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2007 – 2008 BRANCH 99 OFFICERS INSTALLED JUNE 13 AT ROMA LODGE

The annual installation of new officers took place at the Roma Lodge Wednesday evening in lieu of the regular general assembly meeting.

Another fine dinner was served by the Roma Lodge staff to a large crowd of members and guests.

Shipmate Past Regional President, East Coast, Jim Scarbro served as the installing officer.

A listing of the new officers appears on page two. Note that some of the board members' have never served before. Their willingness to step forward and be a part of our Branch management is greatly appreciated.

BRANCH 99 FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

Branch 99 will hold its annual Fourth of July picnic, followed by City of Virginia Beach fireworks on Wednesday, July 4 at the Branch Home picnic grounds. Food will be served from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Be sure to get your parking pass when you purchase your tickets at the Branch Home, IF you haven't already done so. Come out and have a good time on this special holiday. Don't forget your lawn chairs.

FISHER HOUSE HERO MILES PROGRAM DONATE YOUR UNUSED AIRLINE MILES TO SUPPORT THE WOUNDED

Fisher House is collecting airline miles for use by returning wounded veterans to visit their homes on leave, or for their families to visit them in military hospitals distant from their homes. Most major airlines are supporting this program, and it doesn't cost us a dime. Most of us periodically receive a statement from an airline reminding us of our mileage account, which we probably never use. This is our chance to make use of those miles for a real purpose. You may not have many miles, but when collected the total is very significant. Get your statement and call the participating airlines at the numbers listed below.

AirTran Airways	1-888-327-5878
Alaska Airlines	1-800-654-5669
Continental Airlines	1-713-952-1630
Delta Airlines	1-800-325-3999
Frontier Airlines	1-866-263-2759
Northwest Airlines	1-800-327-2881
United Airlines	1-800-421-4655

Each airline has different procedures and some may only be reached on-line. Further details are available on-line:

www.fisherhouse.org/programs/heroMilesDonate.shtml

MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

New Member Report

Welcome all new members to Branch 99. Come to the next Branch meeting on August 8 to meet your new shipmates. Meetings are held at 1900 on the second Wednesday of each month. Put this on your calendar.

Roger Ashcraft, Bernie Brothers, Thurman Davenport, Travis Dean, Brian Gimbel, Richard Grover, Eric Johnson, Stacey P. Jordan, Martha Kastler, Diana Kochis, Yolanda LeSitty, Carlos D. Medina, Shaunna Moritz, Herman Nickson, Juan Nunez, Deanna Palmisano, Laura Ray, Luis Serrano, Brian Sullivan, Paul Swofford, David Tayamen, Kenneth Williams

TAPS

McKinley Chavis	PRC	USN RET
James French	1 st Sgt	USMC RET
Milton Knapp	GMCS	USN RET
Anthony E. Sanchez	PO1	USN RET

NEW BRANCH 99 OFFICERS

President:	Charles Baldwin	464-1180
Vice Pres.	Jim Griffin (cell)	692-6012
Secretary	Martin Wood	479-1812
Treasurer	Gerald Jeffers	467-0249

Board of Directors

Richard Bass	340-1383
Richard Dempsey	463-4432
Daniel D. Joseph	498-1422
Robert L. Long	498-1722
Elizabeth Mace	490-2496
Ronald Mace	490-2496
Alvin M. Morean	495-1547
John H. Thumma	460-5592
Ralph Preston (Jr.PPres.)	420-1910

