



Eight O'Clock Reports

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Important Dates for March 2018

- 11 Mar ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 17 Mar ~ St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Mar ~ First Day of Spring
- 21 Mar ~ Branch Meeting @ 1930 following BoD Meeting
2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD
- 25 Mar ~ Palm Sunday
- 30 Mar ~ Passover Begins
- 30 Mar ~ Good Friday

BRANCH MEETING February 21, 2018



At 1900 President Rauch convened an informal meeting with 3 members present including PRSEC Keith Kaider and RVPEC Randy Phillipp.

We were notified that S/M Frank Fash received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on January 26, 2018. He has been added to the Two Bell Ceremony and his remembrance is added on the back of newsletter.

PRPEC Gunther, RVPEC Phillipp and President Rauch attended the East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting that was held on February 16-17, 2018 in Richmond, VA. Details and information from the meeting are listed in the article on the right.

Preparations are underway to get ready for our Annual Redskins Raffle Fundraiser. There will more discussion on the cash prizes and will be voted on at the next meeting.

It is planned to award 10th and 12th grade "What Patriotism Means to Me" essay branch winners at the April meeting. There was no 11th grade entries.

Received 1st Newsletter for the 74th East Coast Regional Convention being held July 19-22, 2018 at Solomon's Island, MD. Hotel information is on the right under Upcoming Meetings. There are three raffles and the necessary forms to purchase an Journal Ad, Patron List, Booster Roll or Memoriam List to support the convention. The three raffles consist of an 50/50 raffle (\$1/ticket or \$6 for 5), 50/50 raffle (\$25/ticket) and an 43" LED Flat Screen TV raffle (\$5/ticket). The raffles do not require to be present to win. If anyone would like to purchase tickets or more information about the ECRC please notify President Rauch.

Regional President East Coast Paul Phelps will be visiting our branch at the March meeting on March 21, 2018. Please come out and welcome him to our Branch.

Reminder: Nominees for the Branch Officer Positions are due before the April Branch meeting. Those nominees will be voted upon in May and installation will be held in June. Positions include President and four Directors.

January Financial Statement was not submitted this month because PRPEC Gunther was not able to attend meeting.

No other business was conducted and at 1930 President Rauch adjourned the meeting.



Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder



Retention:

Membership As of February 2018				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
105	2	1	2	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

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Central Liaison Committee

April 28, 2018 2:00 PM at Branch 4
7500 Livingston Rd., Oxen Hill, MD

2018 East Coast Region Convention

July 19-July 22, 2018
Holiday Inn Conference Center & Marina
155 Holiday Drive, Solomon's Island, MD 20688
Reservations: 1-410-326-6311 Mention Code QKT \$91/night
<https://www.hisolomons.com>

2018 FRA/LAFRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

September 23-30, 2018
Omni San Antonio Hotel
9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78230
Reservations: 1-210-691-8888

East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting



PRPEC Gunther, RVPEC Phillipp and President Rauch attended the East Coast Regional Mid-Year, February 16-17, 2018 in Richmond, VA.

Valuable and pertinent information for the Region was presented during the business meeting held on Saturday, February 17, 2018 presided over by East Coast Region President Paul Phelps.

Each Regional Branch that was in attendance confirmed that their Branch Report was submitted and had a chance to read their report if they wanted. Then each committee chairmen went over their respective reports to ensure that all branches understand the do's and don'ts of submitting the following reports:

- American and Patriotism
- Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation
- Public Relations
- Youth Activities
- Membership and Retention

It was noted that Branch Officer Reports must be submitted to Regional and National and can be submitted after elections vice installation.

National and Regional Officer resolutions that will be submitted:

- National President: Bob Washington (Branch 181) and William Starkey (Branch 57)
- National Vice President: James "Robbie" Roberts (Branch 91), Michael Fulton (Branch 289), and Larry Cox (Branch 269)
- East Coast Regional President: Randy Phillipp
- East Coast Regional Vice President: None submitted

There was no new business conducted and the Regional Americanism Essays were being reviewed and winners will be selected at a later time.

After the meeting concluded, there was a banquet that Saturday night for the Branch and Unit members in attendance.



2018 Redskins Raffle Fundraiser

Coming Soon! Redskin Raffle Time!

