



THE LOG



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Branch and Unit 24

NOVEMBER 2010

President's Report

IMPORTANT DATES

PAST EVENTS

The Branch 24 Annual Picnic was a great success. Thank you, Shipmate Thibodeau for organizing such an awesome event and support team! Thanks for a job well done! See Shipmate Thibodeau's letter under Good of the Order.

October's regular monthly meeting for Branch 24 was held offsite at the Moose Lodge in Crownsville. Thank you to the Moose!! I know at least 3 of our members joined the Moose that night due to the hospitality they provided us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2 November :

Branch B.O.D. meeting 1900 at the FRC .

Unit B.O.D. & regular monthly meeting 7:35p.m. at the FRC

5 November FRC Membership Gala. Branch, Club and Unit celebration dance, Oracle, \$35.00 ea.

6 November: Las Vegas Night at the FRC. 6 pm to 12pm. Tickets can be bought at the door \$12 includes a buffet and a \$200 Ticket door drawing.

10 November: U.S. Marine Corps Birthday

11 November: Annual Veterans Day Parade at Veterans' Circle Downtown Annapolis. Assemble at the club at 1000.

9 November: Branch 24 regular monthly meeting 1900 at the FRC.

25 November: Thanksgiving Day, Happy Thanksgiving to all our shipmates and ladies.

07 December Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day held at the FRC at 1200

December (tentatively scheduled for the 12th) Children's Christmas Party at the FRC hosted by Branch 24. Children age 2 thru 9 receive presents from Santa—fun and food for all. Time 1400 to 1600.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Shipmates

The fall season is upon us and we face the remainder of the year with much work yet to be accomplished. The East Coast Regional President, Chris Slawinski has expressed an interest in visiting us at our November meeting and I have extended the invitation for his visit. Attendance at our meeting is critical in order to allow us to conduct the necessary business of the branch. Since many of our shipmates were on travel at the national convention in September and our October meeting was relocated to the Moose lodge due to the Annapolis boat show, we failed to assemble a quorum for these two meetings. Without a quorum we are unable to conduct official business and it must be put off until a later date. At our November meeting we will have pending issues from September and October as well as new business to come up before the assembly and your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

The FRC Chairman of the Board, Jack Wainio will be making an announcement about an upcoming corporate meeting and elections for vacated board of governors' positions.

Be sure to check out the upcoming events as we have a lot of activities scheduled for the Branch, Unit and Club in the coming months.

Remember that on November 7th, 0200 daylight saving time ends in the United States and we turn the clock back; you don't want to be the person showing up for a meeting later that day an hour before everyone else, so "fall back" before you go to bed.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service
Shipmate President, Don Hoover

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Valerie Reed

November 2010

WELCOME ABOARD NEW SHIPMATES: Melanie Arena * John Bocchicchio Cassady Breder * Jay Bronson * Rob Chavez * Michael Corcoran * Terence Dougherty Charles Hair * Thomas Manion * Jacob Munsey * Michael Potts * Larry Swartz * Kenneth Szcublewski * Dana Wallace * Solon Webb

MINUTES OF BRANCH/UNIT 24 12 OCTOBER 2010

Shipmate President Don Hoover called the meeting to order at 1900. S/M MAA Clarence Johnson recognized Shipmate PRPEC Paul Dix. After appropriate opening ceremonies, the meeting was declared convened. The number in attendance did not meet the requirements for a Quorum. It was also determined that 14 September 2010 meeting did not have a Quorum. Do not sign your shipmates in; *their* signature is needed for verification.

The minutes of the 5 October 2010 BOD meeting were provided for review and were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: S/M Treasurer Reed provided Fiscal Year expenditures. Account balances are available upon request until next month when printouts will be distributed.

Communications: Change in membership groupings. At the FRA National Convention, a resolution was submitted to change the number of members in a branch, which determines the Groups I-V for National Awards. The resolution was voted on and passed by attending delegates. Before the resolution passed, Branch 24 grouped in 1, which used to be 963+ members with 8 branches total. As of September 30, 2010, Branch 24 remains in group 1 with 763+ members, but now with 10 Branches. This gives more branches the opportunity to compete for awards. Please see your chair committee member on how you can help.

