



Eight O'Clock Reports

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Important Dates for October 2019

- 01 Oct ~ Rosh Hashanah Ends at Sunset
- 04-05 Oct ~ Shabbat Shuva
- 08-09 Oct ~ Yom Kippur
- 13 Oct ~ U.S. Navy Birthday! (1775)
- 14 Oct ~ Columbus Day
- 16 Oct ~ Branch Meeting @ 1930 following Annual Triangle 182, Inc. Meeting/Officers Election @ 1900 (See below)
2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD
- 26 Oct ~ CLC Meeting (See below)
- 31 Oct ~ Halloween

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of September 2019				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
88	2	2	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

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Annual Triangle 182, Inc. Meeting

October 16, 2019 @ 1900

Precedes regular scheduled Branch Meeting
All Branch and Unit members are invited.

Central Liaison Committee

October 26, 2019 2:00 PM at Branch 181
125 N. West St., Alexandria, VA 22314

Veteran's Day

Monday, November 11, 2019 at 11:00 AM
Rockville Veterans Park, Intersection of Rt. 28 and Rt. 355

Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance

December 7, 2019 (Time/Location TBD)

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

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER



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As of this printing, 59 of 88 Branch members and 11 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.

BRANCH MEETING September 18, 2019



At 1930 President Rauch convened an informal meeting with 4 members including PRSEC Keith Kaider, PRPEC Paul Gunther and RPEC Randy Phillip.

The meeting started with the Report of Committees including Youth Activities, Public Relations, Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitations, Americanism/Patriotism and Membership/Retention. Nothing to report for Youth Activities and Public Relations. Shipmate Phillip reported that PNP James Scarbro will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on October 9, 2019. He also reported that LAFRA PRPEC Marilyn Hughes passed away on August 16, 2019 and will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on October 17, 2019. Shipmate Gunther reported that the flyers for the 2019 Essay Contest "What My Vote Will Mean to Me" will be distributed at the local High Schools as soon as possible. Shipmate Rauch reported that we have 88 active members.

The August Financial Statement was submitted by the Treasurer and reviewed by Audit Committee. There was a motion to accept, seconded and approved.

The Branch received a \$100 donation from Mike Gurganus our Annual Raffle Grand Prize Winner. Thank you Mike!

Shipmate Rauch received the 2019-20 FRA ECR Directory via mail from RPEC (elect) Sha'ron D. Martin.

RPEC Phillip sent out the Special Audit Committee Report of the East Coast Regional Treasury to the East Coast Branches to review results.

Received correspondence from Christina Hitchcock, Director of Membership, which included the combined August-September FRA Membership Newsletter. Will distribute with those members with e-mail addresses.

There are still Redskins season tickets available for the games listed below. If you are interested please contact Shipmate Kaider or Shipmate Rauch.

FEDEX Field, Section 135, Row 1, Seats 6&7

Regular Season:

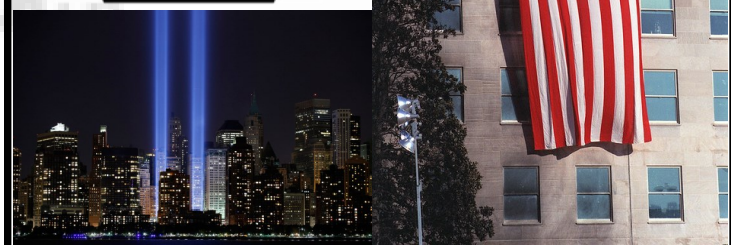
Sun, Oct 6 vs New England 1:00 PM (\$179/ea.)

Sun, Nov 24 vs Detroit 1:00 PM (\$99/ea.)

Shipmate Kaider spoke about the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day preparations. He has submitted a request to reserve the Gaithersburg High School Auditorium for this year's ceremony. More details to follow.

