PAST EVENTS
11 November: Veterans Day Parade at Veterans’ Circle Downtown Annapolis and FRC
01 December: Branch Christmas Party
07 December: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
16 December: The FRA/LAFRA/FRC annual Children’s Christmas Party.

UPCOMING EVENTS
31 December—New Years Eve, FRC opens at 1700; closed New Years Day
02 January: The FRC reopens at 1700
02 January: Branch 24 BOD meeting 1900
08 January: Branch 24 regular meeting 1900 at the FRC. Light refreshments are served after the meeting.
09 January: New Members Orientation Meeting at 1900 held at the FRC
21 January: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
26 January: Central Liaison Committee meeting hosted by Branch/Unit 24 held at the FRC at 1400. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.
03 February: Branch 24 84th Birthday
03 February: 47th Super Bowl Party at the FRC
05 February: Branch 24 BOD meeting 1900
12 February: Lincoln’s Birthday
12 February: Branch 24 Past Presidents’ Dinner 1830 at the FRC. We invite Unit 24 and all Branch members to attend. Please RSVP with the Branch Secretary or President: $20 p.p.
13 February: New Members Orientation Meeting at 1900 held at the FRC
16 February: LAFRA Chili cook off
18 February: Presidents’ Day
22 February: Washington’s Birthday
16 March: Las Vegas Night Plan to attend this event. It’s a fun night with gaming downstairs and Black Jack and Poker upstairs. Enjoy a buffet that is included in the price of your ticket.

Dear Shipmates,

Happy New Year to all of our Shipmates in Branch 024. I hope each of you had a grand time celebrating the holidays with family and loved ones. As we begin 2013 let’s think about all of the projects and programs we can participate in to give awareness to the FRA, Branch 024 and assist our veterans by participating in community service.

Speaking of a great time during the holidays our branch members and their guests attended the Christmas party held on December 1. We raffled over 30 door prizes, donated a huge stack of toys and $460 to Toys for Tots, recruited 2 new members including LCPL Doug Watson, USMC, ate scrumptious food and danced the night away. On Dec. 7, we recognized Pearl Harbor Day with a ceremony, guest speaker, Grant H. Walker, Education Specialist-US Naval Academy, a luncheon and hosted more than 30 attendees. Many thanks to Mary Ann and Chris Gordon for making a beautiful wreath, which was placed in the Chesapeake Bay by Shipmates Jack Thibodeau and Chris Erickson. Our Children’s Christmas party was held on December 16, with more than 60 children in attendance. Thanks to Shipmate Chris Pariseau who delighted the children as Santa Claus. A huge thank you goes to Shipmate Lisa Ann Walker and her committee for purchasing and wrapping the children’s gifts and hosting activities for their participation. Mr. Elliott Phillips took pictures of the children with Santa as a keepsake for the parents.

On January 08, 2013 at 7:00 pm, Secretary Edward Chow, Jr, Department of Veteran’s Affairs will be the guest speaker. On January 26th, 1400 to 1600, the Branch will host the quarterly Central Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting at

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Welcome Aboard New Shipmates

James M. Barrett
Howard J. Beckett
William P. Byrne
William A. Clements, Sr.
Nicholas W. DeAngelis
Debra Downs
Thomas J. Duignan
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Jeffrey C Harris
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Andrew William MacNamara
Justin Markary
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Albert E Penttila
Willie C Pettus
Steven Pigman
John Santoeimma
Cliff J. Smith
Stephen M. Soules
Verdis Spearman
Charles David Threatt
Wilbert Utsey
Jack Walterhofer
Albert E Wardlaw
Douglas Watson
David Williamson
Keppel Wood
Shipmates, we have assembled here to pay our tribute to Shipmate Jack Wainio, who has received orders to serve on the staff of the Supreme Commander. Shipmate Wainio sailed through life’s cruise, meeting his share of calms and storms, adverse tides and favoring winds. His ship of life has come to its final anchorage in a harbor still uncharted by mortal men. We who remain do not know the waters there, but we do know the course to steer and we believe that our shipmate, setting his course by those beacons that have been given us, has found that harbor safely. To those loved ones whom our departed shipmate has left behind, awaiting their own day of departure and voyage to that same harbor of eternal mercy, we can only offer our sympathy in this time of separation and loneliness. There are many words that could be used at this time to describe the good and outstanding qualities of the one who has gone before, but we of the Fleet Reserve Association, of which he was a member, sum it up in one word: SHIPMATE. That word, when spoken by Naval, Marine Corps or Coast Guard personnel, embodies all that can be said of any person. Jack W. Wainio was a SHIPMATE.

