



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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### Important Dates for April 2021

- 01 Apr ~ Chief Petty Officer Grade Established (1893)
- 02 Apr ~ Good Friday
- 04 Apr ~ Passover Ends at Sunset
- 04 Apr ~ Happy Easter!
- 15 Apr ~ Income Tax Deadline (Extended to May 17, 2021)
- 17 Apr ~ Central Liaison Committee (See details on back)
- 19 Apr ~ Patriot's Day
- 21 Apr ~ Branch Meeting @ 1900, American Legion Post 86, 2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD and via Zoom/Dial-in  
Zoom: URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/74199719408>  
Meeting ID: 741 9971 9408  
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### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder



Retention:

Membership As of March 2021				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
78	6	1	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 left for Branch Meeting Date, Time, Location

### BRANCH MEETING March 17, 2021



At 1930 President Keith Kaider convened an informal meeting with 6 members present including NC Paul Gunther, PRPEC Randy Phillipp, Jr. Past President Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Ralph Freibert and Shipmate Mark Allen (Zoom). The meeting was held at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom/Dial-in.

The meeting started with discussion and approval of the February Minutes. Shipmate Gunther made a motion to approve, Shipmate Freibert seconded and all approved.

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that he was waiting to hear back from Gaithersburg High School NJROTC Commander Captain Kelly to receive the names of this year's FRA NJROTC awardees.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that he did not hear of any of our Shipmates in the hospital and there was no cards sent to any of our Shipmates in the last month.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that he will be contacting our Branch winners to see if they will be able to attend our next/future meeting to be presented their awards and gift certificates.

Shipmate Kaider reported that as of March we have 78 members, with six for renewal and one past due.

Shipmate Rauch went over the February Financial Statement and supporting reports and he made a motion to accept his report, Shipmate Gunther seconded and all approved. Shipmate Rauch also went over the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget and will make a motion next meeting for approval. Audits for the October 2020 thru February 2021 Financial Statements were conducted by the Audit Committee and also received the 2019-2020 Audit report from Shipmate Phillipp.

Shipmate Rauch received or downloaded from the National Mailing List (NML) the following correspondence: March FRA Membership Newsletter, ECR 2nd Quarter Newsletter, and National Convention 1st Newsletter. These newsletters will be distribute with those members with e-mail addresses. Also downloaded from the NML a revised National 2020-21 Officers and Committees Roster and received an email from RPEC Brian Jones with notification of the Pilgrimage date change to be held now on June 30, 2021.

Old Business, 1) Shipmate Kaider reported that the Annual Washington Football Team raffle tickets have been sent to all Shipmates and Ladies. Please see back of newsletter for details. 2) Shipmate Kaider also reported that all arrangements have been made for Shipmate Robertson and Marguerite's Ritual Ceremony that will be held March 20, 2021 @ 1300. 3) Reminder that the 2021 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting will be held via Zoom scheduled for March 27, 2021.

New Business, Nominations for Branch Officers (President and four Directors) to be held in March and April with nominees to be elected in May and installed in June. It was discuss to keep the current Branch officers for 2021-22, will finalize nominations next meeting.

Good of the Order was held and then at 2035 a motion was made by Shipmate Allen to adjourn the meeting, Shipmate Phillipp seconded and all approved. The April meeting will be held in-person at the American Legion Post 86 and also available on Zoom as well.



### In Memory of Marguerite and Duane Robertson

On Saturday, March 20, 2021, Triangle Branch and Unit 182 held a Memorial Service at American Legion Post 86 for Marguerite and Robbie. The service started with the draping the Branch colors and the Branch and Unit Charters. Followed by the Two Bell



Ceremony conducted by Branch Chaplain Shipmate Paul Gunther and Bell Toller Shipmate Mark Allen. Then the Unit conducted the LAFRA Memorial Ritual for Marguerite with Helen Trimmer, Susan Kaider, Sandy Long, Anne Dobbs, Dolores Manley, Brenda Loe, Demetra Swarr, and Gloria Bastian present. Next the Branch conducted the FRA Funeral Ritual for Shipmate Robbie with Shipmates Keith Kaider, Randy Phillipp, Thomas Rauch, Paul Gunther, Mark Allen and Ralph Freibert present. Taps was then played and then all attendees paraded pass pictures of Marguerite and Robbie to bid their farewells. Also, in attendance was their Daughter, Sandy Long; Son, Gary Robertson; and Caretakers, Julie and Bela.



