



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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## BRANCH MEETING August 21, 2024

At 1905 Jr. Past President Keith Kaider convened an informal meeting with 3 members present including RSEC Thomas Rauch, and Shipmate Valerie Mathews (Zoom). Also attending via Zoom was Regional President East Coast Robert Oliveira.

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

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Kaider reported that as of August we have 65 members with two for renewal and one past due.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther was not present.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Kaider asked if anyone knew of any Shipmates in the hospital. No one knew of anyone in the hospital. Shipmate Rauch reported that Shipmate PRPEC Donald Wendt (Br. 166) received orders to the Staff of the Supreme Commander on August 12, 2024.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that he will contact the Damascus High School Chorus Director to see if one or more of her students could participate in our Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony to sing the National Anthem and the other patriotic songs during the service. He also mentioned that he would contact the Gaithersburg High School NJROTC Commander once school starts to see if they could provide the color guard for the ceremony as well.

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch reported that he downloaded the following documents from the FRA Official Correspondence, received via mail, or received via email: 1) Memo ACK Letters NBR 30.24 thru 35.24. 2) NPSL 4-24\_FRA 2024 Convention Call Letter. 3) August FRA Officer Newsletter 2024. 4) East Coast Region Convention (ECRC) Newsletter #4. 5) Central Liaison Committee July Meeting Minutes received from the CLC Secretary. 6) National 2024 Convention Newsletter #4. Note: The ECRC Newsletter #4, CLC July Minutes, and Nat'l Convention Newsletter #4 were sent to the Branch/Unit Email Distro List. No other communications received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the July Financial Statement and supporting reports and Shipmate Kaider made a motion to accept the report that was audited by the Audit Committee Chairman Shipmate Kaider, Shipmate Mathews seconded and all approved.

Unfinished or Deferred Business. 1) Shipmate Kaider reported that only Commanders tickets that sold so far were the Cowboys and Cleveland games. All other games are still for sale on SeatGeek.com. The Annual Washington Commanders Raffle overall results are displayed to the right. 2) Shipmate Rauch reported that the National Convention Journal Ads and Booster Rolls are due by October 1, 2024 and he will be sending the Branch half page Journal Ad along with the other advertisements and/or boosters received by Shipmates after this meeting. He also mentioned that the National Convention Meals and Special Events forms are due by October 1 2024, which will up to the individual(s) attending to submit. Note: All forms for Journal Ads, Boosters, Meals, and Events are in the National Convention Newsletter #4 that was distributed via email. 3) Shipmate Rauch distributed the Resolutions for the ECRC for review and discussion, which are listed on the back of this newsletter with the Branch voting preferences. 4) Continued with the discussion for Triangle Branch 182's 70th Anniversary next year. More details will need to be discuss in upcoming meetings. No other Unfinished/Deferred Business.

New Business. 1) Reminder that the East Coast Region Convention is next month, and our delegates will be Shipmates PPREC Randy Phillipp, PNC Paul Gunther, RSEC Thomas Rauch, and Shipmate Michael Tovornik. No other new business.

### Important Dates for September 2024

- 02 Sep ~ Labor Day
- 11 Sep ~ United We Stand/Patriot Day
- 18 Sep ~ 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  
Dial-In: 1-301-715-8592 or 1-253-215-8782  
Meeting ID: 741 9971 9408
- 20 Sep ~ National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 22 Sep ~ First Day of Autumn

### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

#### Retention:

Membership As of August 2024				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
65	2	1	0	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



### 2024 Fundraiser Raffle Results



#### Raffle Ticket Status

- 780 of the 1000 raffle tickets printed were sold.
- 493 tickets were bought by Branch members.
- 42 tickets were bought by Unit members.
- 5 additional tickets were sold by Unit members.
- 240 tickets were sold by the Marine Corps League.

#### Financial Status

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\*Our remaining season tickets for Section 135, Row 1, Seats 6 & 7 have been listed on SeatGeek.com.

Under Good of the Order Shipmate RPEC Robert Oliveira mentioned about that there will be a VA claim event in Cary, NC on September 12-14, 2024. For more information this will be posted on the ECR website ([fra-ecregion.org](http://fra-ecregion.org)) under Events or you can contact our Branch Secretary. He then stated that Shipmate PRPEC Sha'ron Martin is setting up classes to be a VSO. If you are interested please contact our Branch Secretary as well. He also mentioned to keep Past Regional Presidents Ralph Holcombe and Darrel McKinley in your prayers as they are both in care. He hopes to see everyone at the Regional and/or the National Conventions.

Then at 1940 Shipmate Kaider motioned to adjourn the meeting, Shipmate Rauch seconded and all approved. Next meeting will be on September 18, 2024 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.

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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 PRPEC Donald Wendt

Please remember our troops who continue to serve at home and around the world.



### Branch Voting Preferences for the 80th East Coast Regional Convention

Resolution	Subject	Vote
RP-1	RPEC Robert Oliveira, Br 293	Yes
RVP-1	RVPEC Valerie Toulotte, Br 24	Yes
RT-1	RTEC Philip Stone, Br 40	Yes
ECR-1	Article 6, Section 618(d)	Informed
ECR-2	Article 9, Section 903	Informed
ECR-3	Article 9, Section 902(a)	Informed
ECR-4	Article 9, Section 902(b)	Informed
ECR-5	Article 9, Section 902(c)	Informed
ECR-6	Electronic Regional Convention	Informed

When delegates go "informed" they will hear the opinions of the Bylaws committee and the discussion on the floor before deciding how the branch will vote. Each delegate is permitted to vote independently if a consensus cannot be reached. Note: Our branch voting strength is 4 Votes.