FRA hats (men's and women's style): There has been an increase in price and shipping costs when ordering hats from our supplier. The form has been posted on the FRA website or you may e-mail me at the branch at FRAbranch24@gmail.com and request a copy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Americanism/Patriotism: Essay Contest "What Patriotism Means to Me" for 2010/11 is open to all students grades seven through twelve. Grand Prize is \$10,000 in US savings bonds. For official rules visit www.fra.org/essay Shipmate Riddick will be the point of contact for the essay contest.

Veteran's Day Ceremonies will be on November 11th at 11 a.m. at Veterans' Circle on City Dock, Annapolis. We urge as many of you who are available to attend and show your support for our fellow Veterans.

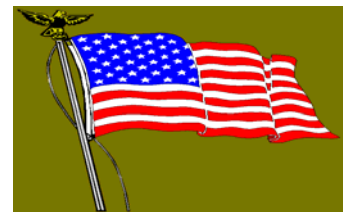
Audit, Budget and Finance: An audit is being conducted by Shipmate First Vice President Dave Field. The annual budget is being revised to adjust to dwindling income levels. If we do not increase our membership levels and improve our fund raising efforts we will be forced to make some drastic cuts in our spending. For the past five year we have had a steady drain from our savings account and we cannot continue to operate in this fashion.

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SHIPMATES WHO HAVE
RECEIVED ORDERS TO
SERVE ON THE STAFF OF
THE SUPREME COMMANDER

Harold S. Freeman, USN

REST IN PEACE





LADIES AUXILIARY



Unit 24

Fleet Reserve Association

November 2010

Loretta Jordan, President - 2825 Whitehouse Rd., Riva, MD 21140-1334 (410) 956-6015

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

We received a card from Jim and Carolyn Duffy thanking us for sending words of concern and flowers following their recent auto accident. They report that they both are recovering well.

Americanism: Kathy Cook (410) 943-3828

Theresa Smith reported taking 203 donated magazines to Bethesda Naval Hospital for distribution to patients. On Nov 10, Theresa will visit the VA Hospital in downtown Baltimore to deliver holiday packages and magazines to Veteran patients. Our Unit will be represented at the Nov. 11th Annapolis Veterans' Day Parade by Dorothy Carter, Theresa Smith, Kathy Bearden, Sylvia Wainio, Anne Tydings, Virginia Wheat and Loretta Jordan.

Welfare: Theresa Smith (410) 757-8768 tcpinksmith@verizon.net

Amanda and Theresa Smith delivered 59 coats to the Light House shelter (more than double the goal of 25), and still have 8 more to deliver. Theresa picked up items from Rosalie Loisou: hand-made lap blankets, scarves and 25 hats. Dorothy Beaudry donated twice, including Bingo gifts, \$20 for stamps, Christmas and note cards and over 80 magazines for the VA Hospital, lap blankets, scarves, coats, books for the Thrift Shop and Silent Auction items. Dorothy also made mouse ornaments as Christmas gifts to patients. Sarah's House was grateful for Halloween candy we donated. In Nov., Theresa will collect socks for the Light House Shelter. Stamps are still needed by Nov. 10 for the holiday gift packages. Still needed by Dec. to meet the goal of 120 each: 62 scarves and 88 lap blankets (either hand-made or purchased). Please contact Theresa with names of people needing Thanksgiving baskets. Virginia Wheat reminds us to lend a hand at the nursing home Bingo events held on the last Thurs. of each month. For donations, please call Theresa to pick up your items if needed – she is happy to do so!

Membership: Diane Hoover (410) 757-9325

This is a correction to last month's LOG regarding the status of Mattie Kovac's honorary membership: The LAFRA permits the granting of 5 new honorary memberships per year. The application for Mattie to become an honorary member of Unit 24 will be presented for vote at the 2011 National Convention. Diane reports that the latest membership report didn't have current totals; our current membership is 567 members plus 2 honorary members. Diane presented a 5-year pin to Irene Jordan, a 15-year pin to Annie Tydings, and a 20-year pin to Linda Honke for their years of LAFRA membership.

