



Shipmates' Report

FRA Branch 99 Newsletter



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The Prez Sez:

Shipmates:

The Annual Christmas has now become a memory of the past. One hundred and ninety three admission tickets were sold, and I believe we had close to that number, give or take, present. I have had many of the Shipmates come to me and express how wonderful a Christmas Party it was. The food was unbelievable; the Pollyanna was once again, a great success. The Branch Home Committee had done their job well. I applaud you. As always, I was very impressed with the air of camaraderie among the shipmates and guests. Shipmates, you have every reason to be proud of what your branch has become, as I am very proud to be your Branch President.

Charlie

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership Committee

26 past due members, 2 Transferred out, 1 transferred in, 20 new joined, 22 terminated for the total active members 1,446 in good standing.

- Americanism/Patriotism

The essay contest has been moving along quite well. We received 282 essays. The judging of the essays is complete, except for the overall winner. I would like to give a special thank you to the shipmates who judged the essays, for their quick turnaround and an excellent job.

Cindy Hefty
Americanism/Patriotism

Americanism Essay Winners

This year's Theme was: "What The United States Flag Stands For"

Here are this year's winners:

7th Grade: 1st ~Stacey Carpenter
2nd ~ Patrick Seute & 3rd ~ Susannah Martin

8th Grade: 1st ~ Adam Miller
2nd ~ Kylea Moyer & 3rd ~ Cody Liner

9th Grade: 1st ~ Cassondra Jackson
2nd ~ Abby Putnam & 3rd ~ Stephanie Ekstein

10th Grade: 1st ~ Rachel Seaman

2nd ~ David Stevens & 3rd ~ Nathaniel
Filipowski

11th Grade: 1st ~ Matthew Shaw
2nd ~ Melissa Hurd & 3rd ~ Andie Knox

12th Grade: 1st ~ Sean Putnam
2nd ~ Frannie Monasterio & 3rd ~ Regina
Stallings

All winners will receive bonds, plaques and certificates. First place bond: **\$500**, Second place bond: **\$200** and Third place bond: **\$100**.

An overall winner will be selected from the First Place winners in each grade and will be announced during the Americanism night ceremonies on **11 February 2009** starting at **1900**. The location will be the Roma Lodge on Magic Hollow Road.

- **BINGO Committee**

The **BINGO** Operation is growing and doing well. They still need assistance, if you are able to help out please contact Shipmate Gapter.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

A thank you card from Sacred heart League for donation. A thank you card from Joseph L. Barnes for a donation to the National Recruiters of the Year program. An email from Ray Santee **RPEC** for an annual Christmas party for the Virginia Home for Boys & Girls the notice in on the coffee mess if you would like to participate.

- **Branch Home Committee**

The Christmas party was a huge success and turnout was excellent. As usual the Roma Lodge folks put out a fine meal and a good time was had by all in attendance. A well done to all those who worked so hard to make this happen!!

- **Budget and Finance**

The Budget is balanced and the Branch is in Good Financial Shape.

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

A Warm Welcome to all new members of Branch **99**. Come to the next Branch meeting on January **14th** to meet your new Shipmates. Meetings are held at **1900** on the second Wednesday of each month. Please Check your calendar. If you come you may win a **free meal**.

Tanisha A. Brown, Robert J. Bump, John P. Curtis, Chantel DeValk, Allen E. Gray, Jerry Greer, Rufus D. Kilgore, Robert L. Lane, Raymond D. Lock, Felyncia W. McNair, Ethel Milam, Robert Mullins, Paul E. Rocha, Bernard D. Stewart, Donald I. Stottlemyer, Donald K. Trammel.

Past Due Members

If you see any of these Shipmates, kindly remind them since they may have forgotten their dues:

Jerry W. Albitz, Robert D. Arnold, Jan Bender, Peggy K. Cooper, Dale J. Cox, Tatiana Donnelinger, Jeremy Ferguson, Ramon Garcia, George A. Greenlaw, Randy Humphreys, Joel Imbody, Julie Jones, Eric V. Kasperian, Kris V. Kumarco, Joseph Lavan, Benny Lebon, Paul W. Mellot, Richard A. Phillips, Juan Y.Presto, Gregory E. Prieur, Harry E. Regan, James H. Ricketts, Michael B. Spain, Daniel L. Tucker, Christopher A. Wallace, Samuel Winston.

