



MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
Saturday, April 9, 2011

2010-2011

Chairman: Tom Snee, Br 67
Vice Chairman Ed Dockery, Br 181
Secretary Keith Kaider, Br 182
Treasurer PRPEC, LAFRA Karen Probst,
Unit 93

REPRESENTATIVES:

Branch 4:	PNP Robert Bastian		
Branch 6:	Bryant McCray		
Branch 24:	Donald Hoover	Unit 24:	Loretta Jordan
Branch 67:	Willie Johnson	Unit 67:	Helen Campbell
Branch 93:	No Representative	Unit 93:	PRPEC LAFRA Karen Probst
Branch 168:	No Representative		
Branch 181:	PRPEC Bob Washington	Unit 181:	JRPEC LAFRA Debra Washington
Branch 182:	Randy Phillipp	Unit 182:	Marguerite Robertson
Branch 207:	Juliana Conyer Brangers		
Branch 212:	No Representative		
Branch 309:	No Representative		
Branch 347:	No Representative		

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1400, this meeting being hosted by Suitland Branch 67 at their facility in Suitland, MD.

The Master-at-Arms introduced the distinguished guests and visitors including several PRPEC's of the Ladies Auxiliary FRA, the RPEC LA FRA, several PRPEC's FRA, the NVP, and he RPEC.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

The Chairman asked for reports of the Standing Committees: *(negative reports are not included here)*

Pilgrimage Committee: The Chairman of the Pilgrimage Committee reported that the 2011 Pilgrimage event will be held on April 16, 2011. PRPEC LAFRA Debra Washington may be contacted for details and schedule of this event.

Memorial Day Committee: Chairman Snee reported that the Memorial Day Committee is working to ensure a successful ceremony on May 30, 2011 at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC. Branches and Units are requested to bring their Branch and Unit Flags to the



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Memorial by 0930. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held inside the Memorial. The Memorial Day picnic will be held at the Branch 67 facility in Suitland.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance on hand was reported as \$5,588.84. The Treasurer's Report was approved subject to audit.

Finance and Budget: PRPEC LAFRA Gloria Bastian presented the preliminary budget for 2011-2012. The actual budget will be approved at the July meeting.

Maryland FRA license plates: S/M Penny Collins is in the process of contacting the MVA to complete the required forms to become the FRA representative to verify FRA membership of those applying for FRA Tags. Members should contact S/M Collins at FRA National Headquarters (703-683-1400) or via email at penny@fra.org.

Maryland Veteran's Commission: PRPEC Gunther reminded members who are Maryland residents of line 13 on state tax for 502 (Code U). This is where members take the \$5,000 exclusion from their military retired pay for their Maryland State Taxes.

The Chairman asked the Secretary if there were any communications to be read. The Secretary read the response from S/M Reynolds indicating his acceptance of our request that he preside over the installation of the new CLC officers in July.

Following the Two Bell Ceremony the Chairman asked if there was any **unfinished business**. The Secretary replied that all branches were requested to poll their members for a rough count of those who will attend the Anniversary celebration and bring that number to this meeting so that tentative planning can continue. Also, PRPEC Slawinski had recommended that Branch and Unit representatives take the issue of CLC Anniversary celebration cost back to their respective Branches and Units to consider donations to cover the expense of the celebration. The Chairman called upon **CLC Anniversary Committee** Chairman Solano who reported on the plans for the celebration. S/M Solano provided a flyer to each attendee to complete if they intend to attend the celebration. He reported that he mailed flyers to each Branch Secretary for distribution to their members and that he provided the CLC secretary with copies to mail to past CLC Chairmen. Following a heated discussion of the dinner menu and the comments of PRPEC Robertson, the menu decision was left in the purview of Committee Chairman Solano.

The Chairman moved on to **New Business**. The Chairman thanked the Branches and Unit representatives for submitting their voting representative names to the CLC Secretary. He then reported to the RPEC that the CLC was now compliant with the requirements of the CLC By-Laws. The Chairman reported that there were two positions open for the 2011-2012 CLC officers, namely, Chairman and Vice Chairman.. He opened the floor for nominations indicating that the floor would again be opened in July under *Old Business*. The following nominations were received: For Chairman – Ed Dockery of Branch 181. For Vice Chairman – Don Hoover of Branch 24. The Chairman reminded representatives that at the next meeting the



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CLC must determine where the CLC meetings will take place for the following year (i.e. October 2011, January 2012, April 2012 and July 2012. S/M Johnson, Branch 67 reminded the attendees that S/M Charlie Washington was to report of preparations for the FRA 86th Birthday Celebration. S/M Washington presented the preliminary preparations for the celebration to be held November 12, 2011 at the Washington Navy Yard. He requested that each Branch and Unit provide him with a contact that he will use to promulgate further information as plans are made firm. The preliminary information flyer will be posted on the FRA CLC Community Website.

There being no further business, the Chairman proceeded to the Good of the Order.

Unit Reports: S/M McCray from Branch 6 reported that they continue to march and are arrying on. *Branch 24* reported that they will participate in the Massing of the Colors at Fort Meade. They will participate in the Annapolis Memorial Day Parade and board a YP to lay a Wreath on the water. The Branch is in the process of establishing a Sponsorship program for new members. *Unit 24* reported on the success of the Chili Cook-off and that the Pirates of the Chesapeake dinner is being held this evening. They will have a 49th Birthday dinner on June 9th. *Branch 67* reported that it is concentrating on recruiting by attending meetings at Andrews AFB Navy facility, talking to CPOs at the Navy Annex and other local Navy facilities. The Branch plans to pave the parking lot within the next few months. *Branch 181* reported their participation in May and June outreach events at Fort Myers outside the Commissary. They will be setting up an information table on the Mall for Rolling Thunder and invites all Branches to participate. *Unit 181* reported that RPEC LAFRA Karen Snee will be the installing officer for their unit on May 14th. The Unit will also participate in the Rolling Thunder information booth. *Branch 182* reported that they have 236 members in good standing and that PRPEC Gunther and S/M Kaider set up information table at the Bethesda Naval Hospital each month. The Branch will recognize the winners of the Essay Contest at our April meeting. S/m Phillips requested the members support for his nomination as East Coast Regional Treasurer. *Unit 182* reported that they take refreshments to the Psychiatric ward of the Naval Hospital every other month. This month the Unit is busy obtaining supplies to present to the Shelter for Abused Women in Hagerstown. *Branch 207* reported their elections will be held May 14th with installation on June 11th.

Other Shipmates comments: S/M Collins reminded that the recruiting year started in April and that Branches should make any nominations for outstanding recruiting efforts last year. She showed the new prospective member card for use at outreach events.

Highlights of the Good of the Order PRPEC Washington discussed the issue regarding the possibility of retirees being forced to get their medical treatments at other than the Naval Hospital when the Hospital becomes the Walter Reed facility. PRPEC Tommila wanted members to be aware of this possibility. PRPEC Gunther reminded members of the EC Regional Convention July 27-31 in Roanoke, VA. He also reported that the cost of



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Advertisements for the Journal had been reduced. RPEC Slawinski said the reports of the National winners of the essay contest will be placed in his next newsletter.

Chairman Snee reminded members of the purpose and principals of the Fleet Reserve Association and our commitment to Loyalty, Protection and Service.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The next CLC Meeting will be at 93,s facility in Lexington Park, MD on July 23, 2011
- The EC Regional Convention will be held July 27-30, 2011 in Roanoke, VA

Respectfully Submitted:

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service

Keith Kaider

Secretary