



# The Log

**AUGUST 2010**

**Branch and Unit 24**

**Volume XVI Issue 8**

## **President's Report**

Branch 24 Website  
[www.fra24.org](http://www.fra24.org)

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **PAST EVENTS**

**19 June** Greater Washington Soap Box Derby..

**04 July** Independence Day

**19-24 July** All American Soap Box Derby, Akron, OH.

**22-24 July** - East Coast Regional Convention in Richmond, VA.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**3 August:** Branch 24 BOD Meeting, 1900  
Unit 24 BOD Meeting, 1900  
Unit 24 Monthly Meeting, 7:35p.m.

**4 August: Happy Birthday,  
U. S. COAST GUARD**

**10 August:** Branch 24 Meeting, 1900.

**17 August:** FRC BOG Meeting, 1900.

**6 September:** Labor Day Holiday

**12-18 September: 83nd** FRA National Convention in  
Spartanburg, South Carolina.

**Location:** Marriott Hotel, 299 North Church St.  
Spartanburg, SC 29306.

Call for reservations: 864-596-1211.

Make sure to ask for the FRA/LAFRA Convention  
room rates. \$99 a night plus applicable taxes.

**Summer Picnic:** We are in the process of planning the annual picnic which is scheduled for October 2nd. We will all gather at the Bay Room on Greenbury Point. Please plan to come out and enjoy the fun food and camaraderie. Everyone is invited, fun and games for the kids. This is a great opportunity to meet new shipmates and ladies.



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Shipmates,

We have a busy year ahead of us and we are just getting started. Our number one goal this year is membership and retention. We have many shipmates around the world and some of them serving in Iraq and Afghanistan who are counting on us to have their back. Congress listens when our FRA representatives show up on Capitol Hill because they have a good message but mostly because they have membership behind that message. Membership numbers count; this year we will strive not only for zero loss, but also for a measurable percentage of gain. Remember our active duty and reserve enlisted personnel are counting on us.

Speaking of Capitol Hill, take a look at what our Soap Box Derby race team did this year; first, second and third place in stock car; first and second in super stock and fourth place in masters. We are all very proud of our race team. See you all at the picnic on October 2nd.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service  
Shipmate President, Don Hoover

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## WELCOME ABOARD 31 NEW SHIPMATES:

Alexander Amosa \* Cynthia Arnette \* Jason Beasley \* Harold Blackwood \* John Borhman III \* Richard Curtis \* David DeMeo \* Clifton Diegel \* David Guerna \* David Hill \* John Horm \* Philip Kane \* James Keith \* David Kern \* James Lewis \* Reynaldo Limon \* James McGovern \* Carl Monk Jr. \* Freddy Moreno \* James Oberholter \* John Pulsinelli \* Francis Riddick Jr. \* James Rock \* Charles Schaefer \* George Shannon \* Mary Tate \* Jon Taylor \* Robert Tedesco \* Jack Tolar \* Dan Verheul \* Matthew Whitlow

**BRANCH 24 Ceremonial Initiations:** S/M Francis Riddick Jr., S/M Chuck Schaefer, S/M George Shannon

## MINUTES OF BRANCH 24 MEETING 13 JULY 2010

Shipmate President Hoover called the meeting to order at 1910. S/M MAA Jack O'Neill recognized PRPEC Paul Dix, and introduced visiting Shipmate Darrell McKinley from Branch 293. After appropriate opening ceremonies, the meeting was declared convened.

Pres. Hoover, VP Dave Field and Sec. Reed initiated S/M Francis Riddick, S/M Chuck Schaefer, and S/M George Shannon into FRA, Br 024.

Welcome Aboard Shipmates.

The minutes of the 8 June 2010 meeting were provided for review and were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** S/M Treasurer Reed provided actual end of year budget expenditures. The new Fiscal Year began on July 1, 2010.

