



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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## BRANCH MEETING September 15, 2021

At 1905 President Keith Kaider convened an informal meeting with 5 members present including NC Paul Gunther (Zoom), PRPEC Randy Phillipp, Jr. Past President Thomas Rauch and Shipmate Ralph Freibert. Also in attendance was guest Valerie Mathews, future member.

The meeting started with discussion and approval of the August Minutes. Shipmate Freibert made a motion to approve, Shipmate Phillipp seconded and all approved.

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider mentioned that he will keep reaching out to Gaithersburg H.S. NJROTC Commander Captain Kelley to see if they will be able to participate in this year's Pearl Harbor Ceremony.

Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that he sent a Sympathy card to the family of Shipmate Richard Johnson who received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on May 22, 2021 (Remembrance on back). He also sent or will send Get Well cards to Shipmates Norm Clark and Paul Gunther.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that he will coordinate with Shipmate Rauch to pick up the Essay posters and rules that he received from FRA Headquarters, so he can distribute to local area schools, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Membership & Retention, Shipmate Kaider reported that as of September we have 75 members, one gain, four for renewal and one term.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony, Shipmate Gunther reported that he did leave messages with RPCS Techur at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center pastoral care office, but did not hear anything back. There was discussion for this year's location and decided to have the ceremony at the American Legion Post 86. Shipmate Phillipp made a reservation on the Legion calendar for Tuesday, December 7, 2021 @ 2000.

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

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch went over the following communications that were received or downloaded from the National Mailing List (NML): 1) Email from RSEC Falu forwarded by Branch 4 for support of a resolution that they are submitting for next years' National Convention to name a ship after Fireman Second Class Telesforo Trinidad. 2) September FRA Officer Newsletter. 3) Email from RSEC Falu with the results for the Regional Public Relations Committee Reports, which our branch placed 1st in category four. No other communications were received.

Unfinished or Deferred Business, 1) Shipmate Kaider reported the updated Annual WFT raffle overall results to include the sales of all the WFT Season Tickets, except for the Kansas City Chiefs tickets. 2) Went over the 93rd National Convention Resolutions to discuss how the branch should vote (See back for branch voting preferences).

New Business, 1) Shipmate Rauch reported that he received information from the FRA HQ Financial Officer that pertains to reporting cash prizes over \$600 to the IRS. 2) Shipmate Rauch mentioned that \$300 will go to Shipmate Phillipp for being a National Convention Delegate per Branch C&BL. Shipmate Gunther motioned to raise that to \$500 for this Convention, seconded by Shipmate Freibert and approved by all. No other new business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 2030 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved. Next meeting will be October 20, 2021 @ 1900 at American Legion Post 86 and Zoom.

### Important Dates for October 2021

- 11 Oct ~ Columbus Day
- 13 Oct ~ U.S. Navy Birthday! (1775)
- 20 Oct ~ Branch Meeting @ 1930 (Held at American Legion Post 86, 2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD)  
**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
- 23 Oct ~ CLC Meeting (See below)
- 31 Oct ~ Halloween



### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of September 2021				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
75	4	0	1	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 above for Branch Meeting Date, Time, Location

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

#### 2021 FRA/LAFRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

October 2 - 9, 2021

Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center  
1100 N. Sullivan Road, Spokane Valley, WA

#### Central Liaison Committee

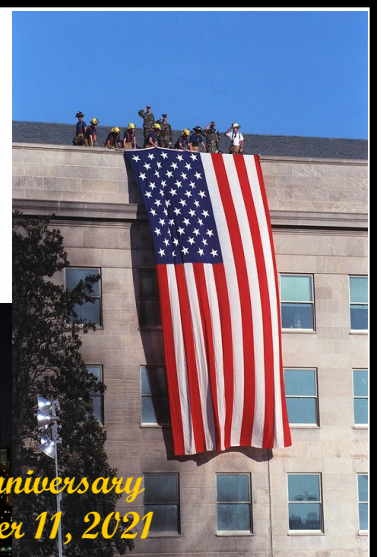
October 23, 2021 2:00 PM via Zoom

#### Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 11:00 AM  
Rockville Veterans Park, Intersection of Rt. 28 and Rt. 355  
(TBD)

#### Annual Triangle 182, Inc. Meeting

November 17, 2021 @ 1900  
American Legion Post 86, 2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD  
Precedes regular scheduled Branch Meeting  
All Branch and Unit members are invited.



20th Anniversary  
September 11, 2021

## Branch Voting Preferences for the 93rd National Convention

Resolution	Subject	Vote
NP-1	NVP James Campbell	Yes
NVP-1	PRPEC Donald A. Hoover	Yes
HM-1	Christina Hitchcock	Informed
HM-2	Bill Simons	Informed
C&BL-1	Article 2, Section 202	No
C&BL-2	Article 3, Section 301	No
C&BL-3	Article 3, Section 301 (c)	No
C&BL-4	Article 8, Section 810 (I)	Informed
C&BL-5	Article 8, Section 811 (a)	Informed
C&BL-6	Article 8, Section 820 (a)	Informed
SR-1	SR-9(b) (2)	Informed
SR-2	SR-9(d)	Informed

When delegates go "informed" they will hear the opinions of the C&BL committee and the discussion on the floor before deciding how the branch will vote. Each delegate is permitted to vote independently if a consensus cannot be reached. Note: Our branch voting strength is 4 Votes.

