



# THE LOG



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Branch and Unit 24

SEPT/OCT 2011

## President's Report

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### PAST EVENTS

**CLC 50 YEAR Celebration at Pax River, Branch 93.** If you haven't visited this club, make an effort to do so; it's just past the aviation museum. 21707 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653 (301) 863-8291

**East Coast Region Convention: 9 delegates from Branch 24 were in attendance. 3 ribbons were awarded for our participation in Hospital, Welfare, & Rehab; American & Patriotism; Youth Activities; & President Hoover was elected ECR Vice President.**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 17th - Branch 24 Annual Picnic: MWR Annapolis Bay Room at Greenbury Point, Naval Station Annapolis (keep left and drive through the Naval Academy Golf Course) 1300-1700.**

**Sept 6**

**4 October - Branch/Unit B.O.D. meeting 1900 at the FRC . Unit regular monthly meeting 7:35p.m.**

**11 October - Branch 24 regular monthly meeting 1900 at the MOOSE LODGE 1890 Crownsville Road**

**6-10 October: U.S. Sailboat Show in Annapolis**

**15 October 1400 CLC, 5006 Suitland Rd., Suitland**

**13-16 October: U.S. Powerboat Show in Annapolis**

**24-30 October: FRA National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri**

**11 November: Annual Veterans Day Parade at Veterans' Circle Downtown Annapolis.**

**18 November: Las Vegas Night at the FRC.**

**Join the FRA e-mail list and get announcements and reminders from the Branch and Unit. [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org)**



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Shipmates,

We are looking to increase attendance at our local branch 24 meetings held at the branch home (FRC Annapolis) at 100 Compromise St. in Annapolis. Branch meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 1900. The October meeting will be off-location at the Moose Lodge in Crownsville due to the boat show activities; but beginning in November we will be back in the Club and looking for you to attend. I am working on scheduling some guest speakers to... **Page 2 Continued**



Dear Members of Unit 24,

Our Branch and Unit Picnic will be this month on the 17th of Sept. Same place as last year. Auxiliary members, please bring a dessert to share, everything else will be included. Tickets are for sale for a donation of \$5.00. You must purchase them ahead of time either at our next meeting or from the FRC bar. There will be kids games and prizes run by Mary Ellen who has asked for volunteers.

Boat show volunteers are needed in Oct. Auxiliary Las Vegas Night will be Nov.19th. Save the date. Hope everyone had a great summer!

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,  
President Unit 24, Loretta Jordan



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# SECRETARY'S DESK

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September/October

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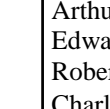
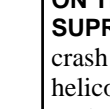
...provide beneficial information for our shipmates. Keep an eye out for announcements in future copies of The Log and in broadcast emails from the branch secretary announcing our guest speakers and their related subjects. We have a lot of activities throughout the year and we are constantly looking for new ideas and new ways for shipmates to get involved.



Do you have a particular interest you might be willing to share, perhaps a subject, talent or skill that might be beneficial to many or all of our shipmates? Is there some way that you think the national organization may be able to provide beneficial support to our shipmates or veterans and you need help in moving your idea forward? If you have an idea, please bring it to the meeting and to the attention of your elected branch leadership and let's put our heads together and see if we can move it forward for the benefit of all. Looking forward to seeing you soon at the branch meetings.

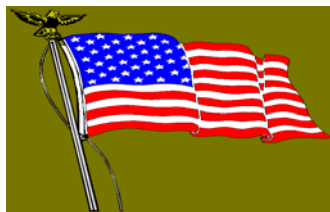


In Loyalty, Protection and Service,  
Shipmate President, Don Hoover



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

crash of CH-47 Chinook helicopter in Afghanistan  
Arthur W. Divens, Sr.  
Edward T. MacFawn  
Robert G. Niederstadt  
Charles Pavlos



REST IN PEACE

## Committee Reports

**American/Patriotism:** Essay Contest "What Freedom of Speech Means to Me" for all students grades 7-12. Grand Prize is \$10,000 in US savings bonds. For official rules visit the FRA website.

