



Eight O'Clock Reports

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BRANCH MEETING June 18, 2025

At 1900 President Randy Phillipp convened a formal meeting with 5 members present including PNC Paul Gunther, RSEC Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Michael Tovornik (Zoom) and Shipmate Mark Allen (Zoom).

Opening ceremonies were conducted and then the meeting started with discussion and approval of the May Minutes. Shipmate Gunther made a motion to approve, Shipmate Tovornik seconded and all approved.

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of June we have 63 members, with two for renewal and one lost.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that the theme for this year's Essay Contest will be "America at 250: What does It Mean to Me?".

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that Shipmates John Rash, Ralph Freibert, and JrPNP John Handzuk received orders to the Staff of the Supreme Commander, and he will send Sympathy Cards to their families.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider was not present.

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) MEMO Acknowledgement NBA 3-25 for 2025 Essay Contest Theme. 2) Virgil Courneya NED Nomination Resolution 2025-26. No other communications were received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the May Financial Statement and supporting reports and Shipmate Gunther made a motion to accept the report that was audited by the Audit Committee Trustee, Shipmate Phillipp. Shipmate Tovornik seconded and all approved.

There was no Unfinished/Deferred Business.



Under New Business, we proceeded with the Installation of Officers for Triangle Branch 182. Shipmate Gunther installed the following elected Branch Officers for 2025 - 2026:

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

(Left Photo) Shipmate Gunther presented the gavel to Shipmate Phillipp for the upcoming 2025-26 year as President.

President Phillipp appointed the following positions and chairmen for the 2025-2026 year starting July 1, 2025:

Secretary/Treasurer: RSEC Thomas Rauch
Chaplain: PNC Paul Gunther
Master-at-Arms: Jr. Past President Keith Kaider
Pearl Harbor Day: PNC Paul Gunther
Newsletter Editor: RSEC Thomas Rauch
Audit Committee Chairman: Jr. Past President Keith Kaider
Audit Committee Trustee: President Randy Phillipp
American/Patriotism Chairman: PNC Paul Gunther
Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation Chair: President Randy Phillipp
Public Relations Chairman: RSEC Thomas Rauch
Youth Activities Chairman: Jr. Past President Keith Kaider
Membership and Retention Chairman: President Randy Phillipp
Veterans Services Chairman: PNC Paul Gunther

Important Dates for July 2025

04 Jul ~ Happy Independence Day!
16 Jul ~ 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
26 Jul ~ Central Liaison Committee Meeting (See below)

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of June 2025				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
63	2	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



On Monday, May 26, 2025, Triangle Branch 182, presented a wreath to honor and pay tribute to those who served and sacrificed for our freedom, at the Rockville Memorial Day Ceremony held at Rockville Town Center.

The ceremony can be seen via the link below:
<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/2402/Memorial-Day-Ceremony-and-Parade>

Left-to-Right:
Shipmate Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, and Shipmate Thomas Rauch.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Central Liaison Committee

July 26, 2025 2:00 PM Hosted by Unit 181
Location: 10925 Riverview Road, Fort Washington, MD

Central Liaison Committee

October 25, 2025 2:00 PM Location: TBD

97th FRA and 92nd AFRA National Convention

November 3-8, 2025
Oasis Hotel & Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO
Reservations call (417) 866-5253, Room rates are \$119/night
<https://springfieldoasis.com/>

Other New Business, 1) Shipmate Rauch presented the National Branch Delegation Credentials for the National Convention in November and motioned that Chairman Shipmate Phillipp can add Delegates as needed, Shipmate Tovornik seconded and all approved. 2) Shipmate Rauch reported that he will be purchasing Membership Continuous Pins for \$180. No other new business.

The Two Bell ceremony was conducted followed by the Good of the Order. Then at 1950, Shipmate Gunther motioned to adjourn the meeting, Shipmate Tovornik seconded and all approved. Closing ceremonies were then conducted.

Members Only



Two Bell Ceremony in remembrance of those Shipmates that have received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

Shipmate John R. Rash
Shipmate Ralph W. Freibert
Shipmate JrPNP John Handzuk

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



In Remembrance

Lieutenant

John R. Rash USN (Ret)
January 4, 1930 - May 23, 2025



Shipmate John was a life FRA Member and Charter Member of Triangle Branch 182 of 70 years. John had retired from the U.S. Government as a cryptologist. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

For his full obituary please see the link below:
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/carrollcountytimes/name/john-rash-obituary?id=58473578>

Captain

Ralph W. Freibert USN (Ret)
December 15, 1940 - June 7, 2025



Shipmate Ralph was an FRA Member of 25 years. Ralph joined the US Navy, where he served his country for 29 years. He retired in 1992 at the rank of Captain. Ralph saw combat action during the Vietnam war and was stationed all over the world during his illustrious career, including Japan, Korea, Guam and time stationed at the Pentagon. He had several naval deployments, including as the Commanding Officer of the USS Flint, and even earned the honorary title of Commodore when he was the Commander of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron-3.