**Communications:** The Special National Convention Committee proudly invites you to attend the 83<sup>rd</sup> National Convention of the FRA to be held during the week of 15-18 September, 2010 at the Marriott Hotel at Renaissance Park in Spartanburg, N.C. For reservations call 864-596-1211. The conventions are a convenient way to meet other FRA members from the region and get ideas of what each branch offers

to their shipmates and communities.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

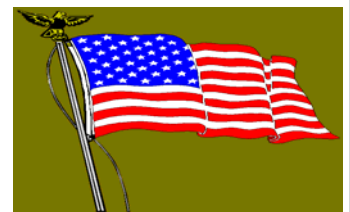
**Americanism/Patriotism:** 2010/2011 Essay Contest theme is "What Patriotism Means to Me" The contest is open to all students grades seven through twelve. Grand Prize is a \$10,000 in US savings bonds. For official rules visit [www.fra.org/essay](http://www.fra.org/essay)

**Audit, Budget and Finance:** The new fiscal year runs from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

**Hospital, Welfare, & Rehabilitation:** S/M Randy Purdy is continuing with physical therapy and doing quite well. S/M Ken Carter has cold-like symptoms due to his chemotherapy treatments. Our thoughts are with you both.

**Legislative Services:** The "HONOR and REMEMBER" Flag Movement to establish the Flag as a national symbol of remembrance for all of our military service members who have given their lives for the nation is receiving rapidly growing interest among not only citizens but in "Bills" introduced and/or passed in the several state legislatures and, most importantly, in the United States Congress. Our Legislative Affairs Chair, Shipmate Jim Duffy is acting as the Movement's contact person with the Maryland Legislature wherein strong support has been obtained for positive action when the new Legislative Session convenes in the fall. Shipmate Duffy is soliciting funding to support the Movement from the Branch, Unit 24 and the Club. Through that donation, one of

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RECEIVED ORDERS TO  
SERVE ON THE STAFF OF  
THE SUPREME COMMANDER



Anthony Da Silva

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# LADIES Auxiliary



**Unit 24**

**Fleet Reserve Association**

**July 2010**

Loretta Jorden, President 2825 Whitehouse Rd  
 Katherine Bearden, Vice President 1301 Tar Cove Rd.  
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**UNIT MEETINGS:** Regular meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:35 p.m. The Board of Directors meetings precede the regular meetings at 7:00 p.m.

**Chaplain:** Linda Masterson (410) 263-3569 Our Chaplain initiated two new Unit members, Loretta Lawson-Munsey and Ida Guerra, at our July meeting. Please remember to inform our chaplain of anyone in need of a visit or well-wishes.

**Americanism:** Kathy Cook (410) 943-3828 Diane Hoover attended the Navy Memorial Foundation ceremonies in DC. Our Unit had good participation at the Memorial Day Parade and wreath-laying ceremonies in Annapolis; Carolyn Olmo from NJ was in town this year and was pleased to be able to participate. Our Unit members celebrated Independence Day on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Eight members signed on to represent our Unit at the East Coast Regional Convention in Richmond, VA.

**Welfare:** Theresa Smith (410) 757-8768 Our donations to Bello Machre of sheets, towels and baby items were gone within 2 days. Theresa delivered items to Anne Arundel Animal Control, which were greatly appreciated. Thrift shop donations are always welcome. Barb Hrynshen made 2 deliveries to Sarah's House this month; next month we are asked to provide them with back-to-school supplies (Target and Office Depot offer great sales).

**Membership:** Diane Hoover (410) 757-9325 At our Installation of Officers on June 8, Dorothy Carter was presented with numerous well-deserved awards for her many years of promoting our Unit and bringing in many new members. Two new members initiated at our July meeting will be added to our current total of 555 active members. Please continue to spread the word to prospective new members, and to former members who may be reinstated.

**Youth Activities:** Loretta Jorden (410) 956-6015

Loretta held an end-of-season party for 3 softball teams. Her Girl Scouts enjoyed a trip to Hershey Park in June, and Girl Scout Day at Camden Yards. Young Loretta Jorden participated in the DC Soap Box Derby in June; see event photos at <http://dcsoapboxderby.org/>. Girl Scout cookies go on sale on Sept 11 for \$4 per box.

