



Eight O'Clock Reports

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BRANCH MEETING April 16, 2025

At 1902 President Randy Phillipp, convened an informal meeting with 7 members present including Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, PNC Paul Gunther (Zoom), RSEC Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Michael Tovornik (Zoom), Shipmate Mark Allen (Zoom), and Shipmate Valerie Mathews (Zoom).

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

Next was the Report of Standing Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of April we have 64 members with two renewals, no past due, no loss, and no gain.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that our 1st Place Branch Essay winners for grades ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth will be awarded at the May meeting. Shipmate Rauch mentioned that he will purchase the four gift cards at \$50 each.

Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that Shipmate Freibert was in the hospital and sent a Get Well card.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported the upcoming NJROTC Change-of-Command ceremonies that we will be sponsoring at Gaithersburg (April 30, 2025 @ 0830), Seneca Valley (May 15, 2025 @ 1700), and Paint Branch (May 16, 2025 @ 1700) with Shipmates Kaider, Gunther, and Rauch presenting respectively. Shipmate Phillipp reported that he presented the two awards and medals at the John F. Kennedy ceremony that was held April 8, 2025. The certificates and medals for Seneca Valley were given to Shipmate Phillipp for Shipmate Gunther to pick up at the American Legion.

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) NPSL 2-25 Convening of the NBOD Mid-Yr Mtg - 2025. 2) 2024-2025 4th Quarter Membership Report. 3) 2025 EC Regional Convention Newsletter-#2. 4) 2025 National Convention 1st Newsletter. 5) Resolutions for Consideration at the 81st Regional Convention. 6) Received ECR Assessment Letter from RTEC Philip Stone. 7) Received updated ECR Directory. No other communications were received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the March Financial Statement and supporting reports. Shipmate Gunther made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report that was audited by Audit Committee Chairman, Shipmate Kaider. Shipmate Allen seconded and all approved. Shipmate Rauch presented the proposed 2025-2026 Budget, Shipmate Tovornik made a motion to accept the Budget, Shipmate Gunther seconded and all approved.

Unfinished or Deferred Business, 1) Annual Fundraiser, see the FRA Triangle 182, Inc section to the right for more details. 2) For Triangle Branch 182's 70th Anniversary, see the 70th Anniversary section to the right for more details. 3) Shipmate Rauch reported that the 81st East Coast Regional Convention Journal Ads/Boosters were mailed with payment on March 24, 2025 and that the Meal Requests are due by May 30, 2025. 4) Reminder that Committee Reports are due prior to the next Branch meeting. No other Unfinished or Deferred Business.

New Business. New Business, 1) Association Year 2025-2026 Branch Officer Nominees. The following members have been nominated:

- President - Shipmate PRPEC Randy Phillipp
- Director (1) - Shipmate RSEC Thomas Rauch
- Director (2) - Shipmate PNC Paul Gunther
- Director (3) - Shipmate PRSEC Keith Kaider
- Director (4) - Shipmate Mark Allen

Final nominations and election will be held in May with Installation in June. 2) ECR Branch Delegation form is due by May 31, 2025 and

Important Dates for May 2025

- 11 May ~ Happy Mother's Day!
- 17 May ~ Armed Forces Day
- 19 May ~ Triangle Branch 182 70th Anniversary!
- 21 May ~ 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
Reminder: Branch Essay Winners will be awarded.
- 26 May ~ Memorial Day

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of April 2025				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
64	2	0	0	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



Triangle Branch 182 70th Anniversary



The Branch's 70th Anniversary will be on May 19, 2025, and to celebrate this occasion after planning and discussion over the last couple of months it has been decided for those that confirmed that they would like to attend our 70th Anniversary Dinner, reservations at That's Amore in Rockville were made for Saturday, May 17, 2025.

Along with the Branch's 70th Anniversary, we have two Shipmates that are Branch charter members and will be celebrating their FRA 70 Years of Continuous Membership, they will not be able to attend the celebration, so **Congratulations to Shipmates John Rash and Elton Ball!** Thank you for your continuous support and service!



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

Members Only

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

Shipmate Kaider made a motion that the Chairman can add members to the Delegation Credential at the Convention, Shipmate Tovornik seconded, and all approved. 3) The next CLC Meeting will be on April 26, 2025 (see Upcoming Events on back for details). No other New Business.