For his full obituary please see the link below:
<https://www.goinghomecares.com/obituaries/Ralph-W-Freibert?obId=42934016>

MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since May 2025

<u>Renewed Members</u>	<u>New Branch Members</u>
Paul Lenker	None

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Robert Klein	4th	Wendy Fischer	12th
Robert Newton	7th	Valerie Mathews	16th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

JULY FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Hamas	55yrs	Paul Lenker	44yrs
George Malusky	48yrs	Joseph Halton	16yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

**81st FRA and 79th FRA Auxiliary
2025 East Coast Regional Convention (ECRC)**

This year's ECRC was held in Williamsburg, VA at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center and hosted by Branch/Unit 99 chaired by Shipmate JrPRPEC Gabriel Falu (Br. 99). Our Branch delegates Shipmates President PRPEC Randy Phillipp, PNC Paul Gunther, and RSEC Thomas Rauch were all in attendance.

On Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 1300, Opening Ceremonies were held with the City of Virginia Beach Mayor Robert M. Dyer as the Keynote Speaker. Later that night there was a Welcome Aboard Party held with music and games.

On Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 0900 the FRA Business Session was called to order. Reports of the Regional Officers, President (Robert Oliveira), Vice President (Valerie Toulotte), Secretary (Thomas Rauch), Treasurer (Philip Stone) and Jr. PRPEC (Gabriel Falu) were read. The State and National Legislative Representatives from DE, VA, NC, and National Headquarters reported on Veteran programs and laws that pertained to their state or the Nation as a whole. There were no reports for MD and DC.

Next on the agenda were the Reports of the Standing Committees. This is where the results of the Regional Branches' submissions for the various committees were revealed. Our Branch in Group IV placed 1st for Americanism/Patriotism, Public Relations, and Youth Activities, 2nd for Hospitals, Welfare, Rehabilitation. For Veterans Service Officer and VA Voluntary Service, we had no report. Shipmates Gunther, Phillipp, Rauch and Kaider were selected as Shipmate of the Year for Americanism/Patriotism, Hospitals, Welfare, Rehabilitation, Public Relations and Youth Activities, respectively. For a full listing of the results please see the table to the right.

The Budget & Finance and Audit Committees conducted their reports as well. Next was the Bylaws & Rules committee, which had no resolutions submitted this year.

The Time & Place committee reported that Branch 40 will host the 2026 Mid-Year Meeting (MYM), for the 2026 ECRC will be hosted by the ECR Red/Gray Hats Ad Hoc Committee. Then for 2027 the MYM will be hosted by Branch/Unit 99 and at the moment there is no host for the 2027 ECRC.

Under New Business there was one Branch that petition to operate under 1216(a) and was approved for ratification. Shipmate RTEC Stone motioned that the yearly assessment to be raise from \$.50 to \$1, which was seconded and approved after discussion. Then the 2025-2026 Elections of Regional Officers were held. The following officers were elected:

- RPEC - Shipmate RVPEC Valerie Toulotte, Branch 24
- RVPEC - Shipmate PRSEC Paula Falu, Branch 99

Shipmate RPEC Oliveira installed RVPEC. RPEC (Elect) was installed later that night at the banquet by Shipmate PNP Donna Jansky during the Mock Installation.

After New Business, we heard from the National Officer Candidates, Good of the order was then held and the business meeting was adjourned by RPEC Oliveira.

That night a banquet was held with dinner, live entertainment and dancing. Overall, another great Convention!!! (The meeting minutes will be distributed once received.)

Reports of the Standing Committees

The standing committees determined 1st, 2nd, and 3rd by the submissions received by each branch for the specific activity listed below. Group is determined by the size of the branch.

Americanism/Patriotism				Hospitals, Welfare, Rehabilitation			
Group	1st	2nd	3rd	Group	1st	2nd	3rd
1	24	None	None	1	24	None	None
2	99	93	166	2	166	None	None
3	172	181	40	3	40	172	None
4	182	293	208	4	293	182	212
5	37	41	4	5	41	37	None
Public Relations				Youth Activities			
Group	1st	2nd	3rd	Group	1st	2nd	3rd
1	24	None	None	1	24	None	None
2	None	None	None	2	166	None	None
3	172	40	None	3	181	172	40
4	182	293	None	4	182	293	None
5	37	None	None	5	37	41	None
Veterans Services Officer				VA Voluntary Service			
Group	1st	2nd	3rd	Group	1st	2nd	3rd
1	24	None	None	1	None	None	None
2	166	99	93	2	None	None	None
3	40	None	None	3	40	None	None
4	293	None	None	4	293	None	None
5	309	None	None	5	309	41	None

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



FRA Auxiliary 06-19-2025
There was no meeting held this month. Our next meeting will be July 17th, time and location to be announced.

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Susan Kaider 2nd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Auxiliary Members

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Frances DeByl 28yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members