



Eight O'Clock Reports

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BRANCH MEETING September 15, 2025

At 1953 President Randy Phillipp convened an informal meeting with 7 members present including Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, PNC Paul Gunther (Zoom), RSEC Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Mark Allen (Zoom), Shipmate Valerie Mathews (Zoom), and Shipmate Michael Tovornik (Zoom).

The meeting started with discussion and approval of the September Minutes. Shipmate Phillipp 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 October we have 61 members with two for renewal and one loss.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that he received two essays via mail for this year's Essay contest and received two emails asking for information about submitting their essays via email.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Tovornik reported that his mother (LAFRA PRPEC Gloria Bastian) arrived back home from rehabilitation. Shipmate Gunther reported that he attended Shipmate PRPEC Ralph Holcombe's (Br. 40) memorial service on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 in Portsmouth, VA.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that he will contact Gaithersburg High School NJROTC Commander Captain Mitton to see if the NJROTC cadets can participate in this year's Pearl Harbor Ceremony providing the honor guard. He will also reach out to the Damascus High School Chorus Director to see if any of her students can participate as well to sing the National Anthem and the other patriotic songs during the service.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony, Shipmate Phillipp confirmed that he reserved the American Legion hall for Sunday, December 7, 2025 @ 2000.

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch reported that he downloaded the following documents from the FRA Official Correspondence, received via mail, or received via email: 1) Second Quarter 2025-2026 Membership Report. 2) FRA Outreach Program. 3) FRA Recruiting and Retention Program. 4) NEDM 3-25 97th FRA Annual Convention Proposed Changes to the C&BL. No other communications received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the September Financial Statement and supporting reports and Shipmate Gunther made a motion to accept the report that was audited by Audit Committee Trustee Shipmate Phillipp, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved.

There was no Unfinished or Deferred Business.

New Business. 1) CLC Meeting October 18, 2025 @ 1200 Location: Shipmate David Wallace's (Br. 4) Home. 2) The National Convention is November 3-7, 2025 in Springfield, MO and Shipmates Phillipp, Gunther, and Rauch will be attending as our Branch Delegates. Note: There was a resolution that was inadvertently left out from the proposed changes that we went over last meeting. This resolution pertains to the merger of North and South Regions. 3) Veteran's Day Ceremony at Rockville Veterans Park on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 @ 1100 (See back for more details). 4) Between the Corporation and Branch meetings it was discuss with the Auxiliary Members that our joint annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025 @ 1300 at American Legion Post 86. No other New Business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 2026, Shipmate Kaider motioned to adjourn the meeting, Shipmate Gunther seconded and all approved. Next meeting will be on November 19, 2025 @ 1900 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.

Important Dates for November 2025

02 Nov ~ Daylight Saving Time Ends
04 Nov ~ Election Day
10 Nov ~ U.S. Marine Corps Birthday - 250 Years!
11 Nov ~ Fleet Reserve Association Birthday - 101 Years!
11 Nov ~ Veterans Day
19 Nov ~ Branch Meeting @ 1900 (Held at American Legion Post 86, 2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD)
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
27 Nov ~ Thanksgiving Day



Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder



Retention:

Membership As of October 2025				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
61	2	0	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

FRA TRIANGLE 182, INC. ANNUAL MEETING

On October 15, 2025 at 1903, Corporation President Thomas Rauch convened the Corporation meeting with the following members present: Vice President, Anne Dobbs; Secretary/Treasurer, Keith Kaider; Trustee, Randy Phillipp; Trustee, Dolores Manley; Trustee, Susan Kaider; Trustee, Paul Gunther (Zoom); Member, Michael Tovornik (Zoom); Member, Mark Allen (Zoom), and Member, Valerie Mathews (Zoom). Trustees represented by Proxies: Helen Trimmer.

2025 Financial Statement and 2026 Budget

The Treasurer reported on the current financial standings and the 2026 budget. The financial status was audited and found accurate. The proposed 2026 budget was approved.

The members agreed that the amount of excess funds per SR-4 is \$1,013 and approved the proposed Branch and Unit distribution. The Branch and Unit may request that the funds budgeted for their support in 2026 be dispersed. The Branch Treasurer requested that \$600 of those funds be dispersed in January 2026. The Unit President declined disbursement at this time. The Branch will have the option to request the remainder of those funds at any time during the year. The Unit will have the option to request these funds at any time during the year.