**Hospital:** Mary Ellen McGrath (410) 956-0555 Please remember that Bingo starts up again at the end of September. Virginia Wheet reminds us that our presence is greatly appreciated by the nursing home residents. More hands are always welcome, and it is a rewarding way to spend a few volunteer hours each month. Please contact Mary Ellen to inform her of anyone in the hospital who could use a visit.

**Publicity:** Kathleen McCruden (410) 255-4757 Meeting notices will be submitted to the Capital 2 weeks ahead of our scheduled meetings.

**Unit Activities:** Heather Matheu We are scheduled to lend assistance at the upcoming annual Branch picnic at Greenbury Point. Our events for the upcoming year are

**Dates to Remember:**

<b>August 3</b>	Unit Meeting
<b>Sept 12th-19th</b>	Natl' Convention
<b>November 6</b>	Las Vegas Night
<b>December 7</b>	Unit's Christmas Party
<b>February 19</b>	New Fundraiser

***Kathleen McCruden-Secretary***

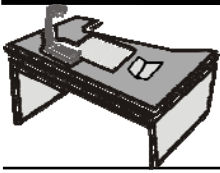
**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear LAFRA Ladies and Shipmates,

We had two new members initiated at our July meeting . They were Ida Guerra and Loretta Lawson-Munsey. Please welcome our two new Ladies. We also would like to try a new fundraiser this year. Please come to the next meeting and bring some ideas. I hope all of you are in good health. I miss seeing some of our former members.

As always,

**In Loyalty ,Protection and Service  
Loretta Jorden**



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the beautifully designed H & R Flags will be obtained to be flown at the Club; for more information on the H & R Movement go to: [www.HonorandRemember.org](http://www.HonorandRemember.org) or phone 757-204-4726.

**Membership & Retention:** Penny Collins, Chair-Membership Committee reported our membership was 2097 as of June 30, 2010. Our goal for the year is to have a gain and no losses, which means we have to continue to recruit and offset any losses that may occur.

We have 4 members that received recruiting awards: Don Hoover, Keith Henderson, Jack Wainio, and Ken Carter.

Several members received continuous service certificates and pins for attaining, 40, 50, and 60 years of continuous FRA membership.

Congratulations to all our award recipients.

If you would like to assist the Membership Committee, please contact Penny by email:

[Pleasala100@verizon.net](mailto:Pleasala100@verizon.net) or (301) 792-8465-Cell.

**Youth Activities:** S/M President Hoover reported that the annual Soap Box Derby was a great success. The Branch, Unit and Club sponsored 15 entrants in this years race. Two of our drivers qualified to go on to the Derby finals in Akron, Ohio. A motion was made and passed to provide \$250.00 to each of the winning families to help offset the cost of traveling to Akron for the All American Soap Box Derby Race.

**Contributions:** A motion was made for \$200.00 to be given to the National Disaster Relief Fund from the Contributions line item. 2<sup>nd</sup>/Unanimous vote

**Adopt-A-Highway:** S/M Grady reported that the next highway cleanup will be on a Saturday TBD in August.

**Old Business:** The annual Branch/Unit 24 Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Greenbury Point. We hope to see you all there to enjoy the fun.

**TWO BELL CEREMONY:** The Two Bell Ceremony was conducted in memory of the following shipmates now serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander: Anthony Da Silva, USN

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Visiting Shipmate Darrell McKinley spoke about his history of service to the FRA. Darrell is a candidate for Ease Coast Regional Vice President and he asked the Shipmates of Branch 24 for their support.

Branch 24 Delegates are not instructed how to vote at East Coast Regional or National Conventions.

