



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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## BRANCH MEETING February 21, 2024

At 1919 President Randy Phillipp, convened an informal meeting with 7 members present including Jr. Past President Keith Kaider (Zoom), PNC Paul Gunther, RSEC Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Valerie Mathews (Zoom), Shipmate Mark Allen (Zoom), and Shipmate Michael Tovornik (Zoom).

The meeting started with discussion and approval of the January Minutes. Shipmate Gunther made a motion to approve, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved.

Next was the Report of Standing Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of February we have 66 members with three renewals, one past due and no lost or gains.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that he will be calling the parents of our Branch essay contest winners to invite them to the April meeting for presentation of the awards.

Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that we received notification from FRA Headquarters that Shipmate Donald Bambeck received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander on March 19, 2023 and he will send a Sympathy card to his family. (Remembrance on back)

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider had nothing to report.

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch reported that he downloaded the following documents from the FRA Official Correspondence, received via mail, or received via email: 1) NVP Maria Behm Nomination Resolution 2024-25 for NP. Shipmate Gunther made a motion that the Branch endorse NVP Maria Behm for National President, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved. 2) 96th FRA and 91st AFRA Convention Newsletter #1. 3) National NPSL 1-24 Board-Staff and Committee Directory - Revised 2. 4) NEDM 1-24 Const-Bylaws changes FRA 95th - combined revised 1-5-2024. 5) Const-Bylaws 16th Edition - 95th (2023) - revised. 6) 80th FRA and 78th AFRA ECRC Newsletter #1. 7) January CLC Meeting Minutes. No other communications were received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the January Financial Statement and supporting reports. Shipmate Gunther made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved. Note: The December Treasurer's report was audited by the Branch President, but the January Treasurer's report will need to be audited at next month's meeting.

Shipmate Rauch also reported that he ordered/submitted the NJROTC Medals request for eight medals for the upcoming High School NJROTC ceremonies in the Spring. Waiting delivery of those medals.

Unfinished or Deferred Business, 1) Shipmate Kaider reported the Annual Washington Commanders Ticket Raffle letters have been sent to the Shipmates and Auxiliary Members and status is listed to the right. No other Unfinished or Deferred Business.

New Business, 1) There was discussion about the commissioning of the USCGC Calhoun on April 20, 2024 in Baltimore, MD. More details will be sent out in separate email. Shipmate Kaider made a motion that the Branch donates \$50 to assist with defraying costs of the commissioning, Shipmate Tovornik seconded and all approved. 2) Shipmate Rauch reported on the ECR Mid-Year Meeting that was held on February 10, 2024 and a recap of the meeting is on the back. The MYM Minutes will be emailed to the Shipmates once received.

Good of the Order was held and then at 2000 Shipmate Tovornik made a motion to adjourn, Shipmate Gunther seconded and all approved.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20, 2024 @ 1900 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.

### Important Dates for March 2024

- 03 Mar ~ U.S. Naval Reserve Established (1915)
- 10 Mar ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 17 Mar ~ St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Mar ~ First Day of Spring
- 20 Mar ~ 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
- 24 Mar ~ Palm Sunday 29 Mar ~ Good Friday 31 Mar ~ Easter Sunday

### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder

Retention:

Membership As of February 2024				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
66	3	1	0	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

### 2024 Commanders Raffle Fundraiser

# WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

### 2 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 Prize: \$500 Cash

**Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20 (only 1000 tickets printed)**

**Drawing to be held on July 17, 2024 at Branch Meeting.**  
**Winner need not to present and will be notified by phone.**

### Raffle Ticket Information/Status

Post Office Regulations prohibit us from sending raffle tickets through the mail and for members to send money back to us through the mail for the purchase of the tickets.

Therefore, to comply with regulations, five numbered raffle tickets have been allocated to each member. The stubs for those five tickets will be completed as you direct and entered in our raffle drawing upon receipt of your donation. A letter with more information has been sent to each member. If you like to purchase more tickets or help in selling tickets please contact Shipmate Kaider. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Members Only

Thank you, Shipmates and Auxiliary Members for your support.

Members Only



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

Shipmate Donald H Bambeck

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



### In Remembrance

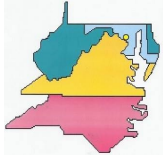


Chief Warrant Officer 3  
Donald H Bambeck USN (Ret)  
January 29, 1935 - March 19, 2023

Shipmate Donald was an FRA Life Member of 59 years. Shipmate Donald joined the Navy, spending 20 years traveling to Turkey, Africa, Alaska, Hawaii, Panama, Japan, multiple U.S. locations and more. His final Naval assignment brought the family to Gaithersburg, Maryland, where Don retired from the Navy and began his 26-year career as a Software Engineer with COMSAT.

