



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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### Important Dates for February 2019

02 Feb ~ Groundhog Day  
14 Feb ~ Valentine's Day  
15-16 Feb ~ East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting  
18 Feb ~ President's Day  
20 Feb ~ Branch Meeting @ 1930 following BoD Meeting  
2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD

### 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

#### Central Liaison Committee

April 27, 2019 2:00 PM at Branch 4  
7500 Livingston Rd., Oxen Hill, MD

### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

#### Retention:

Membership As of January 2019				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
95	3	0	2	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

### BRANCH MEETING January 16, 2019

At 1915 President Rauch convened an informal meeting with 4 members present including PRPEC Paul Gunther, PRSEC Keith Kaider and RPEC Randy Phillipp.

We were notified that S/M William Harmon received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on January 9, 2019. He has been added to the Two Bell Ceremony and Our Deepest Sympathies go out to his family. (See Remembrances on back)

Received seven "What Freedom of Speech Means to Me" essays for the 2018-2019 Americanism Essay Contest. We reviewed the essays and selected the 8th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade Branch's winners, which will be awarded at a later date. There was no 7th or 9th grade entries. The winners' essays will be submitted to the East Coast Regional for selection consideration.

PRPEC Gunther received four Nominating Resolutions that includes, National Executive Director (NED) (PRPEC Chris Slawinski - Br 181 and Mr. John Davis), East Coast Region Vice President (S/M Brian Jones - Br 93) and East Coast Region President (RVPEC Sha'ron D. Martin - Br 166).

Received correspondence from Christina Hitchcock, Director of Membership, which included the January FRA Membership Newsletter. Will distribute with those members with e-mail addresses. The main topic was the "Branch Calling Program", which includes phone scripts to assist with calling Shipmates.

PRPEC Gunther, RPEC Phillipp and President Rauch will be attending the upcoming East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting, February 15-16, 2019 in Richmond, VA.

Audit Committee Chairman, reviewed and approved the combined November and December Financial Statement.

President Rauch reminded everyone about the upcoming CLC Meeting on January 26, 2019 at 1400 in Annapolis, MD, Branch 24 hosting.

No other business was conducted and at 2015 President Rauch adjourned the meeting.

### We Want You!

It's a new year and our Branch membership is decreasing at a rapid pace. We have lost **40 members** since July 2016. Please see our current demographics that are listed on the back of this newsletter. We need **YOU** for retention of current members, recruiting/reinstating members and attending monthly Branch Meetings. This needs to happen to ensure the survival of the Branch and our commitment to the FRA.

#### Retention

As of January 2019, we have 94 active members with 3 members up for renewal in February. Note: The official count on the Monthly Membership Report is 95, but there is a Shipmate that has passed away and has not been removed from the report. You can renew the following ways:

- \*On-line: [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) (Go to Membership and Join FRA)
- \*Telephone: 1-703-683-1400 or Toll Free 1-800-FRA-1924
- \*FRA App: On a Smartphone download under "Play Store", search FRA.
- \*Mail: Complete a membership application and mail.
- \*In person: Please visit us at one of our branch meetings.

#### Recruitment/Reinstatement

The FRA has the "Moving Forward" campaign which includes different programs that gives a member incentives to recruit/reinstate members. These programs include the following:



Recruit 3 Program  
Recruit 32 Program  
Recruit 5 Initiative  
Retain 5 Initiative



For more information on these programs or on recruiting please see [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) or contact our Branch Secretary.

#### Branch Meetings

Our meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the American Legion Post # 86, located at 2013 Veirs Mill Road lower level behind the Dairy Queen.

We need **YOU** to attend the Branch Meetings and help support the Branch. This can be done by recruiting, filling positions, chairing committees. This is key for Branch survival - otherwise we risk folding. If the FRA continues this downward trend - CONGRESS will see this and CUT our hard earned benefits. The FRA FIGHTS for all of us, we need to fight for the survival of the FRA!!!!

### ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER



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As of this printing, 59 of 94 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.

Members Only



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

Shipmate William J. Harmon

Please remember our troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.



