



Eight O'Clock Reports

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FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION TRIANGLE BRANCH 182 56th Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Service



On December 7, 2018 we held our 56th Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Service at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) in Bethesda. This was the 77th Anniversary of the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor.

The service started at 1200 with the sound of Eight Bells. HMC Chevis Watts, Vice-President of the WRNMMC Chief Petty Officers Association, opened the ceremony and welcomed everyone in attendance. The WRNMMC Command Color Guard paraded the colors. The National Anthem was played and Invocation was given by a WRNMMC Chaplain. Branch President Rauch greeted and welcomed everyone in attendance. He then spoke about December 7, 1941, "A date which will live in infamy" as quoted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Which over 2,000 Americans soldiers and sailors died in the attack, and another 1,000 were wounded. After his opening remarks, "God Bless America" was played with everyone joining in.

Then PRPEC Paul Gunther read "The Story Begins", conveying the terror that happen that Sunday morning on December 7, 1941. PRSEC Kaider then became "The Voice of the Arizona" as if the ship was telling her story from when she was christened in 1916 to her ugly demise in 1941.

PRPEC Gunther and S/M Mark Allen then performed the "Two Bell Ceremony" in remembrance of those Shipmates that have received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander. TAPS was also played. Selected Passages "O Thus It Be Forever" and "The Duty of the Living" were read by PRPEC Gunther and PRSEC Kaider respectively. The Benediction was given by the WRNMMC Chaplain and the service concluded.

A Special Thank you to the WRNMMC Chief Petty Officers Association for assisting in the preparation and arranging the facility, WRNMMC Command Color Guard and their participation in this event!

Thank you for the following Distinguished Guests for attending: From WRNMMC, Captain Mark A. Kobelja, Director; Colonel Rodney S. Gonzalez, Chief of Staff; and Command Master Chief Sean L. Brown. From FRA/LAFRA, LAFRA RPEC Christina Dixon and FRA RPEC Randy Phillipp.



Group photo with WRNMMC CPOA/Leadership and FRA/LAFRA Shipmates and Ladies.

For more photos please see our Branch/Unit website and Facebook pages.



Important Dates for January 2019

- 01 Jan ~ Happy New Year!
- 16 Jan ~ Branch Meeting @ 1930 following BoD Meeting
2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD
- 21 Jan ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 26 Jan ~ Central Liaison Committee Meeting (See Back)

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of December 2018				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
97	4	2	3	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

BRANCH MEETING December 15, 2018

At 1405 President Rauch convened an informal meeting with 7 members present including PRSEC Keith Kaider, RPEC Randy Phillipp, S/M Norm Clark, S/M Dave Murphy, S/M Ralph Freibert, and S/M John Wooditch. Also, attending this day were 6 members of Unit 182 including Unit President, Dolores Manley.

We were notified that S/M John Grohowski received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on October 16, 2018. He has been added to the Two Bell Ceremony and Our Deepest Sympathies go out to his family. (See Remembrances on back)

In preparations for hosting the July 2019 CLC Meeting, RPEC Randy Phillipp received all the information for the American Legion to cater the event. He will ensure that the information is given to the Unit for coordination and preparation.

PRPEC Gunther reported that he received several Americanism Essay's and we will review and vote on them at our next meeting.

Received correspondence from Christina Hitchcock, Director of Membership, that included the December FRA Membership Newsletter. Will distribute with those members with e-mail addresses. The main topic is for all members to update their contact information. More details are on the back of this newsletter.

Received email from PRPEC Phillip Hanna about our Branch Website, he quoted, "I have just reviewed the Triangle Branch Web Site and wish to congratulate S/M President Tom Rauch and Branch 182 shipmates on a very detailed and informative job."

PRSEC Kaider mentioned that there was good showing at that Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Service at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and that everyone seem to enjoy the service. For more details on the service please see to the article to the right.

RPEC Phillipp wanted to let everyone know that NP Bob Washington is doing good and recovering well from his recent surgery.

The meeting was adjourned at 1435 in order to start the Christmas Party and enjoy the delicious food provided by the Ladies!

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ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER



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As of this printing, 58 of 97 Branch members and 10 of 29 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.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Central Liaison Committee

January 26, 2019 2:00 PM at Branch 24
100 Compromise St., Annapolis, MD

2019 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting

February 15-16, 2019
Holiday Inn Richmond South - Bells Road
4303 Commerce Road, Richmond, VA 23230
Reservations 1-804-592-2900 Code: "FRA" \$109/night



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

Shipmate John J. Grohowski

Please remember our troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.



FRA 2019 Member Contact Information Update

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In Remembrance

Chief Petty Officer

John J. Grohowski, USN (Ret)

March 2, 1921 - October 16, 2018



Shipmate Grohowski was a FRA Member for 49 years. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the US Navy working as a Hospital Corpsman with the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He was a proud WWII Veteran, having served on two submarines, USS Bashaw and USS Diablo, and retired from the Navy after 20 years of service.

For his full obituary please see the link below:
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtonpost/obituary.aspx?pid=190529716>



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jack Ensminger	9th
Louise Pike	9th
Michael Rowsey	9th
John Wood	9th
Leonard Rice	11th
Duane Robertson	12th
Mark Allen	13th
Daniel Carey	13th
John Rash	14th
Robert Hebron	14th
Donald Bambeck	29th
Kirk Young	31st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Branch and Unit Annual Christmas Party



Left to Right: Keith Kaider, Susan Kaider, Brenda Loe, Dolores Manley, Randy Phillipp, Norm Clark, Janet Clark, Ralph Freibert, Carol Freibert, Dave Murphy, Mildred Murphy, Anne Dobbs, Donna Maria Wooditch and John Wooditch.

We had a great Christmas party with the Unit and all the food was delicious!
Thank you ladies for providing the pot luck dishes.

Triangle Branch and Unit 182 would like to wish you

Happy Holidays!

(For more pictures please see our Branch website @ www.fra182.org)

JANUARY FRA ANNIVERSARIES

William Vernon	61yrs
Samuel Webb	58yrs
Norman Clark	45yrs
James Rosenblum	43yrs
James Crytzer	34yrs
Rolando Santos	33yrs
Thomas Williams	7yrs
John Leben	4yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182

LAFRA-12-17-2018

On December 15, 2018 we had our joint Christmas party with the Branch. We had a great turnout of 15 members in attendance. Wonderful friends and great food!

On December 17, four Unit members (Dolores, Anne, Dee, & Susan) bought and delivered supplies to the Fisher House. They are always so thankful. On the way to the Commissary, we drove through Arlington National Cemetery and saw the wreaths on all of the graves. What a beautiful sight!

Our next meeting will be January 17 at 11:00 A.M. again at the VFW in Frederick. Please join us.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year everyone!

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider



Dee, Dolores, Susan, & Anne at the Fisher House delivering supplies.



FRA Triangle 182, Inc., Sec/ Treas. Keith Kaider, presented President Dolores Manley the annual excess fund distribution for the Unit.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Delorice Kessinger 23rd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Arlington National Cemetery with all graves decorated with wreaths.



For more pictures please see Branch Website under the Auxiliary page.