**Contributions:** A check was cut for Chuck Honke to help with his monthly travel expenses to and from the hospital. He is awaiting a heart transplant.

**Membership & Retention:** Shipmate Reed made a new member board to display all the new shipmates the Branch has recruited since April 2011. The goal is to recruit **250 new members**—Our current membership stands at 2046, this time last year we had 2098 members.

If everyone recruited just one new member, we'd be set. Member Applications are readily available in the hallway across from the Membership Board. Take a few and hand them to friends who may be eligible.

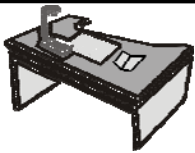
If you know someone who served enlisted time in the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, encourage them to join! They can join a local Branch or be a Member at Large; a membership application has been provided to you in this issue of the LOG.

If you have excellent phone skills, we would love to have you call members who are not renewing their memberships. We have scripts and tools for you to work from. Contact the Membership Committee, Penny, Collins [Pleasala100@verizon.net](mailto:Pleasala100@verizon.net) or (301) 792-8465-Cell.

## WELCOME ABOARD NEW SHIPMATES:

See your name and your fellow Shipmates who have joined this year in the hallway on the Blue Board!

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Sept/Oct 2011

**Hospital, Welfare & Rehabilitation:** The VET Center has moved from Forest Drive to 100 Annapolis Street, West Annapolis - where "Natural Healing" used to be.

The VET Center is federally-funded and is under the umbrella of the VA, but is completely confidential and will not show up in your medical record. If for some reason you are avoiding mental health services for fear of backlash, this will not link to your health history.

Employment Services are on-site the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month. The 2nd & 4th Wednesdays provides assistance in filling out VA Forms.

The VET Center is having a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Sept 23rd. RSVP with shipmate Lisa Walker (410) 605-7826

**Adopt-A-Highway:** 6 Shipmates met at 10am on Sat, 13 August and were at the FRC enjoying a complimentary lunch for their hard work. Thank you!!! Fred Grady (chair), Claire Purdy, Mike Lynch, Jack O'Neill, Jack Wainio & Valerie Reed.

**Branch Picnic:** The Branch's annual family picnic is on September 17th 1-6pm. Get your calendars marked!

If you haven't been before, it is a beautiful event on the North Side of the Severn at the end of Greenbury Point Road. The Bay Room is across from the Greenbury Point Nature Center. There are some nearby hiking trails as well for those who like to venture off the main road.

A \$5 donation covers food and beverages, adult beverages are included as well. Kids' games are available for young to old.

**IMPORTANT!!!!** Picnic tickets can be purchased at the FRC bar anytime including the day of the event. Tickets will NOT be sold at Greenbury Point. Hope to see you there!

If you would like to assist in working the grill or other duties necessary, please contact 2nd VP Richard Bonnett.

A *VIZIO 22" LCD/LED/HDTV E-Series* has been donated to the Branch by Shipmate Thibodeau to be raffled off for 1st prize at the picnic. There will be up to 4 winners. Raffle tickets may purchased at the FRC.

**TWO BELL CEREMONY:** The Two Bell Ceremony is conducted in memory of shipmates now serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander.

## NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 7-17 BOAT SHOW is coming soon! Keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities at the FRC during this time. Sign-up and information will be posted in the hallways for your convenience.

Due to boat show activities, the Branch's October 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be moved to the Moose Lodge # 296, 1890 Crownsville Rd., Annapolis. At 7p.m.

The Moose Lodge normally has a buffet meal prepared, so bring your appetite. The Branch will buy a round of drinks after completion of the meeting.

