



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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## BRANCH MEETING March 15, 2023

At 1905 President Randy Phillipp, convened an informal meeting with 5 members present including PNC Paul Gunther, Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, Shipmate Thomas Rauch and Shipmate Valerie Mathews.

The meeting started with discussion and approval of the February 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 March we have 66 members with two for renewal and one gain.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that he received the East Coast Region (ECR) Essay winners from ECR A&P Chairman Shipmate Kim Biggs and that our Branch 11th and 12th grade winners placed 3rd and 2nd place, respectively in their grade. It is planned to award our Branch winners at the April meeting.

Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that Shipmates PNP George Kaye and Ronald Littlejohn (Past CLC Chairman) received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander. He has sent or will be sending a Sympathy Card to their families. Our Deepest Sympathies go out to their families and they have been added to the Two Bell Ceremony on the back of this newsletter.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that we will be sponsoring the NJROTC at John F. Kennedy and Paint Branch High Schools in addition to Gaithersburg and Seneca Valley. These are the four High Schools in Montgomery County that have NJROTC programs. Shipmate Gunther will be presenting the awards at Paint Branch on March 30, 2023. The other ceremonies are as follows: JFK (April 20, 2023), Gaithersburg (April 26, 2023) & Seneca Valley (May 3, 2023). Shipmate Rauch reported that he ordered four additional medals.

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch reported that he downloaded the following documents from the National Mailing List (NML), received via mail, or received via email: 1) Pete Lazzarretti NVP Nomination Resolution. 2) MEMO ACK Letters, NBR 12-23 and 13-23. 3) NPSL 2-23, Convening NBOD Mid-year Meeting. 4) NPSL 3-23, 2022-2023 Officers and Committee Roster Update 3.2. 5) FRA/LAFRA 2022 National Convention Final Report. 6) ECR 78th Convention Minutes. 7) 2022-2023 FRA ECR Directory. 8) 79th ECR Convention First Newsletter. 9) FRA Legislative Agenda and Status. 10) CLC January Meeting Minutes. No other communications were received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the February Financial Statement and supporting reports. Shipmate Gunther made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report that was audited by Audit Committee Trustee, Shipmate Kaider. Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved. Shipmate Rauch mentioned that the proposed 2023-24 Annual Budget will be prepared for next meeting for final approval at the May meeting.

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

New Business. 1) The 79th ECR Convention will be July 6-9, 2023 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD 21401. Meal Order Forms, Journal Ad, and Patron Booster/Life/Memorial Rolls are due by June 1, 2023. 2) Nominees for Branch President and four Directors are due at the April Branch meeting. Those nominees will be voted upon in May and installation will be held in June. No other New Business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 2000 Shipmate Gunther made a motion to adjourn, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved.

### Important Dates for April 2023

- 01 Apr ~ Chief Petty Officer Grade Established (1893)
- 02 Apr ~ Palm Sunday
- 05 Apr ~ Passover Begins at Sunset
- 07 Apr ~ Good Friday
- 09 Apr ~ Happy Easter!
- 13 Apr ~ Passover Ends at Sunset
- 15 Apr ~ Income Tax Deadline
- 17 Apr ~ Patriot's Day
- 19 Apr ~ 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
- 22 Apr ~ Central Liaison Committee (See details on back)



### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder



Retention:

Membership As of March 2023				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
66	2	0	0	1

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

## 2023 Commanders Raffle Fundraiser

# WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

### 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 19, 2023 at Branch Meeting  
Winner need not to present and will be notified by phone.

### Raffle Ticket Status

Members Only

Reminder this is our only fundraiser and your support is greatly appreciated. If you like to purchase more tickets or help in selling tickets please contact Jr. Past President Keith Kaider ([dkeith@comcast.net](mailto:dkeith@comcast.net)). Your help in selling and purchasing tickets is greatly appreciated!

Thank you, Shipmates and Auxiliary Members for your support.

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 George Kaye (Br. 254)  
Shipmate Ronald Littlejohn (Br. 309),  
Past CLC Chairman (2015-16)

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



### 2023 East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting



The East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting was held on Saturday, February 25, 2023 hosted by Branch/Unit 99 at the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center in Virginia Beach, VA. Branch Shipmates President PRPEC Randy Phillipps and Thomas Rauch attended.

