



FRA BRANCH 42 NEWSLETTER OCT - DEC 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 EOCS Edward L. Turner, USN(RET), YNCS Mary U. Duffy, USNR(RET) AND EO1 Gaston O. Renaud, USNR(RET) who are now serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander.

IMPORTANT DATES - Mark your calendar

ANNUAL FRA NATIONAL CONVENTION OCT 13 - 20, 2014 CORPUS CHRISTIE, TX.

Tuesday, OCT 21ST, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, NOV 18TH, 2014 - 7:00 p.m..

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

Saturday, DEC 6TH 11:30 a.m. Annual Christmas Party hosted by the Seabee

Museum for Island X1- Seabee Veterans of America and Branch 42, Fleet Reserve Association, at the "O" CLUB, QUONSET POINT, RI.

Tuesday, DEC 16TH 2014- 7:00p.m.

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

Congratulations to the following Shipmates who have completed many years of continuous membership in the FRA.

- Troy N. Fincher 40 years on October 1.
- Joseph Moniz, 55 years on October 1.
- Edward A. Moon, 45 years on October 1.
- Willis A. Goodale, 25 years on October 16.
- Edward L. Tornton, 10 years on October 16.
- John Dever Jr., 40 years on October 1.
- Emil J. Slivka, 40 years on October 1.
- Rebecca J. Colin, 25 years on December 1.
- Norman F. Dufault, 60 years on November 1.
- Robert J. Davidson, 30 years on November 1.
- William O. Grimshaw, 40 years on November 1.
- Edward F. Justin, 15 years on November 1.
- Robert P. Shillaber, 40 years on December 1.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR THE MONTHS OF OCT, NOV & DEC.

Valentino M. Almeida 11/01/1926,
Harry W. Arnold 11/17/1938, Bruno
Bartnick 11/25/1931, Wiley M. Booth
11/06/1944, Edouard N. Cadoret
11/30/1933, Melvin Carter
10/25/1935, Charley L. Chapman
10/20/1928, Paul J Chilson
10/09/1923, Gerald E. Conors
11/09/1937, Alan A. Crouch
10/04/1930, Nicholas Dalicandro
10/31/1929, Robert J. Davidson
10/27/1936, Thomas F. Doyle
11/21/1929, Byron B. Duke
10/10/1925, Arturo B. Flores
12/07/1927, James F. Flyntz
10/28/1931, Roger T. Fournier
11/05/1937, Robert F. Gagne
11/16/1936, John J. Giro 11/01/1928,
Gilbert Hawkins 11/23/1918, Robert J.
Jessop 12/03/1933, Benedicto Jotie
11/19/1927, James C. Kaness
12/17/1929, Dean R. Kauffman
12/19/1927, Daniel J. Kershaw
11/25/1927, David R. Kerwood
12/25/1954, Henry H. Kramer
11/04/1929, Ralph C. Lasky
11/16/1938, Gerald R. Livermore
11/09/1938, David R. Lizotte
11/01/1934, Paul O. Main 11/18/1929,
William R. McCarthy 11/11/1926,
Daniel T. McGuirl 12/24/1941, Edmund
Nolan 10/03/1920, William C. Rhodes
10/07/1931, Antonio Santos
12/18/1918, Robert W. Schwab
11/22/1944, Joseph Skymba
11/19/1929, Robert E. Steinhilber
10/04/1935, Norman Teague
12/11/1924, Cheri A. Thompson
12/03/1971, George Van Amersfoot

10/03/1924, Kenneth L. Waldron
10/30/1935, Ellsworth E. Witmer
11/19/1936, Henry J. Zakrajsek
10/12/1934, Francis E. Zizza
10/04.1928. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Shipmate Fred Stahle MAL recently donated a beautiful Ships Bell to Branch 42 which will be used for rituals etc. Thanks Fred for attending the meeting and donating the bell.

Shipmate Robert Murphy paid a visit to the area recently. Sorry you couldn't make the meeting. Anytime you Shipmates from around the country are visiting, please give us a call and attend our meetings. We welcome you.

