



# FRA BRANCH 42 NEWSLETTER JAN – MAR 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 families of Herbert W. Barnes, HM1, USN(RET), and Anthony L. Jandron, AKCS, USN(RET) who are now serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander. We would also like to extend our condolences to the family of Donald Hunnicutt whose wife Dottie passed away recently.

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

### **Tuesday, JAN 21st 2014 - 7:00 p.m.**

Regular monthly meeting at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park, Davisville, RI.

### **Tuesday, FEB 18th, 2014 - 7:00p.m.**

Regular monthly meeting at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park, Davisville, RI.

### **Tuesday, MAR 18th, 2014 - 7:00p.m.**

Regular monthly meeting at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park, Davisville, RI.

Congratulations to Shipmate Lester D. Taylor. who will complete 40 years of continuous membership in the Fleet Reserve Association as of JAN 1, 2014.

## **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. 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). (Please note the change in email). Because of snowstorm, it was necessary to cancel the December meeting. Don't hesitate to call me or one of the other members if the weather conditions are iffy even though we do try and contact everyone.

We have been discussing getting a group together for day trips. There are many options available. I have been gathering some pamphlets and brochures and will present them. But, if you are interested, let me know so that I can inform you what plans we make.

Ongoing reminder: If any of you have any pictures or memorabilia from Branch &

Unit 42's history and/or from the New England Region, could you possibly make it available? It would be nice to have a collection for everyone's enjoyment and we could come up with some kind of a history book or scrapbook.

Would each of you provide me with a picture of yourself. At the National and Regional Conventions during the Memorial Service for our departed members, a carnation is placed in memory of those that have passed during the year. This year, PNP Diane Hoover presented a PowerPoint presentation which displayed a picture of each member as the flower was placed. This added a very emotional addition to the Memorial Service. It is also important that we all let our families know if we would like the Unit do a ritual as they may not be aware that this is available. I know this is a delicate subject but it's important.

The Regional Midyear meeting is scheduled for 5 April 2014 in Groton CT. This will be the first time that the new Region will be meeting. More information will be in the next newsletter, but just wanted you to save the date. The National Convention will be held in Corpus Christi, TX from 14-19 October 2014.

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 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.

Just to let you know, the Auxiliary has a website - [www.la-fra.org](http://www.la-fra.org) As the webmaster, NVP Doris Fri is enhancing the site to make it more interesting. The TRIANGLE, and especially the ACTION CENTER (from the home page, click on the "Advocacy" link then, at the top, click on "Action Center"). Here you can send a pre-written letter to your representatives in Congress and the Senate to express your views. The FRA is fighting to protect our benefits and now more than ever the FRA needs us to show our support. If you don't have internet access, contact me and I will do my best to help you. On the FRA website, you can also read issues of the FRA TODAY, ON WATCH and newsbytes (which is also available by calling (800) FRA-1924)

I have been very remiss in the last couple of years in awarding longevity pins. If you are interested in receiving your pin, please let me know. They are awarded for every five years of membership.

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. Hope everyone has a blessed and joyous holiday season. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

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