



Eight O'Clock Reports

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BRANCH MEETING August 20, 2025

At 1922 President Randy Phillipp convened an informal meeting with 6 members present including PNC Paul Gunther (Zoom), RSEC Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Valerie Mathews (Zoom), Shipmate Michael Tovornik (Zoom) and Shipmate Mark Allen (Zoom).

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

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

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that school is back in session, and he will need to distribute the Essay poster and information to the local schools. Shipmate Rauch mentioned that he did not receive the Essay posters, rules, or coversheets from Headquarters, but they are posted on the FRA and FRA East Coast Region websites to download.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that Shipmates Gunther and Allen attended Shipmate PRPEC Claire Purdy's funeral at Arlington National Cemetery on August 6, 2025. Also, that LAFRA PRPEC Gloria Bastian is back home from the hospital/rehabilitation and doing better. He also mentioned that he will be sending out a Sympathy card out to Shipmate Kim Biggs (Br. 24) for her husband's (Shipmate Jim Biggs) passing on August 16, 2025 and that there will be a visitation on August 25, 2025 between 7pm-9pm at Barranco Severna Park Funeral Home.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider was not present.

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 2-25 FRA 2025 Convention Call Letter. 2) NPSL 1-25 Board, Staff and Committee Directory - revised 7.17.2025. 3) National Convention Newsletter #4. 4) NVP candidate letter from RPNC Jones received via email. Note: The National Convention Newsletter was sent to the Branch/Unit Email Distribution List. No other communications received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the July 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) Annual Fundraiser Washington Commanders Season Tickets Status, Shipmate Kaider passed on to Shipmate Rauch that all the Washington Commanders game tickets including the preseason games were sold. 2) The National Convention Journal Ads and Booster Rolls are due by October 3, 2025, Shipmate Rauch reported that he will submit/purchase the Branch's half page Journal Ad for \$80 along with Business cards and Boosters that Shipmates purchased. 3) 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) There was no new business.

At 2000, Shipmate Gunther motioned to adjourn the meeting, Shipmate Tovornik seconded and all approved. Next meeting will be on September 17, 2025 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.



Important Dates for September 2025

- 01 Sep ~ Labor Day
- 11 Sep ~ United We Stand/Patriot Day
- 17 Sep ~ 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
- 19 Sep ~ National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 21 Sep ~ First Day of Autumn
- 22-24 Sep ~ Rosh Hashanah

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of August 2025				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
62	1	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



We Want You!



It's been 8 months since the information below was published in the January newsletter since then we have dropped to 62 members and now in Membership Group V. 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

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," enter FRA.
- ***Mail:** Complete a membership application and mail.
- ***In person:** Please visit us at one of our branch meetings.

If you have any questions please contact our Branch Secretary.

Recruitment/Reinstatement

The FRA has the "Moving Forward" campaign which includes different programs that give a member incentives to recruit/reinstate members. These programs include the following:

Recruit 1 Active Duty Member

Recruit 3 Program

Recruit 5 Program

Recruit 10 Program

Recruit 24 Program



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. You can also attend using Zoom and/or call in using the information listed under Important Dates above.

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.



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



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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

How to file a VA disability claim

Below is an abbreviated version of what is needed to file a claim for the full version and all the links please go to the VA website listed below:

<https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/>

You can file a claim in any of these 5 ways.

Option 1: Online

You can file a claim online via the VA website.

Option 2: By mail

File your claim by mail using an Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits (VA Form 21-526EZ).

Print the form, fill it out, and send it to this address:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Claims Intake Center
PO Box 4444
Janesville, WI 53547-4444

Option 3: In person

Bring your application to a VA regional office near you.

Option 4: By fax

If you're in the U.S., fax your application to 844-531-7818.

If you're outside the U.S., fax your application to 248-524-4260.

Option 5: With the help of a trained professional

You can work with an accredited attorney, claims agent, or Veterans Service Organization (VSO) representative to get help filing a claim for disability compensation.

For a list of FRA VSO Representatives please go to the FRA East Coast Region website listed below:

<https://fra-ecregion.org/veterans-service-officer>

These VSOs will be able to assist you with submitting your claim free of charge.



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MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since July 2025

Renewed Members

New Branch Members

Carl Lenhart

None

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carol Olson	2nd	Kenneth Mutzabaugh	10th
Elton Ball	3rd	Paul Dziadon	12th
Thomas Lovett	4th	George McGrew	14th
David Murphy	6th	Jerry Iseminger	16th
		Thomas Williams	24th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

SEPTEMBER FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Newton	72yrs	Robert McNally	20yrs
William Busico	45yrs	Thomas Weaver	17yrs
		Celestino Magpayo	2yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

Central Liaison Committee Meeting July 26, 2025

Just a couple of quick take a ways from this CLC meeting:

- The 2025-26 Budget was tabled until next meeting in October.
- 2025-26 Elections/Installation: Hannah Castillo-Villanueva (Unit 181), Chairman; Shipmate David Wallace (Br 4), Vice-Chairman; Ruby Lopez (Unit 181), Treasurer; Shipmate Thomas Rauch (Br 182), Secretary. Congratulations on their election/installation!
- The October CLC Meeting will be on October 18, 2025 @ 12pm, Location will be at 10925 Riverview Road, Fort Washington, MD hosted by Branch 4.
- 2026 CLC Meetings: January 24th (Br 24), April 25th (Br 181), July 25th (Br 212) and October 24th (TBD)
- July CLC Minutes will be sent to Branch/Unit email distribution list once received from the CLC Secretary.

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Angie Wilson	1st
Gloria Bastian	6th
Demetra Swarr	10th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Auxiliary Members



FRA Auxiliary 08-21-2025

On August 21, 2025 we held our regular scheduled meeting at President Manley's home. We had three members in attendance with Gloria and Helen attending via phone. Thank you Dolores for hosting the meeting.

Secretary Gloria reported on the Regional Convention. Treasurer Anne gave the Treasurer's report and was approved. Susan gave the Chaplain's report. For Americanism, Susan read "For A Sailor and His Wife To Be". After the meeting, we enjoyed lunch at the Hard Times Cafe.

Our next scheduled meeting will be September 18, 11:30 A.M. again at President Manley's home. Hope to see everyone there.

Respectfully,
Susan Kaiden

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Crystal Denlinger	45yrs
Lisa Nesbitt	34yrs
Sandra Long	18yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members