Valuable and pertinent information for the Region was presented during the meeting that started at 0900 and presided over by East Coast Region President Gabriel Falu (Br 99).

The meeting started with opening ceremonies and introduction of the East Coast Region Officers. Then Shipmate PNC Valerie Toulotte (Br 24) provided information about the East Coast Region Convention that will be hosted by Branch/Unit 24 on July 6-9, 2023 in Annapolis, MD. The ECRC Newsletter with Meal, Journal Ad, and Booster forms were distributed to the Branches and Past Regional Presidents.

Then Legislative reports were given for Maryland by Shipmate Patrick Guibao (Br 24), Virginia and North Carolina by Shipmate PRPEC Sha'ron Martin (Br 166). There was no representative present for Delaware.

Shipmate RPEC Gabriel Falu (Br 99) then called for the Branch Reports and Shipmate RSEC Paula Falu (Br 99) went through all Branches to give them a chance to give their report or confirm that report was submitted to the ECR Secretary.

Shipmate PRPEC Sha'ron Martin (Br 166) then spoke about Veteran Affairs (VA) disability claims and what to do if a VA disability claim is rejected. If a VA claim is rejected you can submit a Nexus Letter that needs to be signed by your physician and on their letterhead. Plus, remember that there is no charge to do a VA claim and if you file under the FRA with a Veteran Service Officer only they can review it. For more information about VA claims you can go to <https://vetsdisabilityclaims.com>.

Americanism and Patriotism Chairman, Shipmate Kim Biggs (Br 24) then reported the results of the East Coast Region Essay Contest with naming the first place winners for each grade 7th through 12th. The complete list with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be distribute to the Branches.

Then there was a two Sentara Healthcare Representatives that gave presentations on Suicide Awareness and End of Life Preparedness.

Shipmate NED Chris Slawinski (Br 181) spoke about FRA Headquarters staff changes, progress of selling the Headquarters building, the 2024 National Convention that will be hosted by Branch/Unit 24 and will be in Annapolis, MD, and the FRA hosting the 2024 Veterans Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

It was then reported that Shipmate RSEC Paula Falu (Br 99) will be submitting a nomination for RVPEC and Shipmate RVPEC Robert Oliveira (Br 293) for RPEC.

Good of the order was conducted, then before the meeting adjourned at 1500 a moment of silence was conducted to pay tribute to our Shipmates that received orders to the Supreme Commander.

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

#### Annual LAFRA Arlington National Cemetery Pilgrimage

April 11-15, 2023  
The Westin Old Town Alexandria  
400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA 22314

#### Central Liaison Committee

April 22, 2023 2:00 PM  
Hosted by Branch/Unit 181

#### 2023 East Coast Region Convention

July 5-8, 2023  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
210 Holiday Ct, Annapolis, MD 21401  
Reservations: (410) 224-3150 Code: ZFC Rate: \$130/night

#### 95th FRA / 90th LA FRA National Convention

September 23-30, 2023  
Nugget Casino Resort, 1100 Nugget Avenue, Sparks, NV 89431  
Reservations: (833) 456-0764  
Rate: \$102.00 plus 13.5% tax and a \$2.00 Tourism Fee



### MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since February 2023

Renewed Members      New Branch Members

Jonathan Whiting\*      None  
Ken Wray\*

\*Life Member

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Arthur Ippolito      8th      Danny Snare      14th  
William Busico 16th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

### APRIL FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Danny Snare      51yrs      Ken Wray      35yrs  
James Carnahan      46yrs      William Kaczor, Jr      12yrs  
David Murphy      37yrs      Robert Hebron      9yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

## FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Delorice Kessinger      55yrs  
Lois Custead      26yrs  
Susan Kaider      13yrs  
Allison Gosnell      13yrs  
Mildred Murphy      13yrs  
Carmen Serfes      11yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members



LAFRA-03-16-2023

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we were unable to hold our regular meeting on March 16, 2023.

Our next meeting will be on April 20, 11:30AM, at the Urbana Regional Library, 9020 Amelung Street, Urbana. Please join us!

Happy Easter everyone!

Respectfully,  
Susan Kaider

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Trimmer      29th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Auxiliary Members