For his full obituary please see the link below:  
<https://www.devolfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Donald-Herman-Bambeck?obld=27582263>

### 2024 East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting



The East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting was held on Saturday, February 10, 2024 hosted by Branch 293 at the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center in Virginia Beach, VA. Branch Shipmates PNC Paul Gunther and RSEC Thomas Rauch attended.

Valuable and pertinent information for the Region was presented during the meeting that started at 0900 and presided over by East Coast Region President Robert Oliveira (Br 293).

The meeting started with opening ceremonies and introduction of the East Coast Region Officers. Then a Healing Touch Practitioner spoke about Health & Wellness and had the Shipmates do some exercises for enhancing vitality and wellbeing.

Then Legislative reports were given for Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. There were no representatives present for District of Columbia or National Headquarters.

Shipmate RPEC Robert Oliveira (Br 293) then called for the Branch Reports and gave the Branches present a chance to read their report.

Then Shipmate RPEC Robert Oliveira (Br 293) spoke about Committee Reports that they are due by 30 June and can be downloaded from the FRA website. Plus, reports should reflect the March Membership Report for the number of Shipmates in good standing.

Shipmates PRPEC Paul Phelps (Br 40) and PRPEC Sha'ron Martin (Br 166) then spoke about Veterans Affairs, submitting claims, and ensuring you registered at va.gov.

Shipmate Christina Hitchcock, FRA Director of Membership, spoke about the FRA 100 Year Centennial, the FRA Website, Headquarters move, recruiting and the McPherson Award.

Shipmate Jr. PRPEC Gabriel Falu (Br 99) spoke about Disaster Relief and the application that is needed to apply for relief.

Shipmate RSEC Thomas Rauch (Br 182) reported on the status of Time and Place for the 2024 ECRC and 2025 Mid-Year Meeting.

Shipmate RTEC Philip Stone (Br 40) reminded everyone that the Branch assessment will be \$.50/member in good standing.

Shipmate RSEC Thomas Rauch (Br 182) then reported on submitting of the Annual Branch Officer Reports that are due immediately after Branch elections.

Americanism and Patriotism Chairman, Shipmate Kim Biggs (Br 24) then reported the results of the East Coast Region Essay Contest with naming the first place winners for each grade 7th through 12th. The complete list with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be distributed to the Branches. Shipmate Biggs also mentioned that Br. 24 will be participating in the commissioning of the USCGC Calhoun on April 20, 2024 and provided information.

Shipmates PRPEC Paul Phelps (Br 40) provided information about the East Coast Region Convention that will be hosted by Special Committee on September 10-12, 2024 in Williamsburg, VA. The ECRC Newsletter #1 and raffle tickets were distributed to the Branches and Past Regional Presidents.

It was also reported that Shipmates RPEC Robert Oliveira (Br 293), RVPEC Valerie Toulotte (Br 24) have submitted their nominating resolutions for RPEC and RVPEC, respectively. Shipmate RTEC Philip Stone (Br 40) will also be submitting a resolution for RTEC.

Good of the order was conducted, then before the meeting adjourned at 1550 a moment of silence was conducted to pay tribute to our Shipmates that received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander.



### MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since January 2024

Renewed Members

New Branch Members

Phillip Case

None

Kirk Young

Thank you and Welcome, Shipmates!



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Robert Vitarelli	1st	James Crytzer	16th
William Billado	6th	D. Keith Kaider	20th
Bob Mallasch	14th	John Leben	31st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES

### MARCH FRA ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Ensminger	56yrs	Kirk Young	23yrs
Phillip Case	42yrs	Bob Mallasch	20yrs
Edward Braithwood	41yrs	Kenneth Mutzabaugh	20yrs
Jonathan Whiting	32yrs	John Wood	19yrs
		Paul Dziadon	4yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

#### Central Liaison Committee

April 13, 2024 2:00 PM Hosted by Branch 309  
FRA Headquarters

125 N. West Street, Alexandria, VA (Date & Location Tentative)

#### Central Liaison Committee

July 27, 2024 2:00 PM Hosted by Branch 4  
MRS Philippines Home for Senior Citizens  
6482 Bock Rd., Oxon Hill, MD

#### 2024 East Coast Region Convention

September 10-12, 2024

Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center  
6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185

For reservations call (757) 220-2250, \$99/night Code: FRA

## FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



LAFRA-02-15-2024

Due to several illnesses (including Covid), we were unable to hold our regular meeting on February 15, 2024.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on March 21, 2024, 11:30 at the Urbana Library, Urbana, Md.

Hope to see everyone there!

Respectfully,  
Susan Kaider

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
AUXILIARY MEMBERS

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Connye Waite	48yrs
Brenda Loe	7yrs

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members