## NEWS BYTES

### President Signs GI Bill Improvement Bill

President Obama recently signed legislation (H.R. 1383) that increases the tuition cap to \$27,000 for some veterans currently attending private schools. In order to qualify for the increased benefit, the veteran must have been enrolled in a private school before last year's reform bill (The Post-9/11 Veterans Assistance Improvement Act) capped private school tuition at \$17,500. The reform measure created a problem for veterans already enrolled in higher-priced, private programs and Rep. Jeff Miller (Fla.), chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, introduced the legislation to ensure these veterans will be able to complete their education using the benefits specified in the original Post-9/11 GI Bill, which was enacted in 2008.



# LADIES AUXILIARY



Unit 24

Fleet Reserve Association

Fall 2011

**UNIT MEETINGS:** Loretta Jorden, President - 2825 Whitehouse Rd., Riva, MD 21140-1334 (410) 956-6015  
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 A get well card was sent to Sandy Nowak's daughter who lives in Texas. Kimberly Peters, Helen Buckley's daughter, sent a card thanking us for our service at Helen's wake. Please inform Linda of any cards sent, visits paid to hospital patients, or other services that our members conduct. Any members who are in hospitals or nursing homes should be added to our list of shut-ins. Irene Jorden Romero, is requesting spiritual support for a college friend, Nina.

**Americanism:** Kathy Cook (410) 943-3828 Our Unit plans to participate in local Labor Day parades and observances, and in Nov. at the Massing of the Colors.

**Welfare:** Theresa Smith (410) 757-8768 tcpinksmith@verizon.net Theresa is collecting handmade adult bibs to be used by many of the 180 residents living in local Bello Machre units; school supplies for Sarah's House; shampoo, cream rinse, deodorant, powder, liquid soaps, pens, pencils, holiday note cards, paper and stamps for patients at the VA Hospital in Baltimore. Sue Hogan donated 400 packs of shampoo and conditioner. Again this year, Theresa will collect pens, pencils, holiday note cards, paper and stamps to make holiday gift bags for patients at the VA Hospital in Baltimore. Last year, the program was very successful in providing gifts to every patient. Amanda Smith continues to sell tickets for the quilt raffle, which is expected to end within the next few weeks. Ticket sales totalled \$360 as of Aug.2; when the \$550 goal is reached, the winner will be drawn.

**Membership:** Diane Hoover (410) 757-9325 New Unit members initiated on 8/2/11: Shawn Hogan, Katie Hogan, Edie Donnelly and Brian Porter, and on 9/5/11: Suzanne Bearden. Kathy Bearden reports that we have a total of 556 members. Members who are 90 days in arrears of renewing their memberships have been contacted. Virginia Wheet recently called other charter members listed on our current roster to reach out to former charter members.

**Youth Activities:** Loretta Jorden (410) 956-6015 Diane Hoover reported that her grandson DJ won his division in the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby in June, qualifying him for the national championship race in Akron, OH in July. DJ, who won the same race that his father Dustin won 25 years earlier, was featured in a Maryland Gazette. Our Unit is supporting a new Girl Scout Troop member. Please collect and give to Loretta your Campbell's soup labels and box tops.

**Hospital:** Mary Ellen McGrath (410) 956-5454 Mary Ellen recently was named in an article in the Capital as a volunteer at AAMC. Mary Ellen is collecting used eyeglasses for charity, which can be brought to our meeting or you may contact Mary Ellen for delivery information.

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

**Unit Activities:** Heather Matheu On 6/7/11 Our Unit held its annual birthday dinner and ceremony honoring our Past Presidents. The Installation of Officers was held on 6/14/11. Our annual budget prepared by Irene Romero was approved in July. Motions were approved to donate \$500 to Chuck Honke and \$500 for DJ Hoover's participation in the National Soap Box Derby race. Richard Bonnett, FRA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, visited our meeting to give details of the annual Picnic at Greenbury Point scheduled for Sat. 9/17 from 1-6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in advance. Dr. Ireland, director of Bello Machre, is a member of FRA Branch 24. He has been invited to attend our Sept. meeting to visit with us and show us a video. Sylvia Wainio has asked each member to bring a small refreshment for after the meeting.

