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Branch and Unit 24

JULY/AUGUST 2011

President's Report

Branch 24 Website
www.fra24.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Past Events

14 June Branch 24 General Meeting and Installation of Branch/Unit Officers-A special thanks to Past Regional President, East Coast Paul Dix, for conducting the Installation ceremony, and to Brian and his staff for providing a delicious meal and great service.

16 Jun All American Soap Box Derby. Branch, Unit and FRC annually sponsor this lively event.

Upcoming Events

04 July Independence Day

05 July Board of Directors meeting 1900 at the FRC

12 July Branch 24 regular meeting 1900 at the FRC

19 July FRC BOG Meeting

23 July CLC 50 Year Dinner Dance Celebration at Branch 93, PAX River, 21707 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653 for reservations contact Chairman Art Solano (703)536-5791 capacity is 80

28-31 July - East Coast Regional Convention in Roanoke, VA. Reservations can be made by calling (540)563-9300. Opening Ceremonies Friday @1300

2 Aug Board of Directors meeting 1900 at the FRC

4 Aug Happy Birthday, U.S. Coast Guard

9 Aug Branch 24 regular meeting 1900 at the FRC

16 Aug FRC BOG Meeting

September We are in the process of making plans for the annual picnic which is scheduled for **September 17th**. Please plan to come out and enjoy the fun food and camaraderie.

24-30 OCT 84th FRA National Convention at The Hyatt Regency Crown Center, 2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, Missouri, USA 64108. Call for reservations at 816-421-1234. Make sure to ask for the FRA/LAFRA Convention room rates. \$107 a night plus applicable taxes. Detailed Convention itinerary is available on the homepage at www.FRA.org



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear shipmates,

As your president for 2011/2012 I pledge to do everything in my power to make sure that Branch 24 continues to be the greatest branch in the FRA. We are beginning to see more attendance at the monthly meetings and more members participating in various activities. Very special thanks to Shipmate Mark Intihar for his help with our Soap Box Derby Race team. Mark helped out on inspection day and again on race day and his support contributed directly to our success on race day. Be sure to check out the race day information on page 4.

Our joint installation of officers with the Auxiliary was a very nice event and was well-attended. My thanks to the folks at the club for a great dinner and a lovely evening.

Many of you know the branch has submitted a resolution to place my name in nomination for the position of East Coast Regional Vice President. We have sent notices to all the regional branches and I have mailed letters to all the current past regional presidents requesting their support. If elected to this position I will do all that I can to support the branches of the East Coast Region. I am looking forward to having a great year and working with you all to promote our branch and the FRA.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,

Don Hoover, President Branch 24, FRA

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WELCOME ABOARD NEW SHIPMATES:

* Jason Bowers * Anthony Harris * Mark Intihar *
Kurt Johanson * Stephen Metz * Rex Rambo
* James Shott * Christopher Slater * Ronald Spratt *
David Walker * Christopher Abair * Michael Belanger
* Michael Bottge * Shearman Bowers * Carl Braun *
Kenneth Britton * Robert Burge Patrick Cahill
* Ross Chaffin * Joseph Cherneski * John Chmielewski *
Timothy Cook * Tim Crum * Fred Grages * Kevin Green
* Howard Hale * Grover Macey Jr. * William Paintar *
Martin Riley III * Timothy Waldron * Reneta Walker

MINUTES OF BRANCH/UNIT 24 JOINT INSTALLATION MEETING 14 JUNE 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Don Hoover at 2000. After appropriate opening ceremonies, a **Motion** was made: That the normal order of business be suspended and we move to New Business for the Joint Installation of Officers. **Seconded. Approved.**

New Business

President Hoover turned over the gavel to Unit 24 President Loretta Jorden who introduced, Irene Jorden who re-installed President Loretta Jorden and the Officers for Year 2011-12. Following a brief acceptance speech President Jorden presented Past Officer Pins to those who served with her in 2010-11.

President Loretta Jorden returned the gavel to President Hoover who introduced PRPEC Paul Dix who installed the following officers into Annapolis Branch 24: President: Don Hoover; 1st Vice President Penny Collins; 2nd Vice President Richard Bonnett; Board of Directors: PRPEC Claire Purdy, PP George Dorsey, PP Jack Wainio, Jack Thibodeau, Dan McGrath, Ed McGrath, John Gough, Jack O'Neil. Stand-in proxies for Jr. PP Greg De Veau was PP Ken Carter; and for John Holloway was Secretary Reed. Shipmates Jim Duffy and William Maxey will be sworn in at a later date.

