



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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### Important Dates for June 2022

- 14 June ~ Flag Day
- 15 June ~ Branch Meeting @ 1900, American Legion Post 86, 2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD and via Zoom/Dial-in  
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
- 19 June ~ Happy Father's Day!
- 21 June ~ First Day of Summer

### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of May 2022				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
72	1	3	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



President Kaider with S/M Vitarelli (30yrs), S/M Case (40yrs) and S/M Whiting (30yrs), respectively. Congratulations!

### NJROTC Branch Awardees



(L to R) PNC Paul Gunther, Cadet PO2 Ian Hafer, Cadet PO2 Nancy Hernandez, S/M Ralph Freibert



Cadet LT Clefton Mertus and PNC Paul Gunther



Cadet ENS Brandon Espino and PNC Paul Gunther

### BRANCH MEETING May 18, 2022

At 1910 President Keith Kaider convened a formal meeting with 9 members present including PNC Paul Gunther (Zoom), Jr. PRPEC Randy Phillipp, Jr. Past President Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Ralph Freibert, Shipmate Phillip Case, Shipmate Jonathon Whiting, Shipmate Valerie Mathews (Zoom) and Shipmate Jerry Iseminger (Zoom).

Open ceremonies were conducted and then Shipmates Case and Whiting were awarded their continuous membership awards and pins for 40 and 30 years, respectively. Note: Shipmate Vitarelli was awarded his 30 years award and pin on May 17, 2022 by President Kaider. **Congratulations and Thank you for your continuous support!**

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

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Kaider reported that as of May we have 72 members, one for renewal, three past due and one termination.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther had nothing to report.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that he sent a Sympathy Card to Shipmates Clark and Beck families, who received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on April 25, 2022 and May 5, 2022, respectively. Also reported that Shipmate Robert Bellflower received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on August 8, 2021. Our Deepest Sympathies go out to all their families and they have been added to the Two Bell Ceremony on the back of this newsletter.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider reported that Shipmates Freibert and Gunther presented the NJROTC awards and medals at the Gaithersburg High School ceremony. Shipmate Gunther also reported that he presented two awards and medals at the Seneca Valley High School ceremony. **Congratulations!**

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch reported that he downloaded the following documents from the National Mailing List (NML) or received via email: 1) Branch Assessment Letter (\$18) received from RTEC Philip Stone. 2) FRA Officer Newsletter May 2022. 3) First Quarter 2022 Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss. 4) FRA Recruitment Flyers sent by John Davis. No other communications were received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the April Financial Statement and supporting reports and Shipmate Freibert 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) Shipmate Kaider reported the Annual Washington Commanders raffle tickets status. Please see back for details. 2) 2022-2023 Branch Officer Final Nominations. No change from last meeting. No other Unfinished/Deferred Business.

New Business, 1) Association Year 2022-2023 Branch Officer Elections. The following members have been elected, with Secretary casting one vote for each, Shipmate Gunther seconded, approved by all:

- President - S/M Randy Phillipp
- Director (1) - S/M Paul Gunther
- Director (2) - S/M Ralph Freibert
- Director (3) - S/M Thomas Rauch
- Director (4) - S/M Mark Allen
- Director (5) - S/M Keith Kaider

Installation will be held at the June meeting with PNC Gunther as Installation Officer. 2) Shipmate Rauch will submit Annual Branch Officer Report. 3) CLC Memorial Day Picnic will be May 29, 2022 @ 1200, B&G Tavern, 14602 Livingston Road, Accokeek, MD 20607. 4) NDW/FRA Memorial Day Ceremony is on May 30, 2022 @ 1330 at the Navy Memorial in DC. No other new business.

Two Bell Ceremony, Good of the Order and Closing Ceremonies were held and then at 1955 the meeting was adjourned.

