



Shipmates' Report

FRA Branch 99 Newsletter



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The Prez Sez:

Shipmates:

As you know the **82nd National Convention** was held at the Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach, the week of 19 – 26 October. **S/M Blackburn** was elected National President, **S/M Scarbro** was elected National Vice President, and **S/M Joe Palmer** was sworn in As Regional President, East Coast Region.

In addition to this, **Ms Cathy Chiari** was Unanimously approved Branch **99's** recommendation of Honorary Membership in the Fleet Reserve Association.

Branch 99 won **First place, group 1, Americanism / Patriotism.**

S/M Ralph Preston was awarded **Shipmate of the Year.** Shipmates, you can be proud of your branch.

Charlie

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

A Warm Welcome to all new members of Branch **99**. Come to the next Branch meeting on November **11th** 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**.

James W. Clagett, Robert D. Matthews, Robert Neeley, Pete Southerland,

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Membership**

S/M Vice President Ed Rainey reported that there were **1,332** total members, transferred in **3**, transferred out **2**, **38** past due, new join **8**.

- **BINGO**

S/M Norm Gapter reports that they are always in need of Bingo volunteers, especially in need of a "Caller". **S/M Gapter** also requested that a new Bingo Manager step forward because he may be unable to carry on.

- **Budget and Finance**

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

- **CORPORATION REPORT**

S/M Gapter reports they have signed a new contract for the floor maintenance instead of once a month it will be done twice a month. This is because of the increase rental of the hall. S/M Gapter also reports they are doing maintenance in the Men's Head.

- **HOSPITAL AND WELFARE**

S/M President Baldwin reported that S/M George Fox is in Sentara Leigh Hospital recovering from a stroke Room 167 Phone # 261-6167. We also have a shipmate in Albany NY S/M John Brown is also recovering from a stroke.

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

A News Release from the City of Virginia Beach, VA. "The City of Virginia Beach has received notification from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs advising that the Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Day National Committee selected the City of Virginia Beach as a designated Regional Site for the observance of Veterans Day 2009". Virginia Beach has been designated as a "Model Community" to honor our Nation's Veterans! The Annual Parade will be held on November 11th and will feature Military Units from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard that represent the 12 Military Installations across the Region. Veterans from Pearl Harbor, World WarII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Desert Shield will participate, as well as local Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops. A Formal Ceremony that includes Military, Federal, State and Local Dignitaries will be held following the parade to pay tribute to **ALL Veterans!!**

S/M Secretary Wood received the following communication; from **PRPEC Ray Santee-** The Retiree Seminar for the Mid Atlantic will be held: **0800 -1400 at NAB Little Creek Rockwell Hall November 7, 2009.** He requests the Shipmates to attend and help with the information booth.

The Branch received a thank you note from the **VET House** for our donation.

S/M Secretary Wood received a letter from the Knights of Columbus Council 4632 for an all

expense paid trip to Washington DC to see the **Korean War Memorial.** Points of Contact:

- Richard Gallegos 757-467-2704
- Richard Voltz 757-420-6515

S/M Secretary Wood received a farewell letter from PRPEC Ray Santee to thank the Shipmates for their support during the past year

S/M Secretary Wood received a thank you letter from the Virginia Beach Police Supervisors Associations for our donation.

A Two Bell Ceremony to Honor our Departed Shipmates was held by S/M Chaplain Adrian Knight and S/M MAA John Schweers.

- **AWARDS CEREMONY**

S/M Vice President Ed Rainey – Membership Pin
S/M Hebron – Membership Pin
S/M Gapter- Membership Pin

Winners of One Year Free Membership:

- Robert Patnaude
- Rebecca Wentworth
- Bernard Brothers

A Plaque was Presented to **S/M Laing** by **S/M President Baldwin** for Outstanding Performance in the Branch Home.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER.**

The Winner of the First Place East Coast Region Americanism-Patriotism Contest. Represented Branch **99.** The Award will be presented at the next Branch Meeting.

- A reminder that the **Veteran's Day Parade** will be taking place on **11 November.** S/M's desiring to participate should sign up in the Branch Office.

- **10th Annual Veterans Day Cookout** will be held on **Nov 7th (Rain or shine) 1115-1400** at 3600 Damneck Rd., Virginia Beach, VA. **Cost = Donations for Vet House- Homeless Vets/Wounded Warriors.** Lots of good food, music and camaraderie. Please support this worthwhile effort.

- S/M Jim Griffin says breakfast is the last Sunday of the month. We are always in need of volunteers to help out.

- Tickets for the Annual Christmas Party (**1800 Roma Lodge**) go on sale **Nov 01 thru Dec 12.** Price is **\$10** per person. Don't Miss this one!!

Coming Events:

01 Nov- Daylight Savings Time ends
03 Nov –Election Day
07 Nov- Veterans Day Cookout
10 Nov- U. S. Marine Corps Established (1775)
11 Nov- Branch Meeting
11 Nov- FRA established (1924)
11 Nov- Veteran’s Day (Parade)
26 Nov- Thanksgiving Day
No Breakfast in November!!
07 Dec- Pearl Harbor Day
08 Dec- War Declared on Japan (1941)
09 Dec- Branch Meeting
11 Dec- Germany & Italy Declare War on U.S.
(1941)
16 Dec- Annual FRA Christmas Party
21 Dec- Winter begins
25 Dec- Christmas Day
31 Dec- Official End of WWII (1946)

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. Virginia Beach

ABUELO’S
1712 Ring Road, Chesapeake, VA

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, 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

Conklin’s IRISH ROVER
3157 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach

Famous Uncle Al’s Hot Dogs
3972 Holland Rd. 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

TGI Friday
110 Volvo Pkwy. Chesapeake, Virginia

The Raven Restaurant
1200 Atlantic Ave. Virginia Beach

The support of these participating restaurants is appreciated, 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.

EDITORS NOTE:

This Editor is soliciting inputs from Branch Members regarding “Know your Shipmate”. If you know someone who has had a Colorful Career (or just a “hard working stiff” who deserves to be recognized. Please contact me at the Branch Home, email or phone number as listed below. I’ll be glad to do all of the “legwork” all that’s needed are some particulars (and of course their permission). I’m sure that we have many worthy candidates

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

Printer - Please insert **NEW FRA** Membership application attached
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