



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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### Important Dates for August 2018

04 Aug ~ U.S. Coast Guard Birthday - 228 Years!  
15 Aug ~ Branch Meeting @ 1930 following BoD Meeting  
2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD

### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

#### Retention:

Membership As of July 2018				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
101	2	0	3	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

## BRANCH MEETING July 18, 2018

At 1910 President Rauch convened an informal meeting with 4 members present including PRPEC Paul Gunther, PRSEC Keith Kaider and RVPEC Randy Phillipp. We also had Shipmate Ralph Freibert in attendance who will be transferring to our branch, he is currently a Member-at-Large (MAL). Welcome Aboard S/M Freibert!

President Rauch submitted appointment letters to the branch secretary for the following branch positions and committees for the period starting July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019:

Secretary - PRPEC Gunther  
Treasurer - PRPEC Gunther  
Chaplain - PRPEC Gunther  
Master-at-Arms - Jr. Past President Keith Kaider

#### Chairman of Standing Committees

American & Patriotism - PRPEC Gunther  
Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation - RVPEC Phillipp  
Public Relations - PRPEC Gunther  
Youth Activities - Jr. Past President Keith Kaider  
Membership & Retention - President Rauch  
Audit Committee Chairman - Jr. Past President Keith Kaider  
Audit Committee Trustee - RVPEC Phillipp

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony preparations are underway and we are looking at various locations to hold the ceremony to include Gaithersburg High School or at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda. We will not be able hold the ceremony at the American Legion this year. More information to come.

PRPEC Gunther stated that he did not receive the resolutions for the FRA National Convention as of this meeting.

We received an e-mail from the CLC Chairman (RVPEC Phillipp) asking for a branch to host the July 2019 CLC meeting. We discuss and came to a decision that we could host the meeting.

Reminder that we will hold our raffle drawing at the CLC meeting on July 28, 2018 at Branch 93.

RVPEC Phillipp, Audit Committee Trustee, also reviewed and approved the May & June Financial Statements.

No other business was conducted and at 1945 President Rauch adjourned the meeting.

## 74th FRA and FRA Auxiliary 2018 East Coast Regional Convention (ECRC)

This year's ECRC was held in Solomons Island, MD at the Holiday Inn Solomons Conference Center & Marina and hosted by the Central Liaison Committee of the East Coast Region. Our Branch delegates President Rauch, PRPEC Gunther, PRSEC Kaider and RVPEC Phillipp were all in attendance.

The ECRC started with the Opening Ceremonies on Friday, July 20, 2018 at 1300. The ECRC was officially called to order by Shipmate Brian Jones FRA Chairman and Cindy Jones LAFRA Co-Chairman. The Guest Speakers were Calvert County Commissioner Tom Hejl and Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, Secretary Hon. George Owings, III. The LAFRA conducted a Memorial Service and the FRA conducted the Two Bell Ceremony to honor past Auxiliary members/Shipmates. Afterwards the Gavel was presented to LAFRA ECRP Shirley Vatter and FRA ECRP Paul Phelps, respectively. The meeting was called to recess until 0900 July 21, 2018.

Later that night there was a Welcome Aboard Party that include a "Talent/No Talent" contest.

On Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 0900 the FRA Business Session was called to order. With 25 out of 29 branches registered, 53 delegates registered and a voting strength of 273. Reports of the Regional Officers, President Paul Phelps, Vice President Randy Phillipp, Secretary Paula Falu, and Treasurer Venetta Charles were read. The State and National Legislative Representatives from MD, NC and National Headquarters reported on Veteran programs and laws that pertained to their state or the Nation as a whole. (Note: DE and DC had no report)

Next on the agenda was the Reports of the Standing Committees. This is where the results of the regional branches' submissions for the various committees were revealed. Our branch placed 3rd for Hospitals, Welfare, Rehabilitation and 2nd for Youth Activities in Group 4. For a full listing of the results please see the back of this newsletter.

There was no Bylaws & Rules resolutions submitted.

Next the Budget & Finance Chairman Paul Gunther read and went over the 2017-2018 Budget and 2018-2019 Budget Recommendations.

The Time & Place committee reported that Branch 99 will host the 2019 Mid-Year Meeting on February 15-16, 2019 in Richmond and Branch 301 (Greenville, NC) will host the 2019 ECRC. The 2020 Mid-Year Meeting will be hosted by Branch 181 and no branch has volunteered to host the 2020 ECRC as of this convention.

New business consisted of reports from the 2018 Mid-Year and Regional Convention committees and discussions on the 2019 Mid-Year/Regional Convention. The next item was the 2018-2019 Elections of Regional Officers. The following officers were elected:

RPEC - S/M Randy Phillipp, Branch 182  
RVPEC - S/M Sha'ron D Martin, Branch 166

Congratulations S/M Phillipp on your election to RPEC!

National President William Starkey installed S/M Martin as RVPEC. Good of the order was then held and business was adjourned by ECRP Phelps at 1400.

That night a banquet was held and S/M Phillipp was installed by PRPEC Paul Gunther in a mock installation. Cristina Dixon was also installed as LAFRA RPEC by LAFRA RPEC Shirley Vatter. S/M Phillipp and Cristina Dixon will be officially installed at the National Convention in September. The night continued with dinner, live entertainment and dancing. Overall another great Convention!!!



PRPEC Gunther, RPEC (elect) Phillipp and LAFRA PRPEC Aida Littlejohn.