President Don Hoover thanked the Branch for electing him President and stated that with the help and cooperation of all Branch members that Branch 24 will have a successful year. President Hoover then presented the Past Officer Pin to Jack Thibodeau. David Field will receive his in Georgia where he has relocated.

On behalf of the members of Branch 24, Secretary Reed presented a gift to President Hoover in recognition of the service he gave to Branch 24 and the Fleet Reserve Association as President during the period 2010-2011.

President Hoover thanked PRPEC Paul Dix for being the Installing Officer and presented a gift to him.

TWO BELL CEREMONY A Two Bell Ceremony was conducted in honor of Shipmates who now serve on the staff of the Supreme Commander.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

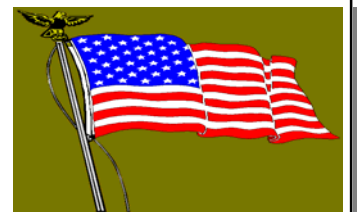
PRPEC Dix read a formal resolution for a vote to place the name of Shipmate Donald Hoover in nomination for the office of Regional Vice President East Coast Region, FRA for the association year 2011-12. A Motion was made. Seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Shipmates continued to speak as desired on the Good of the Order.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Max R. Dellinger





LADIES Auxiliary



Unit 24

Fleet Reserve Association

July 2011

Loretta Jorden, President 410-956-6015
 Katherine Bearden, Vice President 410-255-6620
 Kathleen McCruden, Executive Secretary 410-255-4757
 Diane Hoover, Financial Secretary 410-757-9325
 Linda Masterson, Chaplain 410-757-9325
 Irene Jorden, Treasurer

Sergeants at Arms: June Rasmussen Dorothy Carter
 Board of Directors: Amanda Smith MaryEllen McGrath
 Barbara Hrynshen June Rasmussen Linda Masterson
 Toni O'Neill Theresa Smith Janice Palko-Jenkins
 Anne Tydings Dorothy Carter Ida Guerra

UNIT MEETINGS: 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 A birthday card was sent to Charter member Virginia Wheat.

Americanism and Patriotism: Kathy Cook (410) 943-3828

At the 25th Annual massing of the colors at Fort Meade on May 15 at 2:30 pm our Unit was represented by Linda Masterson, Toni O'Neill, Loretta Jorden, and Barbara Hrynshen. At the Annapolis Memorial Day parade, our Unit was represented by Dorothy Carter, Irene Romero, Loretta Jorden, Mary Ellen McGrath and Linda Masterson.

Welfare: Theresa Smith (410) 757-8768

tcpinksmith@verizon.net Theresa and her mom, Pat Hall visited Walter Reed Hospital during the past month to donate candy and quilts through to the Wounded Warriors program. Again this year, linens are needed for Camp Greentop. Next month old linens will be collected for the animal rescue center. Bello Machre is always in need of large bibs for disabled adults, and Theresa has easy-to-sew patterns available for those who can help to make them. Theresa announced that the project for the upcoming holiday season will be 120 scarves for donation to hospital patients. Also, 40 knitted hats are needed for some of the patients who aren't able to use the scarves. To benefit Charlotte Hall Hospital we are selling raffle tickets for a handmade quilt in patriotic colors - \$3 each or 2 for \$5.

Membership: Diane Hoover (410) 757-9325

Kathy Bearden reports that our membership number still stands at 556; the April report is due to arrive next week.

Youth Activities: Loretta Jorden (410) 956-6015

Game show night involved 83 kids and all had a lot of fun. Virginia Jorden did a great job organizing and running the event. Loretta is still running the snack shack at the park, though she is not coaching for the first time in 17 years. She will take 6 of our Unit members on a trip with her Girl Scout Troop to Europe this summer, where they will visit England, Paris and Switzerland. Again this year we sponsored drivers in the DC Soap Box Derby. See <http://dcsoapboxderby.org/> for more information and to see photos.

Hospital: Mary Ellen McGrath (410) 956-5454

During the month of May, Toni O'Neill sent 10 cards. Three hospital visits were made during the same period.

Bingo at the nursing home went well, thanks to Theresa Smith, Dottie Carter, Annie Tydings and Virginia Wheat.

Publicity: Kathleen McCruden (410) 255-4757

Notice of our meeting was published on the Hometown Annapolis website as well as in the Capital Gazette.

Unit Activities: Heather Matheu

Mary Ellen reported on the Pirates of the Chesapeake dance which made a profit of \$1,352. A great time was had by all who attended the dance, as well as by the Dance committee members in planning the event. Sylvia and Heather organized our annual Unit Birthday Party and Past Presidents' Dinner which was held on June 7. Past presidents' dinners were paid for by the Unit, and we were happy that several of our friends were able to travel from out of the area to join us for the event which included a lovely buffet dinner. We dined on roast beef, fried chicken, special side dishes and appetizers provided by the ladies, and birthday cake.

Dates to Remember:

July 23 CLC 50 year Celebration
 July 28-31 ECR Convention, Roanoke, VA
 Oct 24-30 Natl' Convention

Kathleen McCruden-Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Unit Members,

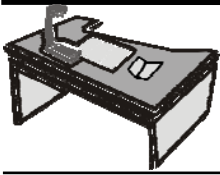
I want to thank you all for a wonderful 48th birthday dinner. Having 9 out of 15 Past Presidents was a great achievement.

It was good to talk to some of you who couldn't make it but promised to come in the future. Thanks to the branch members who also came and enjoyed the evening with us.

We had a great Memorial Day celebration, thanks to all who participated.

Our new year starts in July; hope to see some more of you at the meetings. Have a safe and relaxing summer.

**In Loyalty, Protection and Service
 Loretta Jorden, President Unit 24**



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New Updates VA List of Vessels Exposed to Agent Orange

FRA urges all Vietnam veterans to review the latest updates to a list of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard (USCG) vessels exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam Era. The updated list (www.fra.org/agentorange) is maintained by the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs (VA) and is of particular interest to those former service members experiencing health problems related to herbicide exposure. If service aboard one of the listed vessels can be confirmed, it may help expedite claims for VA health and disability benefits. Veterans should understand that the list is not complete and presumption of exposure will not be denied solely because a veteran's ship is not on it.

To start a claim, contact your nearest VA Regional Office (www.vba.va.gov/vba/benefits/offices.asp) or contact Chris Slawinski, FRA's national veterans service officer, at vafra@fra.org or 1-800-FRA-1924 (ext. 115).

Revising the VA's Agent Orange policy is a top priority for the Association and is repeatedly addressed in FRA's congressional testimony and in discussions with legislators and their staff. FRA strongly supports "The Agent Orange Equity Act" (H.R. 812), sponsored by Rep. Bob Filner (Calif.), that would authorize the VA to presume service-connection for veterans and retirees suffering from ailments related to exposure to Agent Orange if they served in the waters off the coast of or in the skies above Vietnam. Those impacted by herbicide exposure and others are urged to visit FRA's Action Center (www.capwiz.com/fra/issues/alert/?alertid=32082506) to communicate with their elected leaders on this issue.

The article above and to the right came from FRA's NewsBytes. If you would like to subscribe to these important announcements, email member services at mserfra@FRA.org or you may view them online under "news" through your FRA account at www.FRA.org.

Senate Approves Panetta as SecDef

The Senate unanimously approved Leon Panetta to become the next Secretary of Defense (SecDef) this week. Senators from both sides of the aisle praised Panetta's work as director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the early 1990s and his most recent position as director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA, 2009-2011). Panetta is expected to assume his new post early next month, replacing Robert Gates who has been SecDef for the past four-and-a-half years.

One of Panetta's first tasks as SecDef will be to implement President Obama's plan to withdraw U.S. troop from Afghanistan.

Soap Box Derby-Branch 24, Youth Activities

Jointly with Unit 24 and the Club (FRC) we supported 16 drivers in this year's race and we captured first place in stock car division and second place in super stock.

Our first place winner in stock car was one of my grandsons Dustin Hoover Jr. (DJ) who will be traveling to Akron Ohio to represent the Branch, Unit and Club in the International Race.

Marissa Sink was our second place winner in the super stock division and she also won a trophy for best decoration for her car. Marissa's car is the feature car on the derby website and is also displayed on the FRC Facebook link at www.frcannapolis.org.

Check out all the great pictures of this year's race event at the DC derby web page www.dcsobboxderby.org.

This year all of our racers were new and I will bet that a lot of them will be racing with us for a long time. This is a great group of kids and it was really a pleasure to work with them in getting their cars ready and again on race day. Our drivers are already preparing for fall rally races in preparation for next year's event. Thank you all for your support of this great youth activities event.

