



THE LOG



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Branch and Unit 24

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President's Report

PAST EVENTS

Veteran's Open House—the FRC/FRA/Auxiliary gained a combined total of 40 new members. Thank you for sending your friends and family!

Family Picnic—What a SUCCESS!

Boat Shows—Thank you to all who volunteered and/or came to share in the excitement. It couldn't be done without you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

4 November - Branch/Unit B.O.D. meeting 1900 at the FRC . **Unit 24 regular monthly meeting 7:35p.m.**

8 November - Las Vegas Night at the FRC. \$12 admission includes buffet.

UNIT 24 LAFRA IS HOSTING ...



10 November: U.S. Marine Corps Birthday

11 November: Annual Veterans Day Parade at Memorial Circle Downtown Annapolis 11 a.m. with lunch to follow.

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

1 December: "Why I am Proud to be an American" Essay contest deadline! For complete rules and prize listings go to www.fra.org/essay. All essays must be mailed to Chris Erickson, Essay Contest, 100 Compromise Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

*Deadline to sign-up for Children's Christmas Party

2 December - Branch/Unit B.O.D. meeting 1900 at the FRC . **Unit 24 regular monthly meeting 7:35p.m.**

07 December: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day held at the FRC at 1100 with lunch to follow.

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

14 December: The FRA/LAFRA/FRC Annual Children's Christmas Party info on page 4

20 December: Branch 024 Holiday Dinner-Dance beginning at 1900; \$30 tickets



MESSAGE FROM THE 1st VICE PRESIDENT

The FRC picnic is a good way to bring members and families together. This year's event was wonderful in so many ways: People (including at least 40 children), food, beautiful weather, etc.

I would like to thank the volunteers for contributing their efforts and time:

The LAFRA for selling tickets.

Keith Henderson for selling tickets and helping to store and move supplies and equipment, and tear down.

Jack Thibideaux for procuring the printed tickets

Curtis Jones for procuring the site, storage of supplies, and set up.

Ed McGrath for helping set up.

Richard Bonnett for bringing his coolers and helping in setup

Liz Goloski & Karri Fedorowicz for working the kitchen.

John Bocchicchio and son for setup and cooking.

Eric for helping clean and tear down.

Max Templeton for manning the check-in table.

Dave Brace the DJ

The Game Team volunteers were:

Kathy Bearden

Richard Bonnett

Dottie Carter

Chris and Mary Ann Gordon

John and Susan Kirkpatrick

Kathleen McCrudden

Dan and Mary-ellen McGrath

Sylvia Wainio

Karen White

Thank you all for your cooperative help, I look forward to seeing you and many more in the following years to make this so successful.

Pat Fedorowicz, 1st Vice President
Branch 24, Fleet Reserve Association



AUXILIARY



Unit 24

Fleet Reserve Association

Nov. – Dec. 2014

UNIT MEETINGS: Susan Hogan, President 443-852-5929

Regular meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:35 p.m. The Board of Directors meetings precede regular meetings at 7:00 p.m.

Chaplain: Linda Masterson (410) 263-3569 LaVonne Davis, mother of Past Unit President Mary Jane Davis, recently passed away. Wendell Myers who is always a great supporter of the Branch, Club, and Unit, is undergoing treatment for cancer; and we wish him a speedy recovery. Barb and Mattie's brother is having surgery, and prayers are needed. Dorothy Carter reported that she read the obituary for Betty Pitt. Mattie Kovac acted as Chaplain in Linda's absence for our September meeting.

Americanism/Patriotism: Stacy Fazekas stacyfazekas3@gmail.com

Stacy is working to obtain new addresses for Troops overseas, and will resume her efforts to collect items to send to them. Mary Ann Gordon obtained a new flagpole for our American flag, and has a catalog in case other flag supplies are needed. Diane Hoover may ask Unit 5 if we may have their flags since they are no longer in operation.

Welfare: Barb Hrynshen Supplies of coffee, hot chocolate, Splenda, tea bags and creamer were provided to the Veterans' Center. Toiletries are requested for donation to Sarah's House next month, including items like shampoo, diapers and wipes, and any other such products. To prepare for the new school year, 12 book bags of school supplies were collected and delivered to Sarah's House, which was the biggest load that our Unit has supplied to them. Halloween candy was collected and donated to Sarah's House; our Unit is the only organization that provides treats prior to the event. Barb reported that she knows a Club member leaving for Afghanistan, and she will get his address from his wife for us to send a care package. Sue Hogan reported that she sent DVD movies to troops overseas. Barb will assemble and deliver Thanksgiving baskets to needy families again this year. She will collect goods for Christmas baskets, but will need help with final assembly and delivery.

