



Eight O'Clock Reports

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Important Dates for March 2022

- 01 Mar ~ Mardi Gras
- 02 Mar ~ Ash Wednesday
- 03 Mar ~ U.S. Naval Reserve Established (1915)
- 13 Mar ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 16 Mar ~ 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
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- 17 Mar ~ St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Mar ~ First Day of Spring

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of February 2022				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
74	6	1	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

BRANCH MEETING February 16, 2022

At 1910 Jr. Past President Thomas Rauch convened an informal meeting with 5 members present including PNC Paul Gunther, Jr. PRPEC Randy Phillipp, Shipmate Ralph Freibert and Shipmate Mark Allen (Zoom).

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

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Rauch reported that as of February we have 74 members, six for renewal and one past due.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that we will award our Branch winners at the April meeting.

Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation. Shipmate Phillipp reported that he sent Get Well cards to NED Chris Slawinski and Norm Clark. He also reported that Shipmate PRPEC W.G. "Jerry" Butler who received orders to the Supreme Commander on March 31, 2021 was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on February 9, 2022.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Rauch mentioned that he received the four FRA medals that he ordered from Branch 159 for the upcoming NJROTC ceremonies for Gaithersburg and Seneca Valley High Schools.

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch went over the FRA 3rd Quarter Membership Report that he downloaded from the National Mailing List (NML) and no other communications were received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the January Financial Statement and supporting reports and he made a motion to accept his report that was audited by Audit Committee Chairman, Shipmate Freibert. Shipmate Phillipp seconded and all approved.

Unfinished or Deferred Business. Annual Washington Commanders ticket raffle preparation, Shipmate Kaider previously reported that he ordered and received the raffle tickets. There was no other Unfinished or Deferred Business.

New Business, 1) Shipmate Rauch brought up that the Central Liaison Committee (CLC) is having an raffle to give away Baltimore Ravens swag and they are looking for Branches/Units to participate in selling tickets. The CLC is asking that each CLC Branch or Unit to sell at least 50 tickets for \$2/ticket or 3 for \$5. The drawing will be held at the July CLC meeting on July 23, 2022. There was discussion and a motion was made by Shipmate Allen for the Branch to purchase the 50 tickets at 3 for \$5, which would be \$83.33, Shipmate Freibert seconded, after discussion the motion was approved. 2) It was also reported that the 2022 ECR Mid-Year Meeting will be during the upcoming weekend February 18-20, 2022 at the Westin Old Town Alexandria. No other new business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1945 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and all approved. Next meeting will be March 16, 2022 @ 1900 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.

2022 East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting



The East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting was held on Saturday, February 19, 2022 hosted by Branch/Unit 181 at the Westin Hotel in Alexandria, VA. Branch Shipmates PNC Paul Gunther, Jr. PRPEC Randy Phillipp, President Keith Kaider 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 Chris Murray.

The meeting started with opening ceremonies. Then Christina Hitchcock, Director of Membership, spoke about the Membership Quarterly Reports, which are posted on the National Mailing List to ensure that Branches review to see if they are going to drop into a different Group Category and try to recruit members to stay in current group. Also, mentioned that National Committees will be posted on the FRA website.

Director of Legislative Programs John Davis, brief on different National legislation and programs that the FRA is involved in.

FRA Finance Officer, Phillip Reid, spoke about the audits that are being conducted at FRA Headquarters for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Then reported on the future locations of the National Conventions for 2022, 2023 and 2024 which will be in Birmingham, AL, Reno, NV and Washington, DC respectively. He also mentioned that all Branches should have an Employer Identification Number (EIN) and filing a Form 990 each year. Plus, noted that any prize awards over \$600 the recipient should complete a W4 and a 1099 should be sent to them at the end of the tax year.

Then Shipmate PRPEC Paul Phelps (Br 40) provided information about the East Coast Region Convention that will be hosted by Branch/Unit 40 and Branch 293 on June 28-July 1, 2022 in Williamsburg, VA. The ECRC Newsletter with Meal, Journal Ad, and Booster forms were distributed to the Branches and Past Regional Presidents. It was also recommended that hotel reservations are made as soon as possible because rooms are limited due to room renovations.

