



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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Treasurer  
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Chaplain  
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### Important Dates for December 2023

- 07 Dec ~ Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 07 Dec ~ Hanukkah Begins at Sunset
- 15 Dec ~ Hanukkah Ends at Sunset
- 16 Dec ~ Branch Meeting @ 1300, 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 Dec ~ First Day of Winter
- 24 Dec ~ Christmas Eve
- 25 Dec ~ Merry Christmas!
- 31 Dec ~ New Year's Eve

### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

#### Retention:

Membership As of November 2023				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
67	3	0	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



On Saturday, November 11, 2023, 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!



Left-to-Right:  
Shipmate Dave Murphy, Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, and Shipmate Thomas Rauch.

### BRANCH MEETING November 15, 2023

At 1902 President Randy Phillipp convened an informal meeting with 6 members present including PNC Paul Gunther (Zoom), Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, Shipmate Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Richard Zerbe and Shipmate Michael Tovornik (Zoom). We also had guest Paul Malengo.



The meeting started with Shipmate Phillipp presenting Shipmate Zerbe his 40 Year continuous membership award and pin (Left).

**Congratulations and Thank you Shipmate Zerbe for your continuous support!**

We then proceeded with discussion and approval of the October Minutes. Shipmate Kaider made a motion to approve, Shipmate Tovornik seconded and all approved.

Next was the Report of Standing Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of November we have 67 members with three members for renewal.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that he has been contacted by several parents for where to send the essays and stated that he would like to receive the essays by mail vice email.

Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that he sent another Get Well card to Shipmate Ralph Freibert.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that he confirmed with Gaithersburg High School NJROTC Commander Captain Mitton that the NJROTC Cadets will be able to participate in this year's Pearl Harbor Ceremony providing the honor guard. Also, reported that one of the chorus members from Damascus High School will be able to participate to sing the National Anthem and assist with the other Patriotic Songs in the ceremony.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony, Shipmate Kaider will create and print out the ceremony programs and send out the ceremony script with assignments to the participating Branch members. Shipmate Rauch reported that he requested the funds from FRA National Headquarters and waiting receipt of check for the disbursements associated to our ceremony. Shipmate Rauch also went over a checklist to ensure we had everyone and everything for the ceremony.

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch went over the following communications that were received or downloaded from the FRA Official Correspondence: 1) Received a Veterans Day card from LAFRA NP Vera Thomas and a copy was sent out via email to our Shipmates. 2) NPSL 1-24 Board-Staff and Committee Directory. 3) NBA 1-24 Building Sale. 4) Annual Premium for Branch Liability Bond 2023-2024. No other communications received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the October 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 seconded and all approved.

Unfinished or Deferred Business. 1) Branch/Unit Christmas Party discussion, scheduled to have our Branch meeting and the party on Saturday, December 16, 2023 @ 1300. We will order pizza and a cake. If you plan to attend, please let the Branch Secretary know by December 11, 2023 via email or telephone number listed on the top of this page. No other Unfinished or Deferred Business.

There was no New Business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1940 Shipmate Gunther motioned to adjourn the meeting, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved. Next meeting will be on Saturday, December 16, 2023 @ 1300 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.



Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!



### FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION TRIANGLE BRANCH 182



In cooperation with American Legion Post 86  
Presents its 60th Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance  
On the 82nd Anniversary of the Japanese  
Attack on Pearl Harbor  
December 7, 2023  
8:00 PM  
American Legion Post 86  
2013 Veirs Mill Road  
Rockville, MD

Public is Invited

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 who continue to serve at home and around the world.

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

#### Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance

December 7, 2023 @ 8:00 PM  
American Legion Post 86  
2013 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, MD

#### Central Liaison Committee

January 27, 2024 2:00 PM  
Hosted by Branch/Unit 24  
100 Compromise St, Annapolis, MD 21401

#### 2024 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting

February 9-11, 2024  
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

### Branch and Unit Annual Christmas Party

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

Saturday, December 16, 2023  
1:00 PM

American Legion Post 86  
2013 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, MD

Hope to see you there and Happy Holidays!  
Please RSVP to Branch Secretary by December 11, 2023.

### MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since October 2023

Renewed Members

New Branch Members

Valerie Mathews

None

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

### Veteran's Day Pictures



Left:  
Collins Murphy  
with father Ship-  
mate Dave Murphy.



Right:  
Unit 182 Member  
Susan Kaider with  
husband Shipmate  
Keith Kaider.

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Celestino Magpayo	7th	Thomas Weaver	18th
George Bailey	11th	Paul Davis, Jr	23rd
Ralph Freibert	15th	Paul Gunther	23rd
Phillip Case	30th		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

### DECEMBER FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Klein	58yrs	Richard Cote	35yrs
Jerry Iseminger	42yrs	George McGrew	20yrs
Thomas Rauch	16yrs		

Thank you for your support, Shipmates



### TRICARE and FEDVIP Open Season

#### TRICARE Open Season:

- Prime and Select Enrollees may switch benefit plans during open season from November 13 through December 12, 2023. 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/openseason2023](http://tricare.mil/openseason2023).

#### FEDVIP Open Season:

- Eligible beneficiaries can enroll in FEDVIP for dental and vision coverage during Open Season. Visit [www.BENEFEDS.com](http://www.BENEFEDS.com) to learn more.
- Open Season is November 13 through December 11, 2023.

### 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>

## FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



LAFRA-11-16-2023

On November 16, 2023, we held our regular meeting at the Urbana Regional Library. We had six Unit members in attendance including PRP Gloria Bastian. We then enjoyed lunch at the Surf House Island Cantina.

Secretary Gloria read the past Minutes and Treasurer Anne gave the Treasurer's report. Both were approved. Susan gave the Chaplain report. We currently have 28 members. For Americanism, Brenda read an article about "Native American Month" and an article about veterans. A "Prayer for Veterans" was read by Anne.

We voted to donate \$100.00 to our National President's Project "Hope".

The next meeting will be December 16, 1:00-3:00, when we will join the Branch for a pizza and cake party. Hope to see you there!

Our next regular meeting will be January 18, the location TBA. Please join us.



Respectfully,  
Susan Kaider

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Donna Marie Wooditch 7yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUXILIARY MEMBERS