



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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### Important Dates for August 2023

04 Aug ~ U.S. Coast Guard Birthday - 233 Years!  
16 Aug ~ 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 Password: 5BzGiQ  
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Meeting ID: 741 9971 9408 Password: 570814

### 79th FRA and 77th FRA Auxiliary 2023 East Coast Regional Convention (ECRC)

This year's ECRC was held in Annapolis, MD at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel and hosted by Branch/Unit 24. Our Branch delegates Shipmates President PRPEC Randy Phillipp, PNC Paul Gunther, Michael Tovornik and Thomas Rauch were all in attendance.

The ECRC started with the Opening Ceremonies on Friday, July 7, 2023 at 1300 with Shipmate Lew Bearden (Br 24) as the Keynote Speaker. Later that night there was a Welcome Aboard Party held with music and games.

On Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 0900 the FRA Business Session was called to order. Shipmates RPEC Gabriel Falu and RSEC Paula Falu were unable to attend due a family emergency, so RVPEC Robert Oliveira was the acting President and Thomas Rauch was acting Secretary. Reports of the Regional Officers, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Jr. PRPEC were read. The State and National Legislative Representatives from MD, VA and NC reported on Veteran programs and laws that pertained to their state or the Nation as a whole. There were no reports for DE, DC and National Headquarters.

Next on the agenda was the Reports of the Standing Committees. This is where the results of the Regional Branches' submissions for the various committees were revealed. Our Branch placed 1st in Group IV for all the committees, except for VA Voluntary Service, which we had no report. For a full listing of the results please see the back of this newsletter.

The Budget & Finance and Audit Committees conducted their reports as well. Next was the Bylaws & Rules committee, there was a motion on the floor to amend Article 9, Section 901 to increase the assessment per Branch member in good standing from \$.25 to \$1.00, which was amended again after discussion to amend that to \$.50 vice \$1.00, this was seconded, discussed and then approved. The resolution that was submitted to amend Article 9, Section 904, was seconded, discussed and approved.

The Time & Place committee reported that Branch 293 will host the 2024 Mid-Year Meeting (MYM) and there was no Branch submissions to host the 2024 ECRC, 2025 ECRC or 2025 MYM. After discussion, the following was agreed upon for hosting these events: 2024 ECRC, Special Committee, Shipmate PRPEC Paul Phelps (Br 40) Chair; 2025 MYM, Branch 99 (Tentatively); 2025 ECRC, No Bids.

Under New Business the 2023-2024 Elections of Regional Officers were held. The following officers were elected:

- RPEC - Shipmate Robert Oliveira, Branch 293
- RVPEC - Shipmate PNC Valerie Toulotte, Branch 24
- RSEC - Shipmate Thomas Rauch, Branch 182

Shipmate NP James Robbins installed all elected officers. Good of the order was then held and the business meeting was adjourned by RPEC (Elect) 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.)



### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder



Retention:

Membership As of July 2023				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
68	3	2	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 left for Branch Meeting Date, Time, Location

### BRANCH MEETING July 19, 2023



At 1915 President Randy Phillipp convened an informal meeting with 5 members present including PNC Paul Gunther, Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, RSEC Thomas Rauch and Shipmate Valerie Mathews (Zoom). Shipmate Kaider's brother-in-law Allen Moll was our guest.

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

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of July we have 68 members, one gain, three for renewal and two past due.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther had nothing to report.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that Shipmate Arthur Ippolito received orders to the Staff of the Supreme Commander on June 13, 2023. Our deepest sympathies for the Ippolito Family. Reported that Shipmates Kaider and Gunther were in the hospital and that Shipmate Ralph Freibert is at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. He will send a Get Well Card to Shipmate Freibert. Get well soon Shipmate Freibert!

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider had nothing to report.

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch went over the following communications that were received or downloaded from the FRA Official Correspondence: 1) 2023-2024 1st Quarter Membership Report. 2) Shipmate Kaider received a card and donation from Shipmate Robbie and Marguerite Robertson's daughter Sandy Long. Thank you Sandy! No other communications received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the June Financial Statement and supporting reports and Shipmate Gunther made a motion to accept the report that was audited by the Audit Committee Chairman, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved. Shipmate Rauch went over our Branch end of year Financial Statement for FRA Association Year 2022-23.

Unfinished or Deferred Business. 1) Shipmate Kaider gave his report of the Annual Washington Commanders raffle tickets status, Shipmate Gunther made a motion to accept, Shipmate Rauch seconded and all approved. Raffle drawing was held after meeting. Please see back for raffle details. No other Unfinished/Deferred Business.

New Business. 1) Shipmate Rauch gave a recap report of the 79th East Coast Regional Convention Business Meeting on July 8, 2023, Shipmate Gunther made a motion to accept, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved. 2) Shipmate Rauch reported that the National Convention Journal Ads and Booster Rolls are due by August 10, 2023 and will mail in check and email advertisements/boosters as soon as possible. 3) National Convention Meals and Special Events forms are due by September 6, 2023. 4) July CLC Meeting is on July 22, 2023 @ 1400 at FRA Headquarters. No other new business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1955 Shipmate Gunther motioned to adjourn the meeting, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved. Next meeting will be on August 16, 2023 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.