Then Legislative reports were given for Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina by their respective representative. There was no representative present for Delaware.

Americanism and Patriotism Chairperson, 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.

Shipmate PRPEC Sha'ron Martin (Br 166) showed several videos pertaining to the health and well-being for veterans.

We then heard from Shipmates PRPSE John Handzuk (Br 126) and PRPEC Don Hoover (Br 24) who are nominees for National Vice President.

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.

Members Only



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

Shipmate PRPEC W.G. "Jerry" Butler

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



WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

2022 Washington Commanders Raffle Fundraiser Coming Soon! Commanders Raffle Time!

The Branch will need your support for our only fundraiser! Due to IRS and Post Office restrictions, we may have to revise our fundraiser methods. We will discuss at the next meeting and inform all members of any changes. Your help in selling and purchasing tickets will be greatly appreciated!



Upcoming Meetings/Events

Annual LAFRA Arlington National Cemetery Pilgrimage

April 23, 2022

Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel

900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204

Reservations: (703) 521-1900, \$139+12% tax/night, Code: LAFRA

Central Liaison Committee

April 30, 2022 2:00 PM

FRA National Headquarters, 125 N. West St., Alexandria, VA

2022 East Coast Region Convention

June 28-July 1, 2022

Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center

6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Reservations: (757)220-2250 Rate: \$109/night (Cut-Off Date is May)



MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since January 2022

Renewed Members

Kirk Young

Phillip Case

New Branch Members

None

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Robert Vitarelli	1st	James Crytzer	16th
William Billado	6th	D. Keith Kaider	20th
Clem Beck	14th	Michael Barr	24th
Bob Mallasch	14th	John Leben	31st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

Central Liaison Committee Meeting January 22, 2022

Just a couple of quick take a ways from this CLC meeting:

- The meeting was hosted by the CLC via Zoom because of increase COVID cases at Branch 24.
- LAFRA Pilgrimage is scheduled for April 23, 2022, Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204
- Memorial Day Picnic hosted by Branch/Unit 4 (tentative) planning to hold near the Woodrow Wilson Bridge area. More details to come.
- CLC Budget was submitted, proposed and approved for 2021-22.
- 100 Club and 50/50 Raffle will resume at the July CLC meeting.
- Branch/Unit 24 may be able to host the July CLC meeting that is scheduled for July 23, 2022 @ 1400.
- April CLC meeting has been rescheduled to April 30, 2022 @ 1400 at FRA Headquarters with food starting at 1300.
- CLC holding a Ravens Swag Raffle Fundrasier, \$2/ticket or 3 for \$5.
- CLC minutes will be distributed via e-mail, if you do not have an e-mail address and like a copy please notify Shipmate Rauch.

MARCH FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Donald Bambeck	58yrs	Bob Mallasch	18yrs
Jack Ensminger	54yrs	Kenneth Mutzabaugh	18yrs
Phillip Case	40yrs	John Wood	17yrs
Edward Braithwood	39yrs	Santiago Chavez	13yrs
Jonathan Whiting	30yrs	Robert Hebron	4yrs
Kirk Young	21yrs	Paul Dziadon	2yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER



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As of this printing, 58 of 74 Branch members and 13 of 31 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.

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



LAFRA-02-17-2022

We held our regular monthly meeting on February 17, 2022 at VFW Post 3285.

We had seven members in attendance, including LAFRA PRP's Gloria Bastian and Dee Kessinger.

For Americanism, Dee read "A Toast To The Flag". Our treasurer, Anne Dobbs, researched the needs of Fisher House before our next donation.

Last month's minutes were read and approved and all bills have been paid.

Our next meeting will be at VFW Post 3285 on March 17, 11:00A.M. in Frederick, Md. Since it is St. Patrick's Day ♣ let's all wear something green! Hope to see you there!

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Connie Waite	46yrs
Brenda Loe	5yrs

Thank you for your support, Ladies

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mildred Murphy	11th
Pamela Desensi	24th
Frances DeByl	26th
Crystal Denlinger	27th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES