



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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### Important Dates for April 2019

- 01 Apr ~ Chief Petty Officer Grade Established (1893)
- 01 Apr ~ April's Fool Day
- 13 Apr ~ Central Liaison Committee (See details to right)
- 14 Apr ~ Palm Sunday
- 15 Apr ~ Patriot's Day / Income Tax Deadline
- 17 Apr ~ Branch Meeting @ 1930 following BoD Meeting  
2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD  
Teleconference: 1-605-313-4448 Access Code: 864972#
- 19 Apr ~ Passover Begins / Good Friday
- 21 Apr ~ Happy Easter!
- 27 Apr ~ Passover Ends

### BRANCH MEETING March 20, 2019

At 1900 President Rauch convened an informal meeting with 5 members present including PRPEC Paul Gunther, PRSEC Keith Kaider, RPEC Randy Phillipp and S/M Ralph Freibert.

We were notified that S/M Lester Notbohm received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on November 5, 2017. He has been added to the Two Bell Ceremony and Our Deepest Sympathies go out to his family. (See Remembrances on back)

Received correspondence from Christina Hitchcock, Director of Membership, which included the March FRA Membership Newsletter. Will distribute with those members with e-mail addresses.

Received correspondence from RVPEC Sha'ron Martin on the U.S. Court of Appeals ruling for Alfred Procopio, Jr vs Robert Willkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. More details on back of newsletter.

PRPEC Gunther received Resolution for DLP John Davis' nomination for National Executive Director (NED).

For preparation for hosting the July CLC meeting, Ladies from the Unit will be meeting with the American Legion catering group on March 22, 2019 to discuss meal/menu options.

PRSEC Kaider has mailed out 5 raffle tickets to 49 Branch members and 17 Unit members for our Annual Redskins Raffle Fundraiser. See status and more details on raffle ticket sales to the right.

It is planned to award 8th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade "What Freedom of Speech Means to Me" essay branch winners at the April meeting. PRPEC Gunther will be contacting the awardees.

The 75th East Coast Regional Convention being July 18-21, 2019 in Greenville, NC. The necessary forms to purchase a Journal Ad, Patron List, Booster Roll or Memoriam List to support the convention are due NLT June 1, 2019. If any Shipmates would like to purchase or want more information on any of these items please contact President Rauch. The Branch will be purchasing a half page Journal Ad. Branch Delegates will be PRSEC Kaider, PRPEC Gunther, RPEC Phillipp and Branch President Rauch.

Nominees for the Branch Officer Positions are under consideration and will be confirmed at the April Branch meeting. Those nominees will be voted upon in May and installation will be held in June.

Audit Committee Chairman, reviewed and approved the February Financial Statement. The Yearly Budget will be reviewed and submitted for approval at next meeting.

Gaithersburg High School's JNROTC Award Ceremony will be at 1000 on April 27, 2019 and President Rauch will make presentation on behalf of the Branch.

No other business was conducted and at 2000 President Rauch adjourned the meeting.



### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder



Retention:

Membership As of March 2019				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
93	4	2	1	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

### 2019 Redskins Raffle Fundraiser



### 3 CHANCES TO WIN!

#### Grand Prize:

Winner may choose Season Tickets or \$1000 Cash  
SEASON TICKET SEATS  
FEDEX FIELD, SECTION 135, ROW 1, SEATS 6&7

2nd & 3rd Prizes: \$500 Cash each

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20 (only 2000 tickets printed)

Drawing to be held on July 27, 2019 at CLC Meeting  
Winner need not to present and will be notified by phone.

### Raffle Ticket Status

Members Only

If you did not receive a letter with raffle tickets, but would like to participate in our fundraiser, purchase more tickets or help in selling tickets please contact PRSEC Keith Kaider. Your help in selling and purchasing tickets is greatly appreciated!

*Thank you, Shipmates for your support.*

Thank you ladies of Unit 182 for purchasing and help selling raffle tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated.

*Thank you, Ladies.*

### ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER



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As of this printing, 58 of 93 Branch members and 9 of 27 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 President Rauch your email address.

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

THANK YOU, Shipmates and Ladies.

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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 Lester W. Notbohm

Please remember our troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.