## 2023 Commanders Raffle Winners!

# WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

The drawing for the Commanders Season Tickets/Cash raffle was conducted following the July Branch meeting at American Legion Post 86 in Rockville, MD. The winning tickets drawn are as follows:

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The winner elected to take the \$1000 cash option vice the Commanders Season Tickets. This means that we will be selling the Preseason and Regular season games listed below. If you are interested in buying any of these tickets please contact Shipmate Kaider or Shipmate Rauch by **Friday, August 4, 2023**.

Please note that all tickets are in electronic format and cannot be printed out. The recipient will need to have a Smartphone. The tickets will be transferred via the Commanders/Ticketmaster App using the recipient's email address or mobile phone number. The recipient can then save to their wallet for entry to the game.

**FedEx Field, Section 135, Row 1, Seats 6&7**

Preseason:

Mon, Aug 21 vs Baltimore Ravens 8:00 PM

Sat, Aug 26 vs Cincinnati Bengals 6:05 PM

Regular Season:

Sun, Sept 10 vs Arizona Cardinals 1:00 PM

Sun, Sept 24 vs Buffalo Bills 1:00 PM

Thurs, Oct 5 vs Chicago Bears 8:15 PM

Sun, Oct 29 vs Philadelphia Eagles 1:00 PM

Sun, Nov 19 vs New York Giants 1:00 PM

Sun, Dec 03 vs Miami Dolphins 1:00 PM

Sun, Dec 31 vs San Francisco 49ers 1:00 PM

Sun, Jan 07 vs Dallas Cowboys TBD

Overall raffle fundraiser results will be posted in the Aug newsletter.



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

*Shipmate Arthur Ippolito*

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



### In Remembrance

Master Chief Petty Officer

Arthur Ippolito USN (Ret)

April 8, 1937 - June 13, 2023

Shipmate Arthur was a FRA Member of 34 years.

For his full obituary please see the link below:  
<https://obituaries.neptunesociety.com/obituaries/jacksonville-fl/arthur-ippolito-11333542>

Navy Log:  
<https://navylog.navy Memorial.org/ippolito-arthur>



## MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since June 2023

Renewed Members

New Branch Members

George Bailey

Christopher Hough

Wendy Fischer

**Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!**

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Carlton Thigpen, Jr	2nd	John Koval	9th
Michael Tovornik	4th	Thomas Rauch	14th
Wesley Stokes, Jr		20th	

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES**

## AUGUST FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Carlton Thigpen, Jr	40yrs	Helene Delizo	22yrs
D. Keith Kaider	29yrs	Andrew Gosnell	12yrs
Wesley Stokes, Jr	25yrs	Harold Deweese	5yrs
Carl Lenhart	2yrs		

**Thank you for your support, Shipmates**

## FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



LAFRA-07-20-2023

On July 20, 2023, we held our regular meeting at the Urbana Regional Library. We had 4 Unit members in attendance, including PRP Gloria Bastian, LAFRA EC Regional President Dorothy Smiley and two guests.

Secretary Gloria read the past minutes and Chaplain Susan read the Treasurer's report. Both were approved. Susan gave the Chaplain Report. We currently have 28 members.

For Americanism, Dee Dee Swarr read "On Monday" an essay on 9/11, also, quotes from Herbert Hoover, Thomas Jefferson, Kent Clark (Executive Director, Amvets), and The American's Creed.

President Smiley installed our Officers for 2023-2024 (Picture below). They are President Helen Trimmer, Vice President Dolores Manley, Secretary Gloria Bastian and Treasurer Anne Dobbs. On June 27, each was presented with beautiful blue orchid plants for their continued service (Pictures below). Thank you ladies! Susan was also presented with a gift card for her service. (Thank you Unit members). After the meeting, we enjoyed lunch with President Smiley at the Surf House Island Cantina.

Our next meeting will be on August 17, 11:30 at the Urbana Library. Please join us!

Respectfully,  
*Susan Kaider*



RPEC Smiley installing Unit Officers.



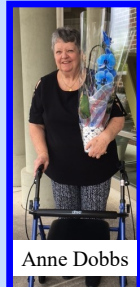
Helen Trimmer



Dolores Manley



Gloria Bastian



Anne Dobbs

## 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	99	None	1	60	99	None
2	93	None	None	2	None	None	None
3	293	40	None	3	293	40	172
4	182	None	None	4	182	None	None
5	37	41	None	5	301	41	None
Public Relations				Youth Activities			
Group	1st	2nd	3rd	Group	1st	2nd	3rd
1	None	None	None	1	None	None	None
2	None	None	None	2	None	None	None
3	293	40	None	3	293	40	None
4	182	None	None	4	182	None	None
5	37	41	None	5	37	None	None
Veterans Services Officer				VA Voluntary Service			
Group	1st	2nd	3rd	Group	1st	2nd	3rd
1	None	None	None	1	99	None	None
2	None	None	None	2	None	None	None
3	181	40	293	3	181	293	40
4	182	None	None	4	None	None	None
5	41	None	None	5	309	41	None

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Carolyn Self 30yrs

**Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members**

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dolores Manley 13th  
Sandra Long 24th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Auxiliary Members**