



Eight O’Clock Reports

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BRANCH MEETING September 22, 2025

At 1912 President Randy Phillipp convened an informal meeting with 4 members present including Shipmate PNC Paul Gunther (Zoom), Shipmate RSEC Thomas Rauch, and Shipmate Michael Tovornik (Zoom).

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

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of September we have 62 members with two for renewal.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that he received one Essay via mail for this year’s Essay contest and received an email from someone asking for information about the Essay contest.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that Shipmate Michael Hamas received orders to serve on the Staff of Supreme Commander on September 1, 2025. He also mentioned that Shipmate PRPEC Ralph Holcombe (Br. 40) went to the Staff of the Supreme Commander on September 18, 2025 and Shipmate Gunther is planning to go down to Portsmouth, VA for his memorial service on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. NOTE: After this meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 we were notified that Shipmate PRPEC Darrell McKinley (Br. 293) also went to the Staff of the Supreme Commander on September 9, 2025. Deepest Sympathies to the families of these Shipmates. It was also reported that LAFRA PRPEC Gloria Bastian is back in rehabilitation, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider was not present.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony, Shipmate Rauch asked Shipmate Phillipp if he could reserve the American Legion hall for Sunday, December 7, 2025 @ 2000.

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) Email from Shipmate Richard Lane (Br. 181) for Shipmate Delbert Terrell’s withdrawal of NED Nomination Resolution. 2) National Convention Newsletter #5. 3) CLC July Meeting Minutes. Note: The CLC July Meeting Minutes & National Convention Newsletter #5 were sent to the Branch/Unit Email Distribution List. No other communications received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the August Financial Statement and supporting reports and Shipmate Gunther made a motion to accept the report that was audited by Audit Committee Trustee Shipmate Phillipp, Shipmate Tovornik seconded and all approved.

Unfinished or Deferred Business. 1) Shipmate Rauch reported that he submitted and sent payment for the Branch’s half page Journal Ad for \$80 along with Business cards and Boosters that Shipmates purchased for the National Convention. 2) The National Convention Meals and Special Events forms are due by October 24, 2025 and Shipmates attending will be responsible for completing/submitting themselves. No other Unfinished/Deferred Business.

New Business. 1) Shipmate Rauch went over the National Convention Nomination and C&BL Resolutions to discuss and record how the Shipmates want our Delegates to vote. Our preferences are listed on the back of this newsletter, and resolutions will be emailed with this newsletter. 2) Reminder the Annual Triangle 182, Inc Meeting will be October 15, 2025, preceding Branch Meeting. No other New Business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 2036, Shipmate Gunther motioned to adjourn the meeting, Shipmate Tovornik seconded and all approved. Next meeting will be on October 15, 2025 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.

Important Dates for October 2025

- 01 Oct ~ Yom Kippur Begins at Sunset
- 02 Oct ~ Yom Kippur Ends at Sunset
- 13 Oct ~ Columbus Day
- 13 Oct ~ U.S. Navy Birthday! (1775)
- 15 Oct ~ Annual Triangle 182, Inc Meeting and Branch Meeting @ 1900 (Held at American Legion Post 86, 2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD)
Zoom: URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/74199719408>
Meeting ID: 741 9971 9408
Dial-In: 1-301-715-8592 or 1-253-215-8782
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- 18 Oct ~ CLC Meeting (See back)
- 31 Oct ~ Halloween



Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder



Retention:

Membership As of September 2025				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
62	2	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

FRA TRIANGLE 182, INC. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Triangle 182, Inc meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 @ 1900 preceding the monthly Branch meeting. We will be meeting at American Legion Post 86, 2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD or you can attend via Zoom using the information provided above under the Important Dates section.

This meeting will include the review/approval of the 2025 Financial Statement and 2026 Budget. We will also be nominating and electing the 2026 Trustees and Officers that include three trustees, President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

This meeting is open to **all** Shipmates and Auxiliary Members that are members of Triangle Branch and Unit 182. If you have any questions about this meeting please contact the Branch Secretary.





