



Eight O'Clock Reports

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Important Dates for February 2020

- 02 Feb ~ Groundhog Day
- 14 Feb ~ Valentine's Day
- 14-15 Feb ~ East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting
- 17 Feb ~ President's Day
- 19 Feb ~ Branch Meeting @ 1930 following BoD Meeting
2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD
Teleconference: 1-605-313-4448 Access Code: 864972#

BRANCH MEETING January 15, 2020

At 1915 President Rauch convened an informal meeting with 6 members present including NC Paul Gunther, Jr. PRPEC Randy Phillipp, PRSEC Keith Kaider, Shipmate Ralph Freibert and Shipmate Mark Allen.

The meeting started with the Report of Committees. Under Youth Activities Shipmate Kaider reminded the Secretary to order the FRA medals for the upcoming NJROTC ceremonies.

Shipmate Phillipp sent out Get Well cards to NED Chris Slawinski and NC Paul Gunther.

Shipmate Gunther submitted our 10th and 12th grade essays winners to the East Coast Region for further selection consideration. Branch winners will be notified and awarded at a later date.

We were notified that Shipmate Vernell Bishop, Jr received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on January 2, 2020. He has been added to the Two Bell Ceremony and Our Deepest Sympathies go out to his family. (See Remembrances on back)

The combined September - December Financial Statement was submitted by the Treasurer and reviewed by Audit Committee.

Shipmate Rauch received correspondence from Christina Hitchcock, Director of Membership, which included the January FRA Membership Newsletter. Will distribute with those members with e-mail addresses. Also, a 2020 FRA Branch Survey was received and the Secretary will complete and send back to Christina.

Shipmate Phillipp received two Nominating Resolutions that includes, National President (NVP Michael Fulton - Br 289) and National Vice President (PRPEC James Campbell - Br 040).

Under Old Business, there was discussion about the donation to the American Legion Post 86 for using their hall for our Pearl Harbor Remembrance. Last meeting \$100 was approved, but after further discussion a motion was made by Shipmate Kaider to amend and change to \$125, this was seconded and approved.

Shipmate Kaider reported that he had purchased the WWII Commemorative Brick and received a certificate (picture to the right) with what will be engraved on the brick. The actual brick will not be laid at "The National WWII Museum" in New Orleans for another 7 months.

Under New Business, preparations for our Annual Fundraiser was discuss and Shipmate Kaider will be ordering the raffle tickets.

Shipmates Paul Gunther, Randy Phillipp and Thomas Rauch will be attending the upcoming East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting, February 14-15, 2020 in Richmond, VA.

Shipmate Rauch reminded everyone about the CLC Meeting on January 25, 2020 at 1400 in Annapolis, MD, Branch 24 hosting.

Good of the Order was conducted and then at 2000 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved.



Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder



Retention:

Membership As of January 2020				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
88	2	0	0	1

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

We Want You!

It's a new year and our Branch membership is decreasing at a rapid pace. We have lost **45 members** since July 2016. Please see our current demographics that are listed on the back of this newsletter. We need **YOU** for retention of current members, recruiting/reinstating members and attending monthly Branch Meetings. This needs to happen to ensure the survival of the Branch and our commitment to the FRA.

Retention

As of January 2020, we have 88 active members with 2 members up for renewal in February. Note: The official count on the Monthly Membership Report is 88, but there were two Shipmates that have passed away and have not been removed from the report. You can renew the following ways:

- ***On-line:** www.fra.org (Go to Membership and Join FRA)
- ***Telephone:** 1-703-683-1400 or Toll Free 1-800-FRA-1924
- ***FRA App:** On a Smartphone download under "Play Store", search FRA.
- ***Mail:** Complete a membership application and mail.
- ***In person:** Please visit us at one of our branch meetings.

Recruitment/Reinstatement

The FRA has the "Moving Forward" campaign which includes different programs that gives a member incentives to recruit/reinstate members. These programs include the following:



Recruit 3 Program
Recruit 32 Program
Recruit 5 Initiative
Retain 5 Initiative



For more information on these programs or on recruiting please see www.fra.org or contact our Branch Secretary.

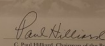
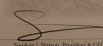
Branch Meetings

Our meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the American Legion Post # 86, located at 2013 Veirs Mill Road lower level behind the Dairy Queen.

We need **YOU** to attend the Branch Meetings and help support the Branch. This can be done by recruiting, filling positions, chairing committees. This is key for Branch survival - otherwise we risk folding. If the FRA continues this downward trend - CONGRESS will see this and CUT our hard earned benefits. The FRA FIGHTS for all of us, we need to fight for the survival of the FRA!!!!

ROAD TO VICTORY BRICK PROGRAM

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Financial Status

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

Shipmate Vernell Bishop, Jr

Please remember our troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Upcoming Meetings/Events

Central Liaison Committee

January 25, 2020 2:00 PM at Branch 24
100 Compromise St, Annapolis, MD 21401

2020 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting

February 14-15, 2020
Holiday Inn Richmond South
4303 Commerce Road, Richmond, VA 23234
Reservations 1-804-592-2900 Code: "FRA" \$109/night
Hotel Reservations Cut-off is January 31, 2020

Central Liaison Committee

April 25, 2020 2:00 PM at Branch 4
7500 Livingston Rd., Oxon Hill, MD

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

James Carnahan	1st	Samuel Webb	18th
William Kaczor, Jr	8th	William Barger	22nd
Randy Phillipp	9th	Edward Braithwood	23rd
Paul Lenker	23rd		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

In Remembrance



Chief Petty Officer
Vernell Bishop, Jr USN (Ret)
October 18, 1925 - January 2, 2020

Shipmate Bishop was a FRA Life Member of 45 years. Vernell joined the Navy in 1942 serving as a Machinist Mate and retired 25 years later in 1967.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 24th 2020 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at the J. B. Jenkins Funeral Home, Inc. (7474 Landover Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20785). A funeral service will be held on Friday, January 24th 2020 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the same location. A graveside service will be held on Friday, January 24th 2020 at 1:45 PM at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery (11301 Crain Hwy, Cheltenham, MD 20623).

For his full obituary please see the link below:
<https://www.everhere.com/us/obituaries/md/hyattsville/vernell-bishop-jr-10246968>

Navy Memorial's Navy Log:
<http://navylog.navy Memorial.org/bishop-vernell>

FEBRUARY FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Lenus Barnes	62yrs	Michael Rowsey	25yrs
Edwin Coffin	36yrs	Paul Davis, Jr	23yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

Triangle Branch 182 Demographics

These are some statistical data about our branch members, which breakdowns current active regular and life members, membership years, members' age and members' locations.

These demographics are a comparison between 2019 and 2020 membership and are depicted on these tables.

Keynotes:

-Membership decreased by **8**.

-Since July 2016 membership decreased by **45**.

-No members under the age of 30 and **ONLY 2** members under age 50.

Membership	2019	2020
0 - 9	9	13
10 - 19	19	16
20 - 29	13	12
30 - 39	17	16
40 - 49	20	17
50 - 59	7	7
60 - 69	9	5
70 - 79	0	0
Total	94	86



Age Range	2019 Members	2020 Members
18 - 19	0	0
20 - 29	0	0
30 - 39	1	1
40 - 49	2	1
50 - 59	8	7
60 - 69	15	19
70 - 79	20	16
80 - 89	28	26
90 - 99	20	15
100 +	0	0
Unknown	0	1
Total	94	86

Membership	2019	2020
Regular	53	50
Life	39	34
Charter - Life	2	2
Total	94	86

State	2019 Members	2020 Members
MD	54	52
VA	5	5
DC	1	1
DE	2	2
WV	2	2
Other	30	24
Total	94	86

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182

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On January 16, 2020, we held our meeting at the VFW in Frederick, Md. We had six members in attendance. After the meeting we had lunch at Denny's and enjoyed catching up on each other's news!

For Americanism, Dolores had an article of interesting facts.

On January 25, the next CLC Meeting will be in Annapolis hosted by Branch/Unit 24. The FRA/LAFRA Mid Year Meeting will be February 14-16 in Richmond, Va.

There will be NO meeting in February. Our next regular meeting will be on March 19 at 11:00 A.M. at the VFW Post 3285 in Frederick, Md. Hope to see everyone there!

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marguerite Robertson	4th
Nesha Stone	6th
Lisa Nesbitt	13th
Helen Trimmer	28th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Helen Trimmer	52yrs
Dolores Manley	38yrs
Gloria Bastian	30yrs
Anne Dobbs	19yrs
Janet Clark	15yrs
Angie Wilson	5yrs

Thank you for your support, Ladies