



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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*Triangle Branch 182, F.R.A.*

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### Important Dates for March 2025

- 03 Mar ~ U.S. Naval Reserve Established (1915)
- 05 Mar ~ Ash Wednesday
- 09 Mar ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 17 Mar ~ St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Mar ~ 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  
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- 20 Mar ~ First Day of Spring

### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

#### Retention:

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

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 above for Branch Meeting Date, Time, Location



### **Triangle Branch 182 70th Anniversary**



The Branch's 70th Anniversary will be in May and to celebrate this occasion we are planning to go out for dinner at a local venue. We are asking all Shipmates and Auxiliary Members who are interested in going out to dinner and how much you would like to spend to notify Shipmate Kaider (contact information listed above) by **March 17th**. This will help determine the venue and whether a deposit will be needed. It was proposed that the gratuity be covered by Triangle 182, Inc, and will be voted on once we received how many people will be going.

Some of the proposed venues include the following:

**Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia, MD**

**Area Restaurants:**

That's Amore, Copper Canyon, Clyde's Tower Oaks

**Military Clubs:**

Annapolis, Club Meade, Andrews AFB Club

### **FRA TRIANGLE 182, INC. Annual Raffle/Commanders Season Tickets**

*Members Only*

If any Shipmate or Auxiliary Member has any questions about this motion please notify the Branch Secretary.

### **BRANCH MEETING February 19, 2025**

At 1905 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 Michael Tovornik (Zoom).

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

Next was the Report of Standing Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of February we have 63 members with one renewal, no past due, one loss, and no gains. Shipmate Gunther made a motion that we pay Shipmate Ralph Freibert's membership dues for this year, Shipmate Allen seconded, and all approved.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that the parents of one our Branch essay winners stated that the April meeting is during Spring break and were wondering if the award presentation could be held another night. Shipmate Kaider made a motion that the award presentation be held at our May meeting, Shipmate Tovornik seconded, and all approved.

Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that Shipmate PRPEC Claire Purdy (Br. 24) received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on January 24, 2025 and he sent a Sympathy card to her family. He also reported that he sent a Get Well card to Shipmate Freibert and other Shipmates that have been sick.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that the Gaithersburg High School NJROTC Commander CAPT Mitton contacted him to see if we will participate/present medals at their Change of Command ceremony, date to be determined. Shipmate Gunther reported that he received an email from CDR Bateman, NJROTC Commander John F. Kennedy High School that their ceremony is April 8, 2025 @ 1800. Shipmate Rauch reported that he received the eight medals ordered last month.

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) NEDM 1-25 Const-Bylaws changes FRA 96th National Convention. 2) 96th Const-Bylaws 17th Edition. 3) Nominating Resolution PRSEC Paula Falu for RVPEC 2025. No other communications were received.

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

Unfinished or Deferred Business, 1) Shipmate Kaider wanted to discuss the best way we could do our annual raffle because the Season Tickets now cost \$2900 and our Grand Prize is \$1000 or the Season Tickets, which we would lose money if the winner takes the Season Tickets depending on how many raffle tickets are sold. After discussion, there was a proposal, but needed to be voted on by the FRA Triangle182, Inc members, so Shipmate Phillipp made a motion @ 1939 to suspend the Branch meeting temporarily, Shipmate Tovornik seconded, and all approved. (See the FRA Triangle 182, Inc section to the left for details.) At 1943, Shipmate Gunther made a motion to open the Branch meeting, Shipmate Kaider seconded, all approved. 2) For Triangle Branch 182's 70th Anniversary, Shipmate Kaider proposed different venues that we may be able to have our dinner at. (See the 70th Anniversary section to the left for more details and the requested information from our Shipmates.) No other Unfinished/Deferred Business.

New Business, 1) Shipmate Rauch reported on the ECR Mid-Year Meeting that was held on February 8, 2025 and a recap of the meeting is on the back. The MYM Minutes will be emailed once received.

Good of the Order was held and then at 2008 Shipmate Kaider made a motion to adjourn, Shipmate Tovornik seconded, and all approved.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 19, 2025 @ 1900 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.

*Members Only*



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

*Shipmate PRPEC Claire Purdy*

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



**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

**Central Liaison Committee**

April 26, 2025 2:00 PM Hosted by Branch 4  
MRS Philippines Home for Senior Citizens  
6482 Bock Rd., Oxon Hill, MD

**2025 East Coast Region Convention**

June 9-13, 2025  
Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center  
6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185

**2025 East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting**



The East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting was held on Saturday, February 8, 2025 hosted by Branch/Unit 99 at the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center in Virginia Beach, VA. Branch Shipmates PNC Paul Gunther, PRPEC Randy Phillipp, and RSEC Thomas Rauch attended.

Valuable and pertinent information for the Region was presented during the meeting that started at 0900 and presided over by East Coast Region President Robert Oliveira (Br 293).

The meeting started with opening ceremonies and introduction of the East Coast Region Officers. Then Legislative reports were given for Delaware, Virginia, and North Carolina. There were no representatives present for Maryland, District of Columbia or National Headquarters.