Membership: Diane Hoover No new members were initiated at our meetings held in Sept. and Oct. Our Unit's membership has increased from 603 on 4/1/14 to 622. The Club's Open House was successful, especially considering the rainy weather, and we received 7 applications for new Unit memberships. New member Mikal McCartney visited our informal Oct. meeting and she will be initiated at the November meeting.

Youth Activities: Loretta Jordan (410) 956-6015 Loretta is continuing to collect soup and box top labels for school donations. Please place orders now for Girl Scout Cookies, which will be delivered shortly. The new school year has just begun, along with the new sports season. Loretta's daughter, now age 16, is working to achieve her Girl Scout Gold Award, which each girl must complete without parental assistance. *Correction to last month's LOG: Loretta Jordan has been a Girl Scout leader for over 25 years, and received a plaque for her service. She has been active as a softball coach for Anne Arundel County teams for 17 years.*

Hospital: Linda Masterson (410) 263-3569 Bingo at the Nursing Home began on 9/25/14; Sylvia Wainio is coordinating Bingo this year. Please volunteer as you can to assist with Bingo, as the patients always enjoy having visitors, as well as the games, prizes and small gifts that we provide.

Publicity: Kathleen McCrudden (410) 255-4757 Meeting notices are submitted for publication in the Capital Gazette and the Annapolis community news online. E-mail messages are circulated to Unit members on a regular basis concerning upcoming events. Any member wishing to have their e-mail address updated or added to the circulation list, please call Kathy at 443-742-4841.

Unit Activities: Anne Tydings gave the reports on our Upcoming Events at our meetings.*

Refreshment Committee – Sylvia Wainio thanked members for bringing snacks for our Sept. meeting.

New Business: Members helped to provide desserts for the Branch Picnic on 10/4/14. At our Nov. meeting, we will draw names for the Dec. gift exchange. The Unit's 5th Annual Chili Cook Off and 3rd Dessert Bake Off will be held on 2/7/14 from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Entry fee for contestants is \$20, with a \$100 prize to be awarded. The Dance Committee will provide its report next month. The theme for the April dance is to be casual: "Welcome to Margaritaville." Several members helped with the Club's Open House on 9/13/14. Members from Unit 93 in Lexington Park, MD will try to visit one of our monthly meetings.

Old Business: The Unit's October meeting took place on 9/30/14 to accommodate Boat Show parking. For our upcoming Las Vegas Night, members are scheduled to sell tickets at the Club on the Fri. evenings and Sun. mornings before the event. A motion was passed to help with payment of Carla McGowan's tuition when she begins classes.

Good of the Order: Mary Ann Gordon thanked all who sent get-well cards to her mother-in-law, as she enjoyed receiving them. Barb Hrynshen visited with Sandy Nowak, who misses seeing everyone, and is looking forward to helping with the Children's Christmas Party. June Rasmussen misses being able to attend meetings regularly, and enjoys hearing from Unit members. Dottie Carter reported in Sept. that she has a new great granddaughter. Loretta received a payoff from her raffle ticket purchased to help pay down the Club's mortgage. Toni thanked everyone for prayers for her granddaughter, Emma, who had surgery recently, and has returned to school. L. Masterson traveled to Japan to meet her new grandchild. Loretta Jordan and husband Bob appear in the video of local band, Brothers Osborne, filmed in Deale, MD which can be viewed at: Brothers Osborne - Rum - YouTube www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7wWinwKnl

* Upcoming events: Nov. 4, 2014 - Unit 24's meeting

Nov. 8, 2014 – Las Vegas Night* (new date)

Dec. 2, 2014 – Unit 24's Christmas dinner meeting & gift exchange

Dec. 14, 2014 – Children's Christmas Party

Jan. 6, 2015 - Unit 24's meeting

Jan. 31, 2015—CLC meeting at FRC

Feb. 2, 2015 – Unit 24's meeting

Feb 7, 2015 – Chili Cookoff

Feb. 20, 2015 – Mid-Year Meeting

Mar. 3, 2015 – Unit 24's meeting

April 7, 2015 – Unit 24's meeting

April 12, 2015 – Annual Pilgrimage

April 18, 2015 – Spring Dance

May 5, 2015 - Unit 24's meeting

June 2, 2015 - Unit 24's Birthday & Past Presidents Dinner

Pearl Harbor Remembrance

December 7, 2014

**11:00 am at the
Fleet Reserve Club**

Veterans Day Observance at City Dock

The FRA and City of Annapolis coordinate this wonderful event. Please come out and show your support and loyalty to the FRA.

