



Eight O'Clock Reports

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Important Dates for January 2024

- 01 Jan ~ Happy New Year!
- 15 Jan ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 17 Jan ~ 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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- 27 Jan ~ Central Liaison Committee Meeting (See Back)

BRANCH MEETING December 16, 2023

At 1307 President Randy Phillipp convened an informal meeting with 4 members present including Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, PNC Paul Gunther, and RSEC Thomas Rauch.

The meeting started with discussion and approval of the November 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 December we have 67 members with one member for renewal.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that he received four essays, two eighth grade, one ninth grade and one eleventh grade. These were graded before the meeting and Shipmate Gunther will submit the Branch essays winners to Shipmate Kim Biggs (Br. 24) East Coast Region A&P Chairman for further grading and selection.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that Shipmate James Montgomery received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on October 7, 2023 and he sent out a Sympathy card to his family. (Remembrance on back)

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider mentioned that he and Susan went to the Gaithersburg High School NJROTC Pass-in-Review representing the FRA and Branch.

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch went over the following communications that were received or downloaded from the FRA Official Correspondence: 1) Revised NPSL 1-24 Board-Staff and Committee Directory. 2) ECR President's Newsletter received from Shipmate RPEC Oliveira. No other communications received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the November 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.

There was no Unfinished or Deferred Business.

New Business. 1) CLC Meeting will be January 27, 2027 at Branch 24 in Annapolis. 2) Shipmate Kaider reported that the Commanders Season tickets are now \$2,623. No other new business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1320 Shipmate Kaider motioned to adjourn the meeting, Shipmate Gunther seconded and all approved. Next meeting will be on January 17, 2024 @ 1900 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.

After the meeting we had our joint Christmas party with the Unit and Unit President Helen Trimmer, Susan Kaider, Brenda Loe, Anne Dobbs, and Dolores Manley were in attendance.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of December 2023				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
67	1	0	0	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 left for Branch Meeting Date, Time, Location

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION TRIANGLE BRANCH 182 60th Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Service

On December 7, 2023 we held our 60th Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Service at American Legion Post 86 in Rockville. This was the 82nd Anniversary of the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor.

The service started at 2000 with the sound of Eight Bells. The Gaithersburg High School NJROTC color guard then paraded the colors (Right Photo). The National Anthem was sung by Sydney Alderton and Sabrina Ugalde (Left Photo) of Damascus High School. After the Invocation was given, Branch President Randy Phillipp (Below Right Photo) greeted and welcomed everyone in attendance. He then spoke about December 7, 1941, "A date which will live in infamy" as quoted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Which over 2,000 Americans soldiers and sailors died in the attack, and another 1,000 were wounded.

After the Branch President's opening remarks, "God Bless America" was sung with Sydney and Sabrina leading and everyone joining in.

Then Shipmate Paul Gunther (Left Photo) read "The Story Begins," conveying the terror that happen that Sunday morning on December 7, 1941. Shipmate Mark Allen (Right Photo) then became "The Voice of the Arizona" as if the ship was telling her story from when she was christened in 1916 to her ugly demise in 1941.

Shipmates Rauch and Gunther (Left Photo) then performed the "Two Bell Ceremony" in remembrance of those Shipmates that have received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander. TAPS was played by Shipmate Phillipp (Below Right Photo) and the "The Navy Hymn" was sung. Selected Passages "O Thus It Be Forever" and "The Duty of the Living" were read by Shipmate Gunther and Shipmate Allen, respectively. The Benediction was given by Shipmate Gunther and the service concluded.

Everyone was invited to a reception afterwards to enjoy some refreshments and cookies.

Thank you, American Legion Post 86, Gaithersburg High School NJROTC, Sydney Alderton & Sabrina Ugalde and Triangle Branch 182 for a great service!

Members Only



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

Shipmate James E. Montgomery

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



In Remembrance

Master Chief Petty Officer James E. Montgomery USN (Ret) June 19, 1929 - October 7, 2023



Shipmate James was a FRA Member of 51 years. Shipmate James was a World II and Korean veteran. He was retired from 22 years US Navy and 16 years Federal Service.

For his full obituary please see the link below: https://www.vaughanguynn.com/obituary/james-montgomery

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Central Liaison Committee

January 27, 2024 2:00 PM

Hosted by Branch/Unit 24

100 Compromise St, Annapolis, MD 21401

2024 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting

February 9-11, 2024

Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center

5655 Greenwich Road Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Tel: (757) 499-4400 Fax: (757) 226-9155

Website: www.hivabeachnorfolk.com

Reservations can be made online or call 800-567-3856 use Code FRA.

MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since November 2023

Renewed Members

James Crytzer

New Branch Members

None

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jack Ensminger	9th	John Rash	14th
John Wood	9th	Robert Herbon	14th
Mark Allen	13th	Donald Bambeck	29th
		Kirk Young	31st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

JANUARY FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Samuel Webb	63yrs	Thomas Williams	12yrs
James Crytzer	39yrs	John Leben	9yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

Branch and Unit Annual Christmas Party



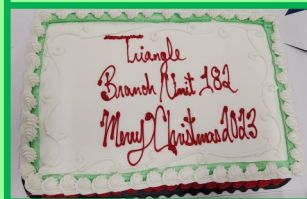
Unit President Helen Trimmer and Branch President Randy Phillipp cutting the cake.



Back Left-to-Right: Thomas Rauch, Keith Kaider, Susan Kaider, Randy Phillipp, Paul Gunther, and Brenda Loe. Front Left-to-Right: Helen Trimmer, Anne Dobbs, and Dolores Manley.



The ladies after enjoying the pizza and cake!



Triangle Branch Unit 182 Merry Christmas 2023



We gathered around the fireplace and listened to Christmas songs.



Triangle Branch and Unit 182 would like to wish you Happy Holidays!



FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Delorice Kessinger 23rd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Auxiliary Members



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On December 7, 2023, several Unit members attended the FRA Branch 182's 60th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Service at the American Legion Post 86.

The Branch & Unit enjoyed our annual Christmas pizza party on December 16. Our group was small but everyone had a great time enjoying the holiday spirit.

The date of our next meeting is yet to be determined. Stay tuned for an update soon.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Respectfully, Susan Kaider

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Sharon Trubilla 37yrs Aida Littlejohn 25yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members