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**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

**2022 East Coast Region Convention**

June 28-July 1, 2022  
Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center  
6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185  
Reservations: (757)220-2250 Rate: \$109/night

**Central Liaison Committee**

July 23, 2022 2:00 PM  
Hosted by Branch/Unit 24  
Location: 100 Compromise Street, Annapolis, MD

**94th FRA / 89th LA FRA National Convention**

October 16-22, 2022  
Hyatt Regency's Wynfrey Hotel  
1000 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, Alabama 35244  
Reservations: (205) 705-1234 Rate: \$116.00/night, +14% room tax and \$2.00 city tax, use Fleet Reserve Association Group# G-6FRA. (Deadline September 18, 2022)

**2022 Commanders Raffle Fundraiser**

WASHINGTON  
**COMMANDERS**

**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 23, 2022 at CLC Meeting  
Winner need not to present and will be notified by phone.

**Raffle Ticket Status**

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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.

In lieu of Memorial Day, below are Branch Shipmates who received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme commander in the past year:

- Shipmate Juan Velazquez-Ortiz
- Shipmate Richard Johnson
- Shipmate Robert Bellflower
- Shipmate John Sasso
- Shipmate Norman Clark
- Shipmate Clem Beck



Please remember our troops who continue to serve at home and around the world.

**In Remembrance**

**Commander**

Robert J. Bellflower USN (Ret)  
July 9, 1939 - August 8, 2021



Shipmate Bellflower was a FRA Member of 49 years. In August 8, 1957 at 18 years of age Robert enlisted as an Electronics Installation and Maintenance Technician in the United States Navy. This journey would see Robert achieving the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer. In August of 1969, he was selected for and received a Commission as a Warrant Officer. In 1972 he would be Commissioned as a Line Officer. On August 31, 1993, after 36 years, Commander Bellflower would conclude his service on the Staff of the Chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola Florida.

For his full obituary please see the link below:  
<https://www.pnj.com/obituaries/pnj066728>

**Chief Petty Officer**

Norman L. Clark USN (Ret)  
October 8, 1928 - April 25, 2022



Shipmate Clark was a FRA Member of 48 years. Norman devoted his life to serving our nation through his dedication to the Navy for over 23 years. He was a lifelong member of the Mason-Montgomery Cornerstone Lodge #195, and The Tall Cedars and spent countless hours volunteering for The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) and other outreach programs.

For his full obituary please see the link below:  
<https://www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Norman-L-Clark?obId=24712584#/obituaryInfo>

**First Class Petty Officer**

Clem M Beck USN (Ret)  
March 14, 1942 - May 5, 2022



Shipmate Beck was a FRA Member of 48 years. Clem served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War, having been stationed on the USS Forrestal Air Craft Carrier during the highly publicized 1967 fire. He was a member of the Fleet Reserve Association Branch #182 and was a life member of VFW 3554 in West Virginia, American Legion Post #69 in Florida as well as the AMVETS Post #2 in Frederick.

For his full obituary please see the link below:  
<https://www.staufferfuneralhome.com/obituary/Clem-Beck>

**JUNE FRA ANNIVERSARIES**

- George Bailey 48yrs
- Mark Allen 21yrs
- Tommy Stewart 21yrs
- Edward Potts 17yrs
- Joseph DeLauter 14yrs
- William Billado 7yrs

**Thank you for your support, Shipmates**

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- John Burns 10th
- Santiago Chavez 11th
- James Montgomery 19th
- Carl Lenhart 23rd
- Richard Zerbe 26th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES**

**FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182**



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We held our regular meeting on May 19, 2022 at Miller's Ale House in Rockville, Md. We had 5 members in attendance.

For Americanism & Patriotism, Anne read "A Special Day of Remembrance"

for Memorial Day published in the FRA Today magazine.

Our Member, Demetra Swarr, shared a certificate that her daughter, Cali Day, received for her Americanism and Patriotism essay in the FRA contest a few years ago.

We cast one unanimous vote for the Officers for the coming year. They remained the same: President Dolores Manley, Vice President Helen Trimmer, Secretary Gloria Bastian and Treasurer Anne Dobbs. Thank you Ladies for your continued service!

We will hold our Installation when we meet June 16, 1:00 P.M. at the Long Horn Restaurant, 20017 Century Blvd., Germantown. Please join us!

Respectfully,  
Susan Kaidler

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Marion Voss 32yrs

**Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members**

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- Allison Gosnell 22nd
- Marion Voss 26th
- Lois Custead 30th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Auxiliary Members**