### In Remembrance



Chief Petty Officer  
William J. Harmon USN (Ret)  
February 14, 1927 - January 9, 2019

S/M Harmon was a FRA Life Member of 65 years. Bill was a veteran of World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam War. He joined the Navy in 1944. He served on several ships including the USS Southerland (DDR 743), ATR 66 Rescue Ocean Tug, the USS Dunn County (LST 762), and the USS Palau (CVE 122). He later qualified for submarines and became a radio operator on the USS Pomphret (SS 391). He would eventually go on to serve on the USS Bream (SSK 243), USS Carp (SSK 338), USS Bugara (SS 331), USS Tira (SS 416), USS Remora (SS 487), USS Tang (SS 562), USS Nautilus (SSN 571) and the USS Skate (SS 578). He was also part of the Naval Intelligence Group as a cryptologist or a "Spook". His duty stations took him from the mountains of Western Pennsylvania to the South China Sea, with one tour in China and two tours in Japan. He tracked foreign naval activity in the straits of Japan, skirting sonar nets to monitor ship movement. He also had duty stations in Adak, Alaska, Iceland, Germany, San Juan, PR, Norfolk, VA, and his beloved Scotland. He retired from the US Navy in 1968. For his full obituary please see the link below:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtonpost/obituary.aspx?fhid=6151&n=william-harmon&pid=191245625>

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

James Carnahan	1st	Samuel Webb	18th
William Kaczor, Jr	8th	William Barger	22nd
Randy Phillipp	9th	Edward Braithwood	23rd
Warren Albin, Jr	15th	Paul Lenker	23rd

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES**

### FEBRUARY FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Lenus Barnes	61yrs	Michael Rowsey	24yrs
Edwin Coffin	35yrs	Paul Davis, Jr	24yrs

**Thank you for your support, Shipmates**

### Triangle Branch 182 Demographics

These are some statistical data about our branch members, which breakdowns current active regular and life members, membership years, members' age and members' locations.

These demographics are a comparison between 2018 and 2019 membership and are depicted on these tables.

Keynotes:

- Membership decreased by 12.
- Since July 2016 membership decreased by 40.
- No members under the age of 30.

Membership Years	2018 Members	2019 Members
0 - 9	11	9
10 - 19	18	19
20 - 29	17	13
30 - 39	21	17
40 - 49	23	20
50 - 59	7	7
60 - 69	9	9
70 - 79	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>94</b>



Age Range	2018 Members	2019 Members
18 - 19	0	0
20 - 29	0	0
30 - 39	2	1
40 - 49	1	2
50 - 59	9	8
60 - 69	17	15
70 - 79	23	20
80 - 89	34	28
90 - 99	19	20
100 +	0	0
Unknown	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>94</b>

Membership Type	2018 Members	2019 Members
Regular	61	53
Life	43	39
Charter - Life	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>94</b>

State	2018 Members	2019 Members
MD	59	54
VA	6	5
DC	1	1
DE	3	2
WV	2	2
Other	35	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>94</b>

## FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marguerite Robertson	4th
Nesha Stone	6th
Lisa Nesbitt	13th
Helen Trimmer	28th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES**

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Helen Trimmer	51yrs
Dolores Manley	37yrs
Gloria Bastian	29yrs
Anne Dobbs	18yrs
Janet Clark	14yrs
Angie Wilson	4yrs

**Thank you for your support, Ladies**

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On January 17, we held our monthly meeting at the VFW in Frederick. We had six members in attendance.

For Americanism, Helen gave us a poem titled "The Anchors of "The Chief". And Gloria read "God's Plan for the Aging".

We are continuing our project of collecting grocery store coupons for our military families stationed overseas. Thank you all for helping us.

After our meeting, we went to visit Unit Member, Sara Brownlowe. It was great seeing you, Sara! Later we had a nice lunch at Callahan's Restaurant.

Our next meeting will be February 21, 2019 at 11:00 A.M., again at VFW Post 3285, 5901 Old National Pike, Frederick, Md. Please join us!

Respectfully,  
Susan Kaider



Unit 182 members (Brenda Loe, Helen Trimmer, Dolores Manley, Anne Dobbs, Gloria Bastian & Susan Kaider) visit with Member Sara Brownlowe.