



Eight O'Clock Reports

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Important Dates for March 2020

- 03 Mar ~ U.S. Naval Reserve Established (1915)
- 08 Mar ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 17 Mar ~ St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Mar ~ First Day of Spring
- 18 Mar ~ Branch Meeting @ 1930 following BoD Meeting
2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD
Teleconference: 1-605-313-4448 Access Code: 864972#

2020 Redskins Raffle Fundraiser Coming Soon! Redskin 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 Rauch. Your help in selling and purchasing tickets is greatly appreciated!

Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of February 2020				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
86	5	0	3	1

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

East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting



NC Gunther, PRPEC Phillipp and President Rauch attended the East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting, February 15, 2020 in Richmond, VA.

Valuable and pertinent information for the Region was presented during the business meeting held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 presided over by East Coast Region President Sha'ron Martin.

The meeting started with committee chairmen going over their respective reports to ensure that all branches understand the do's and don'ts of submitting the following reports:

- American and Patriotism (S/M Chris Murray Br. 040)
- Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation (S/M Robert Olivera Br. 093)
- Youth Activities (S/M William Hanson Br. 037)

Then Christina Hitchcock, Director of Membership, spoke about the Membership Portal on the FRA website and the Membership App.

Also in attendance were Veteran Affairs representatives that spoke about the Caregiver Act, Mission Act, Bluewater Act and claims.

Legislative reports were given for MD, VA and DC. Then each Regional Branch that was in attendance confirmed that their Branch Report was submitted and had a chance to read their report if they wanted.

National and Regional Officer resolutions that will be submitted:

- National President: NVP Michael "Mick" Fulton (Br. 289)
- National Vice President: PRPEC James Campbell (Br. 040)
- East Coast Regional President: RVPEC Brian Jones (Br. 093)
- East Coast Regional Vice President: No Resolutions submitted
- East Coast Regional Secretary: RSEC Paula Falu (Br. 099)

The Time & Place Committee is looking for Branch bids to host the 2021 & 2022 Mid-Year Meeting and East Coast Region Convention.

The Regional Americanism Essays were reviewed and winners selected for grades 7th to 12th. Our 12th grade Branch winner placed second in the Region.

BRANCH MEETING February 19, 2020

At 1925 President Rauch convened an informal meeting with 6 members present including NC Paul Gunther, Jr. PRPEC Randy Phillipp, PRSEC Keith Kaider, Shipmate Ralph Freibert and Shipmate Mark Allen.

The meeting started with the Report of Committees. Shipmate Gunther stated that he ordered the FRA medals for the NJROTC ceremonies.

Shipmate Phillipp stated, that he will send out a Get Well card to Shipmate John Wooditch.

Shipmate Gunther will be contacting our 10th and 12th grade essay winners to be awarded at our April meeting. Our Branch 12th grade winner also placed second at the East Coast Region level.

We were notified that Shipmate Edwin A. "Ed" Coffin received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on January 15, 2020. He has been added to the Two Bell Ceremony and Our Deepest Sympathies go out to his family. (See Remembrances on back)

Shipmate Rauch reported that three new members, Joe Beidle, Richard Cote and Charles Martinez transferred into the Branch.

Welcome Aboard Shipmates!

The January Financial Statement was submitted by the Treasurer and reviewed by Audit Committee, but there was some questions about statement balance and actual bank balance not matching. This is going to be audited and reviewed at next meeting before approval is obtained.

Shipmate Rauch received correspondence from Christina Hitchcock, Director of Membership, which included the February FRA Membership Newsletter. Will distribute with this newsletter via e-mail.

Received 1st Newsletter for the 76th East Coast Regional Convention being held July 16-19, 2020 in Annapolis, MD. Hotel information is on the back of the newsletter under "Upcoming Meetings". There are two raffles and the necessary forms to purchase a Journal Ad, Patron List, Booster Roll or Memoriam List to support the convention. The two 50/50 raffles consist of an (6 for \$5) and (\$25/ticket). The raffles do not require to be present to win. If anyone would like to purchase tickets or more information about the ECRC please notify President Rauch.

Shipmate Gunther also received a letter from NP Donna Jansky with updates and news of what is going on throughout the FRA.

Under Old Business, the 2020 FRA Branch Survey was completed and submitted back to FRA Membership by Shipmate Gunther.

Shipmate Kaider reported that he had ordered the Redskins Season tickets and the raffle tickets.

Shipmate Rauch gave an overview of the January CLC meeting (back) and Mid-Year meeting (left).

