



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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### Important Dates for January 2026

01 Jan ~ Happy New Year!  
19 Jan ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
21 Jan ~ 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  
24 Jan ~ Central Liaison Committee Meeting (See Back)

### BRANCH MEETING December 13, 2025

At 1315 President Randy Phillipp convened an informal meeting with 5 members present including Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, PNC Paul Gunther, RSEC Thomas Rauch, and Shipmate Mark Allen.

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

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of December we have 63 members with one member past due and one gain.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that he received twelve essays, one seventh, one ninth grade, one tenth grade, two eleventh grade, and seven twelfth grade. These were graded after the meeting and Shipmate Gunther will submit the Branch essays winners to Shipmate Kim Biggs (Br. 24) East Coast Region A&P Chairman for further grading and regional selection.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp had nothing to report, and no one knew of anyone in the hospital.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that it was a pleasure to have the two singers from Damascus High School and the Gaithersburg High School NJROTC cadets participate in our Annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Service.

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch went over the following communications that were received or downloaded from the FRA Official Correspondence: 1) NPSL 1-25 Board, Staff and Committee Directory. 2) FRA 2026 ECR Mid-Year Meeting Newsletter received from PRPEC Paul Phelps. 3) CLC October Minutes were sent out by the Branch Secretary. No other communications received.

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

There was no Unfinished or Deferred Business.

New Business. 1) CLC Meeting will be January 24, 2026 at Branch 24 in Annapolis. No other new business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1335 Shipmate Kaider motioned to adjourn the meeting, Shipmate Gunther seconded and all approved. Next meeting will be on January 21, 2026 @ 1900 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.

After the meeting we had our joint Christmas party with the Unit and Unit President Dolores Manley, Susan Kaider, Brenda Loe, and Anne Dobbs were in attendance.



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year!



### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder



Retention:

Membership As of December 2025				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
63	0	1	0	1

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 left for Branch Meeting Date, Time, Location

### FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION TRIANGLE BRANCH 182 62nd Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Service

On December 7, 2025 we held our 62nd Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Service at American Legion Post 86 in Rockville. This was the 84th Anniversary of the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor.

The service started at 2000 with the sound of Eight Bells. The Gaithersburg High School NJROTC color guard then paraded the colors (Right Photo). The National Anthem was sung by Rosie Kuszewski and Jack Farmer (Left Photo).

of Damascus High School. After the Invocation was given, Branch President Randy Phillipp (Below Right Photo) greeted and welcomed everyone in attendance. He then spoke about December 7, 1941, "A date which will live in infamy" as quoted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Which over 2,000 Americans soldiers and sailors died in the attack, and another 1,000 were wounded.

After the Branch President's opening remarks, "God Bless America" was sung with Rosie and Jack leading and everyone joining in.

Then Shipmate Paul Gunther (Left Photo) read "The Story Begins," conveying the terror that happen that Sunday morning on December 7, 1941. Shipmate Mark Allen (Right Photo) then became "The Voice of the Arizona" as if the ship was telling her story from when she was christened in 1916 to her ugly demise in 1941.

Shipmate Rauch (Left Photo) and Shipmate Gunther then performed the "Two Bell Ceremony" in remembrance of those Shipmates that have received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander. TAPS was played by Shipmate Randy Phillipp (Right Photo) and then "The Navy Hymn" was sung. Selected Passages "O Thus It Be Forever" and "The Duty of the Living" were read by Shipmate Gunther and Shipmate Allen, respectively. The Benediction was given by Shipmate Gunther and the service concluded.

Everyone was invited to a reception afterwards to enjoy some refreshments and cookies.

Thank you, American Legion Post 86, Gaithersburg High School NJROTC, Rosie Kuszewski & Jack Farmer, and Triangle Branch 182 for a great service!



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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.



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



## MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since November 2025

### Renewed Members

Daniel Hilton

### New Branch Members

James Kendrick

**Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!**



## Upcoming Meetings/Events

### Central Liaison Committee

January 24, 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, 2025

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](http://www.hivabeachnorfolk.com)

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jack Ensminger	9th	Robert Hebron	14th
John Wood	9th	James Kendrick	24th
Mark Allen	13th	Kirk Young	31st

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES**

## JANUARY FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Samuel Webb	65yrs	Thomas Williams	14yrs
James Crytzer	41yrs	John Leben	11yrs

**Thank you for your support, Shipmates**



## Branch and Unit Annual Christmas Party



Unit President Dolores Manley and Branch President Randy Phillipp cutting the cake.



Left-to-Right: Keith Kaider, Susan Kaider, Dolores Manley, Mark Allen, Randy Phillipp, Thomas Rauch, Paul Gunther, Brenda Loe, and Anne Dobbs.



Auxiliary Members and Shipmates lining up for the pizza on the food table.



Shipmates Mark Allen and Paul Gunther.



Triangle Branch and Unit 182  
would like to wish you

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



Brenda Loe and Mark Allen displaying their Christmas lights.

## FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



### FRA Auxiliary-12-13-2025

On December 7, Unit members Dolores, Anne & Susan attended Branch 182's 62nd Pearl Harbor Remembrance Service. It was very meaningful as always.

We did not have a regular meeting in December because we had a joint pizza party with the Branch. Unit members Dolores, Anne, Brenda & Susan enjoyed the holiday festivities with the Branch.

Our next scheduled meeting will be January 15, 2026, 11:30 A.M. at President Dolores's home. Let's start the new year with more members in attendance.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone! 🎄 🎉



Respectfully,  
*Susan Kaider*



FRA Triangle 182, Inc., Treasurer Keith Kaider, presented President Dolores Manley the annual excess fund distribution for the Unit.



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Sharon Trubilla	39yrs
Aida Littlejohn	27yrs

**Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members**

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Delorice Kessinger 23rd

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY Auxiliary Members**