Below is brief summary of each C&BL Resolution:

### Nominating Resolutions:

National President:

NVP James Campbell - Branch 040

National Vice President:

PRPEC Donald A. Hoover - Branch 024

### Constitution and Bylaws Resolutions:

Art 2, Sect 202 (Composition of Association)

#### **Resolved Summary:**

The FRA is an organization of all current and all former per-sonnel who have many years of honorable service in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, in-cluding the reserve components. It is composed of the national association and its subordinate branches chartered under and pursuant to its authority, in the manner hereinafter provided.

Art 3, Sect 301 (Eligibility for Membership)

#### **Resolved Summary:**

Eligibility for membership in the FRA shall be for all personnel who have served or are now serving in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, including reserve components and regardless of length of service.

Art 3, Sect 301(c) (Eligibility for Membership)

#### **Resolved Summary:**

To read as follows: "Associate Member" is defined as a person not eligible for regular FRA membership who has served or now serving in an enlisted status in the United States Army, National Guard, Air Force, or Space Force, regardless of length of service, including reserve components, under honorable conditions.

Article 8, Section 810(I) (National Committee of Budget and Finance)

#### **Resolved Summary:**

That Article 8, Section 810 (I), C&BL, FRA shall be amended by adding: "(I) National Committee on Budget, Finance and Audit." and be it further Resolved, That Article 8, Section 811 and other appropriate sections where it reads "National Committee of Budget and Finance" to be changed to "National Committee on Budget, Finance and Audit".

Article 8, Section 811(a) (National Committee of Budget and Finance)

#### **Resolved Summary:**

That Article 8, Section 811(a), C&BL, FRA shall be amended by adding: "Section 811(a). This Committee shall consist of the Junior Past National President as chairman, and six members appointed by the National President for terms of three years, two members being replaced or reappointed each year by the incoming National President. Members shall serve until relieved or replaced only with the concurrence of the National Board of Directors."

Article 8, Section 820(a) (National Committee on Veterans Service)

#### **Resolved Summary:**

FRA shall be amended as: "Section 821. Duties of the National Committee on Veterans Service. "Section 821(a). The Committee shall consist of the Director, National Service or designated FRA accredited National Representative as chairman, and eight members, one from each region. A member's term shall be for three years with a minimum of two members replaced or reappointed each year by the incoming National President.

Standing Rule 9 (Americanism Essay Contest)

#### **Resolved Summary:**

That SR-9(b) (2) remove the word "My" and replace with the word "the". Whereas, it is recommended that SR-9(b) (4) should be changed from; "Why I am Proud to be an American" to "What it Means to be an American Citizen". Resolve, that SR-9(b) (4) that the first phrase be removed in its entirety and replaced with the second phrase. Whereas, it is recommended that SR-9(c) (1) the National Committee on Americanism-Patriotism be presented the change on the themes set before them.

Standing Rule 9 (Americanism Essay Contest)

#### **Resolved Summary:**

That Standing Rule 9, SR-9(d) C&BL, FRA is amended by adding: "(4) The essay theme title must appear on the essay as written (5) The essay shall be legibly written or typed on one page and one side of the paper", and be it further Resolved, That SR-9(d) numbers (5) and (6) be renumbered to (6) and (7) respectively.



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

*Shipmate Richard G. Johnson  
Kabul, Afghanistan Service Members  
HSC Squadron Sailors*

*Please remember our troops overseas in  
Iraq and Afghanistan.*



## In Remembrance

1st Sergeant

Richard G. Johnson USMC (Ret)  
November 22, 1931 - May 22, 2021



Shipmate Richard was a FRA Life Member of 53 years. Following graduation from high school Richard enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and proudly served his country and retired after more than 20 years of service as a 1st Sergeant. Richard was an excellent cook and most of his culinary training was learned while in the Marines. Richard was a life member of the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Department, the Delmar VFW Post 8276 and St. Stephen's United Methodist Church where he served several terms as trustee and was the head bell ringer. He was a life-long avid Washington Redskins fan.

For his full obituary please see the link below:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/delmarvanow/name/richard-johnson-obituary?pid=198771596>

We also mourn the loss of the thirteen service members who gave their lives on August 26, 2021 in Kabul, Afghanistan and the five sailors killed August 31, 2021 when their MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter crashed into the Pacific Ocean.

## MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since August 2021

Renewed Members

New Branch Members

Gerald Mouer

None

Daniel Hilton

Ralph Freibert

**Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Norman Clark	8th	Jonathan Whiting	18th
John Abraham	17th	Tommy Stewart	25th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES**

## OCTOBER FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Juan Velazquez-Ortiz	48yrs	Frank Jacob	42yrs
Daniel Hilton	44yrs	Ralph Freibert	21yrs
		John Koval	9yrs

**Thank you for your support, Shipmates**

## FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



LAFRA-09-16-2021

On September 16, we held our meeting at member, Demetra Swarr's, home who also served us a delicious lunch. Thank you for your generous hospitality DeeDee. We had 8 members in attendance, including

LAFRA PRPEC's Gloria Bastian and Dee Kessinger.

For Patriotism, Unit Vice President Helen read the poem "Special Daddy". Treasurer Anne gave the treasurers report. And Secretary Gloria read all correspondence and gave a report on the Regional Convention.

Our next regular meeting will be October 21, 11:00 A.M. again at VFW Post 3285 in Frederick, Md. Please join us.

Respectfully,  
*Susan Kaider*

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Janet Clark	3rd
Heather Hughes	19th
Rosie Hopkins	27th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
LADIES**

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia Trimmer 41yrs

**Thank you for your  
support, Ladies**