Youth Activities: Loretta Jordan (410) 956-6015 Girl Scout cookies are on sale now for \$4 per box. Loretta's Girl Scout Troop is hosting a Halloween program at Camp Woodlands entitled "Camp Spookland", which will present a daytime program for younger kids, and a haunted trail in the evening for older ones. The historic Girl Scout Teepee will feature a Haunted Kitchen. We were concerned to learn that Carol Probst's granddaughter, Kristen, was injured playing field hockey, and we wish Kristen a speedy recovery.

Hospital: Mary Ellen McGrath (410) 956-5454 Mary Ellen has been very busy in her volunteer duties at the AAMC Short Stay Unit. She will participate in the Lord & Taylor fashion show on Oct 30 (tickets are \$20). Please contact Mary Ellen to inform her of any Veterans who are in the hospital.

Publicity: Kathleen McCrudden (410) 255-4757

Notice of our meeting was published in the Capital and on the Hometown Annapolis website.

Unit Activities: Heather Matheu

Irene Jordan and Diane Hoover will co-chair our new event scheduled for Feb. 19, 2010. Assistance is needed for Las Vegas Night ticket sales. Please remember to donate an item for the Las Vegas Night silent auction to Theresa Smith.

Our upcoming events are as follows:

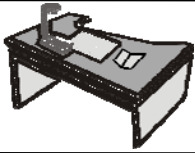
- Nov. 6, 2010 – Las Vegas Night
- Nov. 11, 2010 – Veteran's Day Parade
- Nov. (TBD) – Naval Academy's Massing of Colors
- Dec. 7, 2010 – Unit's Christmas Party
- Jan 27-29, 2011 – East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting
in Greenville, NC (Deadline for registration is Dec. 28)
- Feb. 19, 2011 – New fundraiser
- April 9, 2011 – Unit's annual Dance
- June 7, 2011 – Unit's Birthday Party and Past President's Dinner
- July 28-31, 2011 - East Coast Regional Convention in
Roanoke, VA

Ladies Auxiliary, FRA President's Message

Dear Ladies of Unit 24,

I want to thank you all for your donations to our welfare chairman's requests. You have kept Theresa quite busy. A reminder that the Ladies Las Vegas Night is fast approaching, Nov. 6th. Hopefully, you all can come down and bring a much-needed cake for our cake wheel. We are also doing a silent auction which will be a good opportunity to start on your Holiday shopping. Hope to see you all at the next meeting, Nov.2nd.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service
Loretta Jordan
Unit 24 President



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Hospital, Welfare, & Rehabilitation: Shipmate Ran Purdy is enduring another back surgery. Shipmate PNP Chuck McIntyre's arm has healed and he is out of the arm sling. Shipmate past president Rasmussen has been hospitalized but is now back home.

Legislative Services: Shipmate Duffy attended MOAA's meeting and is getting them involved extensively in the MVTF. They are gearing up to campaign to make your retirement pay tax free. \$5000 income is currently tax exempt in the state of Maryland. To become active in this campaign, contact shipmate Jim Duffy carduffy38@verizon.net (H) 410-263-3989

Membership & Retention: Shipmate Collins reported our current membership numbers. If you know someone who served enlisted time in the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, encourage them to join! They can join a local Branch or be a Member at Large; a membership application has been provided to you in this issue of the LOG.

If you would like to volunteer to assist the Membership Committee, please contact by email: Pleasala100@verizon.net or (301) 792-8465-Cell.

Youth Activities: The soap box derby cars are in need of a new storage housing and location. We are on the lookout for a storage area or perhaps a used construction trailer and a location to place it. If we do not find a new storage area we may be forced to give up our annual soap box derby participation. It has taken a long time for us to build the level of success we have achieved and it would be a real shame for us to have to give it up. Please contact President Don Hoover if you can provide any help in this area.

