



Eight O'Clock Reports

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BRANCH MEETING January 20, 2021

At 1910 President Keith Kaider convened an informal meeting with 5 members present including NC Paul Gunther, Jr. Past President Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Ralph Freibert and Shipmate Mark Allen. We held our meeting via Zoom and Dial-in only due to COVID-19 restrictions in the area.

The meeting started with discussion and approval of the December Minutes. Shipmate Gunther stated that the number of essays received was 11 vice 12, the Secretary will update. Shipmate Kaider made a motion to approve, Shipmate Gunther seconded and all approved.

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that there was nothing new to report.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillip was not in attendance. Shipmate Kaider did report that Shipmate Duane "Robbie" Robertson's wife Marguerite had passed away earlier in the day (January 20, 2021). We were also notified that Shipmate Clark Murphy's brother passed away on January 9, 2021. Our Deepest Sympathies go out to these Shipmates and their families. It was also reported that Shipmate Norm Clark was in the hospital earlier in the month, Get well soon Shipmate!

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that he had 11 Americanism Essays for this year's Essay Contest. The essays were scanned in and emailed to Shipmates Kaider, Rauch and Allen to review and grade to select the Branch 1st place winners. (Note: The 1st place winners for grades 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th were selected on January 21, 2021 and given to Shipmate Gunther to submit to the East Coast Region A&P Committee. Did not receive any essays for the 8th grade.)

Shipmate Kaider reported that as of January we have 79 members, three for renewal and two that we lost due to transfer & cancellation.

Shipmate Rauch went over the December Financial Statement and supporting reports and he made a motion to accept his report pending audit next time we meet in person, Shipmate Allen seconded and all approved. Shipmate Rauch also reported that he ordered four NJROTC Medals from Space City Branch 159 for \$19ea, which will be presented to NJROTC cadets in upcoming ceremonies in May.

Shipmate Rauch received correspondence from Christina Hitchcock, Director of Membership, which included the December/January FRA Membership Newsletter. Will distribute with those members with e-mail addresses. There was no other new correspondence received or on the National Mailing List.

Old Business. Shipmate Rauch reported the status of membership pins and certificates that were sent out for Shipmate's that had an Anniversary ending in a 0 or 5 since July 1, 2020.

New Business, 1) Annual Washington Football Team ticket raffle preparation, Shipmate Kaider reported that he will order the raffle tickets in early February. 2) It was reminded that the next CLC meeting will be on Saturday, January 23, 2021 and that it will be held via Zoom. 3) It was also reported that the 2021 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting will now be held via Zoom scheduled for March 27, 2021. More information to come. 4) It was also reported that Shipmate Allen submitted some pictures to FRAToday for his participation in the posting of 184 American flags across Washington, DC's Fourteenth Street Bridge by the Pentagon on Patriot Day 2020 to honor the 184 American patriots who were killed on 09-11-01. Shipmate Kaider also submitted pictures from when he visited Shipmate Robertson and Marguerite over Christmas.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1935 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved.

Important Dates for February 2021

- 02 Feb ~ Groundhog Day
- 14 Feb ~ Valentine's Day
- 15 Feb ~ President's Day
- 17 Feb ~ Branch Meeting @ 1900 via Zoom and Dial-in only
Zoom: URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/74199719408>
Meeting ID: 741 9971 9408 Password:
Dial-In: 1-301-715-8592 or 1-253-215-8782
Meeting ID: 741 9971 9408 Password:
- 17 Feb ~ Ash Wednesday
- 19 Feb ~ USCG Reserves Birthday (1941)



Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of January 2021				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
79	3	0	2	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

We Want You!

It's a new year and our Branch membership is decreasing at a rapid pace. We have lost **55 members** since July 2016. Please see our current demographics that are listed on the back of this newsletter. We need **YOU** for retention of current members, recruiting/reinstating members and attending monthly Branch Meetings. This needs to happen to ensure the survival of the Branch and our commitment to the FRA.

Retention

As of January 2021, we have 79 active members with 3 members up for renewal. You can renew the following ways:

- ***On-line:** www.fra.org (Go to Membership and Join FRA)
- ***Telephone:** 1-703-683-1400 or Toll Free 1-800-FRA-1924
- ***FRA App:** On a Smartphone download under "Play Store", search FRA.
- ***Mail:** Complete a membership application and mail.
- ***In person:** Please visit us at one of our branch meetings.

