



Shipmates' Report

FRA Branch 99 Newsletter



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Visit of the Regional President Fleet Reserve Association, East Coast

We welcomed the Regional President Claire H. Purdy, Captain United States Navy, Retired. She presided over the Installation of Newly Elected Officers of FRA Branch 99, at a Formal Branch General Assembly Meeting held at the Roma Lodge in Virginia Beach. We feel honored to have **RPEC** Purdy present at our Branch and look forward to seeing her again!!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Memberships Committee

25 past due members, 27 new members, 1 transferred in and 3 transferred out for a total of 1,448 members in good standing

- Americanism/Patriotism

We are still soliciting inputs for available Scholarships, if you are interested in applying for one of these Scholarships, please contact the Branch Secretary.

- BINGO Committee

The **BINGO** Committee is in Dire Need of assistance, if you are able to help out please contact the Branch Secretary. The **BINGO** operation provides a very large amount of money for the Branch and it would be a **DISASTER** if this operation folded due to a lack of manpower. So if you can help out please do so!!

- Branch Home Committee

We are in need of volunteers to set up, serve and take down for the July 4th picnic. S/M W. Johnson is the Committee Chairman for the Picnic. The cost of the Picnic has gone up to \$7.00 for any family member residing in your home and \$9.00 for other guests.

Selected excerpts from the Branch Meeting Minutes 11 June, 2008

- Budget and Finance

The Budget is balanced and the Branch is in Good Financial Shape. The Building Mortgage was paid off in **June** of **2008**. The Mortgage will be retired at the 4th of July Picnic.

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

A Warm Welcome to all new members of Branch **99**. Come to the next Branch meeting on July **9th** to meet your new Shipmates. Meetings are held at **1900** on the second Wednesday of each month. Please make a note on your calendar. If you come you may even win a **free meal**.

Marquis P. Adams, Denis Anderson, Gary L. Anderson, Shannon Ashford, Randall Bailey, Eric C. Denson, Michelle Elbassiouny, Kaylyn Hnenderson, Kymberlee K. Jones, Adrian Knight, John W. Kupiec, Kevin Mabe, George A. Macrae, Paul D. Pine, Tamika Simmons, Douglas F. Wagner, Ernest A. Walker, Andre Washington, Rebecca L. Wentworth

TAPS

Charles L. Hutzier Sr.	GMCS	USNRET
Charles R. Kauffman	YNC	USNRET
Charles M. Koons	ACCS	USNRET
Walter Mateychuk	GMGC	USNRET
James R. Ochs	SKC	USNRET
Harvey S. SHADEL	ENC	USNRET

COMING EVENTS

Starting in July the Breakfast will cost adults \$7.00, children 6-12 will be \$4.00. This is due to the higher prices of groceries

04 July – Independence Day
04 July- FRA Picnic
27 July- Breakfast
26 July- Flea Market Fund Raiser
08:00-15:00

31Aug- Breakfast

Social hour started at **1800** hours followed by dinner at **1900** hours.

The monthly meeting and installation of Branch **99** convened at **2000** hours on 11 June, 2008 at the Roma Lodge, 3097 Magic Hollow Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia, with Shipmate President Charles Baldwin presiding. The proper opening ceremony was observed.

The following Shipmate was introduced: **PRPEC** James W Scarbro and **RPEC** Claire Purdy.

Installation of Officers and Board Members was held. Shipmate Claire Purdy **RPEC**, was the installing officer. The installed officers were Shipmate Charles Baldwin, President; Shipmate James M Griffin, Vice President; Shipmate Martin G Wood, Secretary; Shipmate Gerald Jeffers, Treasurer.

The Board of Directors were Shipmate Richard Dempsey; Shipmate Elizabeth Mace; Shipmate Alvin M. Morean; Shipmate Walter Kreger; Shipmate John H Thumma; Shipmate Robert Long; Shipmate Edward O Rainey Jr; Shipmate Ronald J Sybers.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

July 21, 2008, Monday, 29th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing

In 1961, John F. Kennedy challenged America with "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth." In July 21, 1969, American astronaut Neil Armstrong fulfilled JFK's prophecy when he put his left foot on the moon and then said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." In the 1970's song, Moonshadow, the singer surmises that if he were to lose his hands, eyes, legs or mouth, he wouldn't have to work, cry, walk or talk [respectively] any more.

Let us not forget the brave men and women who have been injured while fighting for our freedoms and defending our distant shores.

We pray: "Have mercy, O God, on all those who today are wounded and suffering. Since their families and friends are far away, let your grace be their comfort. Raise them to health again, if that is your will for them, but chiefly give them patience and faith in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

[Prayer for the Wounded, The Prayer Book of the Armed Services, 1988, Episcopal Church]

TOR Evasco!