LOCAL RESTAURANTS SUPPORT

Local restaurants are continuing to provide dinner meal gift certificates to encourage attendance at Branch General Membership meetings. Those certificates are

presented as prizes in drawings held at Branch meetings. The restaurants' support of our non-profit veterans' association is greatly appreciated. Those restaurants currently participating 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
Shirley Coleman (Holiday Inn) 5655 Greenwich Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462
Bravo Cusina Italiana 193 Central Park Ave. Virginia Beach, VA. 23462
Carrabba's Italian Grill 1217 Battlefield Blvd. N, Chesapeake, VA 23320
Golden Corral, 400 S. Independence Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA
I HOP General Booth Blvd. 1540 General Booth Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA 23454
Keagan's Restaurant 244 Market Street, Virginia Beach, VA. 23462
Kelly's Tavern 4586 Va. Beach Blvd. Virginia. Beach, VA. 23462
Kincaid's Fish, Chop & Steak House 300 Monticello Ave (McArthur Center) Norfolk, VA
Max & Erma's Pembroke 512 VA. Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA. 23464
O'Sullivan's Wharf 3644 Va. Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA. 23452
Romano's Macaroni Grill 4574 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462
Smoky 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
Tripps Restaurant 101 S. Independence Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA.23462

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Shipmates,
 Once again, I thank you for entrusting to me the leadership of Branch 99 for the ensuing year 2007-2008. As I stated in my address at the Installation Ceremony, my visions are for yet a larger and stronger Branch. Any where, any time, whenever Branch 99 is mentioned, eyebrows rise, and ears perk up. Shipmates, our branch is well spoken of, and respected throughout the Fleet Reserve Community. We have earned this. You are to be proud of the accomplishments we have made through the loyalty and support you have given. Keep your eyes open for the coming events that lie ahead.

Charlie

COMING EVENTS

July 4, Wednesday 1600 Branch Picnic at the Branch Home picnic grounds. See page 1.

July 11, Wednesday 0800 Maintenance day at the Branch Home. Please come out and help with the routine maintenance necessary to keep our building in good condition.

July 11, Wednesday, 1900 Branch 99 General Membership meeting at the Branch Home. Free dinner tickets still being distributed.

July 29, Sunday, 0830 – 1030 Branch 99 Breakfast at the Branch Home. \$5.00 each. Active duty members’ families eat free.

August 8, Wednesday, 0800 Maintenance day at the Branch Home. Please come out and help with the routine maintenance necessary to keep our building in good condition.

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August 10, Friday, 1800, Branch 99 Family “Steakout” Branch 99 will hold a steak cookout at the Branch picnic grounds at 6:00 p.m. August 10, 2007. Tickets are \$8.00 per person and will be sold starting July 9 and ending August 6. See Joe Porambo for tickets. Call Win Johnson at 646-5423 for more information.

The menu includes rib-eye steaks, baked potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and desert.

To help with planning, please sign up early.

Come out for some good food and camaraderie.

August 26, Sunday 0830 – 1030 ,Branch 99 Breakfast at the Branch Home. \$5.00 each. Active duty members’ families eat free.

New events are being planned. In addition to the new “Steakout” we may have more flea markets, and possibly a fish fry and/or a pig picking. Let your thoughts be known when you attend other planned events.

KNOW YOUR SHIPMATE

By Edward O. Rainey, Jr.



Roy L. Clement

Roy is retired Navy and a longtime FRA member. He was born in Vilonia, Arkansas on December 27, 1947. He enlisted in the Navy at Little Rock, Arkansas . He attended boot camp in San Diego, CA from January 1947 to September 1948. While in boot camp he caught Rheumatic Fever and was sent to the Naval Hospital in San Diego for treatment. (Continued)

