



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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### Important Dates for April 2018

- 01 Apr ~ Chief Petty Officer Grade Established (1893)
- 01 Apr ~ April's Fool Day
- 01 Apr ~ Happy Easter!
- 07 Apr ~ Passover Ends
- 16 Apr ~ Patriot's Day
- 18 Apr ~ Branch Meeting @ 1930 following BoD Meeting  
2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD
- 28 Apr ~ Central Liaison Committee (See details to right)

### BRANCH MEETING March 28, 2018

Our regularly scheduled meeting was cancelled due to the Spring snowstorm. A special meeting was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 and at 1900 President Rauch convened an informal meeting with 4 members present including PRSEC Keith Kaider, PRPEC Paul Gunther and RVPEC Randy Phillipp.

For this year's Redskins Raffle Fundraiser, PRSEC Kaider motioned to have three prizes: Grand Prize Redskins Season Tickets or \$1000 cash; 2nd and 3rd prizes \$500 cash for each. Motion was seconded, voted on, and approved. PRSEC Kaider ordered the Redskins Season Tickets and Raffle tickets will be sent out to our Shipmates to buy or sell. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased 5 for \$20. Asking for all Shipmates to help sell as many tickets as you can.

The Branch "What Patriotism Means to Me" 10th and 12th grade essay winners will be awarded at the April meeting. We were also notified by RPEC Paul Phelps that our 12th grade essay submission won 3rd place for the East Coast Region selections.

RVPEC Phillipp submitted his "Resolution for East Coast Regional President" for the Association Year 2018-2019 for Branch approval. Motion was made, seconded, voted on and approved.

The 74th East Coast Regional Convention being held July 19-22, 2018 at Solomon's Island, MD. The necessary forms to purchase an Journal Ad, Patron List, Booster Roll or Memoriam List to support the convention are due NLT June 8, 2018. If any Shipmates would like to purchase or want more information on any of these items please contact President Rauch. The Branch will be purchasing a half page Journal Ad. Branch Delegates will be PRSEC Kaider, PRPEC Gunther, RVPEC Phillipp and Branch President Rauch.

PRPEC Gunther will be setting up a recruitment table at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda Chief's Symposium on April 10, 2018 from 0700-0830 outside the Memorial Auditorium.

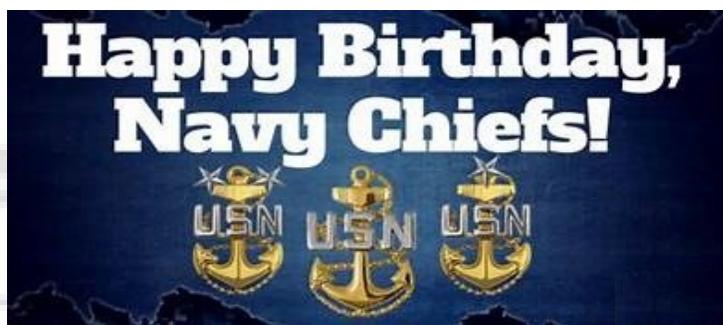
Due to the weather, Regional President East Coast Paul Phelps will be visiting our Branch at the April meeting. Please come out and welcome him to our Branch.

Nominees for the Branch Officer Positions are under consideration and will be confirmed at the April Branch meeting. Those nominees will be voted upon in May and installation will be held in June. Positions include President and four Directors.

Audit Committee Chairman, reviewed and approved the combined January and February Financial Statement. The Yearly Budget will be reviewed and submitted for approval at next meeting.

Gaithersburg High School's JNROTC Award Ceremony will be at 1100 on April 21, 2018 and President Rauch will make presentation on behalf of the Branch.

No other business was conducted and at 2000 President Rauch adjourned the meeting.



### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

| Membership As of March 2018 |             |          |      |      |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|------|------|
| Active                      | For Renewal | Past Due | Lost | Gain |
| 104                         | 2           | 3        | 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

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

#### Central Liaison Committee

April 28, 2018 2:00 PM at Branch 4  
7500 Livingston Rd., Oxen Hill, MD

#### 2018 East Coast Region Convention

July 19-July 22, 2018  
Holiday Inn Conference Center & Marina  
155 Holiday Drive, Solomon's Island, MD 20688  
Reservations: 1-410-326-6311 Mention Code QKT \$91/night  
<https://www.hisolomons.com>

#### 2018 FRA/LAFRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

September 23-30, 2018  
Omni San Antonio Hotel  
9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78230  
Reservations: 1-210-691-8888

### 2018 Redskins Raffle Fundraiser



### 3 CHANCES TO WIN!

#### Grand Prize:

Winner may choose Season Tickets or \$1000 Cash

SEASON TICKET SEATS

FEDEX FIELD, SECTION 135, ROW 1, SEATS 6&7

2nd & 3rd Prizes: \$500 Cash each

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20 (only 2000 tickets printed)

Drawing to be held on July 28, 2018 at CLC Meeting  
Winner need not to present and will be notified by phone.