2026 Trustees and Officers Elections

- Thomas Rauch, Anne Dobbs, and Keith Kaider were elected to the Board of Trustees for the term January 2026 - December 2028.
- Thomas Rauch was elected as President;
- Anne Dobbs was elected as Vice President; and
- Keith Kaider was elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

Corporation President Thomas Rauch adjourned the meeting at 1942.





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 who continue to serve at home and around the world.





MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since September 2025

<u>Renewed Members</u>	<u>New Branch Members</u>
None	James Bensinger

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Robert McNally	5th	Daniel Hilton	29th
Andrew Gosnell	18th	Joseph DeLauter	30th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

NOVEMBER FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Carol Olson	47yrs	Richard Zerbe	42yrs
John Abraham	39yrs		

Thank you for your support, Shipmates



Please join Triangle Branch 182 in the wreath presentation to honor our Veterans at the Rockville Veterans Day Ceremony.

Tuesday, November 11, 2025
11 a.m. at Veterans Park
(Corner of Rt. 28 and Rt. 355)

About the Event
Join Rockville’s Mayor and Council at this annual ceremony in honor of the men and women who served in the nation’s armed forces. American Legion Post 86 will lead the wreath-laying ceremony, and their honor guard will present a twenty-one gun salute.

For more details:
<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/668/Veterans-Day>



**FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION
TRIANGLE BRANCH 182**

In cooperation with American Legion Post 86
Presents its 62nd Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance
On the 84th Anniversary of the Japanese
Attack on Pearl Harbor
December 7, 2025
8:00 PM
American Legion Post 86
2013 Veirs Mill Road
Rockville, MD

Public is Invited

Upcoming Meetings/Events

97th FRA and 92nd AFRA National Convention
November 3-8, 2025
Oasis Hotel & Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO

Veteran’s Day
Tuesday, November 11, 2025 @ 11:00 AM
Rockville Veterans Park, Intersection of Rt. 28 and Rt. 355

Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance
Sunday, December 7, 2025 @ 8:00 PM
American Legion Post 86
2013 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, MD

Cyber Awareness Tips

This month is Cyber Security Awareness Month, so this is a perfect time to give some tips to help protect yourself on-line.

Good Security Habits

There are some simple habits you can adopt that, if performed consistently, may dramatically reduce the chances that the information on your computer will be lost or corrupted.

- Improve password security.
 - Create a strong password.
 - Use two-factor authentication, if available.
 - Use security questions properly.
 - Create unique accounts for each user per device.
- Choose secure networks.
- Keep all of your personal electronic device software current.
- Be suspicious of unexpected emails.

Safeguarding Your Data

It is especially important to take extra security precautions when multiple people use your computer or when you store sensitive personal and work-related data on your computer.

- Use and maintain anti-virus software and a firewall.
- Regularly scan your computer for spyware.
- Keep software up to date.
- Evaluate your software's settings.
- Avoid unused software programs.
- Consider creating separate user accounts.
- Use passwords and encrypt sensitive files.
- Dispose of sensitive information properly.
- Follow good security habits.

Staying Safe on Social Networking Sites

The popularity of social networking sites continues to increase, especially among teenagers and young adults. The nature of these sites introduces security risks, so you should take certain precautions.

- Limit the amount of personal information you post.
- Remember that the internet is a public resource.
- Be wary of strangers.
- Evaluate your settings.
- Be wary of third-party applications.
- Check privacy policies.
- Use and maintain anti-virus software.

For more tips, information and details please go to the CISA website at <https://www.cisa.gov/topics/cybersecurity-best-practices>

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



FRA Auxiliary-10-16-2025

On October 16, 2025, we held our regular scheduled meeting at 11:30 A.M. at President Manley’s home. We had four members in attendance with Dee and Gloria attending via phone. Thank you Dolores for hosting our meeting.

For Americanism, Anne read "God Bless the Red, White and Blue". Anne gave the Treasurer’s report and was approved. Susan gave the Chaplain’s report. After the meeting, we enjoyed lunch at IHOP.

We want to remind everyone of Branch 182’s annual remembrance of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 2025, 8:00 P.M. at the American Legion Post 86. Also, our joint annual Christmas pizza party will be on December 13, 1:00-3:00P.M. again at Post 86. Hope to see everyone there.

Our next scheduled meeting will be November 20, 2025, 11:30A.M. at President Manley’s home.

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Pamela Desensi	47yrs
Julie Gunther	6yrs
Heather Hughes	6yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Julie Gunther	13th
Connie Waite	19th
Donna Marie Wooditch	22nd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Auxiliary Members