



Shipmates' Report

FRA Branch 99 Newsletter



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The Prez Sez:

Shipmates:

If you haven't been to the Branch Home recently, then you have missed the beginning of an internal face uplifting. Progress is underway painting the interior spaces. To date, the meeting hall has been completed. The foyer, kitchen, and passageway are next. I give special recognition to those Shipmates, Dan Kenney, Francis Lang, and Dave Moser for making this happen. It would be an honor, if the next time you see these Shipmates, to shake their hand and say "**Well done.**" Plans for the Annual Christmas Party are underway, and will be covered under a separate cover. Be sure you look for it. This will be the last printing of "**The Shipmate's Report**" before the New Year. Have yourself a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Hope to see you at the Christmas Party.

Charlie

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Memberships Committee

28 past due members, **1** Transferred out, **2** transferred in, **12** new joined, **15** terminated for the total active members **1,443** in good standing.

- Americanism/Patriotism

S/M Hefty reports that she has received **30** essays already. Progress is going well.

- BINGO Committee

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

- COMMUNICATIONS

Advisory- Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organization, Veterans Parade , **11/11/ 2008** starts **0900** at **16th** and **Atlantic Avenue** . Time each unit is expected to arrive **0800- 0830**. Number of our unit in the parade is "**56**". Branch members wishing to participate should muster in time to depart at **0730** from the branch home. We received a letter from **AAA** that they have **WWII** tours- information can be located on the round table.

We received a letter from Retired Activities of Hampton Roads stating that there will be a **Retiree Seminar** at Rockwell Hall **NAB** Little Creek **11/8/2008** from **0800-1400**.

- **Branch Home Committee**

The Christmas party will be **12/10/2008** at the **Roma Lodge** tickets are **\$5.00** for members and family living in the same household and **\$7.00** for guests. Tickets will be on sale **11/01/2008-12/05/2008 NO EXCEPTIONS** there will be no tickets at the door!!

- **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 November **12th** 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**.

Katherine Andreazzi, Anthony M. Bembay, Roger A. Bequette, Carson Borders, Gilbert B Carreras, Tony Cooper, Willis Corey, Demetria Credit, Carl Davis, Stephanie R. Deck, Wavley M. Groves, Yonas Haile, Albert J. Itri, Ryan Jardin, Mahtob Johnson, Betty A. Miller, Gary F. Moeller, Carlos Ortiz, Irineo G. Pancho, Dustin Shipman, Jeffrey Smith, Travis Strother, Christopher Thompson, Stacy Trimmer, Rennie R. Winfield,

Past Due Members

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

Michael Cardona, Andrew Catale, Michael Cleveland, Christopher Cosal, Elton Crow, David Cruz, Richard Currier, Franklin Dunco\an, Louis Gilbert, Don Giuy, Nathaniel Klimis, Eugene Lambert, Joseph Link, Brandon Marek, Ronald Martin, Ragenita McGhee, Paul McLaughlin, Heather Moran, Domingo Ozoria, Cary Paulk, Robert Peck, Ricky Pottebaum, Jennifer Quintero, Ronnie Roberts, Vincent Scalabrino, Hilary Southwell, Anthony Spiotta, and Shambry Vanwyck

TAPS

Charles V. Beer, Jr.	BMC	USNRET
James P. McGuire	GMGC	USNRET
Thomas A. Moxey	CPO	USNRET
Donald D. Rogers	AKC	USNRET
William G. Williams	MN1	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 USN (RET).**

COMING EVENTS

04 November -	Election Day
11 November-	Veterans Day
29 November-	Flea Market
30 November-	Breakfast
10 December-	Christmas Party
25 December-	Christmas Day

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

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Internet: www.fra99.com Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at **1900** hours.