Raffle tickets will be sent out to members. If you like to purchase more tickets or help in selling tickets please contact President Thomas Rauch. Your help in selling and purchasing tickets is greatly appreciated!

Thank you Shipmates



The Decision Ready Claims (DRC) Program is the fastest way to get your VA claim processed. You can get a decision on your claim in 30 days or less by working with an accredited Veterans Service Organization (VSO).

### What is the Decision Ready Claim (DRC) Program?

The DRC Program allows you to submit VA compensation claims that are decision-ready so you can get your claim processed as fast as possible. To submit a DRC, you must:

- Appoint and work with an accredited Veterans Service Organization (VSO),
- Gather all relevant and required evidence to support your claim, and
- Attend a VA claim exam, if needed, before submitting your claim.

When you work with an accredited VSO and provide all the necessary evidence with your application, you can get a decision on your claim in 30 days or less.

### How do I find an accredited VSO?

To find an accredited VSO near you, go to the VSO Search page on eBenefits. Accredited VSOs are fully trained on the DRC Program and can help you determine if a DRC is right for you. You can also contact FRA Headquarters' VSO Shipmate Chris Slawinski at 1-703-683-1400 extension 115 or email [vafra@fra.org](mailto:vafra@fra.org).

### What type of claims can I file through the DRC Program?

Currently, the DRC Program is available for the following types of compensation claims:

- Direct Service Connection Claims
- Presumptive Service Connection Claims
- Secondary Service Connection Claims
- Increased Disability Claims
- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Claims
- Pre-Discharge Claims

To file a DRC, you must have previously filed a VA claim and received a rating decision from VA on that claim (this does not include DIC and Pre-Discharge claims). Go to the eligibility section of the listed reference below to see a full list of exclusions that would remove your claim from the DRC Program.

### Am I eligible to file a claim through the DRC Program?

To file a DRC, you must have previously filed a VA claim and received a rating decision from VA on that claim (this does not include Pre-Discharge or DIC claims).

### Where can I get more information?

Have more questions? Reach out to your local VSO, call the VA toll-free number at 1-800-827-1000 or visit the website below.

**Local VSO:** FRA Headquarters' VSO Shipmate Chris Slawinski at 1-703-683-1400 extension 115 or email [vafra@fra.org](mailto:vafra@fra.org).

### Reference:

[https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/drc.asp?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=govdelivery&utm\\_campaign=march2018&utm\\_term=DRC&utm\\_content=readmore](https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/drc.asp?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=govdelivery&utm_campaign=march2018&utm_term=DRC&utm_content=readmore)



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 overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.*



*Members Only*

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

|                 |      |                |      |
|-----------------|------|----------------|------|
| Hector Falconi  | 1st  | John Sasso     | 13th |
| John Wooditch   | 3rd  | Danny Snare    | 14th |
| Arthur Ippolito | 8th  | William Busico | 16th |
| Lester Notbohm  | 13th | Robert Shanley | 24th |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES**

### APRIL FRA ANNIVERSARIES

|                |       |                    |       |
|----------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Danny Snare    | 46yrs | David Murphy       | 32yrs |
| Clem Beck      | 44yrs | K Wray             | 30yrs |
| John Sasso     | 43yrs | William Kaczor, Jr | 7yrs  |
| James Carnahan | 41yrs | Samuel Tom         | 1yr   |

**Thank you for your support, Shipmates**

### ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER



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As of this printing, 60 of 104 Branch members and 10 of 30 Unit members have agreed to receive their newsletter by email.

If you are receiving this newsletter by snail mail and could get it by email, PLEASE send President Rauch your email address.

Getting the newsletter by email is faster delivery and gives you the **COLOR** version!

THANK YOU, Shipmates and Ladies.

## FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Trimmer 29th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES**



On March 15, 2018, we held our meeting at the VFW Post 3285 in Frederick, Maryland. We had six members in attendance. After the meeting, we had lunch at the Mountain View Diner in Frederick.

Our project, of collecting grocery store coupons for our military families stationed overseas, continues. We look forward to your contributions.

For our Americanism report, Helen read notable dates in March from the FRA Calendar.....U.S. Naval Reserve established, U.S. Navy Band established, U.S. Navy Seabees Birthday, St. Patrick's Day, First Day of Spring (I think we missed that because of the snowstorm!)

Our next meeting will be at 11:00A.M. on April 19, again at the VFW Post 3285, 5901 Old National Pike, Frederick. At which time we will welcome our East Coast Region President, Shirley Vatter. Please join us!

Respectfully,  
*Susan Kaider*

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Delorice Kessinger | 50yrs |
| Lois Custead       | 21yrs |
| Susan Kaider       | 8yrs  |
| Allison Gosnell    | 8yrs  |
| Mildred Murphy     | 8yrs  |
| Carmen Serfes      | 7yrs  |
| Nesha Stone        | 2yrs  |

**Thank you for your support, Ladies**