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

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

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

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26, 2025 @ 9:00 AM Rockville Town Center, 131 Gibbs Street, Rockville, MD 20850

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 https://www.fortmagruderhotel.com/

Central Liaison Committee

July 26, 2025 2:00 PM Location: TBD

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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 Reservations call (417) 866-5253, Room rates are \$119/night https://springfieldoasis.com/

Rockville Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade

Please join Triangle Branch 182 in the wreath laying presentation at the Rockville Memorial Day Ceremony to honor and pay tribute to those who served and sacrificed for our freedom.

Date: Monday, May 26, 2025 Time: 9:00AM - 1:00PM Location: Rockville Town Square Address: 131 Gibbs Street, Rockville, MD 20850



About:

Founded in 1944 by William (Bill) Wood, the Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade is a long-standing tradition in the City of Rockville. The day starts off with a ceremony remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms and concludes with the annual parade. The parade features more than 50 units, including military and community groups, marching units, dance troupes, and more.

Parking:

Free parking is available at the Metro lots, City Hall lots, and Jury lot.

Paid parking is available in the Rockville Town Square garage located off of Route 355 or North Washington Street from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. on Monday, May 26. Cash and credit accepted. Regular Town Square parking rates apply at all other times. Accessible parking is available in the Town Square garage.

More Details:

https://www.rockvillemd.gov/2402/Memorial-Day-Ceremony-and-Parade

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- George Malusky 4th
Ken Wray 8th
Harold Deweese 11th
Edward Potts 12th
Helene Delizo 21st
Lenus Barnes 25th
Robert Gubbels 25th
Michael Hamas 30th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

MAY FRA ANNIVERSARIES

- John Rash 70yrs
Elton Ball 70yrs
Robert Gubbels 37yrs
John Burns 33yrs
Robert Vitarelli 33yrs
Thomas Lovett 31yrs
Paul Gunther 29yrs
Randy Phillip 29yrs
Wendy Fischer 18yrs
Michael Tovornik 2yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

The United States Navy Memorial NAVY LOG

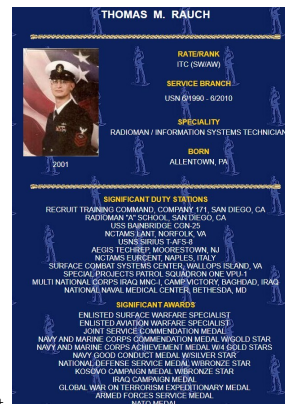


The goal of the Navy Log is to create a lasting legacy of honor that reaches across generations and tells the story of our Sea Service veterans. We must remind and educate Americans of the true cost of these freedoms, so they will always respect those who fought to protect them. Registry in the Navy Log is free.

Below is Shipmate Rauch's log as an example of what other people would see either on the Internet or at The U.S. Navy Memorial. If you like to register yourself or another Shipmate and have access to the Internet you can go to the following website/link:

https://navylog.navy memorial.org/

If you do not have access to the Internet and like to be added to the Navy Log you can send the following information to Shipmate Tom Rauch (address on front) and he will register for you:



- Full Name
Rate/Rank
Service Branch (Open to all Services)
Specialty
Born (Date/Place)
Significant Duty Stations
Significant Awards
Picture (Optional, will send picture back)

If you are in the D.C. area and want to visit the Navy Memorial, below is some general information:



Hours of Operation: Open 9:30am-5:00pm Everyday Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's
Address: 701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20004
Metro Stop: Archives/Navy Memorial
Website: https://www.navy memorial.org/

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



LAFRA-04-17-2025

On April 17, 2025, we held our regular meeting at President Manley's home. Thank you Dolores for hosting our meeting. We had five members in attendance and two phone attendees. 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 "For A Sailor and His Wife To Be".

Our next scheduled meeting will be May 15, 2025, 11:30 A.M. at the Urbana Regional Library, when we will hold nominations and election. Hope to see everyone there.

The Unit is looking forward to celebrating Branch 182's 70th Anniversary. Congratulations Branch 182!

Respectfully, Susan Kaidor



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- Rosie Hopkins 48yrs
Demetra Swarr 26yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members