



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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### Important Dates for March 2021

- 03 Mar ~ U.S. Naval Reserve Established (1915)
- 14 Mar ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 17 Mar ~ St. Patrick's Day
- 17 Mar ~ 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  
Meeting ID: 741 9971 9408 Password: 570814
- 20 Mar ~ First Day of Spring
- 27 Mar ~ Passover Begins at Sunset
- 28 Mar ~ Palm Sunday

### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

#### Retention:

Membership As of February 2021				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
79	5	0	0	0

You can renew at [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) or please contact our Branch Secretary for more information.

**Recruitment/Reinstatement:** See [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) or Branch Secretary for more details on incentive programs.

**Attendance:** See above for Branch Meeting Date, Time, Location

## WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM, EST. 1932

### 2021 Washington Football Team Raffle Fundraiser Coming Soon! WFT 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 Kaider. Your help in selling and purchasing tickets is greatly appreciated!

### Central Liaison Committee Meeting January 23, 2021

Just a couple of quick take a ways from this CLC meeting:

- The meeting was hosted by the CLC via Zoom .
- Mid-Year Meeting will be held via Zoom on March 27, 2021.
- LAFRA Pilgrimage is tentatively scheduled for April 24, 2021, Hotel information is still pending depending on COVID restrictions.
- April CLC meeting has been rescheduled to April 17, 2021 @ 1400.
- Looking for volunteer to be the Memorial Day Chairman, if interested please notified Shipmate Rauch.
- Memorial Day Picnic will be hosted by Branch/Unit 4 and will be at Pavilion 7 at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling tentatively depending on COVID restrictions.
- East Coast Convention Business Meeting will take place in one form or another and more information will be sent out by the East Coast Regional Officers. Hotel is tentative due to COVID restrictions.
- July CLC meeting has been rescheduled to July 17, 2021 @ 1400.
- CLC minutes were distributed via e-mail, if you do not have an e-mail address and like a copy please notify Shipmate Rauch.

### BRANCH MEETING February 17, 2021

At 1910 President Keith Kaider convened an informal meeting with 4 members present including NC Paul Gunther, PRPEC Randy Phillipp and Jr. Past President Thomas Rauch. The meeting was held via Zoom and Dial-in only.

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

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that there was nothing new to report. Hopefully, we will be able to present the NJROTC awards and medals this year, which will depend on what the restrictions will be.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillip reported that he was busy since January 1st sending Get Well, Birthday, Anniversary, and Sympathy cards to Shipmates. Sent Sympathy cards to PNP Kilgore's family and to Shipmate Clark Murphy and Get Well cards to Shipmate Gunther and Shipmate Clark.

Shipmate Kaider also reported earlier in the month that Shipmate Duane "Robbie" Robertson received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on February 1, 2021. He has been added to the Two Bell Ceremony and Our Deepest Sympathies go out to his family. (See Remembrance on back)

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that our Branch 11th grade winner placed 1st and was overall winner at the East Coast Region (ECR) level. Plus, our Branch 9th grade winner placed 2nd at the East Coast Region as well.

Shipmate Kaider reported that as of February we have 79 members, with five for renewal.

Shipmate Rauch went over the January 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 Rauch also reported that he received the Membership Pin Order Invoice and payment of \$90.30 will be reflected on the February Financial Statement. Also, received the Invoice for the NJROTC Medals from Space City Branch 159 and payment of \$76 was reflected on the January Financial Statement.

Shipmate Rauch received correspondence from Christina Hitchcock, Director of Membership, which included the February FRA Membership Newsletter. Will distribute with those members with e-mail addresses. The FRA Third Quarter Membership Report was also downloaded from the National Mailing List and reviewed. Other correspondence received was an email from FRA Headquarters for PNP Kilgore's funeral arrangements on February 23rd in Pensacola, FL and an email from the CLC Secretary with the January Minutes.

Old Business. Shipmate Rauch reported the status of membership pins and certificates that will be sent out or presented for Shipmate's having an Anniversary ending in a 0 or 5 from now to June 30, 2021.

Annual Washington Football Team ticket raffle preparation, Shipmate Kaider reported that he ordered and received the raffle tickets. We went over the notification raffle letter that will be sent to all Branch Shipmates with five raffle tickets.

