



FRA BRANCH 42 NEWSLETTER APR - JUN 2015

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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 ACC Raymond A. Hanstine, USN(RET), ADRC Jerome Farr, USN(RET), and Connie Grimshaw, who are now serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander.

IMPORTANT DATES - Mark your calendar

Tuesday, APR 21st, 2015- 7:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, MAY 2nd, 2015, NE/Neng Regional Mid-year meeting. Branch 20, Groton, CT.

Tuesday, MAY 19th, 2015 - 7:00 p.m..

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

Saturday, JUN 6th, 2015. Pig Roast, Island X-1, Davisville, RI 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, JUN 16th, 2015 - 7:00p.m.

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

Members are encouraged to attend the meetings. Your voice is important and the camaraderie is enjoyable.

NE/NENG MID YEAR REGIONAL MEETING May 2, 2015, Hosted by Branch 20, Groton, CT.

Groton Inn & Suites, 99 Gold Star Highway, Groton, Ct. 06340

We blocked 12 rooms @\$89.00 + tax per night for Friday May 1 and Saturday May 2.

Please make reservations @ 800-452-2191 or local number 860-445-9784.

CUT OFF DATE IS APRIL 15.

Schedule: Friday May 1 Welcome aboard party 5 PM to 9PM @ Branch home, 242 Thames Street, Groton, Ct.

Saturday May 2 Breakfast @ Branch home, 8AM to 11AM. All you can eat \$6.00.

1200 Lunch

1330 Meetings.

No host cocktail party in Club 20.

Please have all Branches and Units contact me with head count of attendees for lunch planning, no later than April 25, 2015.

With best wishes,

George P. Hyland
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PIG ROAST FUNDRAISER - JUNE 6, 2015

Saturday - 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Seabee Museum and Memorial Park, 21 Iafrate Way, North Kingstown, RI. \$30.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased by May 23rd. Make checks payable to **ISLAND X-1**. send check and if you have an e-mail address include it as well, to Secretary/Treasurer Philip Justin, 4 Preserved Arnold Court, Lincoln, RI 02865-2505. 401-475-6028 - pajusnret@me.com No e-mail address, you may pick up your tickets at the booth on the day of event. GOOD FOOD - GOOD FRIENDS. An area will be available to those who wish to display antique cars, trucks, construction equipment, tractors, etc. For more information contact Bob Lissan, 860-564-1644. This event is in support of the Seabee Museum at Davisville, RI.

ANNUAL CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

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

Ralph G. Allen, 45 years on May 1st,
Norman L. Benton, 40 years on May 1st,
Sylvan L. Cavitt, 40 years on May 1st,
Paul J. Chilson, 30 years on May

1st, **Gerald E. Connors**, 40 years on June 1st, **Robert L. Deal**, 40 years on April 1st, **Thomas F. Doyle**, 40 years on May 1st, **Gerald E. Dubois**, 40 years on April 1st, **Roger T. Fournier**, 40 years on June 1st, **Leonard S. Gassen**, 40 years on April 1st, **Gary A. Justin**, 15 years on May 1st, **Henry Kramer**, 55 years on June 1st, **Elden A. Marcellino**, 25 years on April 30th, **Charles S. Mathis Jr.**, 40 years on June 1st, **James N. Murphy**, 20 years on April 1st, **Winton "Bill" Pouncey**, 40 years on April 1st, **Robert W. Schwab**, 40 years on June 1st, **John R. Shanahan**, 40 years on May 1st, **Norman A. Silva**, 15 years on April 1st, **Albert E. Soper**, 45 years on May 1st, **Joseph A. Szerlag**, 40 years on May 1st, **Algirdas A. Usalis**, 40 years on May 1st,

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR THE MONTHS OF APR, MAY & JUN 2015

Joseph Aceto - 04/26/24, **Fredric H. Allison** - 5/9/43, **Kenneth G. Almon** - 5/19/31, **Jose C. Alves** - 4/20/45, **Charles E. Angell** - 5/20/27, **Edward J. August** - 4/4/33, **George A. Broadhurst** - 6/7/31, **John J. Broderick** - 5/5/42, **Gilbert Calise** - 4/5/34, **Sylvan L. Cavitt** - 4/29/29, **Kieran F. Collins Jr.**, - 6/30/31, **James A. Collins** - 4/19/35, **Donald R. Dale** - 5/12/39, **Billie Dietz** - 5/6/30, **Charles W. Flynn** - 5/31/29, **John S. Gould** - 6/5/52, **Harold F. Greiner** - 5/20/22, **William O. Grimshaw** (102) 5/9/1913, **Robert L. Hamel** - 5/16/25, **Norman L.**

