



Eight O'Clock Reports

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Important Dates for February 2018

- 02 Feb ~ Groundhog Day
- 13 Feb ~ Mardi Gras
- 14 Feb ~ Valentine's Day
- 16-17 Feb ~ East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting
- 19 Feb ~ President's Day
- 21 Feb ~ Branch Meeting @ 1930 following BoD Meeting
2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of January 2018				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
106	2	1	1	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

BRANCH MEETING January 17, 2018

At 1910 President Rauch convened an informal meeting with 4 members present including PRPEC Paul Gunther, PRSEC Keith Kaider and RVPEC Randy Phillipp.

We were notified that S/M Charles Burke received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on December 29, 2017. He has been added to the Two Bell Ceremony and his remembrance is added on the back of newsletter.

Received four "What Patriotism Means to Me" essays for the 2017-2018 Americanism Essay Contest. We reviewed the essays and selected the 10th and 12th grade Branch's winners. There was no 11th grade entries. The winners' essays will be submitted to the East Coast Regional for selection consideration.

PRPEC Gunther mentioned that he received an invitation from the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda Chief's Mess, to see if our Branch wanted to set up a booth/table at their Chief Symposium on April 10, 2018.

PRPEC Gunther, RVPEC Phillipp and President Rauch will be attending the upcoming East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting, February 16-17, 2018 in Richmond, VA. There was change in venue (listed to right under "Upcoming Events") and reservations need to be made by February 1, 2018 for the reduced room rate. Banquet Meal Order forms are due by February 9, 2018.

Regional President East Coast Paul Phelps will be visiting our branch at the March meeting on March 21, 2018. Please come out and welcome him to our Branch.

Audit Committee Chairman, reviewed and approved the combined November and December Financial Statement.

President Rauch reminded everyone about the upcoming CLC Meeting on January 27, 2018 at 1400 in Annapolis, MD, Branch 24 hosting.

No other business was conducted and at 1950 President Rauch adjourned the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Central Liaison Committee

January 27, 2018 2:00 PM at Branch 24
100 Compromise St, Annapolis, MD 21401

2018 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting

February 16-17, 2018
Holiday Inn Richmond South - City Gateway Hotel, Richmond, VA
Reservations 1-804-592-2900 (Mention FRA for \$109/night)
Room Rate Deadline is February 1, 2018

Central Liaison Committee

April 28, 2018 2:00 PM at Branch 4
7500 Livingston Rd., Oxen Hill, MD

2018 East Coast Region Convention

July 19-July 22, 2018
Holiday Inn Conference Center & Marina
155 Holiday Drive, Solomon's Island, MD 20688
Reservations: 1-410-326-6311

2018 FRA/LAFRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

September 23-30, 2018
Omni San Antonio Hotel
9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78230
Reservations: 1-210-691-8888

We Want You!

It's a new year and our Branch membership is decreasing at a rapid pace. We have lost 28 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 2018, we have 106 active members with 2 members up for renewal in February and 1 member past due. 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", search 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 gives a member incentives to recruit/reinstate members. These programs include the following:



- Recruit 3 Program
- Recruit 32 Program
- Recruit 5 Initiative
- Retain 5 Initiative



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.

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 Walter E Bent
Shipmate Charles H Burke

Please remember our troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.



In Remembrance



Master Chief Petty Officer
Walter E. Bent USN (Ret)
September 6, 1930 - November 24, 2017

S/M Bent was a FRA Member of 42 years. Walter was a Navy Master Diver and dedicated on the Navy Diver Association website below:
<http://navydivers.net/departed.html>

No obituary or photo could be found.



Senior Chief Petty Officer
Charles H. Burke USN (Ret)
July 24, 1925 - December 29, 2017

S/M Burke was a FRA Life Member of 53 years. Charles passed peacefully in his sleep at Sunnyside Village Health Care Center in Sarasota, Florida, at the age of 92. Charles was a WWII and Korean Conflict veteran and survivor of the Normandy Invasion. He reached the rank of Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman and was USNMC retired. He was a member of the VFW and the Fleet Reserve Association. Charles was a long time member of the Shriners and served as Commodore of The Mariners.

For his full obituary please see the link below:
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=187702123>

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

James Carnahan	1st	Warren Albin, Jr	15th
William Kaczor, Jr	8th	Samuel Webb	18th
Randy Phillipp	9th	William Barger	22nd
William Harmon	14th	Edward Braithwood	23rd
Paul Lenker		23rd	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

FEBRUARY FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Lenus Barnes	60yrs	Michael Rowsey	23yrs
Edwin Coffin	34yrs	Paul Davis, Jr	21yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

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 were first conducted and posted in the July 2016 Newsletter. The comparison between 2016 and 2018 membership are also depicted on the tables.

Keynotes:

- Membership decreased by 28.
- No members under the age of 30.

Membership	2016	2018
0 - 9	22	11
10 - 19	17	18
20 - 29	20	17
30 - 39	25	21
40 - 49	33	23
50 - 59	11	7
60 - 69	6	9
70 - 79	0	0
Total	134	106



Age Range	2016 Members	2018 Members
18 - 19	0	0
20 - 29	1	0
30 - 39	3	2
40 - 49	5	1
50 - 59	10	9
60 - 69	20	17
70 - 79	35	23
80 - 89	40	34
90 - 99	18	19
100 +	0	0
Unknown	2	1
Total	134	106

Membership	2016	2018
Regular	83	61
Life	49	43
Charter - Life	2	2
Total	134	106

State	2016	2018
MD	76	59
VA	9	6
DC	1	1
DE	3	3
WV	2	2
Other	43	35
Total	134	106

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marguerite Robertson	4th
Nesha Stone	6th
Lisa Nesbitt	13th
Helen Trimmer	28th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES



Due to illness & the weather, we did not have a meeting this month.

We are still actively collecting grocery store coupons for our military families stationed overseas. Please help us in continuing our project.

Our next meeting will be at 11:00 A.M. on February 15, at the VFW Post 3285, 5901 Old National Pike, Frederick. Hope you can join us!

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Helen Trimmer	50yrs
Dolores Manley	36yrs
Gloria Bastian	28yrs
Anne Dobbs	17yrs
Janet Clark	13yrs
Angie Wilson	3yrs

Thank you for your support, Ladies

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER



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As of this printing, 61 of 106 Branch members and 10 of 30 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 S/M Rauch your email address (address on front).

Getting the newsletter by email is faster delivery and gives you the **COLOR** version!

THANK YOU,
Shipmates and Ladies.