If you would like a copy of the ECR Bylaws and Rules Resolution please contact our Branch Secretary Shipmate Rauch.

Below is brief summary of each Bylaws and Rules Resolution:

#### Article 6, Section 618(d)

##### Resolved Summary:

An award of \$100.00 will be presented to the East Coast Region overall American/Patriotism Essay winner. A \$75.00 award will be presented to each first-place winner of each grade level seven thru twelve, a \$50.00 award is authorized to be awarded to the second-place winners of each grade level seven thru twelve, and a \$25.00 award to be presented to the third-place winners of each grade level, seven thru twelve. The award shall be in the form of a bank cash card for the actual monetary value, now be it. Article 6 be renumbered as Section 618(a), 618(b), 618(c), 618(d) and 618(e).

#### Article 9, Section 903

##### Resolved Summary:

No monies shall be disbursed by the Regional Treasurer, (and countersigned by the Regional President or Regional Vice President), that have not been budgeted, and approved by the delegates at the Regional Convention except that extraordinary disbursements may be made on unanimous recommendations of the Committee on Budget and Finance and upon approval of the Regional President and shall be subject to ratification by the delegates at the next Regional Convention.

#### Article 9, Section 902(a)

##### Resolved Summary:

All funds received by the Regional Treasurer shall be deposited in a general checking account of the East Coast Region of the Fleet Reserve Association, and all disbursements shall be made by check signed by the Regional Treasurer and counter signed by the Regional President / Regional Vice President.

#### Article 9, Section 902(b)

##### Resolved Summary:

A savings account, in the name of the East Coast Region of the Fleet Reserve Association shall be opened for the deposit of funds. All withdrawals from this account shall be made by the Regional Treasurer and countersigned by the Regional President or Regional Vice-President. Convention seed money shall be disbursed from the regional savings account.

#### Article 9, Section 902(c)

##### Resolved Summary:

Convention income in excess of expenses derived from a convention hosted by a committee appointed by the Regional President shall be placed in the general fund, (convention seed money, shall be returned to the savings account), and made available to the Budget and Finance Committee. When the Regional President must appoint a committee to host the Regional Convention, seed money shall be disbursed from the regional savings account.

#### Electronic Regional Convention

##### Resolved Summary:

To adopt, "Electronic Regional Convention", and be it further An electronic agenda shall be implemented and published within the East Coast Region Bylaws and Standing Rules.

### MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since July 2024

Renewed Members

New Branch Members

Andrew Gosnell

None

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carol Olson	2nd	Kenneth Mutzabaugh	10th
Elton Ball	3rd	Paul Dziadon	12th
Thomas Lovett	4th	George McGrew	14th
David Murphy	6th	Jerry Iseminger	16th
		Thomas Williams	24th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

### SEPTEMBER FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Newton	71yrs	Robert McNally	19yrs
William Busico	44yrs	Thomas Weaver	16yrs
		Celestino Magpayo Iyr	

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

#### 2024 East Coast Region Convention

September 10-12, 2024

Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center  
6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185

For reservations call (757) 220-2250, \$99/night Code: FRA

#### Central Liaison Committee

October 26, 2024 2:00 PM hosted by Branch 93

Location: 21707 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD

#### 96th FRA / 91st AFRA National Convention/Centennial

November 11-16, 2024

Double Tree by Hilton Annapolis  
210 Holiday Court, Annapolis MD 21401

Reservations: 1-410-224-3150 or

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/anpddtd-90d-bcdab4c5-7f18-47ce-9b69-435dc9ec0f80/>

Rate: \$115.00/night plus tax, Cut-off October 9, 2024

## FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



LAFRA-08-15-2024

On August 15, 2024, we held our regular meeting at President Manley's home. We had 4 members in attendance and one phone attendee. We currently have 27 active members.

Secretary Gloria read the minutes from our last meeting and Treasurer Anne gave the Treasurers report. Both were approved. Susan gave the Chaplain's report. For Americanism, Helen read "What Memorial Day means to Me" from an essay winner in the FRA Magazine.

Our next scheduled meeting will be September 19, 2024, 11:30 at Demetra Swarr's home, 3871 Maryland Manor Drive, Monrovia, Md. Please join us!

Respectfully,  
Susan Kaidor

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Angie Wilson	1st
Gloria Bastian	6th
Demetra Swarr	10th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Auxiliary Members

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Crystal Denlinger	44yrs
Lisa Nesbitt	33yrs
Sandra Long	17yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members

### Central Liaison Committee Meeting July 27, 2024

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

- The 2024-25 Budget was proposed and approved.
- 2024-25 Elections/Installation: Hannah Castillo-Villanueva (Unit 181), Chairman, and Steve Toulotte (Unit 24), Vice-Chairman. Congratulations on their election/installation!
- The October CLC Meeting will be on October 26, 2023 @ 2pm, Location will be at Lexington Park, MD hosted by Branch 93.
- 2025 CLC Meetings: January 25th (Br 24), April 26th (Br 4), July 26th (TBD) and October 25th (TBD)