**Good of the Order:** All of our Unit's Committee reports received First Place awards, and the Welfare Report received the highest honor of best report overall. Our Unit Report received a second place award. Toni O'Neill is going to France for 2 months, to learn to speak French. Diane Hoover thanks us for supporting her grandson, DJ, in the Soap Box Nationals race. Mary Ellen McGrath represented our Unit at the 50<sup>th</sup> CLC celebration in July at Pax River. Irene Jorden Romero would like to encourage more people to 'Like' our Unit's Facebook page. Kathy McCrudden's niece, Sara Bailey, won a \$500 National LA-FRA scholarship which she will use in attending college in Seminole State College of FL this fall.

## Upcoming events:

Sept 6, 2011 – Unit 24's monthly meeting  
Sept. 17, 2011 – Annual Branch Picnic  
Oct. 4, 2011 – Unit 24's monthly meeting  
Oct. 6-10 2011 – Annapolis Sailboat show  
Oct. 13-16 2011 – Annapolis Power boat show  
Nov.1, 2011 – Unit 24's monthly meeting  
Nov. 18, 2011 – Las Vegas Night  
Dec. 6, 2011 – Unit 24's Christmas Party  
Jan 3, 2012 – Unit 24's monthly meeting  
Jan 22-25 – ECR MYM – Fayetteville, NC  
Feb. 2012 – Unit 24's monthly meeting

**FRC DINNER SPECIALS!**

**MONDAY NIGHT**

Half Pound of Large Gulf of Mexico Shrimp only \$10!

**TUESDAY NIGHT**

\$2.50 Off All Our Famous Half Pound Angus Burgers! Select from our large assortment of Burgers!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

\$11 Salisbury Steak Dinner Includes 2 Juicy Steak Patties, Garden Salad, Fresh Veggies, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Rolls & Butter!

**THURSDAY NIGHT**

Endless Spaghetti & Meatballs Special Includes Caesar Salad & Garlic Bread. All You Can Eat for \$10!

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

Fish Fry! Various selections each week such as Rockfish, Catfish, Grouper, Haddock etc... Includes Garden Salad, Fresh Veggies, Potatoes, Rolls & Butter. Also available broiled! \$14.95

**SATURDAY NIGHT**

\$14.95 for Two 8oz Center Cut Seasoned & Pan Fried Pork Chops! Includes Garden Salad, Fresh Veggies, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls & Butter!

**SUNDAY NIGHT**

Home Cooked Fried Chicken Dinner is Baaaack! One Breast, Drumstick, Thigh & Wing \$11! Includes Sides of Corn, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy plus Buttermilk Biscuits! (No Chicken Substitutions)

**STEAK DINNER NIGHT**

**SUNDAY SEPT. 25TH**

\$12 For a Marinated & Seasoned Choice Steak Cooked outside on the Grill! Comes with Garden Salad, Green Beans, Baked Potato, Rolls & Butter!  
LIVE MUSIC on the Deck with Harry Evans!



**LOBSTER DINNER NIGHT!**

Wednesday Sept. 14th  
\$29.95  
For A 1&1/2 lb Fresh Maine Lobster Dinner!  
Includes Garden Salad, Baked Potato, Corn on the Cob, Asparagus, Rolls & Key Lime Pie!  
Call for Lobster Ordering by Sunday, Sept 11th

**Happy Hour Appetizer Specials!**

Monday Through Friday 4pm-6pm  
Half Price Appetizers!  
A Different Appetizer Each Night!

