



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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### Important Dates for January 2025

- 01 Jan ~ Happy New Year!
- 15 Jan ~ 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
- 20 Jan ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 25 Jan ~ Central Liaison Committee Meeting (See Back)



### Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder



Retention:

Membership As of December 2024				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
64	0	2	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 left for Branch Meeting Date, Time, Location

### FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION TRIANGLE BRANCH 182 61st Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Service

On December 7, 2024 we held our 61st Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Service at American Legion Post 86 in Rockville. This was the 83rd Anniversary of the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor.

The service started at 2000 with the sound of Eight Bells. The Gaithersburg High School NJROTC color guard then paraded the colors (Right Photo). The National Anthem was sung by Rosie Kuszewski and Nick Ramirez (Left Photo) of Damascus High School. After the Invocation was given, Branch President Randy Phillipp (Below Right Photo) 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 the Branch President's opening remarks, "God Bless America" was sung with Rosie and Nick leading and everyone joining in.

Then Shipmate Paul Gunther (Left Photo) read "The Story Begins," conveying the terror that happen that Sunday morning on December 7, 1941. Shipmate Mark Allen (Right Photo) 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.

Shipmates Rauch and Gunther (Left Photo) 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 played by SAL Squadron 86 Commander David Holmes (Right Photo) and then "The Navy Hymn" was sung. Selected Passages "O Thus It Be Forever" and "The Duty of the Living" were read by Shipmate Gunther and Shipmate Allen, respectively. The Benediction was given by Shipmate Gunther and the service concluded.

Everyone was invited to a reception afterwards to enjoy some refreshments and cookies.

Thank you, American Legion Post 86, Gaithersburg High School NJROTC, Rosie Kuszewski & Nick Ramirez, David Holmes, and Triangle Branch 182 for a great service!

### BRANCH MEETING December 14, 2024

At 1405 President Randy Phillipp convened an informal meeting with 4 members present including PNC Paul Gunther, RSEC Thomas Rauch, and Shipmate Dave Murphy.

The meeting started with discussion and approval of the November Minutes. Shipmate Murphy made a motion to approve, Shipmate Phillipp seconded and all approved.

Next on the agenda was the Report of Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of December we have 64 members with two members past due.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that he received seven essays, two ninth grade, one tenth grade, two eleventh grade, and two twelfth grade. These were graded after the meeting and Shipmate Gunther will submit the Branch essays winners to Shipmate Kim Biggs (Br. 24) East Coast Region A&P Chairman for further grading and regional selection.

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp had nothing to report, and no one knew of anyone in the hospital.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider was not present to report.

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch went over the following communications that were received or downloaded from the FRA Official Correspondence: 1) NPSL 1-25 Board, Staff and Committee Directory. 2) VA PACT Act Dashboard Issue 43 received from Shipmate PRPEC Sha'ron Martin (Br. 166). 3) FRA 2025 ECR Mid-Year Meeting Newsletter received from Shipmate Jr. PRPEC Gabriel Falu (Br. 99). Note: Hotel reservation deadline is January 8, 2025. 4) CLC October Minutes were sent out by the Branch Secretary. No other communications received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the November Financial Statement and supporting reports and Shipmate Gunther made a motion to accept the report that was audited by the Audit Committee Trustee, Shipmate Phillipp seconded and all approved.

Unfinished or Deferred Business. 1) Further discussion for Triangle Branch 182's 70th Anniversary was tabled until next month.

New Business. 1) CLC Meeting will be January 25, 2025 at Branch 24 in Annapolis. No other new business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1425 Shipmate Gunther motioned to adjourn the meeting, Shipmate Murphy seconded and all approved. Next meeting will be on January 15, 2025 @ 1900 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.

After the meeting we had our joint Christmas party with the Unit and Unit President Dolores Manley, Helen Trimmer, and Anne Dobbs were in attendance.



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Members Only



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



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



**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

**Central Liaison Committee**

January 25, 2025 2:00 PM  
Hosted by Branch/Unit 24  
100 Compromise St, Annapolis, MD 21401

**2025 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting**

February 7-9, 2025  
Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center  
5655 Greenwich Road Virginia Beach, VA 23462  
Tel: (757) 499-4400 Fax: (757) 226-9155  
Website: www.hivabeachnorfolk.com  
Reservations can be made online or call 800-567-3856 Code FRA.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Jack Ensminger	9th	John Rash	14th
John Wood	9th	Robert Hebron	14th
Mark Allen	13th	Kirk Young	31st

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES**

**JANUARY FRA ANNIVERSARIES**

Samuel Webb	64yrs	Thomas Williams	13yrs
James Crytzer	40yrs	John Leben	10yrs

**Thank you for your support, Shipmates**



**Branch and Unit Annual Christmas Party**



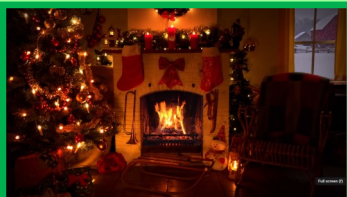
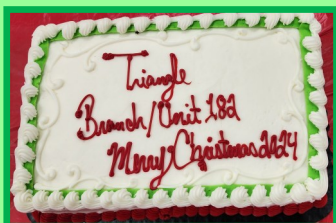
Unit President Dolores Manley and Branch President Randy Phillip cutting the cake.



Back Left-to-Right: Thomas Rauch, Randy Phillip, and Paul Gunther.  
Front Left-to-Right: Dave Murphy, Dolores Manley, Helen Trimmer, and Anne Dobbs.



Shipmates and Auxiliary enjoying the pizza!



Triangle Branch and Unit 182 would like to wish you **Happy Holidays!**



Lining up the pizza, cake, and drinks on the food table.

**FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182**



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Delorice Kessinger 23rd

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY Auxiliary Members**



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On December 7, 2024, several Unit members attended the FRA Branch 182's 61st Pearl Harbor Remembrance Service at the American Legion Post 86.

The Branch & Unit enjoyed our annual Christmas pizza party on December 14. Our group was small but everyone had a great time enjoying the holiday spirit.

Our next scheduled meeting will be January 16, 2025, 11:30 A.M. at President Manley's home.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Respectfully,  
Susan Kaider

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Sharon Trubilla 38yrs  
Aida Littlejohn 26yrs

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