Shipmate RPEC Robert Oliveira (Br 293) then called for the Branch Reports and gave the Branches present a chance to read their report.

Then Shipmate RPEC Robert Oliveira (Br 293) spoke about Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation, noted the HWR committee report will be revised for next year.

Shipmate PRPEC Sha'ron Martin (Br 166) spoke about Public Relations, he created a grading system for this report pending approval.

Shipmate Dan Hansen (Br 37) spoke about Youth Activities, reminded to use the number of members in good standing from the 4th Quarter Membership Report.

Shipmate RVPEC Valerie Toulotte (Br 24) spoke about Membership/Retention.

Shipmate PRPEC Paul Phelps (Br 40) spoke about Veterans Service Officer, noted the VAVS committee report will be combined with the HWR report in 2026, and the grading sheet is not part of the VSO report. He also mentioned that in Virginia if you have a 100% disability rating EZ PASS will exempt all tolls.

Shipmate PRPEC Sha'ron Martin (Br 166) then spoke about Veterans Affairs, submitting claims, and ensuring you registered at va.gov. Also, if you have a VA ID Card you can access MWR and Exchanges.

Shipmate Jr. PRPEC Gabriel Falu (Br 99) spoke about Disaster Relief and the application that is needed to apply for relief.

Americanism and Patriotism Chairman, Shipmate Kim Biggs (Br 24) then reported the results of the East Coast Region Essay Contest with naming the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for each grade 7th through 12th. The complete list with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be distributed to the Branches.

Shipmate PRPEC Paul Phelps (Br 40) spoke about Audit and Budget & Finance.

Shipmate PRPEC Randy Phillipp (Br 182) spoke about Bylaws & Rules, noted that Bylaws resolutions are due 60 Days before the regional convention.

Shipmate RSEC Thomas Rauch (Br 182) reported on the status of Time and Place for the 2025 & 2026 ECRC and 2025 & 2026 MYM.

Shipmate RTEC Philip Stone (Br 40) reminded everyone that the Branch assessment will be \$.50/member in good standing.

Shipmate RSEC Thomas Rauch (Br 182) then reported on submitting of the Annual Branch Officer Reports that are due immediately after Branch elections.

Shipmate RPEC Robert Oliveira (Br 293) mentioned that the committee reports are due by 31 May and can be downloaded from the FRA website. Plus, reports should reflect the March Membership Report for the number of Shipmates in good standing.

Shipmate Jr. PRPEC Gabriel Falu (Br 99) provided information about the East Coast Region Convention that will be hosted by Branch/Unit 99 and Branch 166 on June 9-13, 2025 in Williamsburg, VA. The ECRC Newsletter #2 will be sent out to the Branches soon.

Shipmate RPEC Robert Oliveira (Br 293) reported that the National Convention will be November 4-7, 2025 in Springfield, MO. He also reported that RVPEC Valerie Toulotte (Br 24) and PRSEC Paula Falu (Br 99) have submitted their nominating resolutions for RPEC and RVPEC, respectively.

Good of the order was conducted, then before the meeting adjourned at 1603 a moment of silence was conducted to pay tribute to our Shipmates that received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Updates Since January 2025**

<u>Renewed Members</u>	<u>New Branch Members</u>
Kirk Young	None

**Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Robert Vitarelli	1st	Bob Mallasch	14th
Joseph Halton	1st	James Crytzer	16th
William Billado	6th	D. Keith Kaider	20th
John Leben 31st			

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES**

**MARCH FRA ANNIVERSARIES**

Jack Ensminger	57yrs	Kirk Young	24yrs
Phillip Case	43yrs	Bob Mallasch	21yrs
Edward Braithwood	42yrs	Kenneth Mutzabaugh	21yrs
Jonathan Whiting	33yrs	John Wood	20yrs
Paul Dziadon 5yrs			

**Thank you for your support, Shipmates**

**FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182**

AFRA-02-20-2025

On February 20, 2025, we held our regular meeting at the Urbana Regional Library. We had 7 members in attendance. We currently have 27 active members.

Secretary Gloria read the minutes from our last meeting and Treasurer Anne gave the Treasurer's report, both were approved. Susan gave the Chaplain's report.

For Americanism, Helen read a report on how much pizza is consumed in the US yearly.

Gloria reported on our Auxiliary President's project "Paws for Purple Hearts." We voted to make a donation to her project and to the Pilgrimage.

We also voted to support Branch 182's decision on the future of the Commander's tickets and their plan to celebrate 182's 70th Anniversary. We're all looking forward to it.

Our next scheduled meeting will be April 17, 2025, 11:30 A.M. at the Urbana Regional Library. Please join us!

Respectfully,  
*Susan Kaider*

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Mildred Murphy	11th
Pamela Desensi	24th
Frances DeByl	26th
Crystal Denlinger	27th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Connie Waite	49yrs
Brenda Loe	8yrs

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