Hankins - 5/1/29, **Francis E. Hopton** - 4/2/35, **Thomas J. Jones Jr.**, - 6/21/40, **Joseph D. Kerwood** - 6/27/90, **John P Kutger** - 4/26/37, **Raymond A. Landry** - 6/18/34, **James J. Ludovico** - 6/10/24, **Robert E. Madusky** - 6/5/27, **William R. Malloy** - 4/4/41, **Charles S. Mathis Jr.** - 5/18/27, **William R. Moller** -5/30/26, **Joseph Moniz** - 6/14//23, **Lawson A. Musick** - 5/28/22, **Kenneth R. Newcomb** - 4/8/30, **Harry J. Nill** - 5/20/30, **Donald G. Pick** - 4/12/27, **Edward M. Ponte** - 5/30/30, **John E. Pulver** - 5/28/41, **Joe Quinn** - 4/9/35, **Richard Radei** - 5/24/51, **Kenneth A. Senker** - 6/13/43, **David Sherlock** - 5/28/30, **Norman A. Silva** - 5/19/34, **Emil J. Slivka** - 4/26/34, **Russell J. Smith** - 4/5/40, **James Sole** - 4/10/59, **Thomas C. Stevens** - 4/22/30, **Daniel R. Thornton** - 6/10/26, **Algirdas A. Usalis** - 4/30/35, **George A. Wardwell** - 6/1/42, **Carney B. Welker** - 4/13/30,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shipmate Secretary Phil Justin recently visited Shipmate Harry Nill while vacationing in Florida. Harry gives his best regards to all.

A special **THANK YOU** to the branch and those who contributed to the fund to assist my sister-in-law Bienvenida Justin during her stay at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester MN last OCT-DEC. Unfortunately the stem cell transplant did not work and she passed away March 25th. Phil Justin

You are reminded of the power of the internet regarding legislative affairs. Please subscribe to newsbytes@fra.org. The FRA website is a wonderful way to let you contact your senators and representatives and let your voice be heard regarding our rights and benefits. If you have an e-mail address, please let the secretary know @ pajusnret@me.com. 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.

The Sea Cadets need your support. If you have grandchildren or friends and neighbors who have children in grades 7-12 looking for some adventure, please contact Shipmate Dave Kerwood at kerwooddr@riseacadets.org. Don't forget to checkout our website www.fra42.org for information.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection & Service,
Officers of Branch 42

UNIT 42 NEWS

We are meeting at the **SONOMA GRILLE, 7366 Post Rd North Kingstown** on the third Monday of the month at 11:30 AM. However, please note that the April meeting will be held on Monday **April 27, 2015**. National President Doris Fri will be joining us as she travels through New England. I hope that we will have a good turnout. If anyone needs a ride, please contact me at (401) 439-5329 or email: cindyrodhamtuck@gmail.com.

The Northeast/New England Regional meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 2, 2015 in Groton, CT hosted by Branch and Unit 20. The Regional Convention is scheduled for Saturday September 19, 2015 also hosted by Branch and Unit 20. Information will be sent out as soon as it is available. The 2015 National Convention will be held in Spokane WA October 13-19, 2015.

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. Mail to NFS Christina Murray, 512 Hyde Park Road, Norfolk VA 23521. Please try and support this project.

National President Doris Fri's project for this year is "Building Homes for Heroes". The organization gifts mortgage-free homes that meet the needs of men and women who have selflessly served our country. To learn more about this project, please visit the website: www.buildinghomesforheroes.org. Donations can be made by sending a check or money order to NFS Christina Murray, 512 Hyde Park Road, Norfolk, VA 23521. Be sure and write "NP Project" in the memo line.

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.

Another reminder: the Auxiliary has a website - www.la-fra.org which provides information of what is happening on the National level. The webmaster is enhancing the site to make it more interesting. The last 12 issues of the TRIANGLE (the National newsletter) is available for reading by clicking the link on the home page. Check it out for information about the Auxiliary and the 2015 National Convention. There is a link to the C&BL. Also, please check www.fra.org 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). Branch 42 now has a website as well - www.fra42.org.

My family would like to thank everyone for the cards, emails and phone calls when my Mom passed on January 17, 2015. The thoughts and prayers sent our way have been overwhelming to us. My Mom touched lots of lives in so many ways: she was one of the first nurse practitioners in the country and worked as a school nurse in Somerville, MA for 22 years; as a breast cancer survivor (35 years), she provided support and guidance to other women as they went through treatment; as my sister has cerebral palsy, she helped other families find the help and support they needed; as the "medical" member in the family, she was the go-to person for her 9 brothers and sisters (and their families and friends). We lived in a 14-room house in Cambridge and there was ALWAYS company (including some LA FRA National Presidents). We often thought my Mom was running a bed and breakfast. The list goes on and on. But most importantly she was our Mother and although we may not have seen it at the time, she guided my 2 brothers, my sister and me through the process of becoming productive adults. I miss her terribly, but at least I know she is at peace. Thank you all. Words cannot express my gratitude.

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 wonderful Spring.

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