He reported to his first duty station in Oct of 48 to Carrier Air Group (CAG) on board the USS Boxer (CV-21). The ship was home ported at NAS Alameda, CA. While on the ship he made West Pac tours. Then from Oct '50 to Oct '52 he was transferred to VC-7, NAS Moffett Field, then moved to NAS Norfolk, then to NAF Port Lyautey, French Morocco on the USS Wasp (CV-18). From July to Oct of '51 he was TAD to Parachute Rigger School in Lakehurst NJ. On 25 Oct 1952 Ray went home and married Barbara Cannon in New Haven, CT. In Dec '52 he received orders to NAMTC Point MUGU, CA for shore duty as a PR3. Then in Apr '55 got orders back to NAS Moffett Field, VA-216 (ATG-4) where he caught the USS Yorktown (CV-10). While there he made PR2. He also made a West Pac cruise in '56. In Jul '57 he was transferred to McGuire AFB, NJ. In Feb '60 Roy was transferred to AWE Barron Pac Det #A, Midway Isle where he made PR1. In Aug '61 he was transferred to NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii. In May '63 he was again transferred to shore duty in NAS Oceana, VA. In Jan '66 he received orders to Navy Instructors School at NAVSTA NORVA. In Feb of the same year he became a Mobile Survival Trainer at FAETU LANT at NAS NORVA. On 1 Nov 68 Roy retired, after putting 21 years in the Navy. In Nov of 68 he took a course in computer, and worked at the March Pad for Railroads. He hauled cars and drove Beer trucks across country for one year. Then in '70 he worked as a Painter. Painting new construction houses until 1976. After that he worked in the Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, as a painter to 1980. He also worked as a Safety Specialist for NVOSH from 1980 until 1990. Then he retired from work for good. Now, Ray does volunteer work at the 1st Landing State Park. He lives in Virginia Beach with his wife Barbara. They have four children: Kerry, a school teacher lives in Chesapeake; Roy Jr., a geologist (Oil driller), lives in Billing, MT. Joyce and Tracy both live in Va. Beach and work for Federal Civil Service. We wish Ray and his family well.

COMMISSIONING PENNANTS

The origin of the commissioning pennant is said to date back to the 17th century, when the Dutch were fighting the English. Admiral Tromp hoisted a

broom to the masthead to indicate his intention to sweep the English from the sea. The gesture was soon answered by the English Admiral, who hoisted a horsewhip to indicate his intention to chastise the Dutch. The British carried out their boast and ever since that time the narrow, or coachwhip, pennant (symbolizing the original horsewhip) has been the distinctive mark of a ship of war and has been adopted by all nations.

REMEMBERING "MILT"

Shipmate Milton "Milt" Knapp recently passed away. Recently is a relative term, because it seems that Milt has been around forever. He lived a rich, full, long life, and was totally dedicated to his shipmates in Branch 99. He participated in every activity that he could, and served numerous terms on the Branch Board of Directors. Past President Ralph Preston presented Milt with a "title" and a ball cap to remind everyone that Milt was Branch 99's "Gray Goat," the oldest active member of the Branch. He wore that hat proudly. I remember almost five years ago when I edited my first issue of this newsletter, Milt was the first one to praise my efforts. And he continued to compliment me on each and every issue. That is the kind of man he was. Milt will be missed by all who knew him.

SENIOR QUIPS

An older couple is lying in bed one morning. They had just awakened from a good night's sleep. He takes her hand and she respond, "Don't touch me." "Why not?" he asked. She answered, "Because I'm dead."

He asked, "What are you talking about? We're both lying here in bed together and talking to one another!" She said, "No, I'm definitely dead." He insisted, "You are not dead. What makes you think that?"

"Because I woke up this morning and nothing hurts!"

I love cooking with wine. Sometimes I even put some in the food!.

Remember, once you get over the hill you'll begin to pick up speed.

Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.

Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian. Not any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Charlie Baldwin and Jim Scarbro, PRPEC



New officers taking the oath



Members and guests present for the Installation.

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**NAS OCEANA COMMAND MASTER CHIEF
Guillermo DeSantiago**

Branch 99 continues to support local commands' sailor awards programs. Branch 99 presents each sailor with a ball cap, a plaque, and a one year membership in the Fleet Reserve Association. Congratulations to all the winners and welcome to the Fleet Reserve Association.



**Sailor of the Quarter Presentation at NAS OCEANA;
L-R: BLUEJACKET OQ MASN Yolanda LeSitty;
Jr. SOQ ABE2 Shaunna Moritz and SOQ ABE1 Brian
Sullivan.**

HAVE A GREAT SAFE FOURTH OF JULY.