New Business, 1) Shipmate Kaider discuss having a Ritual Ceremony for Shipmate Robertson and Marguerite. Please see back of newsletter for details on the Funeral Ritual Ceremony. 2) It was also reported that the 2021 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting will now be held via Zoom scheduled for March 27, 2021. 3) Shipmate Rauch stated that Branch Officer Nominations will start next meeting and that the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget will be presented next meeting as well. 4) Shipmate Gunther mentioned that the ECR should be reaching out to see who be attending the National Convention that will be held in Spokane Valley, WA in October.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1945 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved. The March meeting will be held in-person at the American Legion Post 86 and Zoom.

Members Only



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

Shipmate Duane "Robbie" Robertson

Please remember our troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.



**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

**2021 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting**  
March 27, 2021 via Zoom

**Central Liaison Committee**  
April 17, 2021 2:00 PM via Zoom

**Annual LAFRA Arlington National Cemetery Pilgrimage**  
April 24, 2021 (Tentative)

**Central Liaison Committee**  
July 17, 2021 2:00 PM Location (TBD)

**2021 East Coast Region Convention**  
July 24, 2021 Location (TBD)



**MEMBERSHIP**

Updates Since January 2021

Renewed Members      New Branch Members

None                                  None

\* Renewed as Life Member

**Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Robert Vitarelli	1st	Bob Mallasch	14th
William Billado	6th	James Crytzer	16th
Juan Velazquez-Ortiz	12th	D. Keith Kaider	20th
Clem Beck	14th	Michael Barr	24th
John Leben	31st		

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES**

**MARCH FRA ANNIVERSARIES**

Donald Bambeck	57yrs	Bob Mallasch	17yrs
Jack Ensminger	53yrs	Kenneth Mutzabaugh	17yrs
Phillip Case	39yrs	John Wood	16yrs
Edward Braithwood	38yrs	Santiago Chavez	12yrs
Jonathan Whiting	29yrs	Robert Hebron	3yrs
Kirk Young	20yrs	Paul Dziadon	1yr

**Thank you for your support, Shipmates**

**In Remembrance**

Chief Petty Officer  
Duane "Robbie" Robertson USN (Ret)  
January 12, 1924 - February 1, 2021



Shipmate Robertson was a FRA Life Member of 63 years. He was a World War II Navy veteran who survived the sinking of the USS Yorktown during the Battle of Midway. After retiring as a Radioman Chief Petty Officer in 1960, he was a NASA Communication Specialist at Goddard Space Flight Center. He served as President of the Fleet Reserve Association East Coast Region during the 1981-1982 FRA Year.

Shipmate Robertson's USS Yorktown experience was documented in a three part article written by Branch 182 President Keith Kaider, which was published in the 2015 June, July and August issues of the FRA Today magazine. These FRAToday issues can be obtained by going to the following link:

[https://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Web/Content/FRA\\_Today\\_Magazine\\_Archive.aspx](https://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Web/Content/FRA_Today_Magazine_Archive.aspx)

Navy Memorial's Navy Log:  
<http://navylog.navy Memorial.org/robertson-duane-0>



Triangle Branch and Unit 182 will be holding funeral rituals for LAFRA Auxiliary Member Marguerite Robertson and Shipmate PRPEC Duane (Robbie) Robertson that passed on

January 20, 2021 and February 1, 2021 respectively. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 1300 at the American Legion Post 86, 2013 Viers Mill Rd, Rockville, MD. Due to COVID restrictions, attendance is limited, so please RSVP to Shipmate Rauch if you plan to attend NLT Wednesday, March 10, 2021. Marguerite and Robbie will be interred at Arlington at a later date TBD.

**ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER**



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As of this printing, 55 of 79 Branch members and 13 of 32 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 Shipmate Rauch your email address.

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

THANK YOU, Shipmates and Ladies.

**FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182**



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Due to COVID-19, we again did not hold our meeting in February. We are definitely planning our next meeting on March 18, 11:00 A.M at the VFW Post 3285, in Frederick, Md.

On March 20, we will join Branch 182 in holding a joint Memorial Service for PRPEC Duane (Robbie) Robertson and Marguerite Robertson at the American Legion Post 86, 2013 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, 1:00 P.M. Due to COVID restrictions attendance is limited. To facilitate planning, please convey your intention to attend to Unit President, Helen Trimmer, or myself by March 10. And ladies, please remember your hats.

Respectfully,  
Susan Kaider

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Connie Waite	45yrs
Rita Benoit	4yrs
Brenda Loe	4yrs

**Thank you for your support, Ladies**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES**