



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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## BRANCH MEETING January 15, 2025

At 1905 President Randy Phillipp, convened an informal meeting with 5 members present including Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, PNC Paul Gunther (Zoom), RSEC Thomas Rauch, and Shipmate Michael Tovornik (Zoom).

The meeting started with discussion and approval of the December Minutes. Shipmate Gunther 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 January we have 63 members with 1 past due, and 1 lost.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that we had four Branch 1st place winners grades ninth to twelve that will be awarded at our April Branch meeting.

Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that Unit Member Pamela DeSensi's father Shipmate Joseph DeSensi (FRA Member-at-Large) received orders to the Staff of the Supreme Commander on January 4, 2025. Shipmate DeSensi has been added to the Two Bell ceremony and Deepest Sympathies go out to his family. Shipmate Phillipp also mentioned that Shipmate Allen's father was not doing well, and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that on December 17, 2024, he and Susie attended the Gaithersburg High School NJROTC Pass-in-Review representing the FRA and the Branch.

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) 2024-25 FRA East Coast Region Directory, received from RPEC Robert Oliveira. 2) 2025 East Coast Region Convention Newsletter, received from NC Gabriel Falu. Date and Hotel information on back. 3) NED notification of the passing of PNP Thomas Leisher on September 27, 2024. 4) 2024-2025 3rd Quarter Membership Report. To note as of this report ending December 31, 2024 our Branch has 62 members in good standing and drops us down to Membership Group V. 5) Received RVPEC Valerie Toulotte Nomination Resolution for RPEC 2025-26 and her solicitation for support. There was a motion from Shipmate Phillipp to endorse RVPEC Toulotte for RPEC 2025-26, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved. No other communications were received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the December Financial Statement and supporting reports and Shipmate Tovornik made a motion to accept the report that was audited by the Audit Committee Chairman Shipmate Kaider, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved. Shipmate Rauch mentioned that he will order eight FRA medals from Space City Branch 159 for \$19 each for a total of \$152 that will be presented at the NJROTC ceremonies in the Spring.

Unfinished or Deferred Business. 1) For Triangle Branch 182's 70th Anniversary, Shipmate Kaider stated that he will look at different venues that we may be able to have our dinner at. More information to follow.

New Business, 1) It was reminded that the next CLC meeting will be on January 25, 2025 at Branch 24 in Annapolis and via Zoom. 2) It was also reported that the 2025 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting will be over the weekend of February 7-9, 2025 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Virginia Beach, VA. 3) Annual Washington Commanders ticket raffle preparation, Shipmate Kaider reported that he will be purchasing 1000 raffle tickets. No other new business.

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### Important Dates for February 2025

- 02 Feb ~ Groundhog Day
- 07-09 Feb ~ East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting (See details on back)
- 14 Feb ~ Valentine's Day
- 17 Feb ~ President's Day
- 19 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)

### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

#### **Retention:**

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

### We Want You!

It's a new year and our Branch membership is decreasing at a rapid pace. We have lost **70 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 2025, we have 63 active members. Note: We had one member renew after the January membership report we posted. You can renew the following ways:

- \***On-line:** [www.fra.org](http://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](http://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.

Shipmate PNP/PRPEC Thomas Leisher  
Shipmate Joseph DeSensi (MAL)

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



### 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 2024 and 2025 membership and are depicted on these tables.

Keynotes:

-Membership decreased by 2.

-Since July 2016 membership decreased by 70.

-No members under the age of 40 and ONLY 1 member under age 50.



Membership Years	2024 Members	2025 Members	Age Range	2024 Members	2025 Members
0 - 9	9	6	18 - 19	0	0
10 - 19	12	12	20 - 29	0	0
20 - 29	12	15	30 - 39	2	0
30 - 39	11	9	40 - 49	0	1
40 - 49	11	12	50 - 59	2	2
50 - 59	5	4	60 - 69	14	14
60 - 69	5	3	70 - 79	19	20
70 - 79	1	3	80 - 89	20	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	90 - 99	9	10
			100 +	0	1
			Unknown	0	0
			<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>



State	2024 Members	2025 Members	Membership Type	2024 Members	2025 Members
MD	39	37	Regular	23	22
VA	2	2	Life	41	40
DC	0	0	Charter - Life	2	2
DE	0	0	<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>
WV	1	1			
Other	24	24			
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>			



### 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 67yrs Paul Davis, Jr 28yrs

**Thank you for your support, Shipmates**

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

#### Central Liaison Committee

January 25, 2025 2:00 PM Hosted by Branch/Unit 24  
100 Compromise St, Annapolis, MD 21401

#### 2025 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting

February 7-9, 2025

Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center  
5655 Greenwich Road Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Tel: (757) 499-4400 Fax: (757) 226-9155

Website: www.hivabeachnorfolk.com

Reservations can be made online or call 800-567-3856 Code FRA.

#### 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

Reservations call (757) 220-2250 Code: Fleet Reserve Association

#### Central Liaison Committee

July 26, 2025 2:00 PM Location: TBD

#### Central Liaison Committee

October 25, 2025 2:00 PM Location: TBD

#### 97th FRA and 92nd AFRA National Convention

November 4-7, 2025

Oasis Hotel & Convention Center

2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO

## FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



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On January 16, 2025, we held our regular meeting at President Manley's home. We had three members in attendance and one phone attendee. 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, Anne read interesting facts about the USS MISSOURI Memorial in Pearl Harbor.

Our next scheduled meeting will be February 20, 2025, 11:30 A.M. at the Urbana Regional Library, Urbana, Md. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully,  
Susan Kaidler

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Nesbitt 13th  
Helen Trimmer 28th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Helen Trimmer 57yrs  
Dolores Manley 43yrs  
Gloria Bastian 35yrs  
Anne Dobbs 24yrs  
Janet Clark 20yrs  
Angie Wilson 10yrs

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