



Eight O'Clock Reports

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BRANCH MEETING February 15, 2023

At 1925 President Randy Phillipp, convened an informal meeting with 6 members present including PNC Paul Gunther, Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, Shipmate Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Valerie Mathews (Zoom) and Shipmate Mark Allen (Zoom).

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

Next was the Report of Standing Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of February we have 65 members with one renewal and no past dues, lost or gains.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that he submitted our first place Branch essay winners for eighth grade, eleventh grade and twelfth grade to Shipmate Kim Biggs (Br. 24) East Coast Region A&P Chairman for further grading and selection.

Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp reported that he sent Sympathy cards to the families of Shipmates Harris, Hitchcock and Mouer that we received notification from FRA Headquarters that they received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander. 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 he will reach out to Gaithersburg High School NJROTC Commander Captain Robert Mitton to let him know that we still want to participate in their Change of Command/Awards ceremony to present our awards and medals. Shipmate Rauch reported that he received the medals that were ordered last month.

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch reported that he downloaded the following documents from the National Mailing List (NML), received via mail, or received via email: 1) Third Quarter 2022-2023 Membership Report. 2) Approved National Board Resolutions No. 7-23 thru 11-23. 3) National Board Resolution No.12-23. 4) NED Letters to Congress. No other communications were received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the January Financial Statement and supporting reports. Shipmate Kaider made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report that was audited by Audit Committee Trustee, Shipmate Kaider. Shipmate Gunther seconded and all approved. Shipmate Rauch also mentioned that he ordered a 40 Year Continuous Pin from FRA Headquarters for \$11.

Unfinished or Deferred Business, 1) Annual Washington Commanders Ticket Raffle Preparation Status, Shipmate Kaider reported that he received the raffle tickets and distributed some of the tickets to the Shipmates that were in attendance to sell. He will also be sending out letters to Shipmates with purchasing information. More details are listed to the right under Raffle Ticket Information. 2) Reminder the 2023 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting will be over the weekend of February 24-25, 2023 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Virginia Beach, VA. No other Unfinished or Deferred Business.

There was no New Business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1950 Shipmate Gunther made a motion to adjourn, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15, 2023 @ 1900 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.



Important Dates for March 2023

- 03 Mar ~ U.S. Naval Reserve Established (1915)
- 12 Mar ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 15 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
- 17 Mar ~ St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Mar ~ First Day of Spring



Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder



Retention:

Membership As of February 2023				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
65	1	0	0	0

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

2023 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 19, 2023 at Branch Meeting
Winner need not to present and will be notified by phone.

Raffle Ticket Information

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 will be 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!

Thank you, Shipmates and Auxiliary Members for your support.

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

As of this printing, 49 of 65 Branch members and 11 of 28 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 Shipmate Rauch your email address.

Getting the newsletter by email is faster delivery and gives you the **COLOR** version!

THANK YOU, Shipmates and Auxiliary Members.

Members Only



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

Shipmate Richard L. Harris
Shipmate James O. Hitchcock
Shipmate Gerald H. Mouer

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



Upcoming Meetings/Events

Annual LAFRA Arlington National Cemetery Pilgrimage

April 11-15, 2023
The Westin Old Town Alexandria
400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA 22314

Central Liaison Committee

April 22, 2023 2:00 PM Hosted by Branch/Unit 181

2023 East Coast Region Convention

July 5-8, 2023
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
210 Holiday Ct, Annapolis, MD 21401
Reservations: (410) 224-3150 Code: ZFC Rate: \$130/night

95th FRA / 90th LA FRA National Convention

September 23-30, 2023
Nugget Casino Resort, 1100 Nugget Avenue, Sparks, NV 89431
Reservations: (833) 456-0764
Rate: \$102.00 plus 13.5% tax and a \$2.00 Tourism Fee



MEMBERSHIP

Updates Since November 2022

Renewed Members **New Branch Members**

Kirk Young **None**
Robert Hebron*

*Life Member

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

Donald Bambeck	59yrs	Kirk Young	22yrs
Jack Ensminger	55yrs	Bob Mallasch	19yrs
Phillip Case	41yrs	Kenneth Mutzabaugh	19yrs
Edward Braithwood	40yrs	John Wood	18yrs
Jonathan Whiting	31yrs	Paul Dziadon	3yrs

Thank you for your support, Shipmates

In Remembrance

Master Chief Petty Officer
Richard L. Harris USN (Ret)
October 20, 1927 - June 4, 2022



Shipmate Harris was a FRA Member of 18 years. He served in the United States Navy, retiring as a master chief. Duty stations include USS Butter-nut (AN-9), NAVCOMMSTA Adak; AK, USS General H. W. Butner (T-AP-113); Naval Mis-sion, Quito, Ecuador; and NAVCOMMSTA Newport, RI. He then became a civilian employ-ee of the Navy at the Pentagon.

For his full obituary please see the link below:
https://stateportpilot.com/obituaries/article_6886d06c-eb63-11ec-a2bf-f786c201e04e.html

Navy Memorial's Navy Log:
<http://navylog.navyememorial.org/harris-richard>

Chief Warrant Officer
James O. Hitchcock USN (Ret)
July 31, 1940 - November 6, 2022



Shipmate Hitchcock was a FRA Member of 12 years. He was a proud Navy veteran. He served his country for 22 years and lived in many places around the country and the world. Duty stations include National Security Agency; Naval Security Group HQ, Washington, DC; NAVCOMMTRACEN, Pensacola, FL; NSGA Hakata, Japan; and NSGA Edzell, Scotland.

For his full obituary please see the link below:
<https://everloved.com/life-of/james-hitchcock/obituary/>

Navy Memorial's Navy Log:
<http://navylog.navyememorial.org/hitchcock-james-3>

Senior Chief Petty Officer
Gerald H. Mouer USN (Ret)
November 24, 1938 - December 28, 2022



Shipmate Mouer was a FRA Member of 42 years. He was a Navy Hospital Corpsman. There was no obituary found.

**Central Liaison Committee Meeting
January 28, 2023**

Just a couple of quick take a ways from this CLC meeting:

- LAFRA Pilgrimage is scheduled for April 15, 2023, The Westin Old Town Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA 22314.
- Memorial Day Picnic hosted by Br/Unit 181, more details to come.
- Looking for Branch/Unit to host the July and October CLC meetings.
- CLC minutes will be distributed via e-mail, if you do not have an e-mail address and like a copy please notify Shipmate Rauch.

FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182



LAFRA-02-16-2023

On February 16, 2023, we held our regular meeting at the Urbana Regional Library. We had 7 members in attend-ance, including PRP Gloria Bastian.

Secretary Gloria read last month's minutes and Treasurer Anne gave the Treasurers report. Both were approved. Susan gave the Chaplain report. For Americanism, Helen read important dates from the FRA calendar. Anne read "God Bless the Red, White & Blue" from the DVA. Gloria gave a report from the NFS newsletter. We currently have 28 members.

Our next meeting will be March 16, 11:30 again at the Urbana Library. We look forward to our Regional President, Dorothy Smiley attending that meeting. Please join us.

Respectfully,
Susan Kaider

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Connie Waite **47yrs**
Brenda Loe **6yrs**

Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AUXILIARY MEMBERS