



Eight O'Clock Reports

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BRANCH MEETING September 20, 2023

At 1903 President Randy Phillipp convened an informal meeting with 7 members present including Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, PNC Paul Gunther, RSEC Thomas Rauch, Shipmate T.C. Williams, Shipmate Thomas Weaver and Shipmate Valerie Mathews (Zoom).



The meeting started with Shipmate Phillipp presenting Shipmate Weaver his 15 Year continuous membership award (Left).

Congratulations and Thank you Shipmate Weaver for your continuous support!

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

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of September we have 66 members with 3 members for renewal.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther had nothing to report. Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that he sent a Get Well card to Shipmate Ralph Freibert.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that he spoke to the Gaithersburg High School NJROTC Commander and the Cadets will be able to provide the Color Guard for our Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony, Shipmate Kaider mentioned that he can reach out to the Music Teacher at Damascus High School to see if they have anyone that can perform the National Anthem and the other songs for the ceremony. Shipmate Phillipp will reserve the American Legion Post 86 hall for December 7, 2023 @ 2000.

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch went over the following communications that were received or downloaded from the FRA Official Correspondence: 1) FRA 2023 Q2 Balance Sheet/Profit & Loss Statement. 2) FRA Financial Officer Announcement. 3) Memo ACK LTR NBR 26-23 dtd 8.24.23 (Disaster Relief Fund) 4) Nominations and Endorsements for National Officers 2023-24. No other communications received.

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 Gunther seconded and all approved.

Unfinished or Deferred Business. 1) We reviewed the 95th National Convention Resolutions for how we want our delegates, Shipmates Phillipp and Gunther, to vote on behalf of our Branch. Those Branch Voting Preferences are listed on the back. No other Unfinished/Deferred Business.

New Business. 1) Reminder that the Triangle 182, Inc Annual Meeting will be on October 18, 2023 @ 1900, preceding Branch Meeting. No other new business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1953 Shipmate Gunther made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved. Next meeting will be on October 18, 2023, at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.



Important Dates for October 2023

- 09 Oct ~ Columbus Day
- 13 Oct ~ U.S. Navy Birthday! (1775)
- 18 Oct ~ Annual Triangle 182, Inc. Meeting @ 1900 (See below)
- 18 Oct ~ Branch Meeting @ 1930 (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
Meeting ID: 741 9971 9408
- 28 Oct ~ CLC Meeting (See below)

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

| Membership As of September 2023 | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|------|------|
| Active | For Renewal | Past Due | Lost | Gain |
| 66 | 3 | 0 | 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

Annual Triangle 182, Inc. Meeting

October 18, 2023 @ 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.

Central Liaison Committee

October 28, 2023 @ 2:00 PM
Location: TBD

Veteran's Day

Saturday, November 11, 2023 @ 11:00 AM
Rockville Veterans Park, Intersection of Rt. 28 and Rt. 355

Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance

December 7, 2023 @ 8:00 PM
American Legion Post 86
2013 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, MD

MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since August 2023

Renewed Members

Andrew Gosnell
Ralph Freibert
Daniel Hilton

New Branch Members

None

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

OCTOBER FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel Hilton 46yrs John Koval 11yrs
Ralph Freibert 23yrs Valerie Mathews 2yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

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.



Branch Voting Preferences for the 95th National Convention

| Resolution | Subject | Vote |
|------------|------------------------------|----------|
| NP-1 | NVP John S. Handzuk | FOR |
| NVP-1 | PRPWC Maria A. Behm | FOR |
| NVP-2 | PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti | AGAINST |
| C&BL-1 | Article 3, Section 301 | AGAINST |
| C&BL-2 | Article 3, Section 311(e)(7) | INFORMED |
| C&BL-3 | Article 4, Section 401(b)(4) | INFORMED |
| C&BL-4 | Article 4, Section 401(e) | INFORMED |
| C&BL-5 | Article 4, Section 401(m) | INFORMED |
| C&BL-6 | Article 4, Sections 405(a-g) | INFORMED |
| C&BL-7 | Article 7, Sections 701(f-h) | AGAINST |
| C&BL-8 | Article 8, Section 802 | AGAINST |

When delegates go "informed" they will hear the opinions of the C&BL committee and the discussion on the floor before deciding how the branch will vote. Each delegate is permitted to vote independently if a consensus cannot be reached. Note: Our branch voting strength is 4 Votes.

Below is brief summary of each C&BL Resolution:

Constitution and Bylaws & Standing Rules Resolutions:

Article 3, Section 301

Resolved Summary:

Section 301. Eligibility for membership in the FRA shall be for all personnel who have served or are now serving in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, including reserve components and regardless of length of service.

Article 3, Section 311(e)(7)

Resolved Summary:

The five through seventy-five year continuous membership pins will be made available for sale to branches and individuals; and be it further Resolved, that Article 3, Section 311(8) be deleted.

