



Eight O'Clock Reports

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Important Dates for December 2019

- 07 Dec ~ Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (See Below)
- 18 Dec ~ Branch Meeting @ 1930 followed by Christmas Party!
2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD (See Back)
- 22 Dec ~ First Day of Winter
- 22 Dec ~ Hanukkah Begins at Sunset
- 24 Dec ~ Christmas Eve
- 25 Dec ~ Merry Christmas!
- 30 Dec ~ Hanukkah Ends at Sunset
- 31 Dec ~ New Year's Eve

BRANCH MEETING November 20, 2019

At 1910 President Rauch convened an informal meeting with 5 members including Jr. PRPEC Randy Phillipp, PRSEC Keith Kaider, S/M Ralph Freibert and S/M Mark Allen.

The meeting started with the Report of Committees. Shipmate Kaider spoke about the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day preparations. The request for Gaithersburg H.S. auditorium was approved, but they required insurance coverage, CPR certification, crowd control certification and the fee of \$480. With that said, we are going to have our ceremony at the American Legion Post 86. The Color Guard will be provided by the Gaithersburg H.S. NJROTC Color Guard. All the ceremony participants have been assigned amongst the branch members in attendance. More details are listed on the bottom right of this newsletter.

Shipmate Phillip sent out a Get Well Card to Shipmate Norm Clark.

The November Financial Statement will be submitted by the Treasurer next meeting as a combined statement with October & September.

Shipmate Rauch received correspondence from Christina Hitchcock, Director of Membership, which included the combined October-November FRA Membership Newsletter. Will distribute with those members with e-mail addresses.

Under new business, we discuss preparations for the Branch and Unit Christmas Party. The party will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 after our regular monthly meeting. Come on out and enjoy some cake and ice cream.

Just as a reminder RPEC Sha'ron Martin will also be visiting us at the December meeting. Please mark the date and come out to meet your Regional President and enjoy the party.

Shipmate Kaider brought up for discussion the possibility of purchasing a Commemorative Brick to be added at the "The National WWII Museum" in New Orleans. This would be a tribute to our Branch WWII Veterans and a great way to honor them. The cost of the Commemorative Brick is \$250, this will be voted on at the next meeting.



Below is a link to the National WWII Museum for more details:
<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/give/honor-your-hero>

Good of the Order was conducted and then at 2000 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved.

Happy Thanksgiving to all Shipmates and their Families!



Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder



Retention:

Membership As of November 2019				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
85	3	0	2	0

You can renew at www.fra.org or please contact our Branch Secretary for more information.

Recruitment/Reinstatement: See www.fra.org or Branch Secretary for more details on incentive programs.

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



On Monday, November 11, 2019, Triangle Branch 182 presented a wreath to honor and pay tribute to our Veterans during the Rockville Veterans Day Ceremony held at Rockville Veterans Park. Thank you to all Veterans and Active Duty members for your service!

After the ceremony American Legion Post 86 hosted an reception that Branch and Unit members attended.



Branch Shipmates Left-to-Right: Jr. PRPEC Randy Phillipp, S/M John Wooditch, Branch President Thomas Rauch and S/M Rob Hebron.



Branch Shipmate Mark Allen was also the keynote speaker at the Annapolis, MD Veterans Day ceremony and featured in the Capital Gazette Article, "On Veterans Day, Coast Guard master chief urges sincerity in thanking military members".

News Article Link:

<https://www.capitalgazette.com/maryland/annapolis/ac-cn-veterans-day-annapolis-20191111-20191111-5rnbngbumvgsjp6ja4mjxqe56q-story.html>



FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION TRIANGLE BRANCH 182



In cooperation with American Legion Post 86
Presents its 57th Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance
On the 78th Anniversary of the Japanese
Attack on Pearl Harbor
December 7, 2019
8:00 PM
American Legion Post 86
2013 Veirs Mill Road
Rockville, MD

Public is Invited

Branch and Unit Annual Christmas Party

You're invited to celebrate the Holidays with us at our annual Triangle Branch and Unit Christmas Party!

December 18, 2019
7:30 PM
American Legion Post 86
2013 Veirs Mill Road
Rockville, MD

Hope to see you there and Happy Holidays!



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.



TRICARE and FEDVIP Open Season

TRICARE Open Season:

- Prime and Select Enrollees may switch benefit plans during open season from November 11 through December 9, 2019. If you choose to do nothing, your plan will remain the same for the next year. Remember, you can only change between Prime and Select Plans during Open Season or with a Qualifying Life Event. Learn more by visiting tricare.mil/openseason2019.

FEDVIP Open Season:

- The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, or TRDP, ended on December 31, 2018. Eligible beneficiaries can enroll in FEDVIP for dental coverage during Open Season.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance

December 7, 2019 8:00 PM
American Legion Post 86
2013 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, MD

Central Liaison Committee

January 25, 2020 2:00 PM at Branch 24
100 Compromise St, Annapolis, MD 21401

2020 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting

February 14-15, 2020
Holiday Inn Richmond South
4303 Commerce Road, Richmond, VA 23234
Reservations 1-804-592-2900 Code: "FRA" \$109/night

Central Liaison Committee

April 25, 2020 2:00 PM at Branch 4
7500 Livingston Rd., Oxon Hill, MD



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

George Bailey	11th	Paul Davis, Jr	23rd
Ralph Freibert	15th	Paul Gunther	23rd
Thomas Weaver	18th	Phillip Case	30th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

DECEMBER FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Klein	54yrs	Jerry Iseminger	38yrs
Robert Shanley	47yrs	Harley Higgins	27yrs
Vernell Bishop, Jr	45yrs	George McGrew	16yrs
Thomas Rauch 12yrs			

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

Top 8 Cyber Security Tips for Christmas Online Shopping

1. DO NOT CLICK On Suspicious Links
2. Keep your Eye on New Vendors
3. Always Use Strong Passwords
4. Always Use Secured Websites
5. Avoid Using Debit Cards, Instead Use Credit Cards
6. Important Things to Remember While Shopping
 - * Always keep documentation of your online purchases.
 - * Log off from the retailer's website after making the purchase.
7. Do Not Provide Your Details to Every Website You Visit
8. Check Your Bank Statements Regularly

For more information or details go to the following link:
<https://thehackernews.com/2015/12/christmas-cyber-security-tips.html>

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

As of this printing, 59 of 85 Branch members and 12 of 34 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 President 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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On November 21, 2019, we met at the home of Unit Member Marguerite Robertson. Thank you for being our hostess. It was great having you once again in attendance.

After enjoying a great lunch, we held our meeting. We had ten members in attendance. For Americanism, Dolores read a poem entitled "The Flag". We discussed our joint Christmas gathering with the Branch scheduled for December 18, 7:30 P.M. at the American Legion in Rockville. Cake and ice cream will be served! Please join us!

Our next regular meeting will be held on January 16, 2020 at 11:00A.M. at the VFW Post 3285, Frederick, Md.

Remember the Branch's 57th Annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony on December 7, 8:00 P.M. at the American Legion in Rockville. Hope to see everyone.

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider



Back Row Left-to-Right: Dee Kessinger, Brenda Loe, Anne Dobbs, Dolores Manley, Helen Trimmer and Susan Kaider
Front Row Left-to-Right: Marguerite Robertson, Janet Clark, Gloria Bastian and Demetra Swarr

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dorothy Johnson	35yrs
Donna Marie Wooditch	3yrs

Thank you for your support, Ladies

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carmen Serfes	1st
Brenda Loe	10th
Aida Littlejohn	26th
Anne Dobbs	28th
Carolyn Self	31st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES