



THE LOG



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Branch and Unit 24

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Dear Shipmates and Ladies,

The new face of the LOG will be published on a bi-monthly basis due to rising costs. You will continue to be notified of all the events we are working on and activities going on at the club. The biggest change is that Branch minutes will be posted and archived online at our website: www.fra24.org. We will continue to post up-to-date information on the website and notification e-mails from the Branch Secretary will be kept to a minimum. Please contact us by email at FRAbranch24@gmail.com or by phone at 4110-267-0621 and let us know what you think?

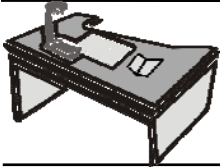
In this issue, you can find detailed information of the next Fleet Reserve Association National Convention to be held in Kansas City, Missouri. The conventions are a great way to meet shipmates from near and far whose common goal is to maintain the benefits of those serving and those who have served. By attending 6 Branch meetings in a twelve month period just prior to the convention, you will be eligible to receive a stipend to help offset some of your travel expenses as an elected convention delegate.

We need you to get involved and recruit members!! We post an application in every issue of the **LOG** and I'm sure you know someone who has served enlisted time in the Marine Corps, Navy or the Coast Guard. Bring them onboard and get them involved in the FRA. A few reasons are listed below on why they & you should join and get involved, visit www.fra.org for details.

No organization lobbies more effectively on behalf of active duty, reserve and veteran Sea Services personnel than the FRA. The Association understands the needs of enlisted personnel and has served as your voice on Capitol Hill for more than 80 years. The FRA is the only organization to exclusively represent the interests of enlisted personnel before Congress and remains committed to bringing their perspective to lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

Family members are eligible to join the Auxiliary of the FRA! Are you a wife, sister, daughter, stepdaughter, husband, brother, son, stepson, mother, widow, granddaughter, grandmother, father, widower, grandson or grandfather of someone who is eligible to be in the FRA?

- The FRA is a congressionally chartered, non-profit association committed to improving pay, benefits and the quality of life for our members and their families.
- There is NO LAW on the books to protect the pay and benefits you've earned. Your benefits can be reduced or repealed during any legislative cycle.
- Because there are no guarantees that benefits will not be changed, it is important to have advocates representing your needs and the needs and concerns of your family!



BRANCH 24

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Secretary, Valerie Reed

The flag and accompanying certificate pictured below were presented to Shipmate President Don Hoover and the shipmates of Branch 24 at our annual Past Presidents Dinner. The certificate reads as follows:

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

Be it known by all, this flag was flown on Thanksgiving Day, the 25th of November, 2010, in the face of the enemy, illuminated in the dark by the light of justice, and bears witness to the removal of terrorist forces threatening the freedom of the United States of America. This flag was flown with great honor and pride onboard a US Navy P-3 Orion aircraft during a combat mission over Afghanistan in direct support of the Global War on Terrorism in remembrance of all who lost their lives on the 11th of September, 2011.

PRESENTED TO:

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION BRANCH 24 – Annapolis, MD

Thank you for your Service. Shipmates you stand relieved...we have the watch!

Yates Mondy
LCDR, USN
Mission Commander

Mike Saylor
LCDR, USN
Senior Coordinator

Don Hoover Jr.
IS1 USNR
In-flight Observer

Shipmate Don Hoover Jr. is the son of Don and Diane Hoover and this award was presented to the Branch by their other three children Doug Hoover, Denise Gutierrez and Dustin Hoover. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, Don, for this precious gift and it is proudly on display in the lobby of our branch home, the Fleet Reserve Club of Annapolis. On behalf of all the shipmates of Branch 24 to you and all the others serving around the world, thank you for your services and dedication.



Clockwise starting from the Left, Back Row: President Don Hoover, PP William Maxey, PRPEC Claire Purdy, PP George Dorsey, PP Jack Wainio, PP Gene Rasmussen, PP Bob Jenkins, PP Ken Carter, PRPEC Paul Dix



LADIES AUXILIARY



Unit 24

Fleet Reserve Association

MARCH/APRIL 2011

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UNIT MEETINGS: Regular meetings are held the first Tues. of each month at 7:35 p.m. The Board of Directors meetings precede the regular meetings at 7 p.m.

Chaplain: Linda Masterson (410) 263-3569 Our charter was draped in memory of our sister member, Helen Buckley, who passed away on January 7, 2011. We will contact Helen's family and make a charitable donation in her name. Member Barbara Howard passed away on Jan. 20, 2011, and we will perform a service for her upon further notification from her husband.

Americanism: Kathy Cook (410) 943-3828 Our Unit was represented at the 2011 East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting held Jan. 27-29 in Greenville, NC. by Dorothy Carter, Sylvia Wainio, Susan Hogan, Toni O'Neill, Diane Hoover, Theresa Smith and Loretta Jordan. Our members wore patriotic colors to our January meeting. Toni O'Neill is set to work with Alzheimers patients on Feb. 23 helping them to make patriotic flower arrangements in honor of Presidents Day. Diane reports that she will host the Hospitality Room at this year's Annual Pilgrimage, with help from Theresa Smith and Amanda Smith.

Welfare: Theresa Smith (410) 757-8768 Donations of white T-shirts and socks are still being accepted. In March, please donate canned soup for the Light House shelter. In April, Easter candy for Sarah's House will be collected. Quilts are still needed for the VA Hospital. The blue barrel is located in the Club lobby for your convenience in dropping off donated items.

Membership: Diane Hoover (410) 757-9325 Correction: Kathryn Ludvigsen is already enrolled as a member, and is eligible to be sworn in. Kathy Bearden reported on the status of renewals of past due memberships, as we work to retain our members. Please remember to renew your membership when due, and remind family members to do the same.

Youth Activities: Loretta Jordan (410) 956-6015 Loretta Jordan reported that she presented an American Flag to one Brownie troop, and is scheduled to make two more presentations. Drivers ages 8-17 are needed for the annual Soap Box Derby set for Sat. June 18th; for more information and to see past years' photos, go to <http://dcsoapboxderby.org/>. Please remember to save and turn in your Campbell's soup labels and box tops.

Hospital: Mary Ellen McGrath (410) 956-5454 Flowers were sent to member Pat Hall who has not been feeling well. A card will be sent to Beverly App. Please contact Mary Ellen to inform her of any Veterans who are in the hospital. Virginia Wheet reminds us that help is always needed and appreciated for Bingo at the Nursing home held on the last Thursday of each month.

Publicity: Kathleen McCrudden (410) 255-4757 Notice of our meeting was published on the Hometown Annapolis website.

Unit Activities: Heather Matheu Sylvia Wainio asks that each member bring a small refreshment to share at our March meeting. Toni O'Neill and June Rasmussen will head our election committee this year. Remember to get your "Pirates of the Chesapeake" costume ready for our Unit's dance on 4/9/11; tickets are on sale now. Contact Mary-ellen McGrath for more information by phone or at memgrath08@gmail.com.

Our upcoming events are as follows:

April 9, 2011 – Unit's annual Dance (Mary-ellen McGrath)

April 16, 2011 – Annual Pilgrimage

June 18, 2011 – 70th Annual Soap Box Derby in DC

Kathleen McCrudden-Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Ladies,

Our log will be bi-monthly starting this month March/April. You can also ask to have it sent via email to save on paper. Just let us know.

For March, the Las Vegas night on Sat. the 26, we will need cakes for the cake wheel and workers to help make this event a success. A volunteer sheet is up in the hallway of the FRC. For April we will have our Pirate Dance on the 9th.

Members and guests, get your tickets early! Our Annual Pilgrimage wreath laying ceremony at Arlington Cemetery is April 16th starting at 3:00 that day at the Mast of the Maine. Let us know if you can attend these events.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Shipmates:

Hopefully, summer is just around the corner and by the time I sit to write my next message it will be in full swing. It has been a busy year and hard to believe that it is almost over. As shipmate secretary Valerie said, we have gone to a bimonthly Log due to the overwhelming cost associated with printing and distribution. Please keep us informed about your opinion of how we are doing and what you feel we might want to include in our new format, we are very interested in your opinion.

What a pleasure it was to see so many past presidents at our recent dinner, over the past 83 years we have had some great leadership and it is an honor to be among such a distinguished group of shipmates.

I will have to admit that I was overwhelmed with emotion while accepting the Operation Enduring Freedom certificate and Flag sent from my son, Don Jr. This was a real surprise and words cannot express how proud I am of Don for sending this to the shipmates of Branch 24. I want to thank his two brothers and his sister who took the time and made the effort to make this presentation, I am eternally grateful. This award is proudly on display in the lobby of the Fleet Reserve Club just outside the office door, please take a look at it the next time you visit.

