commerce Road, Richmond, VA 23234

### MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since November 2020

#### Renewed Members

John Abraham  
Joe Beidle  
Norman Clark

#### New Branch Members

None

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

### Branch and Unit Christmas Past

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and increase of cases the Annual Branch and Unit Christmas Party was cancelled.

We like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Below are some pictures of Past Branch and Unit parties.



2016



2017



2018

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jack Ensminger	9th	Robert Hebron	14th
Michael Rowsey	9th	John Rash	14th
John Wood	9th	Donald Bambeck	29th
Duane Robertson	12th	Charles Martinez	29th
Mark Allen	13th	Kirk Young	31st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

### JANUARY FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Samuel Webb	60yrs	Rolando Santos	35yrs
Norman Clark	47yrs	Thomas Williams	9yrs
James Crytzer	36yrs	John Leben	6yrs
		Charles Martinez	1yr

Thank you for your support, Shipmates



### ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER



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As of this printing, 58 of 81 Branch members and 13 of 33 Unit members have agreed to receive their newsletter by email.

If you are receiving this newsletter by snail mail and could get it by email, PLEASE send Shipmate Rauch your email address.

Getting the newsletter by email is faster delivery and gives you the COLOR version!

THANK YOU, Shipmates and Ladies.

## FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



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Due to COVID-19, we again did not have a formal meeting. However, we did vote to donate monetarily to the Fisher House at the WRNMMC, instead of our annual donation of supplies. Also, we donated to the Toys For Tots through Branch 182 member, National Chaplain Paul Gunther.

Hopefully, we will resume our regular meetings in the near future.

Until then, have a very

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

May 2021 be a much better year!

Respectfully,  
Susan Kaider



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Delorice Kessinger 23rd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Sharon Trubilla 34yrs  
Aida Littlejohn 22yrs

Thank you for your support, Ladies