-excerpt from the FRA funeral ritual

America’s VetDogs changes lives by teaming disabled veterans and service members with specially trained assistance dogs. They help our nation’s heroes regain the lives they once led. America’s VetDogs is an overall assistance dog program that uses guide dogs, service dogs, and state-of-the-art technology to enhance the lives of disabled veterans.

A veteran who graduates from the VetDogs program receives a lifetime of aftercare, including home visits and refresher training as required. All of their services are provided at no cost to the veteran. America’s VetDogs relies on voluntary public contributions to fund its efforts. With your help, VetDogs can continue to answer the call for our wounded heroes.

The goal is to raise $50,000 for one assistance dog for one disabled veteran with the help of the FRA Branches, Units and individual contributions. A check can be made out to LA FRA and mail to: NFS, Karen Smith, 5820 Wonder Dr., Ft Worth, TX 76133 or you can text on your cell phone VetDogs LA FRA to 20222 to give a $10 donation, or go to website LA FRA VetDogs.org and donate by credit card. All contributions are tax deductible.

The Past President of Branch 24, Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Fleet Reserve Club, Jack W. Wainio, joined the staff of the Supreme Commander on Thursday December 6th, 2012. He spent 25 years in the Navy and then worked at NSA until his death. He loved both his careers and was not ready to retire. He loved having a busy life and will be missed by many. He is survived by his wife Sylvia and his sons, Scott and Justin. In lieu of flowers, it is asked that donations be made to America’s VetDogs.

With Love, Loyalty, Protection, and Service,
The Branch, Auxiliary, and Club
UNIT MEETINGS:
Katherine Bearden, President 410-255-6620
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 circulated a sheet for members to fill in their monthly service in sending cards, making phone contact and visiting people in hospitals. Four of our members attended the memorial service for member Marie Franks. Unit 24 Charter Member Cecilia Schmidt passed away in October.

Americanism: Stacy Fazekas
Our Unit participated in the Annapolis Veteran’s Day Parade on Nov. 11. Stacy Fazekas collected and mailed packages of cookies, including packs of Girl Scout Cookies donated by Unit members, to soldiers overseas to help celebrate the holidays. Other items which she is collected for the troops are phone calling cards and baby wipes. Theresa Smith and family members participated in the Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation 5K race at Ft. Meade.

Welfare: Theresa Smith (410) 757-8768 tcpink-smith@verizon.net
Theresa Smith delivered donations of Halloween candy and clothing to Sarah’s House. She made deliveries of Veterans’ Day gift packages for the VA Hospital patients. Thanksgiving baskets were prepared and delivered to needy families. Cleaning supplies are being collected for donation to Veterans leaving the VA Hospital to help them set up housekeeping. Bingo at the Nursing Home is scheduled for the last Thurs. each month, and help is always needed and appreciated.

VAVS: Theresa Smith – Mattie Kovac and Amanda Smith together made enough hats and scarves for all 120 patients at the VA Hospital to receive a gift. The gifts are being delivered to the patients on a date shortly before Christmas.

Membership: Sue Hogan is making reminder phone calls to members due to renew their memberships. Several members, Cathleen Erickson, Mary-Ellen McGrath, Sylvia Wainio, Theresa Smith and Kathy Bearden, have volunteered to assist in contacting members to renew. Sue suggests building Unit membership by reaching out to new members to help them become more involved in our planned activities.

Youth Activities: Loretta Jorden (410) 956-6015
Loretta delivered Girl Scout cookies to all who ordered them from our sponsored scout, Emily. Loretta asks that we continue to collect box-tops and soup labels for education, and turn them in to her for submission to her sister who is a Unit member, who submits them to the school where she works.

Hospital: Mary Ellen McGrath (410) 956-5454
Mary Ellen is continuing to collect glasses for donation to the Lions Club.