Recruitment/Reinstatement

The FRA has the "Moving Forward" campaign which includes different programs that gives a member incentives to recruit/reinstate members. These programs include the following:



- Recruit 3 Program
- Recruit 5 Program
- Recruit 10 Program
- Recruit 32 Program
- Recruit 50 Program



For more information on these programs or on recruiting please see www.fra.org or contact our Branch Secretary.

Branch Meetings

Our meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the American Legion Post # 86, located at 2013 Veirs Mill Road lower level behind the Dairy Queen. You can also attend using Zoom and/or calling in using the information listed under Important Dates above.

We need **YOU** to attend the Branch Meetings and help support the Branch. This can be done by recruiting, filling positions, chairing committees. This is key for Branch survival – otherwise we risk folding. If the FRA continues this downward trend – CONGRESS will see this and CUT our hard earned benefits. The FRA FIGHTS for all of us, we need to fight for the survival of the FRA!!!!

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 overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

2021 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting
March 27, 2021 via Zoom

Central Liaison Committee
April 17, 2021 2:00 PM via Zoom

Annual LAFRA Arlington National Cemetery Pilgrimage
April 24, 2021 (Tentative)

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER



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As of this printing, 55 of 79 Branch members and 13 of 32 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 Shipmate Rauch your email address.

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

THANK YOU, Shipmates and Ladies.



MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since December 2020

Renewed Members

New Branch Members

Sam Tom *

None

* Renewed as Life Member

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

James Carnahan	1st	Samuel Webb	18th
William Kaczor, Jr	8th	William Barger	22nd
Randy Phillippp	9th	Edward Braithwood	23rd
Paul Lenker	23rd		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

FEBRUARY FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Lenus Barnes	63yrs	Michael Rowsey	26yrs
Paul Davis, Jr	24yrs		

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

Triangle Branch 182 Demographics

These are some statistical data about our branch members, which breakdowns current active regular and life members, membership years, members' age and members' locations.

These demographics are a comparison between 2020 and 2021 membership and are depicted on these tables.

Keynotes:

-Membership decreased by 7.

-Since July 2016 membership decreased by 55.

-No members under the age of 30 and ONLY 2 members under age 50.

Membership Years	2020 Members	2021 Members
0 - 9	13	12
10 - 19	16	12
20 - 29	12	15
30 - 39	16	11
40 - 49	17	18
50 - 59	7	5
60 - 69	5	6
70 - 79	0	0
Total	86	79

Age Range	2020 Members	2021 Members
18 - 19	0	0
20 - 29	0	0
30 - 39	1	1
40 - 49	1	1
50 - 59	7	4
60 - 69	19	17
70 - 79	16	18
80 - 89	26	23
90 - 99	15	14
100 +	0	0
Unknown	1	1
Total	86	79

Membership Type	2020 Members	2021 Members
Regular	50	41
Life	34	36
Charter - Life	2	2
Total	86	79

State	2020 Members	2021 Members
MD	52	47
VA	5	4
DC	1	1
DE	2	1
WV	2	1
Other	24	25
Total	86	79



FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



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Due to COVID-19, we did not hold our January meeting. We do plan on conducting our next regular meeting on February 18, 2021, 11:00 A.M. at VFW Post 3285, in Frederick, Md. We hope everyone will be able to attend.

On a very sad note, I must report, we lost a much loved & long time member of Unit 182, Marguerite Robertson, on January 20. She and her husband, Robbie just celebrated their 75th anniversary on January 9, 2021. She will be missed by many.

We hope everyone remains well and safe & plan on attending our next meeting.

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

In Remembrance

Marguerite Robertson
February 4, 1924 - January 20, 2021



Marguerite was a member of Triangle Unit 182 and member of the LAFRA for 48 years. She was a resident of Silver Spring, MD and the loving wife of Shipmate Duane "Robbie" Robertson for 75 years. Our deepest sympathies go out to the Robertson Family.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Nesha Stone	6th
Lisa Nesbitt	13th
Helen Trimmer	28th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Helen Trimmer	53yrs
Dolores Manley	39yrs
Gloria Bastian	31yrs
Anne Dobbs	20yrs
Janet Clark	16yrs
Angie Wilson	6yrs

Thank you for your support, Ladies