



MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, January 22, 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:	John Davis	Unit 181:	
Branch 182:	Randy Phillipp	Unit 182:	Delores Manley
Branch 207:	Juliana Conyer Brangers		
Branch 212:	No Representative		
Branch 309:	Ronald Littlejohn		
Branch 347:	No Representative		

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1400, this meeting being hosted by Annapolis Branch 24 at their facility in Annapolis, 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, the RPEC and the RVPEC.

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.

**Memorial Day Committee:** S/M Mark Allen reported that he is working with Chairman Snee to ensure a successful ceremony on May 30, 2011.

**Treasurer's Report:** The current balance on hand was reported as \$5,382.44. The Treasurer's Report was approved subject to audit.



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The Chairman requested volunteers to replace PNP Chuck McIntyre as the liaison for Maryland FRA license plates. S/M Penny Collins accepted this position. 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 if there was any unfinished business. The Secretary replied that the CLC Anniversary Committee's recommendations were accepted at the October 2010 CLC meeting with the exception of the proposed \$25.00 for the installing officer. The exception was tabled until this meeting. The Chairman asked for discussion, there being none, he asked for a vote by raise of hands. There was no response either for or against. Discussion then opened up and S/M Solano (CLC Anniversary Committee Chairman) explained the committee's recommendation after which Chairman Snee polled the Branches and Units. The polling was unanimous for approval of the stipend.

**CLC Anniversary Committee:** Chairman Solano reported on the plans for the celebration. A copy of his report will be posted on the FRA CLC Community website and a copy will be attached to these minutes for those who obtain their copies by U.S. Mail. All Branches are requested to poll their members for a rough count of those who will attend the Anniversary celebration and bring that number to the April CLC meeting so that tentative planning can continue. Per the committee's plans, a specific flier will be provided to the CLC Secretary at the April meeting to be mailed to those who only use the U.S. Mail. After Chairman Solano's report there was discussion of the cost of this event for the CLC. RPEC Slawinski recommended that Branch and Unit representatives take this issue back to their Branches and Units with a request to consider a donation to the CLC to cover the expense of this 50 Year CLC Celebration.

Following the Two Bell Ceremony (specifically dedicated to PNP Charles McIntyre) and a short break, the Chairman called upon PRPEC Gunther who reported on the Maryland Veterans Commission (see above). PRPEC Gunther also reminded members of the many business establishments that offer military/veteran discounts. He also reported that tickets for certain Navy Basketball games are available at a discount to veterans. A flier will be included with these minutes.

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

**Highlights of the Good of the Order:** S/M McCray from Branch 6 reported that they are planning a "Day at the Park" (Patapsco State Park) on June 19<sup>th</sup>. More information will be promulgated as the date draws nearer. Branch 24 reported that it will celebrate its 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday



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on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and it will host it's Las Vegas night on March 26<sup>th</sup> (Penny Collins is chairman and can be contacted for tickets.) He reported that the State House of Representatives will conduct a "Fallen Heroes Remembrance" on the floor of the House Chamber around 10:30 on January 27<sup>th</sup>. All Veterans are invited to be in the gallery for this event. Branch 67 reported that it is pleased to be able to host the April CLC meeting. Branch 181 reported on the legislative agenda being pursued by the FRA. These items are of great importance to members and all are encouraged to visit the Action Center on the FRA website to learn of the impacts proposed and contact their congressional representatives regarding them. Branch 182 reported that PRPEC Duane Robertson is in poor health and unable to attend Branch or CLC meetings. He sends is regards to all. S/M Collins reminded that the recruiting year ends at the end of March and that Branches should make an effort to recruit new and reinstate prior members before the end of the recruiting year. RPEC LAFRA reported on her visits to several Units and the Pearl Harbor Ceremony at the Bethesda Naval Hospital conducted by Branch 182. PRPEC Gunther reminded members of the EC Regional Convention July 27-31 in Roanoke, VA. PRPEC Washington reiterated that the "call program" really works and encourages all Branches to use this method to ensure that members renew their memberships. NVP Gilmartin reported that there is a problem with the hotel proposed for the National Convention in Kansas City and that the NP was currently working this issue. So members should await his announcement of the approved site for the convention before making travel plans.

**Unit Reports:** Unit representatives reported many activities that support community and veteran interests and support. They were too numerous to include in the minutes, but their efforts are recognized and appreciated by all members and they are commended for these activities that a source of great pride to the FRA and LAFRA.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- The EC Regional Mid-Year Meeting will be January 27-29, 2011 in Greenville, NC.
- The next CLC Meeting will be at Branch 67's facility in Suitland, MD on April 9, 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

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