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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.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

**2018 FRA/LAFRA NATIONAL CONVENTION**

September 23-30, 2018  
Omni San Antonio Hotel  
9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78230  
Reservations: 1-210-691-8888

**Central Liaison Committee**

October 27, 2018 2:00 PM at Branch 67  
5006 Suitland Rd., Suitland, MD

**AUGUST FRA ANNIVERSARIES**

Gerald Mouer 38yrs  
Carlton Thigpen, Jr 36yrs  
D. Keith Kaider 24yrs  
Wesley Stokes, Jr 20yrs  
Helene Delizo 17yrs

**Thank you for your support, Shipmates**

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Carlton Thigpen, Jr 2nd  
Fred Williams 4th  
John Koval 9th  
Felix Stewart 12th  
Thomas Rauch 14th  
Wesley Stokes, Jr 20th  
James Casper 31st

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES**

**2018 Redskins Raffle Winners!**



The drawing for the Redskins Season Ticket raffle was conducted following the Central Liaison Committee meeting on July 28th at Branch 93 in Lexington Park. The winning tickets drawn are as follows:

- 1st \$500 Prize:** Ken Burton (Raffle Ticket #01619)  
Sold by Marine Corps League.
- 2nd \$500 Prize:** Shipmate Thomas Rauch (Raffle Ticket #01865)  
Sold by Triangle Branch 182.
- Grand Prize:** Shipmate Richard Zerbe (Raffle Ticket #00198)  
Sold by Triangle Branch 182.

Shipmate Richard Zerbe elected to take the \$1000 cash option vice the Redskins Season Tickets. This means that we will be selling the Preseason and Regular season games listed below. If you are interested in buying the whole season or separate games please contact S/M Kaider or S/M Rauch by Sunday, August 12, 2018. If more than one person wants a specific game we will have a drawing at the August meeting to decide who receives the tickets.

**FedEx Field, Section 135, Row 1, Seats 6&7**

- Preseason:  
Thu, Aug 16 vs New York Jets 8:00 PM  
Fri, Aug 24 vs Denver 7:30 PM
- Regular Season:  
Sun, Sept 16 vs Indianapolis 1:00 PM  
Sun, Sept 23 vs Green Bay 1:00 PM  
Sun, Oct 14 vs Carolina 1:00 PM  
Sun, Oct 21 vs Dallas 4:25 PM  
Sun, Nov 4 vs Atlanta 1:00 PM  
Sun, Nov 18 vs Houston 1:00 PM  
Sun, Dec 9 vs New York Giants 1:00 PM  
Sun, Dec 30 vs Philadelphia 1:00 PM

Overall raffle fundraiser results will be posted in the August newsletter.

**Thank you, Shipmates and Ladies**

**Reports of the Standing Committees**

\*\*The standing committees determined 1st, 2nd, and 3rd by the submissions received by each branch for the specific activity listed below. Group is determined by the size of the branch.\*\*

Americanism/Patriotism				Hospitals, Welfare, Rehabilitation			
Group	1st	2nd	3rd	Group	1st	2nd	3rd
1	24	None	None	1	24	None	None
2	166	99	None	2	166	99	None
3	40	181	67	3	181	40	None
4	4	293	172	4	141	172	182
5	37	123	219	5	257	219	None
Public Relations				Youth Activities			
Group	1st	2nd	3rd	Group	1st	2nd	3rd
1	24	None	None	1	24	None	None
2	166	99	None	2	166	99	None
3	None	None	None	3	40	181	208
4	4	172	293	4	293	182	None
5	37	259	6	5	37	None	None
Membership & Retention							
Group	1st	2nd	3rd				
1	24	None	None				
2	None	None	None				
3	181	None	None				
4	None	None	None				
5	123	301	None				



**CLC Meeting July 28, 2018**

Just a couple of quick take a ways from this CLC meeting:

- Bylaw change for hosting branch to receive \$125 vice \$100 for hosting.
- Branch 182 will host the July 2019 CLC meeting.
- Congratulations to S/M Brian Jones (Br 93), Chairman; S/M Brain Condon (Br 181), Co-Chair; S/M Thomas Rauch (Br 182), Secretary; and LAFRA PRPEC Karen Brobst, Treasurer on their election/installation.
- Redskins Raffle Winners were drawn. ( See above )

**FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182**

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The July meeting was cancelled due to the East Coast Regional Convention. Reminder that the next meeting will be August 16, 2018 at VFW Post 3285 in Frederick, Md. at 11:00A.M.

**ECRC Unit Awards**

American/Patriotism: 1st Place  
Hospital: 2nd Place  
Publicity: 1st Place  
Unit Activities: 2nd Place  
Unit Report: 1st Place  
Welfare/Rehab: 1st Place  
Youth Activities: 1st Place



**Great Job Ladies!**

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Dolores Manley 13th  
Sandra Long 24th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES**

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Carolyn Self 25yrs  
Julie Gunther 13yrs  
Heather Hughes 13yrs

**Thank you for your support, Ladies**

**ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER**



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As of this printing, 57 of 101 Branch members and 10 of 29 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 S/M Rauch your email address (address on front).

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

**THANK YOU, Shipmates and Ladies.**



**American Legion Post 86 Annual Crabfeast**

Saturday, August 18, 2018 3 PM - 6:30 PM

Enjoy all you can eat Crabs, Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Corn on Cob, Coleslaw, Draft Beer and Soft Drinks.

\$45.00 Per Person (Kids 6-12 yrs. old \$15.00 each, Kids under 6 yrs. old Free)  
Pull Tabs, Craziess and 50/50 Raffle

Tickets Available at the bar or call Post 86 @ (301) 424-4486