Public Relations: Shipmate Pete Lisko received his 65 year membership pin in the FRA. A letter was written by PRPEC Paul Dix to National for publication in the FRA magazine; keep an eye out for that in an upcoming issue!

Contributions: Nothing to report at this time.

Adopt-A-Highway: Contact Fred Grady if you would like to help at the next roadside clean-up in November Failte39@earthlink.net

Old Business: The family picnic was a success; after ticket sales and purchases, the branch gained \$214. Thanks again to Shipmate Second Vice President Jack Thibodeau for the donation of the bicycle that was raffled off.

The Veteran's Circle flag poles/fittings have being repaired. Please observe the new flags, poles and fittings at the next Veterans Day Parade on November 11th at 11a.m.

New Business: March 26th, 2011 is the date picked for Branch 24's annual fundraiser, Las Vegas Night. Mark your calendars now for this event.

TWO BELL CEREMONY: The Two Bell Ceremony was conducted in memory of the following shipmates now serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander: Harold S. Freeman, USN.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Thanks to everyone who supported the 2010 branch picnic. To those of you who were kind enough to support us through either the purchase of a picnic ticket or a ticket for the bike raffle, thank you!

A special thank you to the following shipmates, but for whom the picnic would not have been the success that it was with over 100 shipmates and family members attending: Brian Porter- the FRC Club Manager, Jim Duffy, Ron Gray, Bill Maxey Richard Bonnett, Ed MacGrath, Dan McGrath, Tom Robinson, President Don Hoover and the Ladies of the FRA Auxiliary for their support.

Again, My sincere thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely, Shipmate Jack Thibodeau –2010 Picnic Chair

ADJOURNMENT: After appropriate closing ceremonies, the meeting adjourned at 2045.



Fleet Reserve Club

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

The Chairman's Message

Well October was some month. Let's hope we don't have too many of them. We had a little water in the Club, about two inches. It was gone by the first weekend. Insurance claims have been submitted. The Boat Shows have come and gone. We've all had a good time as usual.

November happenings will be the Veterans Ceremony at the circle on Veterans Day. We also have Thanksgiving Day in which we can all watch for the Fleet's own contingent that will be marching in the Macy's Day Parade led by my wife Sylvia. Attending will be Bruce, the bartender, Sue Hogan, the O'Neills and the Hoovers.

I'm wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Respectfully,

Jack Wainio, Chairman
Board of Governors



Brian's Blotter

Special thanks to all the Boat Show volunteers this year! Each year, it is my sincere pleasure to work with all of you!

Special thanks go to Bob Mahoney and Jim Dugnan for helping around the Club with several "Odd Jobs."

Happy Thanksgiving! The Club will be **closed on Thur, Nov 25**, and will **reopen at 4:00 pm on Fri, Nov 26**.

Happy Birthday to the Marine Corps on Wed, Nov 10. The Club will have Chesty Puller Burgers all day for \$6!

This month's **\$12 Steak Dinner Night** will be on Sun, Nov 21, from 4:00-8:00 pm. Also, come down to the Fleet on Sundays to enjoy a delicious **Brunch** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Come enjoy **Sunday NFL Football at the Club**. We'll have NFL Networks REDZONE, and appetizers will be half price from 1:30-3:30 pm (limited appetizer menu)! Also, come to the Club to watch the **Navy Football Games** on Sat, Nov 6, with East Carolina; Sat, Nov 13, with Central Michigan; and Sat, Nov 20, with Arkansas State.

Remember that **Election Day** is Tue, Nov 2, and that **Daylight Savings Time** ends on Sun, Nov 7.

Sincerely,

Brian Porter, General Manager



Dinner Dances in November

- Fri, Nov 5 – Oracle Members Dance (Tickets only)
- Fri, Nov 12 – Gary and the Groove
- Fri, Nov 19 – Annapolis Junction 10-Piece Band and Senior Mixer – Call the Club for special seating reservations to be joined with other Senior Singles
- Sat, Nov 20 – Karaoke with JD
- Fri, Nov 26 – Frank and Trish & Dance Contest – Practice your dance moves and win a Trophy!