Chairman, Don Hoover

Fleet Reserve Club, July/August 2011

4th of July Celebration!

Dinner & Fireworks!

The Club will close at 2pm that day and reopen at 4:00pm for ticket holders only. Dinner will be served from 5:00-7:00pm followed immediately by Dessert from 7:00-8:00pm. *Please be prompt as we cannot hold dinner while serving Dessert.*

This will be an open seating event which may require you to share your table if space is needed. Many current members have made lifelong friends this way!



FRC PIG ROAST!

Saturday, July 23rd 4pm-9pm
\$25 per person



Includes All You Can Eat Pig Roast, Several Side Dishes, Dessert and Sodas, Miller Lite or Coors Light Draft Beer!

Limited Tickets Available Now!!

New Members Orientation for Corporate & Associate Veterans

Wed., July, 13 at 7:00 pm

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

Fleet Reserve Gardener's Club



Next Meeting in August!

Contact Toni O'Neill
410-295-9709

Lobster Dinner Night!

Wed July 20th, \$29.95 per person.
1-1/4 lb Fresh Maine Lobster
Includes salad, baked potato, corn on the cob, Asparagus, Rolls and Key Lime Pie for dessert.

Please call for reservations by Sun July 17th



Dinner Specials

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

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Ask Wanda or Liz for the Special of the Day

Monday Night

All You Can Eat Mussels! \$12.95 per person. Served as Garlic and Wine Style or Marinara Style. Both with Garlic Bread.

Tuesday Night

Burger Night! \$2.50 Off Half Pound Angus Beef Burgers!

Wednesday Night

Sailing Races Special Half Pound Large Steamed Spiced Shrimp \$10.00. Come down and enjoy the Wednesday Night Sailing Races In Annapolis Harbor!

Thursday Night

Chicken Marsala Dinner

Two Chicken Breasts Sautéed with Mushrooms, Prosciutto & Marsala Wine. Includes Garden Salad, Fresh Veggies, Potatoes, Rolls & Butter. \$14.95

Friday Night

Fish Fry Friday!

Various selections each week. Includes house salad, veggies, potatoes & bread. \$14.95



Saturday Night

Steak and Steamed Shrimp! 8 oz. Choice Strip Steak with 6 large Steamed Shrimp. Includes house salad, veggies, potatoes & bread. \$19.95

Sunday Night

Pork Chop Dinner!

Two 8-Ounce Center Cut Seasoned & Pan-Fried Pork Chops. Includes Garden Salad, Fresh Veggies, Potatoes, Rolls & Butter \$14.95

Full menu always available with specials!

| ~ July 2011 ~ | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|-----|-------------------------------------|--|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| EVERY SUNDAY BRUNCH 10a.m.-1p.m. | | | | | 1 Every Friday is Fish Fry Night | 2 |
| 3 | 4th of July Dinner & Fireworks A Ticket-only event See FRC page for detailed info. | 5 Branch/Unit 24 BOD 1900 Unit 24 Meeting 1935 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 Branch 24 Meeting 1900 | 13 FRC New Members Orientation 1900 | 14 | 15 | 16 DEADLINE to make reservations for 20 July, Lobster Dinner |
| 17 Texas Larry Steak Night 4-8pm \$12pp | 18 | 19 FRC BOG Meeting 1900 | 20 Lobster Dinner Reservations Required | 21 | 22 | 23 4pm FRC Pig Roast \$25 Includes sides Draft Coors & Miller sodas & dessert |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | FRC Happy Hour: Select 1/2 Price Appetizers Monday through Friday, 4-6 p.m. | | | | |  |

| ~ August 2011 ~ | | | | | | |
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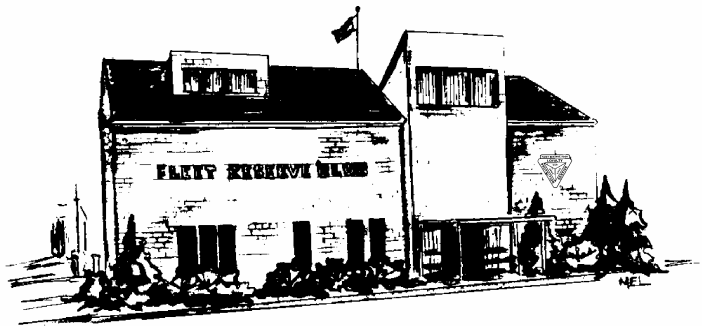
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