



Eight O'Clock Reports

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BRANCH MEETING November 18, 2020

At 1915 President Keith Kaider convened an informal meeting with 6 members present including NC Paul Gunther, PRPEC Randy Phillipp, Jr. Past President Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Ralph Freibert and Shipmate Mark Allen. We held our meeting via Zoom and Dial-in only due to increase of COVID-19 cases in the area.

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

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported the Gaithersburg High School NJROTC Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2020 was postponed because of weather and was rescheduled for November 13, 2020, but was unable to attend.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that he sent a Get Well card to Shipmate Norm Clark who is in the hospital.

Shipmate Kaider reported that as of November we have 82 members, four for renewal and one that is past due.

Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony, Shipmate Gunther reported that the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Chief Petty Officer Association was working at the programs and scheduled the Memorial Auditorium at Walter Reed on Monday, December 7, 2020 for 0800 to 1200. Due to the increase COVID-19 cases it was recommended to cancel this year's ceremony. Also, because of the new restrictions the Memorial Auditorium can only permit 25 people to meet in person. After discussion and everyone's agreement it was decided to cancel this year's ceremony.

Shipmate Rauch went over the October Financial Statement and supporting reports and he made a motion to accept his report pending audit next time we meet in person, Shipmate Gunther seconded and all approved. Shipmate Phillipp reported that he will type up his findings for the 2019-20 audit of the Treasurer Reports he conducted and that was approved last meeting. He will submit at next meeting we meet in person.

Shipmate Rauch went over the November FRA Membership Newsletter and the new Ship Store order form from Headquarters, which will be distribute with this newsletter via e-mail. Also, mentioned that he received the East Coast Region 2020-21 Directory and the NPSL 1-21 2020-21 Officers and Committees Roster, which both were sent out to the Branch Officers.

Other correspondence received was a memo from Headquarters Financial Officer for the Annual Premium for Branch Liability Bond. The Branch owed \$40 determined by Membership Category Group, which was taken out from our November Branch dues payment.

Old Business. Shipmate Rauch reported that the September Financial Statement was not approved last month, he made a motion to approve, seconded by Shipmate Gunter and approved by all. Then he reported that the membership pins were ordered and received. Currently, waiting for invoice from headquarters for payment.

New Business, there was no new business to discuss.

Shipmate Rauch did mentioned that there was a video of the National Officers Installation and it is posted at the link below:
https://www.fra.org/FRA/Web/FRA_Docs/Videos/NationalOfficersInstallation.mp4

Good of the Order was held and then at 1951 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved. Note: Next meeting on December 16, 2020 will be held on Zoom and Dial-in only.

Happy Thanksgiving to all Shipmates and their Families!

Important Dates for December 2020

- 07 Dec ~ Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 10 Dec ~ Hanukkah Begins at Sunset
- 16 Dec ~ Branch Meeting @ 1900 via Zoom and Dial-in only
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 Password: 570814
- 18 Dec ~ Hanukkah Ends at Sunset
- 21 Dec ~ First Day of Winter
- 24 Dec ~ Christmas Eve
- 25 Dec ~ Merry Christmas!
- 31 Dec ~ New Year's Eve



Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of November 2020				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
82	4	1	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 above for Branch Meeting Date, Time, Location



This year's Rockville Veterans Ceremony on November 11, 2020 was held on-line only and Triangle Branch 182 was not able to present our wreath to honor and pay tribute to our Veterans, but we still want to say Thank you to all Veterans and Active Duty members for your service!

Below are some pictures from past wreath laying ceremonies that include the following Shipmates: Paul Gunther, Randy Phillipp, Keith Kaider, John Wooditch, Clark Murphy, Rob Hebron and Thomas Rauch.

2016



2017



2018



2019



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 overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.



