



Eight O'Clock Reports

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Important Dates for October 2024

- 02 Oct ~ Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sunset
- 04 Oct ~ Rosh Hashanah Ends at Sunset
- 04 Oct ~ Shabbat Shuva Begins at Sunset
- 05 Oct ~ Shabbat Shuva Ends at Sunset
- 07 Oct ~ Columbus Day
- 11 Oct ~ Yom Kippur Begins at Sunset
- 12 Oct ~ Yom Kippur Ends at Sunset
- 13 Oct ~ U.S. Navy Birthday! (1775)
- 16 Oct ~ 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
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- 26 Oct ~ CLC Meeting (See below)
- 31 Oct ~ Halloween



BRANCH MEETING September 18, 2024

At 1902 President Randy Phillipp convened an informal meeting with 5 members present including Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, RSEC Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Michael Tovornik (Zoom) and Shipmate Valerie Mathews (Zoom).



The meeting started with Shipmate Phillipp presenting Shipmate Kaider his 30 Year continuous membership award (Left).

Congratulations and Thank you Shipmate Kaider for your continuous support!

We then proceeded with discussion and approval of the August Minutes. Shipmate Kaider made a motion to approve, Shipmate Tovornik seconded and all approved.

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of September we have 65 members with 2 members for renewal and 1 past due.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther was not present, but reported earlier that he did not have anything to report.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp had nothing to report, and no one knew of anyone in the hospital.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that he spoke to the Damascus High School Chorus Director and confirmed that one or more of her students will be able to participate in our Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony to sing the National Anthem and the other patriotic songs during the service. He also contacted the Gaithersburg High School NJROTC Commander and waiting to hear back to see if they could provide the color guard for the ceremony as well.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony, Shipmate Phillipp will check to see if the American Legion Post 86 hall is available and if so he will reserve it for Saturday, December 7, 2024 @ 2000.

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch reported that there were no communications received and none to be downloaded from the FRA Official Correspondence portal.

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

Unfinished or Deferred Business. 1) Shipmate Rauch reported that he submitted our National Convention Journal Ad along with the other advertisements and/or boosters received by Shipmates on August 26, 2024. He also stated that the National Convention Meals and Special Events forms are due by October 1 2024, which will be up to the individual(s) attending to submit. 2) We continued with the discussion for Triangle Branch 182's 70th Anniversary next year. Shipmate Phillipp stated that he will reserve the American Legion hall once we get closer to May and have decided on a date. 3) Shipmate Kaider also reported that all the Commanders games have sold except for the Bears (Sun, Oct 27 @ 1PM) and Steelers (Sun, Nov 10 @ 1PM), which are available on seatgeek.com. No other Unfinished/Deferred Business.

New Business. 1) Shipmate Rauch gave a recap of the 80th ECRC Business Meeting held on September 12, 2024 (See back of newsletter for an overview of the convention). 2) There was a motion made by Shipmate Kaider to change the Triangle 182, Inc Annual Meeting from October 16, 2024 to November 20, 2024 @ 1900, preceding the Branch Meeting, Shipmate Tovornik seconded and all approved. No other new business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1947 Shipmate Kaider made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Shipmate Tovornik seconded and all approved. Next meeting will be on October 16, 2024, at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of September 2024				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
65	2	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

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Central Liaison Committee

October 26, 2024 2:00 PM hosted by Branch 93
Location: 21707 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD

Veteran's Day/FRA Centennial

Monday, November 11, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
Arlington National Cemetery Amphitheater
Arlington National Cemetery

<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Visit/Events-and-Ceremonies#/>

Veteran's Day (Local Event)

Monday, November 11, 2024 @ 11:00 AM
Rockville Veterans Park, Intersection of Rt. 28 and Rt. 355

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/anpdt-90d-bcdab4c5-7f18-47ce-9b69-435dc9ec0f80/>

Rate: \$115.00/night plus tax, Cut-off October 9, 2024

Annual Triangle 182, Inc. Meeting

November 20, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

American Legion Post 86, 2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD
Precedes regular scheduled Branch Meeting
All Branch and Unit members are invited.

Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance

Saturday, December 7, 2024 @ 8:00 PM

American Legion Post 86
2013 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, MD

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.



80th FRA and 78th FRA Auxiliary 2024 East Coast Regional Convention (ECRC)

This year's ECRC was held in Williamsburg, VA at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center and hosted by Special Committee chaired by Shipmate PREPC Paul Phelps (Br. 40). Our Branch delegates Shipmates President PRPEC Randy Phillipp, PNC Paul Gunther, RSEC Thomas Rauch, and Michael Tovornik were all in attendance.

On Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 1400, Opening Ceremonies were held with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services Commissioner Chuck Zingler as the Keynote Speaker. Later that night there was a Welcome Aboard Party held with music and games.

On Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 0900 the FRA Business Session was called to order. Reports of the Regional Officers, President (Robert Oliveira), Vice President (Valerie Toulotte), Secretary (Thomas Rauch), Treasurer (Philip Stone) and Jr. PRPEC (Gabriel Falu) were read. The State and National Legislative Representatives from VA, NC, and National Headquarters reported on Veteran programs and laws that pertained to their state or the Nation as a whole. There were no reports for DE, MD, and DC.

Next on the agenda was the Reports of the Standing Committees. This is where the results of the Regional Branches' submissions for the various committees were revealed. Our Branch in Group IV placed 1st for Public Relations and Youth Activities, 2nd for Hospitals, Welfare, Rehabilitation, and 3rd for Americanism/Patriotism. For Veterans Service Officer and VA Voluntary Service, we had no report. Shipmates Rauch and Kaider were selected as Shipmate of the Year for Public Relations and Youth Activities, respectively. For a full listing of the results please see the table to the right.

The Budget & Finance and Audit Committees conducted their reports as well. Next was the Bylaws & Rules committee, all the bylaw resolutions that were listed on the August Newsletter were approved and for the adoption of the "Electronic Regional Convention" Standing Rule there was a committee created to establish a platform and rules for having meetings on-line.

The Time & Place committee reported that Branch 99 will host the 2025 Mid-Year Meeting (MYM) and there were no Branch submissions to host the 2025 ECRC, 2026 MYM or 2026 ECRC. After discussion, the following was agreed upon for hosting these events: 2025 ECRC, Branches 99 and 166; 2026 MYM, Branch/Unit 40; 2026 ECRC, ECR Red/Gray Hats Ad Hoc Committee with Shipmate PRPEC Paul Phelps as Chair.

Under New Business there were seven Branches that petition to operate under 1216(a) and were approved for ratification. Then the 2024-2025 Elections of Regional Officers were held. The following officers were elected:

- RPEC - Shipmate Robert Oliveira, Branch 293
- RVPEC - Shipmate Valerie Toulotte, Branch 24
- RTEC - Shipmate Philip Stone, Branch 40

Shipmate RPEC Oliveira installed RVPEC and RTEC. RPEC was installed later that night at the banquet by Shipmate PRPEC Paul Phelps during the Mock Installation.

After New Business, we heard from the National Officer Candidates

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

John Abraham 17th Jonathan Whiting 18th
Tommy Stewart 25th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

OCTOBER FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel Hilton 47yrs John Koval 12yrs
Ralph Freibert 24yrs Valerie Mathews 3yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

Reports of the Standing Committees

The standing committees determined 1st, 2nd, and 3rd by the submissions received by each branch for the specific activity listed below. Group is determined by the size of the branch.

Americanism/Patriotism				Hospitals, Welfare, Rehabilitation			
Group	1st	2nd	3rd	Group	1st	2nd	3rd
1	24	None	None	1	24	None	None
2	99	93	166	2	90	60	None
3	40	172	None	3	40	172	None
4	293	208	182	4	293	182	208
5	123	41	27	5	41	37	4
Public Relations				Youth Activities			
Group	1st	2nd	3rd	Group	1st	2nd	3rd
1	24	None	None	1	None	24	None
2	None	None	None	2	None	99	None
3	None	None	None	3	40	None	None
4	182	208	293	4	182	293	208
5	41	123	None	5	37	41	None
Veterans Services Officer				VA Voluntary Service			
Group	1st	2nd	3rd	Group	1st	2nd	3rd
1	24	None	None	1	24	None	None
2	166	99	None	2	99	None	None
3	40	None	None	3	172	None	None
4	293	None	None	4	293	None	None
5	41	None	None	5	309	41	None

up for election for the upcoming 2024-25 association year that we will vote on at the National Convention in November. For National President, Shipmate NVP Maria Behm (Br. 32) spoke and for National Vice President, Shipmates PRPWC Rick Fetro (Br. 101) and PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti (Br. 18) both spoke.

Good of the order was then held and the business meeting was adjourned by RPEC Oliveira.

That night a banquet was held with dinner, live entertainment and dancing. Overall, another great Convention!!! (The meeting minutes will be distributed once received.)

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



LAFRA-09-19-2024

On September 19, 2024, our regular meeting was held at the home of member Demetra Swarr's home. We had 5 members in attendance. Thank you for hosting and serving a delicious lunch, DeeDee. We currently have 28 active members.

Secretary Gloria read the minutes from our last meeting and gave the Treasurer's Report, both were approved. Susan gave the Chaplain's Report. For Americanism, Helen read "The History of the FRA."

Our next scheduled meeting will be October 17, 2024, 11:30 A.M. at President Manley's home, 344 W. Edmonston Drive, Rockville, Md. Please join us!

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Janet Clark 3rd
Heather Hughes 19th
Rosie Hopkins 27th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Auxiliary Members

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia Trimmer 44yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members