



Eight O'Clock Reports

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BRANCH MEETING March 18, 2026

At 1908 President Randy Phillipp, convened an informal meeting with 6 members present including Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, PNC Paul Gunther (Zoom), RSEC Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Mark Allen (Zoom), and Shipmate Valerie Mathews (Zoom). We also had guest Shipmate Mark Dernovsek from Branch 222, Slidell, Louisiana.

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

Next was the Report of Standing Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of March we have 61 members with no renewals, no past due, no loss, and no gain.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that our 1st Place Branch Essay winners for grades seventh, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth will be awarded at the April meeting. Shipmate Rauch mentioned that he will purchase the five gift cards at \$50 each and create the Americanism & Patriotism certificates.

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

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that we will be sponsoring the NJROTC Change-of-Command ceremonies at John F. Kennedy, Paint Branch, Gaithersburg, and Seneca Valley High Schools. He received the names of the cadets from Gaithersburg and created the certificates. He will create the certificates for the other schools once he receives the cadets receiving the awards. Shipmate Rauch has the FRA medals and distributed the medals for Gaithersburg to Shipmate Kaider. The others will be distributed at the April meeting. The ceremonies will be as follows: Gaithersburg (April 21, 2026@0815), JFK (April 22, 2026@1800), Seneca Valley (TBD), & Paint Branch (TBD).

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) NPSL 2-26 2025 National Convention Financial Report. 2) NPSL 3-26 NBoD Mid-Year Meeting. 3) FRA Q4 2025 Income Statement and Balance Sheet. 4) NEDM 6-26 NBR 37-26 Post-Board Minutes. 5) NEDM 7-26 NBR 38-26 CPA Letter for 2022 Audit. 6) NEDM 8-26 NBR 39-26 CPA Planning Performance Letter for 2023 Audit. 7) NEDM 9-26 NBR 40-26 Changes to Employee 401k Plan. 8) NEDM 10-26 PCI Project. 9) NEDM 11-26 Standing Rules Changes. 10) NEDM 12-26 FRA Ships Store. 11) NEDM 13-26 Continuous Member Certificates. 12) Veteran Service Foundation Request for Board Members. No other communications were received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the February Financial Statement and supporting reports. Shipmate Kaider made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report that was audited by Audit Committee Chairman, Shipmate Kaider. Shipmate Gunther seconded and all approved. Shipmate Rauch mentioned that the proposed 2026-27 Annual Budget will be prepared for next meeting for final approval at the May meeting.

Unfinished or Deferred Business, 1) Annual Fundraiser, we will be selling the Commanders Season Tickets as we did last year. Before selling the tickets we will discuss the price to sell them at for each game. No other Unfinished or Deferred Business.

New Business. 1) Shipmate Rauch presented Shipmate Phillipp with his Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation Shipmate of the Year award received from National Headquarters (See picture on back). 2) Nominees for Branch President and three Directors are due at the April Branch meeting. Those nominees will be voted upon in May, and installation will be held in June. No other New Business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1954 Shipmate Phillipp adjourned the meeting.

Important Dates for April 2026

- 01 Apr ~ Chief Petty Officer Grade Established (1893)
- 01 Apr ~ Passover Begins at Sunset
- 03 Apr ~ Good Friday
- 05 Apr ~ Easter
- 09 Apr ~ Passover Ends at Sunset
- 15 Apr ~ Income Tax Deadline
- 15 Apr ~ 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
- 18 Apr ~ Central Liaison Committee Meeting (See details below)
- 19 Apr ~ Patriot's Day
- 22 Apr ~ Earth Day
- 24 Apr ~ Arbor Day

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

| Membership As of March 2026 | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|------|------|
| Active | For Renewal | Past Due | Lost | Gain |
| 61 | 0 | 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

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Central Liaison Committee

April 18, 2026 2:00 PM Hosted by Branch 181
Location: Anthony's Restaurant
3000 Annandale Rd, Falls Church, VA 22042

FRA NBOD Mid-Year Meeting

April 21-24, 2026
DoubleTree by Hilton, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202
Reservations call 703-416-4100 \$229/night Code: FRA Meeting

Auxiliary of the FRA Pilgrimage

April 24, 2026 @ 1000
DoubleTree by Hilton, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202
Reservations call 703-416-4100 \$229/night Code: FRA Meeting
Online: <https://book.passkey.com/go/laframeeting26>

2026 East Coast Region Convention

July 23-26, 2026
Hilton Garden Inn Richmond Innsbrook
4050 Cox Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060
Reservations call (804) 521-2900 \$119/night Code: FRA
Cut-off July 1, 2026

Central Liaison Committee

July 25, 2026 2:00 PM Hosted by Branch 212
Location: VFW Post #160, 2597 Dorsey Rd., Glen Burnie, MD
Note: Date will need to be changed due to ECRC.