TRICARE and FEDVIP Open Season

TRICARE Open Season:

- Prime and Select Enrollees may switch benefit plans during open season from November 9 through December 14, 2020. If you choose to do nothing, your plan will remain the same for the next year. Remember, you can only change between Prime and Select Plans during Open Season or with a Qualifying Life Event. Learn more by visiting tricare.mil/openseason2020.
- Note: Are you a Group A retiree or family member enrolled in TRICARE Select? If you or your sponsor's initial enlistment or appointment occurred before January 1, 2018, you are in Group A. **Act now to set up payment for a new monthly TRICARE Select enrollment fee to keep your TRICARE Select coverage.** These fees go into effect Jan. 1, 2021. For more information on this new fee please go to <https://tricare.mil/Plans/Enroll/Select/EnrollmentFees>

FEDVIP Open Season:

- The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, or TRDP, ended on December 31, 2018. Eligible beneficiaries can enroll in FEDVIP for dental and vision coverage during this Open Season at the link below: <https://www.benefeds.com/>

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Central Liaison Committee

January 23, 2021 2:00 PM at Branch 24
100 Compromise St, Annapolis, MD 21401

2021 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting

March 26-27, 2021
Holiday Inn Richmond South
4303 Commerce Road, Richmond, VA 23234

"THE VOICE FROM THE ARIZONA"



It's time to break the silence I have kept for many years. I want to send a message to dry away your tears. Let my story be heard by mothers whose sons I still enfold. And to all wives of loved ones who defended, Brave and Bold. To you who've served in Battleships – or perhaps you shipped with me. You might be mourning a Shipmate who is resting beneath the sea.

My story begins in Brooklyn, 1916 was the date they christened me "ARIZONA" after the Sunny Baby State. I was proud ship – ARIZONA – and my commission became complete the day I took my place in line with the Mighty U.S. Fleet. My bow cleaved through the water, my sisters steamed at my side. I was part of the greatest Navy that ever graced the tide.

If you have been a son of mine, you helped me earn my fame. You served me well and faithfully. I'll always cherish your name.

The years sped by – too fast it seems this lady was growing old; Then Infamy at Pearl Harbor my destiny did unfold. That tranquil Sunday morning found me secure in Battleship Row, then without a sign of warning I suffered my first blow.

My crew rushed to Battle Stations and began to valiantly fight – The aggressors came on relentlessly, ATTACK, ATTACK with no respite.

My boilers blew with a Resounding Blast when a bomb dropped down my stack. The magazines were the next to go a blow that broke my back.

Colors flying – A Last Salute, and with twisted and burning steel I gave in to Merciful waters – Felt mud engulf my keel.

Now I rest beneath the waves, embracing my beloved crew - Almost the entire complement, One Thousand One Hundred and Two.

Though our worldly days are over, don't for a moment be misled, the spirit within me is STILL ALIVE, kindled by the GALLANTRY of my dead.

We receive your prayers and tributes, we hear you toll our bell; We thank you for the Reverence much more than words can tell.

If we could ask one thing of you, our sole request would be, Do everything within your power to keep our nation Strong and Free.



MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since October 2020

Renewed Members

New Branch Members

Richard Cote
Daniel Hilton
Richard Zerbe

None

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

George Bailey	11th	Paul Davis, Jr	23rd
Ralph Freibert	15th	Paul Gunther	23rd
Thomas Weaver	18th	Phillip Case	30th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

DECEMBER FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Klein	55yrs	Richard Cote	32yrs
Robert Shanley	48yrs	George McGrew	17yrs
Jerry Iseminger	39yrs	Thomas Rauch	13yrs
Michael Barr	1yr		

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Donna Marie Wooditch 4yrs

Thank you for your support, Ladies



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Due to COVID-19, we did not conduct our meeting this month. We do keep in touch by phone if any Auxiliary matters present themselves.

We hope things improve by next month so we may have our meeting then.

Until then, please stay well and safe!

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carmen Serfes	1st
Brenda Loe	10th
Aida Littlejohn	26th
Anne Dobbs	28th
Carolyn Self	31st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES