



Shipmates' Report

FRA Branch 99 Newsletter



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The Prez Sez:

Shipmates:

This is the time of the year when my column falls be-twixt the old administrative year, and the new administrative year. How's that you say? At the time of this writing, two Important decisions would have been decided upon by the membership. They being, The election of the Officers, and Board of Directors, which will serve you in the forthcoming year, and secondly, the approval of the annual budget. I can only speculate the outcome of the May, General Membership Meeting, and the decisions that have been voted upon. Whatever they are, I will fully support them.

Charlie

A New Beginning:

A new means of Communicating with other Branch Members, who have access to a computer, has been established for Branch 99 Members. This is a good way to share your thoughts with other Branch Members. Think of it as an "Open forum." Here's what you need to do "Come aboard."

- Bring up – www.fra.org
- Log in: **Username** is your e-mail address
Password is your choice
- Click on: Communities
- Click on: Branch 099
- Click on: Branch discussion
- Click on: Welcome aboard
- Follow formatted screen instructions

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Membership Committee**
51 Past Due Members, 13 New Members Joined, 16 Terminated for the Total Active Members 1,401 in Good Standing.

- **BINGO Committee**
Shipmate Gapter reported that **BINGO** is back to Normal, still in need of Volunteers, please see him for more information.

- **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 May 13th 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**.

Jeffery Banks, Connie E. Burton, Sherlly Castellanos, Michael Cleveland, Emily Fragoso, Ramon Garcia, Eugen Grenier, Richard Groover, Nathaniel Harris, Steve Kelley, Richard S. Laxa, Juan M. Lopez, Joshua Lukacovic, Patrick J. Manco, Andrew S. Miller, Stephen J. Moffett, Kimbley Risvold, Frederick Smith, Kurt E. Waymire, Samuel Winston,

Past Due Members

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

Donald Albright, Tyrone Barlow, David Bauer, Henry Berck, Jesse Boone, Michael Braswell, Alexander Bruce, Andrew Cassidy, Kellie Cook, Sean Cosby, Sikheem Durran, Marvin Ellis, Marcia Evans, James Fontanna, David Ford, Lucky Freitas, Stacy Harper, Valeria Harvey, Mandy Holt, June Houston, Robert Johnson, Thomas Kavanaugh, Melissa Kort, Billy Lee, Michael Mack, Paul Major, Jeffrey Matos, Sherman McKown, Erin Michaud, Philipmark Mina, George Nicholson, Rudy Palustre, Joel Perez, Kenneth Rayford, William Reynolds, Daniel Richey

Kempsville Branch 99

Election of Officers and Board of Directors

The Kempsville Branch 99 Nominating Committee has been soliciting Nominations for Election of Branch Officers and the Board of Directors and Elections will be held in May. Our Incumbent President **Charlie Baldwin** has is not a candidate for Office and All Positions are open this year except the Position of Treasurer.

A Member may **NOT** Serve as a Member of Both the Branch Board and the Corporation Board at the same time. A Member who is Currently on either Board may

accept a Nomination to Another Board, and if elected, shall as a Pre-requisite to, and Prior to being Installed as a Member of the Said Board, Resign his/her Current Board Position.

NOMINATION FORMS are still available.

Cindy Hefty

Chairman, Nominating Committee
Kempsville Branch 99

We have not seen a significant number of people that are interested in serving in these very important positions. I urge you all to look deep into your selves and ask the question, Why not **ME?** Apathy is a killer of organizations and the **FRA** is simply too important for us to just let it die because we “don’t have time” to get involved. If you really “can’t” fill one of these critical positions, I’m sure that you know someone who can- but is just too reticent to come forward (and maybe he/she is hoping that someone will nominate them) **LETS JUST DO IT!!**

TWO BELL CEREMONY:

A Two Bell Ceremony in Honor of Those who have Joined the Staff of The Supreme Commander was held for Shipmate Golden during the April Branch Meeting.

COMING EVENTS

- 10 May - Mother’s Day
- 13 May - Branch Meeting
- 16 May- Armed Forces Day
- 25 May- Memorial Day
- 30 May- Flea Market
- 31 May- Breakfast
- 10 June- Branch Meeting
- 14 June- Flag Day
- 21 June- Father’s Day
- 27 June- Flea Market
- 28 June- 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 yr
New Members	\$48.00/2 yrs
Renewals/Reinstates	\$57.00/2 yrs
	\$85.50/3 yrs
	\$135.00/5 yrs
Allotments Active Duty or Retirees	\$2.35/ Mth

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

S/M Gapter- Received a Membership Pin.
S/M Cunningham -Received a Membership Pin.

S/M Stuar Kuhn Received a **40** Year
Continuous Membership Pin
S/M Frederick White Received a **40** Year
Continuous Membership Pin
S/M Clovis Schweers Received a **60** Year
Continuous Membership Pin

Drawing for:

1yr Membership: **S/M Bob Long**
1yr Membership: **S/M David Moser**

17 Restaurant Gift Certificates were Drawn and Distributed to Shipmates.

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

Abuelo's
1712 Ring Road Chesapeake, VA 23320

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

TGI Friday
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**.

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Recruiting new members is a never-ending requirement for a successful Branch.



Join FRA: Membership Application



I hereby certify I meet the FRA eligibility requirements of being a current or former enlisted member of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.
 I would like to join for: 1 Year, \$30 2 Years, \$57 (first time members \$48) 3 Years, \$85.50 5 Years, \$135

Name: _____ Rate/Rank: _____ Previous FRA Membership No.: _____

Address: _____
Street Lot/Space City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security No. (Optional): _____ FRA Branch No.: _____ Member at Large

Service: USN USMC USCG Status: Active Reserve Retired Veteran Spouse's Name: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail Address: _____

Recruited By: _____ Member No.: _____ Branch No.: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FRA dues are not tax deductible as charitable contribution for Federal income tax purposes, however, they may be tax deductible under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Membership dues include a subscription to FRA's monthly magazine. Life Membership information available on www.fra.org or by calling 1-800-FRA-1924.

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