



Eight O'Clock Reports

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BRANCH MEETING January 17, 2024

At 1915 Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, convened an informal meeting with 4 members present including PNC Paul Gunther, RSEC Thomas Rauch, and Shipmate Valerie Mathews. Due to inclement weather this month's meeting was conducted via Zoom.

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

Next was the Report of Standing Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Kaider reported that as of January we have 66 members with 1 renewal, 0 past dues, and 1 lost.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported he received four essays, two eighth grade, one ninth grade and one eleventh grade. These were graded at our December meeting. Shipmate Gunther will hand carry the Branch 1st place winner essays along with the Branch Interim Americanism Report to the East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting and submit them to Shipmate Kim Biggs (Br. 24) East Coast Region A&P Chairman for further grading and selection.

Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp was not in attendance to report, and the Shipmates present had nothing to report.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider had nothing to report. Shipmate Rauch mentioned that he will order eight FRA medals from Space City Branch 159 for \$19 each for a total of \$152. The medals will be presented to two NJROTC Cadets from Gaithersburg, Seneca Valley, Paint Branch, and John F. Kennedy High Schools at their upcoming Change-of-Command/Award ceremonies in the Springtime.

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) 2024 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting Flyer, received from RPEC Robert Oliveira. 2) Changes to C&BL from 95th FRA National Convention. 3) Pete Lazzarretti NVP Nomination Resolution 2024-25. 4) Richard Fetro NVP Nomination Resolution 2024-25. 5) 2023-2024 3rd Quarter Membership Report. 6) 2024 Centennial Calendar Set Order Form. No other communications were received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the December Financial Statement and supporting reports. Shipmate Gunther made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved. Audit will be conducted at next month's meeting.

There was no Unfinished or Deferred Business.

New Business, 1) It was reminded that the next CLC meeting will be on Saturday, January 27, 2024 @ 1400 and that it will be held at Branch 24 and via Zoom. 2) It was also reported that the 2024 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting will be over the weekend of February 9-11, 2024 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Virginia Beach, VA. 3) The 2024 East Coast Region Convention will be hosted by Special Committee during September 10-12, 2024 at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, Williamsburg, VA. More information will be presented at the Mid-Year Meeting. 4) Annual Washington Commanders ticket raffle preparation, Shipmate Kaider reported that he will be purchasing 1000 raffle tickets. No other new business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1945 Shipmate Gunther made a motion to adjourn, Shipmate Rauch seconded and all approved. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21, 2024 @ 1900 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.



Important Dates for February 2024

- 02 Feb ~ Groundhog Day
- 14 Feb ~ Valentine's Day
- 14 Feb ~ Ash Wednesday
- 21 Feb ~ 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 Feb ~ USCG Reserves Birthday (1941)
- 19 Feb ~ President's Day

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of January 2024				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
66	1	0	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



We Want You!



It's a new year and our Branch membership is decreasing at a rapid pace. We have lost **68 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 2024, we have 66 active members. 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.

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.



Upcoming Meetings/Events

Central Liaison Committee

January 27, 2024 2:00 PM
Hosted by Branch/Unit 24
100 Compromise St, Annapolis, MD 21401

2024 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting

February 9-11, 2024
Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center
5655 Greenwich Road Virginia Beach, VA 23462
Reservations can be made online or call 800-567-3856, Code FRA.

Central Liaison Committee

April 27, 2024 2:00 PM Location: TBD

Central Liaison Committee

July 27, 2024 2:00 PM Location: TBD

2024 East Coast Region Convention

September 10-12, 2024
Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center
6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185

MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since December 2023

Renewed Members

New Branch Members

None

None

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

James Carnahan	1st	Samuel Webb	18th
William Kaczor, Jr	8th	Edward Braithwood	23rd
Randy Phillipp	9th	Paul Lenker	23rd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

FEBRUARY FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Lenus Barnes	66yrs	Paul Davis, Jr	27yrs
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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 are a comparison between 2023 and 2024 membership and are depicted on these tables.

Keynotes:

- Membership increased by 1.
- Since July 2016 membership decreased by 68.
- No members under the age of 30 and ONLY 2 members under age 50.

Membership Years	2023 Members	2024 Members
0 - 9	7	9
10 - 19	13	12
20 - 29	12	12
30 - 39	10	11
40 - 49	12	11
50 - 59	6	5
60 - 69	4	5
70 - 79	1	1
Total	65	66

Age	2023	2024
18 - 19	0	0
20 - 29	0	0
30 - 39	1	2
40 - 49	0	0
50 - 59	1	2
60 - 69	15	14
70 - 79	17	19
80 - 89	23	20
90 - 99	8	9
100 +	0	0
Unknown	0	0
Total	65	66

Membership	2023	2024
Regular	26	23
Life	37	41
Charter - Life	2	2
Total	65	66

State	2023 Members	2024 Members
MD	38	39
VA	4	2
DC	0	0
DE	0	0
WV	1	1
Other	22	24
Total	65	66



FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Nesbitt	13th
Helen Trimmer	28th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AUXILIARY MEMBERS

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Helen Trimmer	56yrs
Dolores Manley	42yrs
Gloria Bastian	34yrs
Anne Dobbs	23yrs
Janet Clark	19yrs
Angie Wilson	9yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members



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Due to illness, our regular meeting scheduled for January 18, 2024 was cancelled.

Our next regular meeting will be held on February 15, 2024, the location is undecided at this time. Hope to see you then.

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

From the Desk of the Unit Secretary:

Due to the fact that we don't have enough local members to fill a full slate of board of directors and officers, at our Unit meeting on November 16, 2023, with a quorum present we voted to request the Regional President to pass a motion to remove ARTICLE IV from our bylaws and add Section 1406. Section 1406(b), which states any Unit may petition the Regional Present for permission to elect a Unit President and four directors for the subsequent Unit Administration years.

Section 1406(c), the Regional President shall report those petitions approved to the delegates at the next annual regional convention for ratification. A majority vote is required for ratification.

Section 1406(d), upon written approval from the Regional President to operate under Section 1406 and after elections but prior to installation the Unit President shall appoint one of the Directors to perform the duties of the Secretary as outlined to sections of Article 14.

Respectfully,
Gloria Bastian