**AWARDS:** S/M Clarence Johnson received a Certificate of Appreciation for his participation in the Massing of the Colors at Ft. Meade. S/M Michael Cogan received his 40 year continuous member pin and certificate. S/M William Carlile, S/M William Poland, S/M John Hall were also recognized for 40 years of continuous membership but were not in attendance at the meeting. Shipmate Charles Scott and Shipmate John Szpiech received 50 and 60 year (respectively) certificates; these will be mailed to their residence since they could not be in attendance for this honor.

Past President Greg DeVeau received his official FRA cap with the dates that he served Branch 24 as President. Many thanks, Shipmate Jr. Past President!

**ADJOURNMENT:** After appropriate closing ceremonies, the meeting adjourned at 2130.

Submitted:

Valerie Reed  
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:

Don Hoover  
President

## **THE NEXT BRANCH MEETING:**

1900, AUGUST 10 at the Fleet Reserve Club Please try to attend if you are in the area. Come out and get to know your fellow shipmates and allow us to get to know you.



# Fleet Reserve Club

FLEET RESERVE CLUB OF ANNAPOLIS, INC., 100 COMPROMISE STREET, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Chairman – Jack Wainio Club opens 11am Monday–Saturday, 10am Sunday Manager – Brian Porter

## Galley Hours at the Fleet

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Brunch Buffet</i> 10:00–1:00	<i>Lunch Served</i> 11:30–2:30	<i>Lunch Served</i> 11:30–2:30	<i>Lunch Served</i> 11:30–2:30	<i>Lunch Served</i> 11:30–2:30	<i>Lunch Served</i> 11:30–2:30	<i>Lunch Served</i> 11:30–2:30
<i>Dinner Served</i> 4:00–8:00	<i>Dinner Served</i> 5:00–8:00	<i>Dinner Served</i> 5:00–8:00	<i>Dinner Served</i> 5:00–8:00	<i>Dinner Served</i> 5:00–8:00	<i>Dinner Served</i> 5:00–9:00	<i>Dinner Served</i> 5:00–9:00

### The Chairman's Message

Well, July has come and gone. I would like to thank Jack & Toni O'Neill, Keith Henderson, Sylvia Wainio, Kevin Spurlin, Ed McGrath, and, of course, our own Texas Steak Larry and his number one helper Kim, and the staff of the FRC for the wonderful food and setting up for what turned out to be the best 4th of July Party ever held at the Fleet. A fun time was had by all.

The Fleet is still the best place in Annapolis to come have a bite to eat and drink and enjoy a wonderful friendship with others. The deck is still a great place to meet and greet and enjoy the many boats plying Ego Alley. Hope to see many of our new members this month having a good time and, as always, our staff is here to make sure our members are served the best food in town.

Respectfully,

Jack Wainio, Chairman  
Board of Governors



### Brian's Blotter

August is here, and it's vacation time for many. Don't forget to stop by the Fleet for a meal before taking on the Bay Bridge to the Eastern Shore! Better yet, have dinner at the Fleet Friday night and head to the beach on Saturday!

Enjoy our beautiful lower and upper decks in August for boat watching, drinking and dining!

**Summer Brunch** is from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm every Sunday. Enjoy an omelet and Bloody Mary on the deck!

We're having another **Lobster Dinner Night** on Wed, Aug 18, for \$29.95 per person. Call for reservations by Fri, Aug 13.

Mark your calendar for the annual **Fleet Reserve Branch 24 picnic** on Sat, Oct 2, from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm, at the Bay Room at Greenbury Point at the North Severn Naval Base in Annapolis.

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked the Fourth of July dinner. Also, thanks go to our Steak Dinner Night Crew for all their hard work! Don't miss out on this month's **\$12 Steak Dinner Night** on Aug 22 from 4:00–8:00 pm with live music.

**Going Green News:** We try hard to help our environment at the Fleet. Following is an update of our progress.

\* We have eliminated the use of polystyrene foam containers, such as coffee cups and soup cups. Not only are they bad for the environment, but toxic chemicals can also leak into the food. Our paper cups and bowls are recyclable, biodegradable & safer.