LAFRA Las Vegas Night



Saturday, November 6
6:00 pm – 12:00 Midnight



Members Annual Dance

Fri, Nov 5 - Featuring ORACLE Band
6:00 pm - Hors D'oeuvres
7:00 pm – Buffet Dinner, Dessert & Coffee
\$35 Per Person – Cash Bar
Seating based on earliest ticket sales

November 2010 BRANCH * UNIT* FRC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Unit 24 Meeting 7:35 BOD 7:00 Branch 24 BOD 1900	3	4	5 Members Gala Dinner Dance ORACLE Band \$35 PP/Tickets available now	6 LAS VEGAS NIGHT 6:00-12:00p.m. \$12PP W/ Buffet
7	8	9 Branch24/ Meeting 1900	10 USMC Birthday 	11 Veterans' Day	12 Dinner Dance Gary and the Groove	13 NAVY vs. Central Michigan HOME GAME
14	15	16 FRC BOG 1900	17	18 Gardeners Club Meeting 7:00 / Holiday Decora- tions Demo	19 Dinner Dance Annapolis Junc- tion 10-piece Band and Sen- ior Mixer	20 Karaoke Night w/ JD 8:00 pm NAVY vs. Ar- kansas State Home GAME!
21 Texas Larry Steak Dinner Night 4:00-8:00 \$12pp	22	23	24 DEADLINE for Poinsettia Orders \$12 Barbara Grady 410-757-0657	25 Thanksgiving Day CLUB CLOSED Through Friday	26 OPEN at 4p.m. Dinner Dance Frank & Trish Dance Contest	27
28	29	30	December 1	December 2 	December 3 Poinsettia Pickups 1-6 p.m.	December 5 Poinsettia Pickups 9a.m-2p.m.

DO YOU KNOW ?

Each year we lose a lot of our members who fail to renew their membership and most of the time it is strictly oversight because they were unaware of the fact that their membership had expired. The FRA is your lobby arm before congress to protect your rights and benefits and most of all to watch over the interests of our young enlisted folks serving around the world. Congress pays attention when the FRA speaks because of the number of shipmates that we represent, numbers are important, the higher our membership number the more clout we carry. Branch 24 is the largest branch in the FRA and we would like to maintain that distinction so it is important that we retain all our present members as well as actively recruit new members to our ranks. We have a lot to offer especially in Branch 24 with such a large assembly of great shipmates, a wonderful branch home and club, great activities all year long as well as the other benefits enjoyed by all the branches of the FRA. Each year the club (FRC) makes available new parking stickers and keycard for our club participants and when your application is submitted for a new parking sticker or keycard your membership in the branch is verified to insure that it is current. If your membership in the branch is not current your request for club access cannot be processed and thus starts a sometimes lengthy process of getting your membership up to date. You can be prepared, go online to www.fra.org and verify your membership information, the login instructions are posted on the website and easy to follow. You can edit your site information and ensure it is correct and up to date, know your expiration date and remain pro-active to prevent unwanted termination. If you travel out of the area, maintain your membership as we are always anxious to welcome you back.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service, President, Don Hoover

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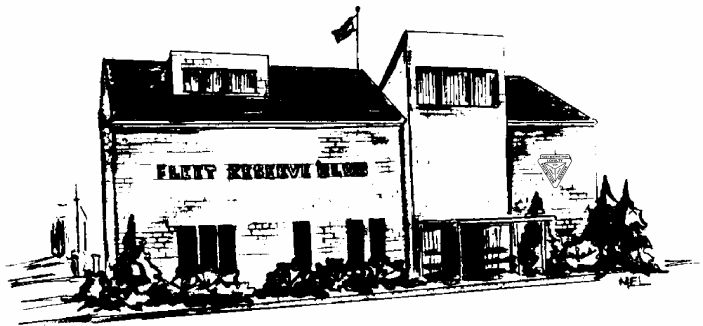
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