



Eight O'Clock Reports

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BRANCH MEETING January 21, 2026

At 1907 President Randy Phillipp, convened an informal meeting with 6 members present including Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, PNC Paul Gunther (Zoom), RSEC Thomas Rauch, S/M Michael Tovornik (Zoom), and S/M Valerie Mathews (Zoom).

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

Next was the Report of Standing Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of January we have 63 members with 0 past due, 0 for renewal, 0 lost, and 0 gain.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that we had five Branch 1st place winners grades seventh, and ninth to twelve that will be awarded at our April Branch meeting.

Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that Shipmates Danny Snare and Carol Olson received orders to the Staff of the Supreme Commander on December 1, 2025 and January 16, 2026, respectively. Both Shipmates have been added to the Two Bell ceremony and Deepest Sympathies go out to their families.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider had nothing to report.

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) NEDM 1-26 Brian Jones NVP Nominating Resolution. 2) NEDM 2-26 Sha'ron Martin NP Nominating Resolution. 3) NBR 41-26 Budget, Finance, Audit Appointee Approval. 4) NBR 42-26 98th Convention Hotel Approval. 5) 2025-2026 3rd Quarter Membership Report. 6) Received email from RPSE Jerry Anger, National C&BL Chairman, June 1, 2026 is the deadline for submitting C&BL Resolutions. No other communications were received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the December Financial Statement and supporting reports and Shipmate Gunther made a motion to accept the report that was audited by the Audit Committee Chairman Shipmate Kaider, Shipmate Tovornik seconded and all approved. Shipmate Rauch mentioned that he ordered eight FRA medals from Space City Branch 159 for \$19 each for a total of \$152 that will be presented at the NJROTC ceremonies in the Spring.

There was no Unfinished or Deferred Business.

New Business, 1) Shipmate Rauch presented his Nomination Resolution for Regional Secretary 2026-29 to be approved by the Branch, Shipmate Gunther motioned to approve, Shipmate Tovornik seconded, and all approved. 2) The next CLC meeting will be on January 24, 2026 at Branch 24 in Annapolis and via Zoom. Note: This was postponed until January 31, 2026 due to inclement weather. 3) The 2026 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting will be over the weekend of February 6-8, 2026. No other new business.

Under Good of the Order, Shipmate Rauch mentioned that Shipmate Phillipp and himself presented Shipmate Robert Klein his 60th Continuous Membership certificate and pin at his residence on December 20, 2025. **Congratulations Shipmate Klein!**



Then at 1945, Shipmate Kaider made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Shipmate Gunther seconded, and all approved. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 18, 2026 @ 1900 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.

Important Dates for February 2026

02 Feb ~ Groundhog Day
06-08 Feb ~ East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting (See details on back)
14 Feb ~ Valentine's Day
16 Feb ~ President's Day
18 Feb ~ 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
19 Feb ~ USCG Reserves Birthday (1941)

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of January 2026				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
63	0	0	0	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

We Want You!

It's a new year and our Branch membership is decreasing at a rapid pace. We have lost **75 members** since July 2016. Please see our current demographics that are listed on the back of this newsletter. We need **YOU** for retention of current members, recruiting/reinstating members and attending monthly Branch Meetings. This needs to happen to ensure the survival of the Branch and our commitment to the FRA.

Retention

As of January 2026, we have 63 active members. Note: We had two reported Shipmates that received orders to the Staff of the Supreme Commander after the January membership report we posted. You can renew the following ways:

- ***On-line:** www.fra.org (Go to Membership and Join FRA)
- ***Telephone:** 1-703-683-1400 or Toll Free 1-800-FRA-1924
- ***FRA App:** On a Smartphone download under "Play Store," enter FRA.
- ***Mail:** Complete a membership application and mail.
- ***In person:** Please visit us at one of our branch meetings.

Recruitment/Reinstatement

The FRA has the "Moving Forward" campaign which includes different programs that give a member incentives to recruit/reinstate members. These programs include the following:

Recruit 1 Active Duty Member

Recruit 3 Program
Recruit 5 Program
Recruit 10 Program
Recruit 24 Program



For more information on these programs or on recruiting please see www.fra.org or contact our Branch Secretary.

Branch Meetings

Our meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the American Legion Post #86, located at 2013 Veirs Mill Road lower level behind the Dairy Queen. You can also attend using Zoom and/or call in using the information listed under Important Dates above.

We need **YOU** to attend the Branch Meetings and help support the Branch. This can be done by recruiting, filling positions, chairing committees. This is key for Branch survival – otherwise we risk folding. If the FRA continues this downward trend – CONGRESS will see this and CUT our hard earned benefits. The FRA FIGHTS for all of us, we need to fight for the survival of the FRA!!!!