The Branch needs your support for our only fundraiser! Members watch your mail for chances to win. If you like to purchase more tickets or help in selling tickets please contact President Rauch. Your help in selling and purchasing tickets is greatly appreciated!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Robert Vitarelli	1st	Clem Beck	14th
John Grohowski	2nd	Bob Mallasch	14th
William Vernon	4th	James Crytzer	16th
William Billado	6th	Harley Higgins	18th
Edward Hatcher	7th	D. Keith Kaider	20th
Juan Velazquez-Ortiz	12th	John Leben	31st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

MARCH FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Lester Notbohm	62yrs	Kirk Young	17yrs
Donald Bambeck	54yrs	Bob Mallasch	14yrs
Jack Ensminger	50yrs	Kenneth Mutzabaugh	14yrs
Daniel Carey	50yrs	John Wood	13yrs
Phillip Case	36yrs	Herman Davis	13yrs
Edward Braithwood	35yrs	Santiago Chavez	9yrs
Jonathan Whiting	26yrs	Matthew Campbell	2yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER



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As of this printing, 60 of 105 Branch members and 10 of 30 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 President Rauch your email address.

Getting the newsletter by email is faster delivery and gives you the **COLOR** version!

THANK YOU, Shipmates and Ladies.



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

Shipmate Frank J Fash

Please remember our troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.



In Remembrance



Chief Petty Officer
Frank J Fash USN (Ret)
December 4, 1925 - January 26, 2018

S/M Fash was a FRA Life Member of 48 years. He served in World War II, at 18 years old participating in the Omaha Beach landing in Normandy on D-Day. He then went on to serve in the Korean War, and in Vietnam. Frank retired from the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer and then worked for St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the Hematology Department. He then went on to work at the National Institute of Health where he was engaged in neurological research, and co-authored several peer reviewed articles for medical journals. He and his wife moved to Grantsville in 1982. He was a member of Divine Mercy Parish, St. Ann Catholic Church, and he was an avid collector, reader, and researcher.

For his full obituary please see the link below:
<https://www.newmanfuneralhomes.com/notices/Frank-J-Fash>

Maryland Veteran's Commission

Below are some Maryland Veteran updates from the Desk of Commissioner Penny Collins of the Maryland Veteran's Commission:

Tax Filing Tips (2017)

As a reminder, for veterans who receive a military pension and are residents of Maryland, on your state tax return, please remember to utilize the \$5,000 exclusion or tax deduction of your pension if you are under age 65 or \$10,000 for 65 and over. A surviving spouse (widow or widower) or ex-spouse qualifies for the exclusion, if the ex-spouse has been awarded this benefit under an approved divorce decree. The \$5,000 exclusion was effective in 2006 and the \$10,000 exclusion in 2015. Please refer to the Maryland Tax Laws for further information.

Additionally, if you are rated 100% disabled and qualify for the nonpayment of Maryland state property tax, please review your tax liabilities before applying for this benefit. Even though this is a benefit for 100% disabled veterans, if you are approved you will not be able to exclude this from your federal or state tax return.

Miscellaneous

Honorably discharged veterans of all eras who want a new identification card from the VA will be able to apply online by registering with the VA. Go to www.vets.gov or www.va.gov for further information.

If you would like to receive weekly highlights from the MDVA Office by email, please send your request to Denise Nooe, Deputy Director-Outreach & Advocacy on: denise.nooe@maryland.gov. Or you can go to www.veterans.maryland.gov to read the information.

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Rita Benoit	1yr
Brenda Loe	1yr

Thank you for your support, Ladies

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES



On February 15, 2018, we held our meeting at the VFW Post 3285 in Frederick, Md.. We had five members in attendance. After the meeting, we enjoyed having lunch in the restaurant upstairs.

For our Americanism report, Helen read facts about some of our American Presidents, including George Washington & Abraham Lincoln in honor of Presidents Day.

Our project, of collecting grocery store coupons for our military families stationed overseas, continues.

Our next meeting will be at 11:00A.M. on March 15, again at the VFW Post 3285, 5901 Old National Pike, Frederick. Won't you join us?

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

In Remembrance



Karen Angela Snee
LAFRA PNVP
June 7, 1948 - January 25, 2018

Karen was devoted to her family and as a Navy wife that traveled up and down the east coast to her husband's duty stations and finally settled in Burke, VA where Tom retired from the Navy in 1996. Karen was a staff assistant and worked at Navy Federal Credit Union for over 24 years.

Karen thoroughly enjoyed "giving back" and participating in many organizations including: the Navy Wives Clubs of America; the Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association; BETA SIGMA PHI sorority; Our Lady of Knock Society; Mother of Twins Club; Thoreau Middle School Steering Committee; and Projected Neighbors—a Navy Federal Credit Union sponsored program that provided holiday cheer, gifts, food, clothing, furniture, and support to local families in need.

Interment will be May 8, 2018 at Arlington National Cemetery.

For her full obituary please see the link below:
<http://www.fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com/obituary/Karen-Angela-Snee/Burke-Virginia/1778253>