Starting March 21st the Club will be holding game night on Monday night from 1800 to 2200 to provide activities of interest in which shipmates and club members would like to participate. Games that have been suggested are Acey Deucey, Spades, Hearts, Pinochle, Backgammon, Mexican Train (Dominos), Cribbage and the like; if we missed your game let us know. We are playing for bragging rights only, but if we find a large interest we will continue to make these games available and who knows what it might lead too?

Come out to our branch meeting and get involved. We need all of our local shipmates to come out and participate.

We are starting to put our 2011 Fleet Reserve Family of Annapolis Race Team together and we are looking for interested drivers. Participants must be between the ages of 8 and 16 and be willing to learn and participate. We have had great success over the past few years with seven first place winners from our team. If you have children who are interested in participating, then notify via email at dajhoover@bigplanet.com and I will put you on the call list. For more information visit the All American web site at www.sbd.org or the Greater Washington page at www.dcsopboxderby.org and take a look around.

Look forward to seeing you soon.
In Loyalty, Protection and Service
Shipmate President, Don Hoover

Las Vegas Night

Saturday March 26, 2011

6:00 - 11:00 pm

Fleet Reserve Club

100 Compromise Street

Annapolis, MD 21401

(410) 263-4614



Tickets: \$10.00 per person

Includes a light buffet and chance in a \$200 Raffle Drawing

Cash Bar

Games include: Poker, Black Jack, Colored Dice, Cake and Prize Wheel, Horse Races

Shipmate Dave Field:

It is with much regret that I have to announce that our elected First Vice President, Shipmate Dave Field has relocated to Warner Robins, Georgia. He has submitted his formal resignation as a Branch Officer and we have moved Shipmate Jack Thibodeau up to the first VP Position. We wish Dave the best of luck in GA, and in a recent phone conversation he told me that he is busy establishing a golf schedule. Shipmate Dave, Thanks for all your hard work, you will be missed at all future Branch Functions.

In Loyalty, Protection & Service,
From all your Shipmates at Branch 24

Fleet Reserve Club, March/April 2011

**St. Patrick's Day,
Thursday, March 17th**

**Special Menu
11:30-2:30pm Lunch
5-8pm Dinner**



**Don't forget to wear your
Green!**

Regular Menu available with IRISH SPECIALS!!

**Texas Larry Steak
Dinner Night!**

Sunday, Mar 13th, 4:00-8:00 pm

*Marinated Choice Strip Steak, garden salad,
fresh green beans, baked potato with sour
cream and butter, and hot rolls. Steaks are
specially seasoned, marinated and cooked to
order by Larry on the outside grill! All for \$12.*

**New Members Orientation for
Corporate & Associate Veterans**

Wed, Mar 9, 7:00 pm

*All must provide proof of eligibility
Do you have a friend you can recommend?*

Fleet Reserve Gardener's Club

Due to small participation The Gardners Club will be meeting quarterly May, August, October and December.
Look for information in the April Log.



**Dance Contest
Friday March 25th
with
Frank & Trish Curreri**

*Trophy Awarded to Best Dance Couple!
Bring your best Dance CD and your Dancing
Shoes!*

March Galley Specials

Half Price Happy Hour Specials
*Tuesday through Friday from 4:00-6:00 pm
Different appetizer each night!*

Lunch Specials Every Day!
Ask Wanda or Liz for the Special of the Day

Tuesday Night

\$6 Dollar Chesty Puller Burger Night!!

Our Homemade Fresh 8oz Angus Chesty Puller Burgers are \$6 Bucks Every Tuesday Night! Your Choice of Cheese, Toppings & Side!

Wednesday Night

All You Can Eat Mussels! \$12 per person.
Served as Garlic and Wine Style or Marinara Style. Both with Garlic Bread.

Thursday Night

Endless Spaghetti & Meatballs Special!

Comes with Caesar Salad & Garlic Bread all for \$9.95!

Friday Night



Fish Fry! \$14.95 Fish Dinner includes house salad, fresh veggies, potatoes, bread and butter. Ask your server for the catch of the day!

Saturday Night

Steak and Steamed Shrimp! 8 oz. Choice Strip Steak with 6 large Steamed Shrimp. Includes garden salad, fresh veggies, potatoes, bread and butter – All for \$18.95.