Publicity: Kathleen McCruden (410) 255-4757
Notices of our meetings were submitted for publication on the Hometown Annapolis website and in the Capital Gazette. We plan to prepare an article with a couple of photos to submit to the newspaper to promote joining the Unit to potential new members.

Unit Activities: Amanda Smith
This year, the National Convention was held in October in Reno, NV, during which Diane Hoover was honored to be installed as National President of the LAFRA. Our Unit also was proudly represented at the convention by several Unit members who served on many committees. The Unit’s annual Las Vegas Night on Nov. 10 was co-chaired by Mary Ellen McGrath, Karen White and Mary Ann Gordon. All who attended enjoyed a fun evening which benefited the Unit’s plans for future welfare projects. The Unit joined the Branch for a wonderful Christmas Dinner Dance on Dec. 1. Then on Dec. 4 many people came out to enjoy our Unit’s Annual Christmas dinner, and it was great to see members Kathy Cook and Sonja Eades who traveled from the Eastern Shore to join us. Unit members Barb Hrynyshen, Mattie Kovac and Barbara Grady decorated the Club with beautiful Christmas trees and other holiday ornaments. Salvation Army Christmas Stockings were stuffed and returned by several members. Kathy Bearden has forms for the Mid-Year Meeting to be held Jan 17-20 in Wrightsville Beach, NC. Plans are underway for the 3rd annual Chili Cook-Off and the Spring Dance. Diane Hoover’s National President’s Project to sponsor America’s Vet Dogs is underway.

Upcoming events:

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Edward Chow, Jr. was appointed Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs on September 1, 2009. He was previously Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; City Administrator for Kent, Washington; and a Cabinet Officer for the State of Washington. He has extensive experience in the public, private and nonprofit sectors and is a Life Member of AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Vietnam Veterans of America. Secretary Chow was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in 1962 after completing R.O.T.C. and his undergraduate degree at Seattle University. He served in Germany and completed his service as a Captain in Vietnam (1967) where he was awarded the Bronze Star. He later received a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Puget Sound. A devoted father, Secretary Chow has a son and daughter, who are both medical doctors, three grandsons and a granddaughter. Secretary Chow will be the guest speaker at the FRA Branch 024 meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend.

Past President Ceremony
Every Year during the February general meeting, Annapolis Branch 24 honors those individuals that have served as our President, both living and deceased, with a roll call and candle ceremony.

And every year we look forward to having our Past Presidents and their families return for evening of reminiscing.

This is a dining event and tickets will be $20 per person.

Surviving Past Presidents of Branch 24

Michael Wagner
Norman Richmond
Ken Carter
Louis McCaslin
Larry Stonecypher
William VanSant
Richard Damme
Willard Ventro
Thomas Goloski
Paul Dix
Robert Gribben
Charles Walls
Dave Douglas

Ivan Ogle
George Dorsey
Frank Courtney
Ran Purdy
Claire Purdy
Rob Schiller, Jr.
Mike Plumer
Gene Rasmussen
Don Hoover
William Maxey
Gregory De Veau
Don Hoover

…..continued President’s Message

The club and this is a good time to come out and meet some of the shipmates of other branches in the area. Following our meeting we will serve a pot-luck lunch for all in attendance. Branch 024 members are invited to attend to find out the news among the branches in the area.

Each February we honor Branch 24’s Past Presidents with a sit-down dinner. Please see the list of all our surviving Past Presidents who we hope to see this year. I am looking forward to a busy and successful year for Branch 024.

Sadly, we will miss Shipmate Jack W. Wainio, Past Branch President 024 and Chairman-Board of Governor’s Fleet Reserve Club. Jack passed away on December 6, 2012 and is now a member on the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,
Shipmate President, Penny Collins
DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS!

EAST COAST REGION MID-YEAR MEETING: Hosted by Branch/Unit 299
January 17th – 19th, 2013 At The Holiday Inn Resort, 1706 North Lumina Ave.,
Wrightsville Beach, NC (877)330-5050 Room Rate $109 per night + tax.
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I hereby certify that I meet the FRA eligibility requirements of being a current or former enlisted member of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. I would like to join for: ☐ 1 Year, $30 ☐ 2 Years, $57 (1st time members $48) ☐ 3 Years, $85.50 ☐ 5 Years, $135

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Applicant’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

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