S/M PRESIDENT **CHARLIE BALDWIN**

The Prez Sez, July – August 2008

Shipmates,

The month of June has been rather a busy one. Branch Installation of Officers, and Directors, took place on **9 June, 2008**, at our regular monthly meeting, conducted at the **Roma Lodge**. If you didn't attend this meeting, you missed out on an evening of camaraderie with other Shipmates, and the opportunity to meet your new Board or Directors. I congratulate the newly installed Board, and look forward to working with them. Remember the Fourth of July Annual Picnic is just around the corner. Drop by the Branch and get your tickets. It's too good to miss. We will hold a "Burning of the mortgage" ceremony. That's right Shipmates.

Officially, it's now **"OUR BRANCH"**

I salute you, for making this possible. .

Charlie

TWO BELL CEREMONY:

A Two Bell Ceremony was held for Shipmates:

Eugene F Woodward	AVCM USN Retired
Walter Mateychuk	GMGC USN Retired
Harvey S. Shadel	ENC USN Retired
Father Edward Richardson,	CAPT,USN Chaplain

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M President Baldwin presented membership recruiting pins to the following Shipmates: Frances Lang 4 awards, Paul Thompson 4 awards, Jim Griffin 3 awards, Robert Long 3 awards, Harry Millet 1 award, James Crosby 1 award. S/M Ed Adams received a Letter of Appreciation from the Branch.

- Twelve Restaurant Certificates were passed out.

- Notes from S/M NVP Don Muecheck:

- Please contact your Congressman and Senator regarding house bill **HR579** concerning the increase in **TRICARE fees**. This bill is a stopgap measure to stop the increase for a period of time. The increase in these fees will have a negative effect on many of our Shipmates and their families. This bill will **prohibit** increases!!

- The Paid up Survivor Benefit Programs (SBP) provisions of the Defense Bill will be in effect 1 October, 2008. All members who have paid into their **SBP 360** months and have reached the age of **70** years will be paid in full!!

- Membership drawings

Lifetime Membership-	S/M Paul Thompson
One Year Membership-	S/M Virgillo Legaspi
One Year Membership-	S/M Tor Evasco

- Notes from S/M President East Coast Region Claire Purdy:

Public Law 110-181 signed on January 25, 2008 allows Veterans out of Uniform to salute the flag.

“Section 9 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by striking “all persons present and all that follows through the end of that section and inserting the following: “ **all persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the Flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being**

over the heart. Citizens of other Countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.”

Local Restaurants continue to provide dinner gift certificates to encourage attendance at Branch General Membership Meetings. Those certificates are presented as prizes in drawings held at Branch Meetings. Their support of our non-profit veterans' association is greatly appreciated. Participating restaurants are:

Aberdeen Barn Steak House

5805 Northampton Blvd. Virginia, Beach, Va. 23455

A ~ J Gator's Sports Bar & Grill

3908 Holland Road, Virginia Beach, Va. 23452

Applebee's (Kempsville)

1426 Kempsville Road, Virginia Beach, Va. 23464

Applebee's (Loehmann's Plaza)

4040 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA

BUBBA'S DELI & BBQ

3600 Dam Neck Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23453

Carrabba's Italian Grill

1217 Battlefield Blvd. N, Chesapeake, Va 23320

FRANKIE'S

408 Laskin Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Golden Corral

400 S. Independence Blvd. Virginia Beach, Va.

Holiday Inn (Shirley Coleman)

5655 Greenwhich Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Kelly's Tavern

4586 Va. Beach Blvd. Virginia. Beach, Va. 23462

Kelly's Backstage Tavern

at The NorVa, Granby St. Norfolk, Va.

Kincaid's Fish, Chop & Steak House

300 Monticello Ave (McArthur Center) Norfolk, VA

Max & Erma's Pembroke

4512 Va. Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, Va. 23464

Olive Garden / Red Lobster

Local Area Restaurants

Smackwater Jack's

3333 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Smokey Bones Barbeque & Grill

4590 Va. Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, Va. 23462

Texas Road House

1546 Sam's Circle, Chesapeake, Va. 23320

The Raven Restaurant

1200 Atlantic Ave. Virginia Beach, Va. 23451

TGI FRIDAY

796 Lynnhaven Pkwy, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

TGI FRIDAY

110 Volvo Pkwy, Chesapeake, VA 23320



Memorial Day Ceremony at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial attended by all of the Officers of FRA Branch 99 near the Virginia Beach Convention Center





Newly elected Branch President, Charles Baldwin



Newly elected Branch Vice President, Jim Griffin (at the right in the above photo)



Newly elected Branch Secretary, Martin Wood

Newly elected Branch Treasurer, Gerald Jeffers, Photo not available.