KNOW YOUR SHIPMATE



Ron Sybers

Shipmate Ron Sybers was born in Grow Township, Rusk County, WI on **19 Dec, 1932**. He enlisted in the Navy, on **15 December 1950**. He underwent Recruit Training, (Boot Camp), at the Naval Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, IL. Upon completion of recruit training, Shipmate Sybers commenced a very impressive Naval career:

- **USS Block Island (CVE-106).**
- **Dec '52** Staff, Commander Naval Forces Germany, Heidelberg.
- **Oct. '53** Transferred to Frankfurt, Germany.
- **Feb '55** Naval Amphibious Training Unit at Little Creek, VA
- **Mar '58** Joint U. S. Military Mission for Aid in Golcuk, Turkey.
- **May '61** Staff of Commander Anti-submarine Warfare Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, VA
- **Jun '65** Staff Headquarters, U.S. European Command in Paris, France.
- **Mar '67** Transferred to Stuttgart, Germany
- **Jul. '69** New Construction as Ship's Secretary in **USS EL PASO (LKA-117)**
- **Nov. '69;** Orders Modified to **USS PATTERSON (DE-1061)** Also New Construction.
- **Aug '71** Transferred to Staff, Headquarters U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.
- **Jul '75** Transferred to Navy Manpower and Material Analysis Center, U.S.

Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, VA as Assistant Admin Officer.

- **Sep '77 USS BUTTE (AE-27)** Ship's Secretary and Command Senior Chief.
- **Nov '78** Staff, Commander Naval Special Warfare Group TWO at Little Creek, VA Assistant Admin Officer and later Admin Officer. He retired after more than **30** years of Active Service.

His numerous Personal Awards include:

Joint Service Commendation, Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal (**7** awards), Occupation Medal with European Clasp, National Defense Medal (**2** awards) and the Sea Service Ribbon.

After his Retirement, he continued his Education and received an Associates Degree from St. Leo College. His Second Career included working for Technology Management Corporation as a Manpower Analyst, Presearch Incorporated as a Resource Management Analyst, **QED** Systems, Inc. as a Manpower Analyst and again with Technology Management Corporation as a Consultant. During this time he traveled extensively around the U.S. Europe and the Far East. He has been active in **Branch 99** Activities.

2008 – 2009 Americanism Essay Contest

Eligibility:

- Students, Grades **7** thru **12**
- Entrants must be sponsored by a branch of the **FRA** or a unit of the Ladies Auxiliary
- **350** words or less on theme designated
- Essay shall be legibly written or typed on one side of paper
- One entry per student each year
- Each entry must be accompanied by a cover sheet stating: the entrant's name, address, zip code, telephone number, school grade, name of school or the words "home schooled", number of words in essay and sponsoring branch/unit or sponsor's name.

Deadline:

- All entries shall be postmarked not later than **December 1, 2008**. Our branch

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

-S/M **President Baldwin** presented the following Awards:

Certificate of Appreciation from Branch **99** to S/M **William A. Washington** for his good work in the branch.

S/M **Cindy Hefty** received the Robert Doherty award for Americanism/Patriotism Deserving Special National Recognition **2008**.

S/M **Vice President Jim Griffin** made a report of the National Convention the highlights of: Membership dues increase to **\$30.00** per year effective **January 1, 2009**. Complimentary membership for **85years** old and **25** years membership has been changed to **85years** old and **40** years membership. Branch **99** won **2nd** place group **1** for Americanism Patriotism award.

S/M **Cindy Hefty** won the **Shipmate of the Year Award**.

PRPEC **Jim Scarbro** spoke under the Good of the Order. He stated he had **31** years in the Navy and **36** years in the **FRA**. He asked for our Branch support for **National Vice President** of the **FRA**.

PNP **George Kay** spoke under the Good of the Order. He stated that he had **50** years in Branch **60**, **FRA** and invited all members to Branch **60** to meet the new **National President F. Donald Muccheck**.

S/M **Frand Chebetar** invited all members to attend their meeting (Pearl Harbor Survivors) at the Monument Park **7 December 2008 at 1255** at Little Creek Amphibious base. The time **1255** would be **0755** the time of the attack in Hawaii.

S/M **Vice President Jim Griffin** said the **(two) \$1,000 scholarships** are ready for distribution please see him any time around the branch.

S/M **Lang** asked for help in the Rental and Duty Manager Positions in the branch see him after the meeting and leave your number.

S/M **Richard Dempsey** needs **3** more people to help with the Flea Market on **25 October**.

S/M **Vice President Jim Griffin** requests phone numbers of Shipmates to help in recruiting.

- **14** Restaurant Certificates were Passed out.

- Lifetime Membership Shipmate John Pedroni (N/A)
- One **(1)** year membership: Shipmate Juan Mangosing
- One **(1)** year membership: Shipmate Dave Moser

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

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

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.



FRA Branch 99 proudly Sponsors Sailors of the

Quarter at NAS Oceana and the NMC Portsmouth