Article 4, Section 401(b)(4)

Resolved Summary:

Exception for the years 11 November 2023 to 10 November 2025, membership for first-time new members for the first year of their membership will be awarded free on condition that new members shall pay \$24 for the second year to coincide with the Centennial year 2024. Failure to complete the payment of \$24 will result in the applicant NOT being accepted into the membership of FRA.

Article 4, Section 401(e)

Resolved Summary:

Members may be excused from payment of dues when payment would inflict significant financial hardship. Branches shall judge for their membership. The Director, Membership Development shall make the decision for Membership-at-Large roll members. Branch secretaries shall make an annual report in the month of March to the Director, Membership Development, listing the names and membership numbers of all eligible members affiliated with the branch. If no report is received, members previously reported as qualifying under this section will be terminated effective 30 June unless payment of dues has been received by the Finance Officer. The Member Services Department shall notify the branch secretary during the month of July of those terminated members. The branch shall be assessed an administrative fee for each shipmate in this category starting March 31st, 2024. The amount of the assessment will be half of the annual dues in effect each year.

Article 4, Section 401(m)

Resolved Summary:

Resolved, that Article 4, Section 401(m) be deleted, and those members already classified as 85/40 members will be grandfathered to maintain their current status.

Article 4, Sections 405(a-g)

Resolved Summary:

Section 405(a). The fee for life membership will be based on the applicant's age at 12/31 in the year of application using the following eight tier fee structure:

| | | | |
|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Under age 40 | \$600 | Age 71~80 | \$380 |
| Age 41~50 | \$570 | Age 81~90 | \$260 |
| Age 51~60 | \$535 | Age 91~100 | \$145 |
| Age 61~70 | \$475 | Age over 100 | Free |

Section 405(b). The fee calculation will be based on a combination of the Internal Revenue Code, Section 72, Life Expectancy Tables and the market rate of life membership fees of similar veteran's organizations.

Section 405(c). Each time annual dues are revised, the Finance Officer will review the life membership fee structure to determine if the fees should be revised based on the Life Expectancy Tables and the market rate of similar veteran's organizations.

Article 4, Sections 405(a-g) (Continued)

Section 405(d). Life Membership fees may be made to the Finance Officer or via the FRA Website using the following plans:

(1) Payment in full at the time of submitting the life membership
 (2) Initial payment of \$50 followed by 11 equal monthly payments
 Section 405(e). All installment payments will be made via credit card and will be completed within 12 months from the date the initial \$50 payment is made. If using the installment payment plan, the initial payment will be counted towards paying the regular annual dues, which will entitle the member to be a regular member in the FRA but not a life member until all payments have been received. Once an installment plan is initiated, money held in escrow will not be returned/prorated for further dues payment.

Section 405(f). Full or partial payment of the life membership fee will be submitted with the membership application. The effective date of life membership will be when the full amount of the fee is received by the Finance Officer.

Section 405(g). A member who elects to become a life member prior to month-end closeout (the first of the following month or next business day thereafter) of processing regular membership dues for that month may have the regular dues payment applied to the amount of life membership dues based on the fee schedule for age. The member will pay the difference upon immediate submission of the full balance of the applicable life membership.

Article 7, Section 701(f-h)

Resolved Summary:

Section 701(f). The National Board of Directors of the Fleet Reserve Association may put forward nominees for national office. Nominations or endorsements shall be forwarded to and received by the National Executive Director in accordance with the provisions of Section 611, and subject to altered processing in the event the NED recuses him/herself due to potential conflicts of interest in evaluating nominees.

Section 701(g). Nominees for National Executive Director may include members or non-members of the Fleet Reserve Association. Candidates for NED should have demonstrated relevant professional experience and skills commensurate with performing senior executive administrative and management functions at National Headquarters and in maintaining relationships with the National Board of Directors and other National Officers.

Section 701(h). In the event of two or more equivalently-qualified candidates for NED, and in consultation with external professional advisors retained for the purposes of finding and reviewing candidates for NED, the candidate eligible for, or already maintaining, membership in the Fleet Reserve Association shall be favored.

Article 8, Section 802

Resolved Summary:

The National Board of Directors is authorized to advertise the position of National Executive Director no more than 1 year prior to the end of the National Executive Directors term, in the event of a vacancy or upon receipt of information that a vacancy in office of National Executive Director will occur. The National Board of Directors shall appoint a designated representative to advertise the position, review resumes, and make a recommendation to the National Board of Directors. The National Board of Directors is empowered to hire the best qualified candidate.

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



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We were unable to hold our regular meeting on September 21 due to illnesses.

We will hold our next meeting on October 19, 11:30 A.M. at the Urbana Regional Library.

Hope to see you there!

Respectfully,
Susan Kaidor

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
Auxiliary Members

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia Trimmer 43yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members