



Eight O'Clock Reports

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BRANCH MEETING March 20, 2024

At 1905 President Randy Phillipp, convened an informal meeting with 6 members present including Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, PNC Paul Gunther (Zoom), RSEC Thomas Rauch, S/M Valerie Mathews (Zoom), and S/M Michael Tovornik (Zoom).

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

Next was the Report of Standing Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of March we have 65 members with one past due and one lost.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that the three Branch Essay winners for grades eighth, ninth, and eleventh will be awarded at the next meeting in April. He was able to contact two of three winners and waiting for the third to contact him back. Shipmate Rauch mentioned that he will purchase the three gift cards at \$50 each.

Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that he will be sending a Get Well card to Shipmate Mark Allen.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that we will be sponsoring the NJROTC Change-of-Command ceremonies at John F. Kennedy, Paint Branch, Gaithersburg, and Seneca Valley High Schools. He is also waiting for names of the cadets at Gaithersburg that will be receiving the FRA awards, once received he will create the certificates and bring them to the April meeting with the others to be given to the Shipmates that will be presenting the awards for each ceremony. Shipmate Rauch also mentioned that he has all the FRA medals to be distributed as well. The ceremonies will be as follows: JFK (April 18, 2024 @ 1800), Gaithersburg (April 25, 2024 @ TBD), Seneca Valley (May 13, 2024 @ 1700), and Paint Branch (May 16, 2024 @ 1800).

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) NBOD Memos ACK LTR NBR 12-24 thru 16-24. 2) Relocation of FRA HQ Staff NBA 2-24 dtd 2.16.24. 3) NEDM 2-24 Annual Report of Branch Officers-Instr and Form. 4) Const-Bylaws 16th Edition_95th - 2023 revised. No other communications were received.

Shipmate Rauch noted that all the FRA Official Correspondence can be viewed by all Shipmates on the FRA Website under their Profile once logged in. Instructions are listed on the back of this newsletter.

Shipmate Rauch went over the February Financial Statement and supporting reports. Shipmate Gunther made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report that was audited by Audit Committee Chairman, Shipmate Kaider. Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved. The January Financial Statement was also audited by Shipmate Kaider. Shipmate Rauch mentioned that the proposed 2024-25 Annual Budget will be prepared for next meeting for final approval at the May meeting.

Unfinished or Deferred Business, 1) Shipmate Kaider reported the Annual Washington Commanders Ticket Raffle Status listed to the right. No other Unfinished or Deferred Business.

New Business. 1) Nominees for Branch President and four Directors are due at the April Branch meeting. Those nominees will be voted upon in May and installation will be held in June. 2) Shipmate Phillipp reported that he received a Certificate of Recognition Plaque from the Rockville Mayor and Council for our Annual Pearl Harbor Ceremony. See back of newsletter for picture/write-up. 3) Shipmate Rauch reported the USCGC Calhoun Commissioning will now be in Charleston, SC vice Baltimore, MD on April 20, 2024. No other New Business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1931 Shipmate Gunther made a motion to adjourn, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved.

Important Dates for April 2024

- 01 Apr ~ Chief Petty Officer Grade Established (1893)
- 15 Apr ~ Patriot's Day
- 15 Apr ~ Income Tax Deadline
- 17 Apr ~ 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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- Reminder:** Branch Essay Winners will be awarded.
- 22 Apr ~ Passover Begins at Sunset
- 27 Apr ~ Central Liaison Committee Meeting (See details on back)
- 30 Apr ~ Passover Ends at Sunset



Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of March 2024				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
65	0	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

2024 Commanders Raffle Fundraiser

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

2 CHANCES TO WIN!

Grand Prize:

Winner may choose Season Tickets or \$1000 Cash
SEASON TICKET SEATS
FEDEX FIELD, SECTION 135, ROW 1, SEATS 6&7

2nd Prize: \$500 Cash

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20 (only 1000 tickets printed)

Drawing to be held on July 17, 2024 at Branch Meeting.
Winner need not to present and will be notified by phone.

Raffle Ticket Status

Members Only

Reminder this is our only fundraiser, and your support is greatly appreciated. If you like to purchase more tickets or help in selling tickets please contact Jr. Past President Keith Kaider (dkeith@comcast.net). Your help in selling and purchasing tickets is greatly appreciated!

Thank you, Shipmates and Auxiliary Members for your support.

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.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Central Liaison Committee

April 27, 2024 2:00 PM Hosted by Branch 309 FRA Headquarters 125 N. West Street, Alexandria, VA

Central Liaison Committee

July 27, 2024 2:00 PM Hosted by Branch 4 MRS Philippines Home for Senior Citizens 6482 Bock Rd., Oxon Hill, MD

2024 East Coast Region Convention

September 10-12, 2024 Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185 For reservations call (757) 220-2250, \$99/night Code: FRA

Central Liaison Committee

October 26, 2024 2:00 PM Location: TBD

96th FRA / 91st AFRA National Convention/Centennial

November 11-16, 2024 Double Tree by Hilton Annapolis 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis MD 21401 Reservations: 1-410-224-3150 or https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/anpdttd-90d-bcdab4c5-7f18-47ce-9b69-435dc9ec0f80/ Rate: \$115.00/night plus tax, Cut-off October 9, 2024

Official Correspondence on the FRA Website

The following are the steps to view or download Official Correspondence from the FRA website:

1) Go to https://www.fra.org via a browser of your choice (i.e. Chrome, Explorer, Firefox)

2) At the top of the website, click on the "Login" button.

Login

3) Enter your Username or Member ID and your password. Then click on the "Sign In" button. If you forgot your password, select "Forgot password?" and enter your Username or Member ID. An email will be sent to you with a link to update your password.

Form with fields for Username/member ID, Password, and a Sign In button.

4) You will now be logged into your profile.

5) On the right side go to Official Correspondence and click on link.

Official Correspondence

6) All the documents will be under FRA Official Communication. To view or download any document just click on the document under Subject.

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If you have any questions or problems please contact Br. Secretary.



MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since February 2024

Renewed Members

Eric Braithwood

New Branch Members

None



Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Christopher Hough 8th Danny Snare 14th William Busico 16th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

APRIL FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Danny Snare 52yrs Ken Wray 36yrs James Carnahan 47yrs William Kaczor, Jr 13yrs David Murphy 38yrs Robert Hebron 10yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville Certificate of Recognition

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION-TRIANGLE BRANCH 182 60TH PEARL HARBOR DAY REMEMBRANCE

The City of Rockville joins the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Triangle 182 in remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941. The City honors the FRA's steadfast vigilance and deep commitment to the memory of those who were lost.

We pause to remember the 2,004 members of the United States Navy, 239 members of the United States Army, 111 members of the United States Marine Corps, and 58 civilians killed on that day. We also remember over 4,000 Marylanders who died during World War II.

Members of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Coast Guard showed courage and perseverance on that infamous day and onward. Veterans of these military branches in Rockville lived out the values of Loyalty, Protection, and Service upon their return from the war, helping to build and support the community in many of our City neighborhoods.

We encourage the Rockville community to join in this remembrance and declare once again that our nation will never forget the valiant heroes of Pearl Harbor. We resolve as firmly as ever that their memory and spirit will survive for as long as our nation endures.



FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Delorice Kessinger 56yrs Lois Custead 27yrs Susan Kaider 14yrs Allison Gosnell 14yrs Mildred Murphy 14yrs Carmen Serfes 12yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members



LAFRA-03-21-2024

On March 21, 2024, we held our regular meeting at the Urbana Regional Library. We had 7 Unit members in attendance. After the meeting we enjoyed

lunch at the Atlantic Grille.

Gloria reported the changes to our bylaws as discussed with the Parliamentarian. DeeDee read the definition of Americanism.

Secretary Gloria read the past Minutes and Treasurer Anne gave the Treasurer's report. Both were approved. Susan gave the Chaplain report. We have 28 active members. We voted to make donations to Fisher House and the Urbana Library.

Our next meeting will be April 18, 11:00 AM. at Bedford Court, 3701 International Drive, Silver Spring, Md. 20906, where we will attempt our first Zoom participation. Please inform President Helen if you plan to attend the meeting and lunch in person by April 12. If you wish to attend by Zoom, please contact Susan for the website and login info. We hope that Zoom will increase our participation. Please join us!

Respectfully, Susan Kaider

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Trimmer 29th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Auxiliary Members