Under New Business, Shipmate Gunther motioned that the Branch endorse NVP Michael Fulton for National President and PRPEC James Campbell for National Vice President. This was seconded and approved.

Good of the Order was conducted and then at 2010 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Central Liaison Committee

April 18, 2020 2:00 PM at Branch 4
7500 Livingston Rd., Oxon Hill, MD

Annual LAFRA Arlington National Cemetery Pilgrimage

April 25-26, 2020
Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel
900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204
Reservations: (703) 521-1900 Code: LAFRA
Room Rates: \$139 + 12% tax per night

Central Liaison Committee/NDW Memorial Day Service

May 25, 2020 1:00 PM
Navy Memorial, Washington, DC

Central Liaison Committee Memorial Day Picnic

May 25, 2020 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Hosted by Branch/Unit 4
Location: TBD

2020 East Coast Region Convention

July 16-July 18, 2020
Annapolis DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD 21401
Reservations: 1-410-224-3150 Room Rate: \$144/night + tax

Central Liaison Committee

July 25, 2020 2:00 PM at Branch 93
21707 Three Notch Rd, Lexington Park, MD



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

Shipmate Edwin A. Coffin

Please remember our troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.



In Remembrance

Chief Petty Officer
Edwin A. "Ed" Coffin USN (Ret)
June 30, 1933 - January 15, 2020



Shipmate Coffin was a FRA Member of 35 years. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, achieving the rank of Chief Petty Officer, having served during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. Shipmate Coffin was maintenance supervisor with the Frederick County Public School system, retiring in 1998. He enjoyed woodworking, carpentry and was a Master Carpenter.

For his full obituary please see the link below:
<https://ompsfuneralhome.com/obituary/edwin-a-ed-coffin/>
Navy Memorial's Navy Log:
<http://navylog.navy Memorial.org/coffin-edwin>

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Robert Vitarelli	1st	James Crytzer	16th
William Billado	6th	Harley Higgins	18th
Juan Velazquez-Ortiz	12th	D. Keith Kaider	20th
Clem Beck	14th	Michael Barr	24th
Bob Mallasch	14th	John Leben	31st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

MARCH FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Donald Bambeck	56yrs	Bob Mallasch	16yrs
Jack Ensminger	52yrs	Kenneth Mutzabaugh	16yrs
Phillip Case	38yrs	John Wood	15yrs
Edward Braithwood	37yrs	Santiago Chavez	11yrs
Jonathan Whiting	28yrs	Robert Hebron	2yrs
Kirk Young	19yrs	Robert Herring	1yr

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since January 2020

Renewed Members	New Branch Members
Phillip Case	Charles Martinez
Kirk Young	

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!

**FRA AUXILIARY
UNIT 182**

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We had no meeting this month.

Our next regular meeting will be 11:00 A.M., March 19 at VFW Post 3285 in Frederick, Md. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

**MARCH
ANNIVERSARIES**

Connie Waite	44yrs
Rita Benoit	3yrs
Brenda Loe	3yrs

Thank you for your support, Ladies

**MARCH
BIRTHDAYS**

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
LADIES**



Be Aware of Email Scams (Phishing Emails)!

There has been a increase of Phishing emails, especially now with the coronavirus epidemic. These e-mails can do harm and steal your personal information. Below are some tips to help protect yourself:

What is a phishing attack?

Phishing is a form of social engineering. Phishing attacks use email or malicious websites to solicit personal information by posing as a trustworthy organization. For example, an attacker may send email seemingly from a reputable credit card company or financial institution that requests account information, often suggesting that there is a problem. When users respond with the requested information, attackers can use it to gain access to the accounts. Phishing attacks may also appear to come from other types of organizations, such as charities. Attackers often take advantage of current events and certain times of the year.

How do you avoid being a victim?

- Be suspicious of unsolicited phone calls, visits, or email messages from individuals asking about employees or other internal information. If an unknown individual claims to be from a legitimate organization, try to verify his or her identity directly with the company.
- Do not provide personal information or information about your organization, including its structure or networks, unless you are certain of a person's authority to have the information.
- Do not reveal personal or financial information in email, and do not respond to email solicitations for this information. This includes following links sent in email.
- Don't send sensitive information over the internet before checking a website's security.
- Pay attention to the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of a website.
- Install and maintain anti-virus software, firewalls, and email filters to reduce some of this traffic.

For more information go to the US-CERT website at the following link:
<https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-014>