Members Only

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

Shipmate Michael Hamas
Shipmate PRPEC William Ralph Holcombe
Shipmate PRPEC Darrell McKinley

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

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Annual Triangle 182, Inc. Meeting
October 15, 2025 @ 7:00 PM
American Legion Post 86, 2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD
Precedes regular scheduled Branch Meeting
All Branch and Unit members are invited.

Central Liaison Committee
October 18, 2025 12:00 PM Hosted by Branch 4
10925 Riverview Road, Fort Washington, MD

97th FRA and 92nd AFRA National Convention
November 3-8, 2025
Oasis Hotel & Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO
Reservations call (417) 866-5253, Room rates are \$119/night
<https://springfieldoasis.com/>

Veteran’s Day
Tuesday, November 11, 2025 @ 11:00 AM
Rockville Veterans Park, Intersection of Rt. 28 and Rt. 355

Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance
Sunday, December 7, 2025 @ 8:00 PM
American Legion Post 86
2013 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, MD

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

In Remembrance

Lieutenant Commander
Michael Hamas USN (Ret)
May 30, 1931 - September 1, 2025

Shipmate Michael was a life FRA Member of 55 years. He served in the Navy for 29 years retiring in November 1978.

For his Navy Memorial Navy Log entry please see the link below:
<https://navylog.navy memorial.org/hamas-michael>

MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since August 2025

<u>Renewed Members</u>	<u>New Branch Members</u>
Andrew Gosnell	None

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

John Abraham	17th	Jonathan Whiting	18th
Tommy Stewart		25th	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

OCTOBER FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel Hilton	48yrs	John Koval	13yrs
Valerie Mathews		4yrs	

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

Branch Voting Preferences for the 97th National Convention

	Subject	Vote
NP-1	PRPWC Rick Fetro	FOR
NVP-1	RPNC Brian Jones	AGAINST
NVP-2	PRPEC Sha'ron Martin	FOR
NED-1	PNP Donna Jansky	FOR
NED-2	PNP Virgil Courneya	AGAINST
C&BL-1	Article 7, Section 702(i), (j)	AGAINST
C&BL-2	Article 12, Section 1214	FOR
C&BL-3	Article 8, Section 816(a), (b)	INFORMED
C&BL-4	Article 8, Section 820 (a), (d)	INFORMED
C&BL-5	Article 8, Section 802	AGAINST
C&BL-6	Article 7, Section 701(d), (f), (g)	AGAINST
C&BL-7	Article 11, Section 1101(f), (g)	INFORMED
C&BL-8	Article 12, Section 1203(a)	INFORMED
C&BL-9	Article 12, Section 1204	FOR
C&BL-10	Article 12, Section 1206	INFORMED
C&BL-11	Article 12, Section 1207, 1208	INFORMED
C&BL-12	Article 12, Section 1211	AGAINST
C&BL-13	Article 12, Section 1212	INFORMED
C&BL-14	Article 12, Sect 1215(g), 1216(a)	AGAINST
C&BL-15	Article 8, Section 813(a)	INFORMED
C&BL-16	Article 8, Sect 813(a), 819(a), 820(a)	INFORMED
C&BL-17	Article 3, Section 306(a), (c-h)	AGAINST
C&BL-18	Article 12, Section 1216(a)	INFORMED

When delegates go “informed” they will hear the opinions of the C&BL 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.

Due to the number of Resolutions, these will be available as a separate document sent with this newsletter via email. If you did not get a copy and like to see these resolutions please contact our Branch Secretary.

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Janet Clark	3rd
Heather Hughes	19th
Rosie Hopkins	27th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Auxiliary Members

FRA Auxiliary 09-18-2025

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our regular meeting in September.

Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, October 16, 11:30 A.M., at President Manley’s home. Please join us.

There will be a Corporation meeting of Triangle 182,Inc. on October 15, 7:00 P.M., at the American Legion Post 86, Rockville. A requirement of 4 Unit members be present or by proxy.

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia Trimmer 45yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members