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION for CORPORATE & ASSOCIATE VETERANS**  
Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 7pm  
Fleet Reserve Club  
Main Dining Room  
All Must Provide Proof of Eligibility

**LAFRA LAS VEGAS NIGHT FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18th 6:30pm**

**FRA BRANCH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 17th 1pm - 6pm Bay Room at Greenbury Point North Severn Naval Base**

← August		~ September 2011 ~					October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<i>Half Price Appetizers for Sunday NFL Games from 1pm - 3pm!</i> <i>Come down and watch your local teams &amp; NFL Networks Red Zone!</i> <i>Starts September 11th.</i>				<b>1</b> Shuffle Board League is open to new members: meets every Thurs at 6pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Navy vs. Delaware	
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Labor Day	<b>6</b> Branch/Unit 24 BOD 1900  Unit 24 Meeting 1935	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Navy vs. W. Kentucky	
<b>11</b> Patriot Day American flags should be flown half-staff from sunrise to sunset.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Branch 24 Meeting 1900	<b>14</b> FRC New Members Orientation 1900	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Family Picnic @ Greenbury Point Purchase tickets in advance at FRC bar	
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> FRC BOG Meeting 1900	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<i>FRC Happy Hour: Select 1/2 Price Appetizers Monday through Friday, 4-6 p.m.</i>						<b>1</b> Navy vs. Air Force	
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Branch/Unit 24 BOD 1900  Unit 24 Meeting 1935	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Annapolis Sailboat Show through Monday  	<b>7</b>  	<b>8</b> Navy vs. S. Miss  	
<b>9</b>  	<b>10</b> Columbus Day  	<b>11</b> @ Moose Lodge Branch 24 Meeting & Navy Birthday Celebration	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Annapolis Powerboat Show through Sunday NAVY B-DAY 	<b>14</b>  	<b>15</b> CLC Meeting 1400 Suitland, BR 067 	
<b>16</b>  	<b>17</b> FRC is CLOSED on Mondays now through the winter.	<b>18</b> FRC BOG Meeting 1900	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> FRA National Convention Kansas City, MO	<b>25</b> FRA National Convention Kansas City, MO	<b>26</b> FRA National Convention Kansas City, MO	<b>27</b> FRA National Convention Kansas City, MO	<b>28</b> FRA National Convention Kansas City, MO	<b>29</b> FRA National Convention Kansas City, MO	
<b>30</b> FRA National Convention Kansas City, MO	<b>31</b> Halloween	<b>Notes:</b>					

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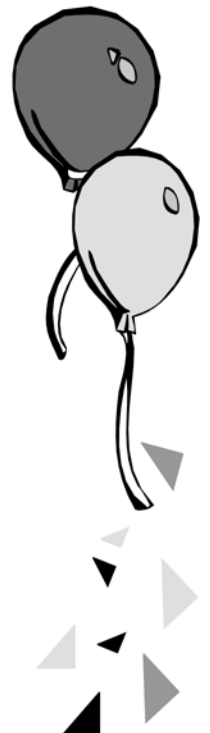
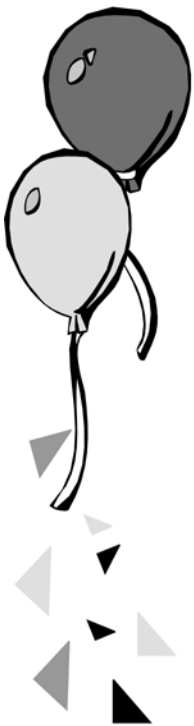
CONGRATULATIONS

## Shipmate President Hoover

on your installation to  
**East Coast Regional Vice President**  
for 2011-2012.

May you have a very successful  
and fulfilling year.

*From your Shipmates at Branch 24.*

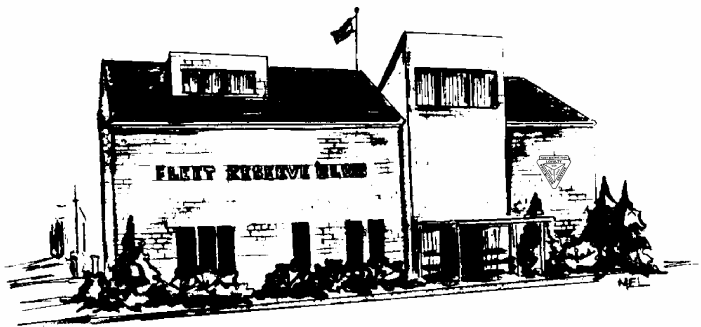


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