Our National Convention delegates, Shipmates Gunther and Phillip, will be attending the week of September 23rd in Memphis, TN. Where Shipmate Gunther will be installed as National Chaplain. Congratulations PRPEC Paul Gunther!

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



Members Only



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.

OCTOBER FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Juan Velazquez-Ortiz 46yrs Frank Jacob 40yrs
Daniel Hilton 42yrs Ralph Freibert 19yrs
John Koval 7yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Norman Clark 8th Jonathan Whiting 18th
John Abraham 17th James Carmichael 19th
Vernell Bishop, Jr 18th Richard Harris 20th
Tommy Stewart 25th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

Cyber Awareness Tips

Next month is Cyber Security Awareness Month, so this is a perfect time to give some tips to help protect yourself on-line.

Good Security Habits

There are some simple habits you can adopt that, if performed consistently, may dramatically reduce the chances that the information on your computer will be lost or corrupted.

- Improve password security.
 - Create a strong password.
 - Use two-factor authentication, if available.
 - Use security questions properly.
 - Create unique accounts for each user per device.
- Choose secure networks.
- Keep all of your personal electronic device software current.
- Be suspicious of unexpected emails.

Safeguarding Your Data

It is especially important to take extra security precautions when multiple people use your computer or when you store sensitive personal and work-related data on your computer.

- Use and maintain anti-virus software and a firewall.
- Regularly scan your computer for spyware.
- Keep software up to date.
- Evaluate your software's settings.
- Avoid unused software programs.
- Consider creating separate user accounts.
- Use passwords and encrypt sensitive files.
- Dispose of sensitive information properly.
- Follow good security habits.

Staying Safe on Social Networking Sites

The popularity of social networking sites continues to increase, especially among teenagers and young adults. The nature of these sites introduces security risks, so you should take certain precautions.

- Limit the amount of personal information you post.
- Remember that the internet is a public resource.
- Be wary of strangers.
- Evaluate your settings.
- Be wary of third-party applications.
- Check privacy policies.
- Use and maintain anti-virus software.

For more tips, information and details please go to the US CERT website at <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips>.

Americanism Essay Contest For Grades 7-12

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

2019-2020

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST



The FRA sponsors an annual essay contest to promote the spirit of Americanism and Patriotism among our country's youth. FRA's Americanism Essay Contest is open to all students, grades 7 through 12, including those who are home schooled. Students are invited to submit a 350-word essay through an FRA member or local FRA branch before the December 1st deadline. Local winners are forwarded for competition at the regional level and regional winners compete for national prizes.

The grand national winner will receive \$5,000, with additional prizes for the top three essays in each grade category (\$2,500 for first place, \$1,500 for second place, and \$1,000 for third place). Each national winner will receive an attractive plaque citing his/her achievement, and every entrant judged at the national level receives a certificate of recognition. Additional prizes may be awarded to students winning at local and regional levels of competition.

For more information and Americanism Rules go to the following website: www.fra.org/essay or <http://www.fra182.org/essay-contest.html>

Deadline for all entries is **December 1, 2019**

Local entries can be submitted to the below address:

Name : Paul R Gunther
Address : 12867 Sage Terrace
Germantown, MD 20874-2050
Email : PaulG48104@aol.com

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182

LAFRA-09-19-2019

On September 19, we held our meeting at the VFW in Frederick, Md. We had seven members in attendance. After the meeting we enjoyed a delicious lunch at Olive Garden.

For Americanism, Susan reported having attended with Keith on 9-11, a "Stephen Stiller Tunnel to Towers Foundation" event when Army Sgt. Jonathan Harmon was presented a mortgage free home. He lost both legs while serving in Afghanistan. The home is located in Gaithersburg.

Our next regular meeting will be October 17, 11:00 A.M. again at VFW Post 3285 in Frederick, Maryland. Please join us!

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

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Patricia Trimmer 39yrs
Sara Brownlowe 38yrs

Thank you for your support, Ladies

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Janet Clark 3rd
Rosie Hopkins 27th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
LADIES