Members Only



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

Shipmate Danny Joe Snare
Shipmate Carol A. Olson

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



Upcoming Meetings/Events

Central Liaison Committee

January 31, 2026 2:00 PM hosted by Branch/Unit 24
100 Compromise St, Annapolis, MD 21401

2026 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting

February 6-8, 2026

Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center
5655 Greenwich Road Virginia Beach, VA 23462
Tel: (757) 499-4400 Fax: (757) 226-9155
Website: www.hivabeachnorfolk.com

Central Liaison Committee

April 25, 2026 2:00 PM Hosted by Branch 181
Location: TBD

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

James Carnahan	1st	Samuel Webb	18th
William Kaczor, Jr	8th	Edward Braithwood	23rd
Randy Phillipp	9th	Paul Lenker	23rd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

FEBRUARY FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Lenus Barnes 68yrs Paul Davis, Jr 29yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

In Remembrance



Chief Petty Officer
Danny Joe Snare USN (Ret)
April 13, 1935 - December 1, 2025

Shipmate Danny was an FRA Life Member of 47 years. In 1953, he joined the Navy, embarking on a journey that would define his career and spirit. Retiring in 1974 after 21 years of dedicated service, he held the rank of Chief and cherished his time spent traveling to far-off places such as Alaska, the Philippines, Okinawa, the USS Toledo, Fort Meade, and Washington, DC.

For his full obituary please see the link below:

https://www.donaldsonlaurel.com/obituaries/danny-snare?ttm_pid=210405764&ttm_affiliate=legacypro&ttm_affiliatetype=standard&ttm_campaign=legacy



Senior Chief Petty Officer
Carol A. Olson USN (Ret)
September 2, 1936 - January 16, 2026

Shipmate Carol was an FRA Member of 47 years. He joined the US Navy in March, 1956 where he embarked on the journey of a lifetime that would change his life forever. He spent a long Navy career, rising to the rank of an E8, stationed all over various ports-of-call in Maine, Iceland, Panama, Guam, Puerto Rico, Florida and finally settling in Maryland in 1973. Following his successful career in the Navy as a Cryptology Technician, he retired as a Senior Chief Petty Officer in April of 1975.

For his full obituary please see the link below:

<https://www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Carol-Andrew-Olson?obId=46986153#/obituaryInfo>

Triangle Branch 182 Demographics

These are some statistical data about our branch members, which breakdowns current active regular and life members, membership years, members' age and members' locations.

These demographics are a comparison between 2025 and 2026 membership and are depicted on these tables.

Keynotes:

- Membership decreased by 3.
- Since July 2016 membership decreased by 73.
- No members under the age of 30 and ONLY 1 member under age 50.

Membership Years	2025 Members	2026 Members
0 - 9	6	8
10 - 19	12	11
20 - 29	15	12
30 - 39	9	10
40 - 49	12	13
50 - 59	4	2
60 - 69	3	3
70 - 79	3	2
Total	64	61



Age Range	2025 Members	2026 Members
18 - 19	0	0
20 - 29	0	0
30 - 39	0	0
40 - 49	1	1
50 - 59	2	2
60 - 69	14	12
70 - 79	20	21
80 - 89	16	15
90 - 99	10	8
100 +	1	2
Unknown	0	0
Total	64	61

Membership Type	2025 Members	2026 Members
Regular	22	21
Life	40	39
Charter - Life	2	1
Total	64	61

State	2025 Members	2026 Members
MD	37	33
VA	2	2
DC	0	0
DE	0	0
WV	1	1
Other	24	25
Total	64	61

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



FRA Auxiliary-01-15-2026

On January 15, 2026, we held our regular scheduled meeting at President Manley's home. We had three members (Dolores, Anne and Susan) in attendance with Helen and Brenda via phone. Thank you again for hosting our meeting Dolores.

Treasurer Anne gave the Treasurer's report and was approved. Susan gave the Chaplain's report. Anne read an article about how Mike Rowe responded to a statement that our flag was a mere symbol. It was very interesting.

Our next scheduled meeting will be February 19, 11:30 A.M. at President Manley's home. Please join us.

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Nesbitt 13th
Helen Trimmer 28th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AUXILIARY MEMBERS

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Helen Trimmer 58yrs
Dolores Manley 44yrs
Gloria Bastian 36yrs
Anne Dobbs 25yrs
Janet Clark 21yrs
Angie Wilson 11yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members