98th FRA/93rd Auxiliary of the FRA National Convention

September 29 - October 2, 2026
The Orleans Hotel and Casino
4500 W Tropicana Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89103
Sunday- Thursday, \$101.69/night Friday- Saturday, \$127.68/night
Reservations call 1-800-675-3267, Code: FRAI26C
Cut-off August 27, 2026
<https://orleanscasino.boyd.peggsbe.com/promo?accessCode=FRAI26C?>

Central Liaison Committee


October 24, 2026 2:00 PM Hosted by Branch 4
Location: 10925 Riverview Road, Fort Washington, MD

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.




Left: Shipmate Rauch presenting Shipmate Phillipp his HWR Shipmate of the Year award received from National Headquarters.

Below: Group photo with visiting guest Shipmate Demovsek from Branch 222, Slidell, LA. Left-to-Right: Shipmates Tom Rauch, Keith Kaider, Mark Demovsek, and Randy Phillipp.



MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since February 2026

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>Renewed Members</u> | <u>New Branch Members</u> |
| Phillip Case | None |

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

William Busico 16th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

APRIL FRA ANNIVERSARIES


| | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| James Carnahan | 49yrs | Ken Wray | 38yrs |
| David Murphy | 40yrs | William Kaczor, Jr | 15yrs |
| Robert Hebron 12yrs | | | |

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

Official Correspondence on the FRA Website

The Official Correspondence replaced the National Mailing List and is available for **all** Shipmates to review on the FRA website.

The following are the steps to view or download Official Correspondence from the FRA website:


- 1) Go to <https://www.fra.org> via a browser of your choice (i.e. Chrome, Explorer, Firefox)
- 2) At the top of the website, click on the "Login" button. 
- 3) Enter your Username or Member ID and your password. Then click on the "Sign In" button. If you forgot your password, select "Forgot password?" and enter your Username or Member ID. An email will be sent to you with a link to update your password.
- 4) You will now be logged into your profile.
- 5) On the right side go to Official Correspondence and click on link. [Official Correspondence](#)
- 6) All the documents will be under FRA Official Communication. To view or download any document just click on the document under Subject.

FRA Official Communication

| Date Posted | Subject |
|-------------|---|
| 03/14/2024 | Const-Bylaws 16th Edition_94th - 2023 revised |

If you have any questions or problems please contact our Branch Secretary.

Happy Birthday, Navy Chiefs!



**Navy Chief Petty Officer Rank Established April 1, 1893
Triangle Branch 182 Chiefs**



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|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| CTAC John Abraham | CMDCM Wendy Fischer | CPO George Malusky |
| ATC George Bailey | CPO Robert Gubbels | ETCM Robert McNally |
| CTCM Elton Ball | HMC Paul Gunther | MCPO Kenneth Mutzabaugh |
| CTAC Lenus Barnes | CMDCM Joesph Halton | CTCM Robert Newton |
| HMC William Billado | MAC Robert Hebron | HMCM Edward Potts |
| ETC John Burns | CTAC Daniel Hilton | ITC Thomas Rauch |
| CTACS James Carnahan | AFCM Jerry Iseminger | HMC Wesley Stokes, Jr |
| AGC Phillip Case | MMCS William Kaczor, Jr | CTAC Carlton Thigpen, Jr |
| HMC James Crytzer | CTCM Robert Klein | HMC Robert Vitarelli |
| HMCM Paul Davis, Jr | HMCM John Koval | CTCM Samuel Webb |
| HMC Helene Delizo | CTMCM Paul Lenker | CTACS Jonathan Whiting |
| HMCS Harold Deweese | FTCS Thomas Lovett | HMCM John Wood |
| HMCM Paul Dziadon | HMCM Celestino Magpayo | STGCS Kenneth Wray |
| TMCS Jack Ensminger | ICC Bob Mallasch | HMC Kirk Young |

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Delorice Kessinger | 58yrs |
| Lois Custead | 29yrs |
| Susan Kaider | 16yrs |
| Allison Gosnell | 16yrs |
| Mildred Murphy | 16yrs |
| Carmen Serfes | 14yrs |

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members

Auxiliary of the FRA-03-26-2026

On March 26, 2026, we held our regular meeting at President Manley's home. Thank you for hosting our meeting again Dolores. We had 3 members in attendance (Dolores, Anne, and Susan) and Gloria, Brenda and Dee via ZOOM! Thank you Anne for doing all of the hard work setting it up! We currently have 26 members.

Our prayers are going to all of our service members. 🙏

Our next meeting will be April 23, 11:30 at President Manley's home. Hope to see everyone there.

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Trimmer 29th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Auxiliary Members