Unit Ladies with Sandy and Gary.



Branch Shipmates with Sandy and Gary.

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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.



Please remember our troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.

### 2021 WFT Raffle Fundraiser

**WASHINGTON**  
FOOTBALL TEAM, EST. 1932

### 3 CHANCES TO WIN!

#### Grand Prize:

Winner may choose Season Tickets or \$1000 Cash  
**SEASON TICKET SEATS**  
**FEDEX FIELD, SECTION 135, ROW 1, SEATS 6&7**

**2nd & 3rd Prizes: \$500 Cash each**

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20 (only 2000 tickets printed)

Drawing to be held on July 24, 2021

Winner need not to present and will be notified by phone.

### Raffle Ticket Status

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If you did not receive a letter with raffle tickets, but would like to participate in our fundraiser, purchase more tickets or help in selling tickets please contact Shipmate President Keith Kaider (dkeith@comcast.net). Your help in selling and purchasing tickets is greatly appreciated!

Thank you, Shipmates for your support.

Thank you ladies of Unit 182 for purchasing and help selling raffle tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Ladies.

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

#### Central Liaison Committee

April 17, 2021 2:00 PM via Zoom

#### Annual LAFRA Arlington National Cemetery Pilgrimage

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Westin Hotel (Old Town Alexandria)  
400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA

Room rate is \$149.00 plus tax + plus parking fee of \$18./day  
703-253-8600

#### Central Liaison Committee

July 17, 2021 2:00 PM Location (TBD)

#### 2021 East Coast Region Convention Business Meeting

July 24, 2021 via Zoom

### MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since February 2021

#### Renewed Members

Michael Rowsey  
James Carnahan  
Ken Wray  
Danny Snare

#### New Branch Members

None

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Arthur Ippolito	8th	Danny Snare	14th
John Sasso	13th	William Busico	16th
		Robert Shanley	24th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

### APRIL FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Danny Snare	49yrs	David Murphy	35yrs
Clem Beck	47yrs	Ken Wray	33yrs
John Sasso	46yrs	William Kaczor, Jr	10yrs
James Carnahan	44yrs	Samuel Tom	4yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Delorice Kessinger	53yrs
Lois Custead	24yrs
Susan Kaider	11yrs
Allison Gosnell	11yrs
Mildred Murphy	11yrs
Carmen Serfes	10yrs
Nesha Stone	5yrs

Thank you for your support, Ladies

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Trimmer 29th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES

## FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



LAFRA-03-18-2021

On March 18, we finally were able to hold a regular meeting! We had seven members in attendance.

For Americanism, Dolores read "The Flag" and Anne showed us a video entitled "Old Glory".

We voted to donate to the LAFRA President's "Special Operations Warrior Foundation" Project.

On Saturday, March 20, we had a joint Memorial Service with the Branch for long time members, Marguerite and PRPEC Duane (Robbie) Robertson. We were so glad their daughter, Sandy, and their son, Gary, were able to attend.

Our next meeting will be April 15, 11:00 A.M., at VFW Post 3285, in Frederick, Md. at which time, we will hold nominations for 2021-2022. Please join us.

Respectfully,  
Susan Kaider



LAFRA Memorial Ritual for Marguerite.



Unit Ladies (left-to-right): Anne, Sandy, Gloria, Dee, Helen, Susan, Brenda, and Dolores.



Funeral Ritual Altar For Marguerite and S/M Robbie.