Regional Annual Meeting: The Annual Regional Meeting was held in Newburg, NY on Sep 5-6. Branch 42 took First Place in Youth Activities and their report will be submitted to National for consideration in the National Awards. Shipmate Dave Kerwood has also been nominated as the NE/NENGLAND Regions Shipmate of the Year for Youth Activities. Shipmate Floyd Hunt from NY is the President Elect. and PRPNENG Donna Jansky was installed as the Regional Vice President. The next Regional Mid-year will be hosted by Branch 20, Groton CT in May 2015.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Christmas Party will be held at the "O" Club Quonset Point on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. The Luncheon Buffet includes: Hors d'Oeuvres, Steamship Round of Beef, Chicken Piccata - Shrimp, Scallop

& Crab Sauté, Pene Pasta with Tomato Sauce - Roasted Redskin Potatoes - Green Beans Almondine - Salad - Mud Pie Ice Cream Cake - Coffee - Tea - Cash Bar - Raffle - Entertainment. \$27.00 per Person. Please join us as we celebrate the holidays with family and friends. R.S.V.P. by Friday, Nov. 28th. Checks payable to NSVA Island X-1 and mail to Philip Justin, 4 Preserved Arnold Court, Lincoln, RI 02865-2505/pajusnret@me.com. For more information please contact Comander Robert Lassar 860-564-1644 or lassan@ct.metrocast.net. A donation of one non-perishable food item to be donated to a community food pantry, is greatly appreciated.

Members are encouraged to keep us informed of your mailing address & e-mail address so that we can keep you up-to-date on whats happening.

Don't forget to checkout our website www.fra42.org for information.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection & Service

Officers of Branch 42

UNIT 42 NEWS

Starting in October we will be meeting at the **SONOMA GRILLE, 7366 Post Rd North Kingstown.** As I will be at National Convention, our next meeting will be on **OCTOBER 27, 2014 at 11:30 AM.** Please note the change. We will resume our regular schedule in November (third Monday of each month). If anyone needs a ride, please contact me at (401) 439-5329 or email: cindyrodhamtuck@gmail.com.

We held elections at our last meeting. The saying goes: "Do it until you get it right." The "new" officers are: President-Cindy Rodham Tuck; Vice President-Audrey Schwab and Chaplain - Ruthe O'Shaughnessy. We have lost count how many years Ruthe has served as Chaplain but I personally appreciate that she will continue.

The first Northeast/New England Regional Convention was held in Newburgh, NY hosted by a regional committee. We had a great turnout including NP Carolyn Whitaker. NP Carolyn presented a 40-year longevity pin to Barbara Rusch of Unit 229. We discussed the Standing Rules and made some corrections and additions.

Sadly, Unit 66 South Shores will be surrendering the Unit charter in October. They will be transferring their membership to Unit 42 as we are the closest Unit. We will certainly welcome them.

The delegates voted to elect me as the NE/ New England Regional President and PRP NE Laurie Starkey from Unit 124 Lakehurst, NJ as the Regional Vice President. The other officers are appointed:

PNP NE Sue Unit Regional
Hershberger 124 Secretary

PNC Ellen Unit 42 Regional
Kotheimer Treasurer

PRP NE Sara Unit Regional
Piacentino 124 Chaplain

I will be attending the National Convention in Corpus Christi, TX from 13-20 October 2014. The candidates this year are:

N a t i o n a l Doris Fri Unit 147
President

National Vice Karen Unit 11
President Smith

National Sharon Unit 59
Financial Holloway
Secretary

The delegates voted at the convention last year to have a "Bake-less Cake Sale" as a fundraiser for the National Treasury. If you would like to participate, please make the check to LA FRA and notate in the memo line: Bake-less Cake Sale. Send to NFS Karen Smith; 5820 Wonder Drive; Fort Worth, TX 76133. Please try and support this project.

My husband and I are members of the Lions Club in Easton. One of our projects is called Operation Shoebox where we send care packages or "Shoebboxes" to members of the Armed Forces who are deployed. If anyone would like to contribute: batteries, books, CDs/DVDs, coffee, lotion, razors, magazines, puzzles etc., please let me know. Also, if you know of a family member, friend, neighbor who is currently deployed, please send me the addresses before 1 November 2014. As the military has a new policy on privacy and they are unable to provide us with the names and addresses.

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 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.

As I mentioned in several newsletters, we have been discussing getting a group together for day trips. Of course, I am always up for a trip to one of the casinos, but it doesn't necessarily have to be just to the casinos as there are many options available. I have been gathering some pamphlets and brochures and will present them at one of our meetings.

But, if you are interested, let me know so that I can inform you what plans we make.

Another 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. If we could make copies of these items, we could come up with some kind of a history book or scrapbook. Recently I was cleaning on some boxes and found several pictures that I shared at one of our meetings so I am sure that you all must have some too.

Don't forget that the Unit is still collecting eyeglasses, box tops and soup labels. Eileen Beno and Dot Crouch are the contact persons. If any of you have American flags that need to be disposed of, I will make arrangements with the American Legion in Easton where Don is a member.

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. I know it is early but from the extended Rodham and Tuck families, we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays.

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