TAPS

Reginald F. Dolliver	SKCS	USNRET
William G. McCubbin	SSGT	USMCRET
James O. Widel	MAJ	USMCRET
Raymond L. Hoff	PN1	USNRET

TWO BELL CEREMONY:

A Two Bell Ceremony in Honor of Those who have Joined the Supreme Commander was held for :

S/M James P. McGuire GMGC, USNRET
S/M Donald D. Rogers, AKC, USNRET
S/M Charles V. Beer Jr, BMC, USNRET
S/M Robert M. Smith, Sr. GMGC, USNRET
S/M Thomas A Moxey, POC, USNRET
S/M William G Mccubin, SSGT, USMCRET

COMING EVENTS

01 January - New Year's Day
14 January- Branch Meeting
19 January- Martin Luther King Day
20 January- Inauguration Day
25 January- Breakfast

11 February- Americanism/Patriotism
Meeting- Roma Lodge
14 February- Valentines Day
16 February- President's Day
22 February- Breakfast

NEW DUES STRUCTURE:

Effective **January 1, 2009** there is a change to the Annual Dues , the following charges will be in effect:

Membership dues	\$30.00/1 year
New Members	\$48.00/2 years
Renewals/Reinstates	\$57.00/2 years
	\$85.50/3 years
	\$135.00/5 years
Allotments Active Duty or Retirees	\$2.35/ Month

Election of Corporate Board of Directors.

Nominations are being accepted and we are seeking four (4) positions on the Board of Directors for Branch 99 Corporation. These positions are for a Term of three (3) years. Submit names to Chairman of Nomination Committee, **Paul White @ 757-567-7576/757-499-6650. Or Norm Gapter @ 757-499-1150/757-499-6650.**

Elections for these offices will be held at the next Corporation Board Meeting on **January 14, 2009** at the **FRA** Branch Building **357** Edwin Drive, Virginia Beach, VA Following the monthly Branch Meeting!!

DISABILITY RETIREMENT CHANGES

The Annual Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (**CRDP**) and Combat Related Special Compensation (**CRSC**) Open Season is **1 Jan to 31 Jan.**

During this period, retirees who are eligible for both entitlements can choose to change their entitlement or remain with the existing program. Federal legislation allows retirees to receive either **CRSC** or **CRDP**, but not both.

All eligible retirees will receive notification forms from **DFAS**. Information regarding individual entitlement amounts, taxes and election instructions are detailed in these forms. No action is required if a change is not being made.

Forms **must** be postmarked by **31 Jan** to be accepted. **DFAS** requires **30** days for application processing.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Shipmate/Griffin stated there will be an upcoming recruiting and information table at **NAB** Little Creek. See him after the meeting.

A **40** year pin for continuous membership was pinned on **S/M Hubertus J Koehn** by his wife Helga.

Awards:

S/M Richard Bass received two awards from National for recruiting.

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16 restaurant gift certificates were drawn and distributed to shipmates.

Drawing for

lifetime membership: S/M John Filipiak

1yr membership: S/M Juan Mangosing

1yr membership: S/M James Wilshire

Members present: **56** members - Guest **1**

Total in attendance: 57

Local Restaurants Support FRA Branch 99

In a program initiated by our Branch President, Charlie Baldwin, local Restaurants are providing donations of dinner meal gift certificates to encourage attendance at monthly Branch General Membership meetings. These certificates are presented as prizes in drawings held at Branch meetings. The restaurants' support of our non-profit veterans association is greatly appreciated. Those that are currently participating are:

Aberdeen Barn Steak House

5805 Northampton Blvd. Va. Beach

Applebee's (Kempsville)

1426 Kempsville Road, Virginia Beach

Applebee's ((Loehmann's Plaza

4040 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach

Bubba's Deli & BBQ

3600 Dam Neck Road, Virginia Beach

Bubba's Crab House & Seafood

3323 Shore Drive, Va. Beach

Carrabba's Italian Grill

1217 Battlefield Blvd. N. Chesapeake

Carrabba's Italian Grill

739 Lynnhaven Pkwy. Virginia Beach

Cheeseburger In Paradise

739 Lynnhaven Pkwy. Virginia Beach

Frankie's Place For Ribs

3333 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach

Keagan's

Town Center – 244 Market St. Virginia Beach

Lynnhaven Fish House

2350 Starfish Rd. Virginia Beach

Max & Erma's

4512 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach

Ruby Tuesday

4488 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach

Smackwater Jack's

3333 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach

Texas Road House

1546 Sam's Circle, Chesapeake, Virginia

TGI Friday

796 Lynnhaven Pkwy. Virginia Beach, Virginia

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110 Volvo Pkwy. Chesapeake, Virginia

The Raven Restaurant

1200 Atlantic Ave. Virginia Beach

We appreciate the support of these participating restaurants, so when you are dining out, patronize them. And if you go to one of them with a free meal coupon, remember to tip the waiter for the full value of the check, before the discount. (He/She is working hard for a living and is not the one donating the free meal.) Remember to thank the manager when you leave, on behalf of Kempsville Branch **99, FRA.**



**Naval Medical Center Portsmouth
Sailors of the Quarter December 2008**

Christmas Party 2008 Selected Pictures