\* Our fish pond is filled with diverted fresh rain water when "mother nature" allows!

\* We recycle ink cartridges, light bulbs, paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum, tin and plastic.

\* We use low watt light bulbs & compact fluorescent lighting.

\* The FRA Branch 24 has adopted St. Margarets Road for several years now, and picks up the litter there.

Sincerely,

Brian Porter, General Manager



### Lobster Dinner Night

Wednesday, August 18 – Cost: \$29.95

1-1/4lb Fresh Maine Lobster Steamed to Order  
House Salad, Baked Potato, Corn on the Cob  
Chilled Asparagus Vinaigrette, Rolls  
Key Lime Pie for Dessert!

Call for Reservations by Fri, August 13

### Sunday Brunch Buffet

Every Sunday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Omelets and Waffles Made to Order

\$13.50 Adults, \$6.50 Age 6-11, 5 & Under Free

**2010**

**BRANCH \* UNIT\* FRC**

**AUGUST**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EVERY SUN- DAY BRUNCH 10a.m.-1p.m.	2	3 Branch/Unit 24 BOD 1900  Unit 24 Meeting 1935	4	5	6	7
8 SUNDAY BRUNCH	9	10 Branch 24 Meeting 1900	11 FRC New Members Orientation 1900	12	13 DEADLINE to make reserva- tions for 18 Au- gust, Lobster Dinner	14
15 SUNDAY BRUNCH	16 Gardener's Club Tea Cup & Tea 7PM	17 FRC BOG Meeting 1900	18 Lobster Dinner Reservations Required	19	20	21
22 SUNDAY BRUNCH Texas Larry Steak Night 4-8pm \$12pp	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 SUNDAY BRUNCH	30	31				
<b>FRC Happy Hour: 1/2 Price Appetizers Monday through Friday, 4-6 p.m.</b>						
\$3/\$6 OFF Crab Cakes	Steamed Shrimp	Taco Tuesday	\$2 OFF Burgers	4 Piece Fried Chicken	Fish Fry	Steak & Shrimp

**Fleet Reserve Club Membership/Keycard and Car/Boat Decals Renewal Form, 10/11**

Check one: Corporate Member  Ladies Auxiliary

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Old KC No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Day/Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Car #1 Tag _____	Donation (Suggested \$100.00)	\$ _____.
Car #2 Tag _____	Keycard \$15.00	\$ _____.
Car #3 Tag _____	Number of Requested Decals _____ X \$15.00	\$ _____.
Car #4 Tag _____		
Boat #1 Reg _____		
Boat #2 Reg _____		

Return to: Fleet Reserve Club Attn Membership  
100 Compromise Street, Annapolis, MD 21401  
Make Check Payable to FRC

Corporate members who have not provided proof of eligibility to the FRC must provide: Copy FRA card, Military ID, and proof of enlisted service (DD-214). Ladies Auxiliary members must provide: copy LAFRA card and ( Dependent ID or 09/10 Keycard).

All must include a copy of registration for any vehicle or boat not already on record.

**Note: Anyone not meeting these requirements will have their application returned!**

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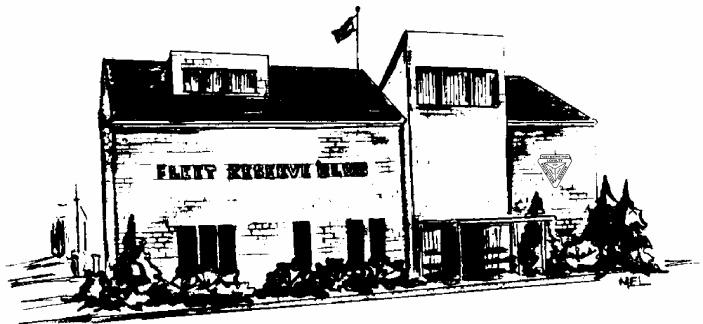
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