11:00 a.m. on November 11th

Please wear your FRA or other veteran patriotic attire.



DECEMBER 14th Children's Annual Christmas Party and Visit from Santa Clause

To be held at the FRC from 2-4pm. All participants need to sign-up on the attendance sheet on the Branch bulletin board before Dec 1st. This is a free event for children.

Santa will give gifts to children 2 thru 9. If younger or older children wish to participate and receive a gift they must be provided by the parent, wrapped and labeled. Gifts will be provided to children in attendance. Left over toys will be donated to Toys for Tots.

**Celebrate
the holiday season!**

*Let's enjoy Christmas with
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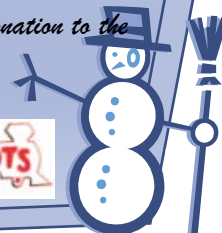
**Saturday, December 20
6pm to midnight**

*100 Compromise Street
Annapolis, MD 21401*

Ticket Price: \$30 per person
For tickets contact:
Valerie Reed (301) 852-1151
Penny Collins (301) 792-8465

*Please bring an unwrapped toy for donation to the
USMC Toys for Tots program.*

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT

\$8 Chicken Cheesesteaks!

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THURSDAY NIGHT

\$8 Salisbury Steak Dinner

Comes with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Veggies, French Bread & Butter!

FRIDAY NIGHT

FISH FRY

\$14.95 Fish Fry!

Delicious Atlantic Haddock deep fried in beer batter! Includes a small House Salad, Fresh Veggies, Potatoes, Hot Rolls & Butter!



SATURDAY NIGHT

\$14.95 for Two 8oz Center Cut Pork Chops! Includes small House Salad, Veggies, Mashed Potatoes, French Bread & Butter!

SUNDAY NIGHT

\$5 Chili Nachos!

\$5 Hot Wings and Fries!

\$5 Mozzarella Sticks (4) & Potato Skins (4) Combo!

\$5 Buffalo Chicken Dip!



Entertainment

November 14th, Gary & The Groove
Members Appreciation Dance: No Cover Charge!
Reservations A Must!

December 12th, Annapolis Junction

December 19th, Gary & the Groove

STEAK DINNER NIGHT!

Sunday November 16th Delicious Marinated 8oz Choice Flat Iron Steak with Garden Salad, Baked Potato & Sour Cream, Fresh Green Beans, Rolls & Butter. Only \$12.95!



PARADE OF LIGHTS

DECEMBER 13th, 3pm Opening

TICKETS ON SALE NOV12th

Adults \$40 Children 6-11 \$20

Club Closed for Lunch

Limit 4 Tickets per Member

Buffet Dinner, Dessert, Hot Cider & Sodas!

Dinner served 4:30 to 6:30 Parade 6pm-8pm

General Seating / No Folding Down or Moving Tables!



Christmas Eve Egnog Party

December 24th 2-5pm

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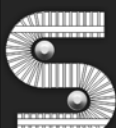


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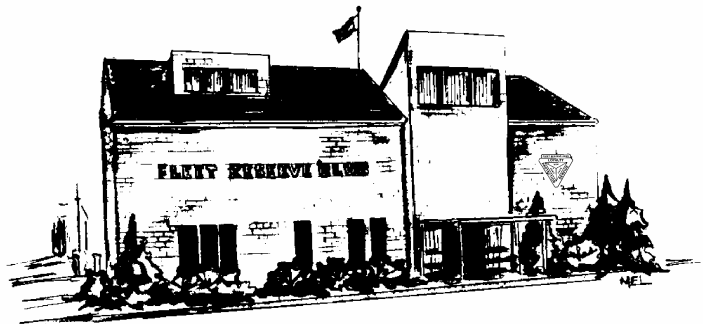
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