Sunday Night

Pork Chop Dinner Night! \$14.95 for Two 8 oz. Center Cut Seasoned Pork Chops, fresh veggies, mashed potatoes & gravy, house salad and buttered rolls.

Full menu always available with specials!

◀ February	~ March 2011 ~						▶ April
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 Branch/Unit BOD 1900 Unit 24 General Meeting 1935	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8  Branch 24 Meeting 1900	9  New Members Orientation 1900	10	11 Gary & The Groove	12	
13 Steak Night 4-8pm \$12 pp 	14	15 FRC BOG 1900	16	17  Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18 Annapolis Junction 10 piece band	19	
20 First Day Of Spring: Free Rita's Italian ice! 	21 6pm Game Night	22	23	24	25 Frank & Trish Dinner Dance	26 6pm Las Vegas Night \$10 Includes Buffet	
27	28 6pm Game Night	29	30	31	Notes:		

◀ March	~ April 2011 ~						▶ May
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1  APRIL FOOL	2	
3	4 6pm Game Night	5 Branch/Unit BOD 1900 Unit 24 General Meeting 1935	6	7	8	CLC Meeting 1400 Branch 67 5006 Suitland Rd. Suitland, MD Aux Dance @ FRC Chesapeake Pirates	
10 Steak Night 4-8pm \$12 pp	11 6pm Game Night	12 Branch 24 Meeting 1900	13 New Members Orientation 1900	14	15  Gary & The Groove	16 3pm Aux Annual Pilgrimage to Mast of the Maine at Arlington Cemetery	
17  PALM SUNDAY	18	19  FRC BOG 1900	20	21	22 Annapolis Junction 10 piece band	23 FRA Information booth Call Pres. to volunteer	
24  Easter Brunch	25	26	27	28 B-I-N-G-O @ the Nursing Home	29 Frank & Trish Dinner Dance	30	

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I would like to join for: 1 Year, \$30 2 Years, \$57 (first time members \$48) 3 Years, \$85.50 5 Years, \$135



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Service: USN USMC USCG Status: Active Reserve Retired Veteran Spouse's Name: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail Address: _____

Recruited By: _____ Member No.: _____ Branch No.: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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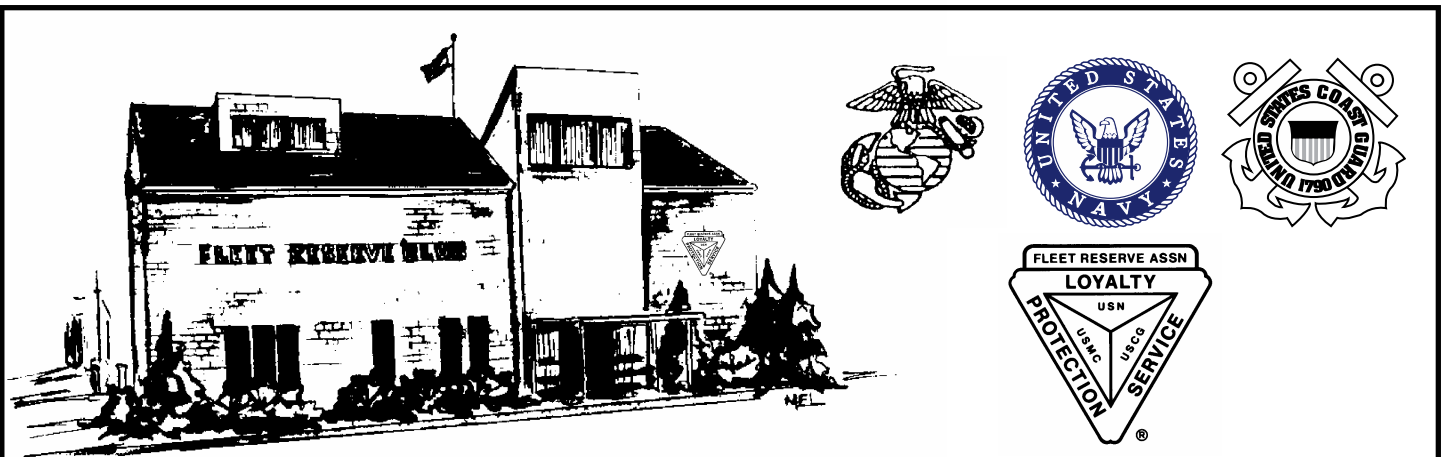
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