



# FRA BRANCH 42 NEWSLETTER APR - JUN 2014

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## **From Your President**

On behalf of the members of Branch 42, we would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family of ALBERT W. SEQUIN, DCC, USN(RET) who is now serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander.

## **IMPORTANT DATES - Mark your calendar**

**Saturday, April 5th, 2014 - NE/NENG REGIONAL MID-YEAR CONVENTION.**  
Branch 20, Groton CT.

**Tuesday, APR 15TH 2014 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Regular monthly meeting at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park, Davisville, RI.

**Tuesday, MAY 20TH, 2014 - 7:00p.m.**  
Regular monthly meeting at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park, Davisville, RI.

**Tuesday, JUN 17TH 2014 - 7:00p.m.** Regular monthly meeting at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park, Davisville, RI.

**Saturday, June 21st, 2014 - 11:30 am.**

Pig Roast at Seabee Museum & Park, 21 Iafraate Way, N.Kingstown, RI in support of the SEABEE Museum

**Congratulations** to the following personnel who have completed 40 years of continuous membership in FRA: George A. Broadhurst, Lester W.Hazard, Alan A.Crouch, John P. Kutger, William R. Lauzon & Paul W. Murray.

Welcome back from the West Coast BUCS  
Arthur L. SKAGGS

## **MID-YEAR REGIONAL CONVENTION**

Hotel: Groton Inn, & Suites, 99 Gold Star Highway, (Route 184) Groton, CT 06340 Rate \$84.00 Plus Tax (Includes Breakfast) Reservations @860-445-9784. mention that you are with the Fleet Reserve Association. Rates are good Friday April 4 thru Sun April 6.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014 Branch & Unit 20 hosts a breakfast from 8 am to 11 a.m. \$6.00 all you can eat. Since this is a regularly scheduled breakfast (1st & 3rd Saturdays) there will not be any coffee and donuts. The club opens at 9 a.m.. Lunch: Will be served at 1200 and will cost \$10.00 It will consist of cold cuts, assorted bread and rolls salad, and desserts. Coffee will be available. The bar will be open. FRA & LAFRA meetings will commence at 1300.

Deadline for reservations and payment for lunch is March 29, 2014. Send checks payable to Br 20 FRA, to Secretary, Br 20 FRA, 242 Thames St. Groton, CT 06340-3916

Members are reminded to let the secretary know when you change your address or your e-mail address. Please let us know if you are a snow bird as we get an awful lot of mail returned to us (at a returned postage cost) if you are temporarily away or have moved without letting us know. Keep your e-mail address up-to-date.

If you have a computer, don't forget to sign up for news-bites to keep abreast of current events with the FRA.

Yours in LP&S

Officers of Branch 42

## **UNIT 42 NEWS**

**The members of Unit 42 Quonset/Davisville continue to meet for lunch at Gregg's Restaurant, 4120 Quaker Lane, N. Kingstown on the third Monday of every month at 11:30 AM. Hope more of you will be able to participate. Remember, I am very willing to pick anyone up, just give me a call - (401) 439-5329 or email [cindyrodhamtuck@gmail.com](mailto:cindyrodhamtuck@gmail.com). We make every attempt to contact everyone if a meeting is cancelled, but when in doubt, feel free to call.**

The Regional Midyear meeting is scheduled for 5 April 2014 hosted by Branch and Unit 20 at the Branch home 242 Thames St. Groton CT. This will be the first time that the new Region will be meeting together so I hope we have a good turnout. Breakfast will be served from 0800-1100 for \$6.00 per person (all you can eat). Lunch will be cold cuts/assorted breads and rolls, salad and dessert for \$10.00 per person. Business meetings will follow. In order to provide enough food for the lunch, please make reservations and payment by March 29, 2014. Send payment to: Secretary FRA Branch 20, 242 Thames Street, Groton, CT 06340-3916

The FRA Northeast/New England Region will hold its 2014 Regional Convention on **September 5-6, 2014** at the **Hudson Valley Hotel and Conference Center, 90 Route 17K, Newburg, New York 12550**. Room rates are **\$80.00 per night plus NY tax**. All rooms will be on the first floor. Rooms facing into the Hotel and pool have 2 beds and the rooms facing the back parking lot have double beds. All rooms have covered or enclosed walkways. The Hotel will accept reservations **commencing February 15, 2014**. Phone the Reservation Desk at **(845) 564-9020**. Inform the clerk that you are **with the Fleet Reserve Association Regional Convention**.

National President Carolyn Whitaker's project for this year is Fisher House Foundation. Carolyn's goal is to raise \$30,000 so that they can "continue to provide a 'home away from home' to the families of wounded veterans and their families and the families of veterans with catastrophic illnesses." Donations can

be made through [www.teamfisherhouse.org/goto/nationalpresproject](http://www.teamfisherhouse.org/goto/nationalpresproject) and follow the directions. You also can send a check to: LA FRA; %NFS Karen Smith; 5820 Wonder Drive; Fort Worth, TX 76133 and notate NP Project in the memo line.

Because of my Mom's illness, I am always on the lookout for information that might help her and then I am sometimes able to pass on to others. Early on, I had heard of a VA benefit called Aid and Assistance but was never able to find anything substantial to answer our questions. Recently, I revisited a website [www.aplaceformom.com](http://www.aplaceformom.com). If you arrow down on the home page, you will find a link, *GUIDE TO VETERAN'S BENEFIT'S FOR SENIORS*. There is a very detailed explanation of eligibility and procedures. Since I am very unfamiliar with a lot of the terminology and acronyms, I have made an appointment with our local Veteran's Affairs representative. If you have internet access, check out this site as there is plenty to read. In the next newsletter, I will try and give you all a report on what I have found out.

We would like to hear from you and know that you are doing okay, if you need help or just a hello. Please give your family members the Unit information so they can contact us if necessary. To all those who are sick, get well soon; if you are celebrating a happy occasion, all the best; and if you have experienced a loss, our prayers are with you always.

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