### Upcoming Meetings/Events

#### Central Liaison Committee

April 13, 2019 2:00 PM at Branch 4  
7500 Livingston Rd., Oxen Hill, MD

#### Annual LAFRA Arlington National Cemetery Pilgrimage

April 26-27, 2019

Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel

900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204

Reservations: (703) 521-1900 Cut-off April 2, 2019 @ 5pm

Room Rates: \$139 + 12% tax per night

#### Central Liaison Committee/NDW Memorial Day Service

May 27, 2019 1:00 PM

Navy Memorial, Washington, DC

#### Central Liaison Committee Memorial Day Picnic

May 27, 2019 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Hosted by Branch/Unit 4

Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Pavilion 7

20 MacDill Blvd SE #207, Washington, DC 20032

#### 2019 East Coast Region Convention

July 18-July 21, 2019

Holiday Inn of Greenville, North Carolina

203 Greenville Blvd, Greenville, North Carolina

Reservations: 1-252-355-8300 \$109/night, Cut-off June 18, 2019

#### Central Liaison Committee

July 27, 2019 2:00 PM at Branch 182

2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD

### In Remembrance

Lt. Commander

Lester Wayne Notbohm USN (Ret)

April 13, 1928 - November 5, 2017



S/M Notbohm was a Life FRA Member of 61 years. Served in the Navy for 25 years from August 1945 to July 1970. Was stationed in Bainbridge, MD.

For his full obituary please see the link below:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/lester-notbohm-obituary?pid=187331851>

<http://navylog.navy Memorial.org/notbohm-lester>

### Blue Water Vietnam Veterans & Agent Orange Exposure

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

ALFRED PROCOPIO, JR.,  
Claimant-Appellant

v.

ROBERT WILKIE, SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,  
Respondent-Appellee

2017-1821

The court ruled on January 29, 2019, 9 to 2 that service in Vietnam included the 12-nautical mile limit in the waters of the coast of Vietnam. So, if you served in any of the waters close to Vietnam within the 12-nautical mile limit it is in your best interest to file for Veteran benefits.

Please check out the VA web page for presumptive conditions at <https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/>. You can also call the following VA numbers: Health Care: 877-222-8387, Benefits: 800-827-1000, TDD (Hearing Impaired): 800-829-4833

### MAKING WAVES

Ask President to Help AOBVN Veterans!

The FRA has signed onto a letter to President Donald Trump with other Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) requesting that he direct Department of Justice NOT to appeal the U.S. Appeals Court for the Federal Circuit decision in Procopio v. Wilkie, decided on January 29, 2019. This decision recognizes that Blue Water Navy veterans have been exposed to the Agent Orange herbicide and makes them eligible for VA benefits.

The letter urges the president to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to immediately begin implementing this decision so that justice is finally provided to these veterans who served in Vietnam, suffered from the devastating long-term health effects of Agent Orange exposure, but who today are denied the benefits and health care they have earned. Members are urged to use the **Action Center** to ask President Trump to help these veterans.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Hector Falconi 1st John Sasso 13th

John Wooditch 3rd Danny Snare 14th

Arthur Ippolito 8th William Busico 16th

Robert Shanley 24th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES**

### APRIL FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Danny Snare 47yrs David Murphy 33yrs

Clem Beck 45yrs K Wray 31yrs

John Sasso 44yrs William Kaczor, Jr 8yrs

James Carnahan 42yrs Samuel Tom 2yrs

**Thank you for your support, Shipmates**

## FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



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Due to illnesses, we canceled our March meeting. Our next meeting will be April 18 at 11:00 A.M. at VFW POST 3285, 5901 Old National Pike, Frederick, Md.

President Dolores Manley, Helen Trimmer, Anne Dobbs & Susan Kaider met today to plan the refreshments for the July CLC Meeting.

We are continuing our project of collecting grocery store coupons for our Military families stationed overseas.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Respectfully,  
Susan Kaider

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Trimmer 29th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES**

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Delorice Kessinger 51yrs

Lois Custead 22yrs

Susan Kaider 9yrs

Allison Gosnell 9yrs

Mildred Murphy 9yrs

Carmen Serfes 8yrs

Nesha Stone 3yrs

**Thank you for your support, Ladies**