



Eight O'Clock Reports

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BRANCH MEETING April 17, 2024

At 1902 President Randy Phillipp convened a formal meeting with 6 members present including Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, PNC Paul Gunther, RSEC Thomas Rauch, S/M Valerie Mathews (Zoom), and S/M Mark Allen (Zoom). We also had the Chopra, Watt, and Bowie families and friends in attendance.

Opening ceremonies were conducted and then for Americanism & Patriotism our Branch "What Memorial Day Means to Me" 8th, 9th and 11th grade essay winners, Ms. Mitaali Chopra (8th), Mr. Lawson Watt (9th) and Ms. Alaina Bowie (11th) were awarded their certificates and gift cards. Note: Our 9th grade winner placed 3rd at Region.

We then proceeded with the Report of Committees. Please note that the discussion and approval of the March Minutes was skipped and will need to be approved at the next meeting in May.

Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of April we have 64 members, with one for renewal and one termination.

Hospitals, Welfare, Rehabilitation, S/M Phillipp had nothing to report.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported the upcoming NJROTC ceremonies that we will be presenting certificates and medals, which are as follows: John F. Kennedy (April 18, 2024 @ 1800 - S/M Gunther), Gaithersburg (April 25, 2024 @ TBD - S/M Kaider), Seneca Valley (May 13, 2024 @ 1700 - S/M Gunther), and Paint Branch (May 17, 2024 @ 1800 - S/M Rauch). All certificates and medals were distributed to the presenters.

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) 2023-2024 4th Quarter Membership Report. 2) NPSL 2-24 Convening of the NBOD Mid-Year Meeting. 3) 2023-2024 McPherson Nomination Memo Form Revised. 4) NEDM 2-24 Branch Officer Report Revised. 5) ECR Branch Assessment (\$32) received and paid by Shipmate Rauch. 6) 96th FRA and 91st AFRA Newsletter #2. 7) Received a proof of the dinner booklet for the USCGC Calhoun commissioning on April 20, 2024. 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 Kaider seconded and all approved. Shipmate Rauch presented the proposed 2024-2025 Budget, Shipmate Phillipp made a motion to table until the next meeting in order to review, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved.

Unfinished or Deferred Business. 1) Shipmate Kaider reported the Annual Washington Commanders Ticket Raffle Status listed on the back. No other Unfinished or Deferred Business.

New Business, 1) Association Year 2024-2025 Branch Officer Nominations. The following members have been nominated:

- President - S/M Randy Phillipp
- Director (1) - S/M Thomas Rauch
- Director (2) - S/M Paul Gunther
- Director (3) - S/M Keith Kaider
- Director (4) - S/M Mark Allen

Final nominations and election will be held in May with Installation in June. 2) Shipmate Rauch will send Committee Reports via email to their respective Branch Chairmen and are due back to the Secretary by next meeting. 3) ECR Branch Delegation form will be completed by next meeting. No other new business.

Good of the Order was held followed by the Two Bell ceremony. Then at 2015 Shipmate Gunther made a motion to adjourn, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved, then Closing ceremonies were conducted.

Important Dates for May 2024

- 12 May ~ Happy Mother's Day!
- 15 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
- 18 May ~ Armed Forces Day
- 19 May ~ Triangle Branch 182 69th Anniversary!
- 27 May ~ Memorial Day

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of April 2024				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
64	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

CONGRATULATIONS ESSAY WINNERS!!

"What Memorial Day Means to Me"



8th Grade
Ms. Mitaali Chopra

9th Grade
Mr. Lawson Watt

11th Grade
Ms. Alaina Bowie



Left-to-Right: Americanism/Patriotism Chairman PNC Paul Gunther, Mitaali Chopra, Alaina Bowie, Lawson Watt, and Branch President Randy Phillipp.

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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 27, 2024 2:00 PM Hosted by Branch 309
FRA Headquarters
125 N. West Street, Alexandria, VA

Central Liaison Committee

July 27, 2024 2:00 PM Hosted by Branch 4
MRS Philippines Home for Senior Citizens
6482 Bock Rd., Oxon Hill, MD

2024 East Coast Region Convention

September 10-12, 2024
Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center
6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185
For reservations call (757) 220-2250, \$99/night Code: FRA

Central Liaison Committee

October 26, 2024 2:00 PM Location: TBD

96th FRA / 91st AFRA National Convention/Centennial

November 11-16, 2024
Double Tree by Hilton Annapolis
210 Holiday Court, Annapolis MD 21401
Reservations: 1-410-224-3150 or
<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/anpdttd-90d-bcdab4c5-7f18-47ce-9b69-435dc9ec0f80/>
Rate: \$115.00/night plus tax, Cut-off October 9, 2024



MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since March 2024

Renewed Members

Thomas Lovett

New Branch Members

None

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

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	69yrs
Elton Ball	69yrs
Robert Gubbels	36yrs
John Burns	32yrs
Robert Vitarelli	32yrs
Thomas Lovett	30yrs
Paul Gunther	28yrs
Randy Phillipp	28yrs
Wendy Fischer	17yrs
Michael Tovornik	1yr

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

2024 Commanders Raffle Fundraiser

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

2 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 Prize: \$500 Cash

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20 (only 1000 tickets printed)
Drawing to be held on July 17, 2024 at Branch Meeting.
Winner need not to present and will be notified by phone.

Raffle Ticket Status

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Thank you, Shipmates and Auxiliary Members for your support.



John F. Kennedy High School NJROTC Branch Awardees April 18, 2024



PNC Paul Gunther,
Cadet Angel Martinez &
CDR Bateman



PNC Paul Gunther,
Cadet Jorge Zavala &
CDR Bateman



FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



LAFRA-04-18-2024

On April 18, 2024, we held our regular meeting. We had four members in attendance and one on a phone call. We planned having a meeting by Zoom but due to technical difficulties, it didn't work. We will attempt again next month. A big thank you to Keith Kaider for your help. Also, thank you Helen for hosting our meeting and lunch. We currently have 28 active members.

Secretary Gloria read the past minutes and Treasurer Anne gave the Treasurer's report.

Both were approved. Susan gave the Chaplain's report. For Patriotism, Susan read a report on the US Flag Code. Anne reported she received a receipt from Fisher House for our donation.

Next month we will hold elections for President.

Our next meeting will be May 16, 11:00 A.M. again at Bedford Court, 3701 International Drive, Silver Spring, when we will attempt another Zoom. Keith will send invitations to all members with email addresses. Please join us!

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Rosie Hopkins	47yrs
Demetra Swarr	25yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members