



## FRA BRANCH 42 NEWSLETTER JUL - SEPT 2017

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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 families of CEC William Grimshaw, USN(RET), UTCM Kenneth Waldron, USN(RET) BMCM Raymond J. Haerry, USN(RET), AO2 David Razon, USN(RET) ADR1 Joseph Moniz, USN(RET) and CS1 William R. Rhodes, USN (RET) who are now serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander.

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

The Regional Convention will be hosted by Branch 115 on 18-20 August 2016 at The Center at Holiday Inn-Lehigh Valley, Breinigsville, PA. Members are encouraged to attend:

**Saturday, SEPT 16TH, 2017** Regular monthly meeting at **10:30 a.m.** (**NOTE THE TIME CHANGE**) at the Seabee Museum & Memorial Park, 21 Ifrate Way, North Kingstown, RI.

**SEPT 19 - 24, 2017** FRA Annual Convention, Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD. Members are encouraged to attend.

Although our membership has dwindled, we must remain a viable veterans organization in Rhode Island and we urge everyone to seek out new members. They are out there, we just have to let them know we exist.

### **MEMBERS READY TO RENEW: PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Walter E. Baker, Edward L. Belbin, Edouard Cadoret, Joseph Cormier, William F. Hannan, Benedicto Joti,

Ronald J. Meehan, David Sherlock. Your membership is greatly appreciated.

### **"JULY - SEPT BIRTHDAYS"**

Frank Allen, 08/30/37, Blair Barrows 08/01/32, Edward L. Belbin 09/25/31, John J. Blair 09/11/43, Robert A. Campbell 09/26/36, Walter C. Corley 08/21/28, Joseph Cormier 08/08/27, James W. Cross Jr., 07/05/46, Carrie P. Daniel 08/21/36, John W. Dever Jr., 08/03/36, Gerald E. Dubois 07/19/34, John B. Etchingham 07/23/32, James A. Fague 09/14/38, Joseph E. Farias 09/13/36, Michael J. Finn 08/31/46, Leonard S. Gassen 07/22/28, Raymond E. Gauvin 07/14/35, Walter L. Jackson 08/26/32, Ralph D. Jarvis 09/21/49, George E. Krauss 09/10/41, John M. Lanko 08/01/49, Peter J. Laurenzo 07/01/38, Stephen A. Lema 09/11/56, Edward A. Leonard Jr. 07/06/38, Thomas H. Magnette 07/13/33, Rebecca J. Manning 09/25/50, Mark A. Marino 09/08/60, Issac Martinez 07/21/35, Joseph A. O'Brien 08/10/32, John T. Perchman 09/01/30, Winton W. Pouncey 08/15/27, Donald G. Reingardt 07/03/30, Lee R. Rider 07/15/37, Fortunato J. Serafini 09/03/29, John R. Shanahan 09/15/34, Arthur L. Skaggs 07/21/29, Albert E. Soper 07/14/26, Edward J. Swaney 09/13/63, Oscar Thomas Jr. 08/20/36, Ralph E. Turnbull 08/27/38, Sammy C. Vaughn 08/29/30, James H. Wadsworth 08/20/43, Howard K. Weekley 08/27/28, Edward R. Weikman Jr. 07/02/45, Thomas Willett 09/25/26.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ONE AND ALL**

Just a reminder, I would like to have everyones e-mail address as it will soon be necessary to cancel the hard copy of the newsletter. It is getting too expensive to produce and mail a hard copy to the shipmates and ladies. We have to have a minimum of 200 mailings(in order to send newsletters via Bulk Mail) and our membership has dropped to 157. Please give us a contact e-mail, even if it has to be a relative or friend so we can contact you. Send you address to Secretary Justin at [pajusnret@me.com](mailto:pajusnret@me.com)

The Officers of Branch 42.

## UNIT 42 NEWS

We are meeting at the Greggs Restaurant on the third Monday of the month at 11:30 AM. The September 2017 meeting will be changed, as I will be attending the National Convention in Baltimore. That date will be announced after the next meeting and I will let everyone know. If anyone needs a ride, please contact me at (401) 439-5329 or email: [cindyrodhamtuck@gmail.com](mailto:cindyrodhamtuck@gmail.com).

The Northeast/New England Regional convention is scheduled for 18-19 August 2017 in Allentown, PA hosted by Branch 115 Lehigh Valley. Anyone wishing to attend should let me know as the deadline for reservations is 9 August 2017. The 2017 National Convention will be held in Hunt Valley, MD 19-25 September 2017.

National President Helen Courneya's project is "Survival of the LA FRA." This is what she had to say when making her announcement:

"There is still so much work to do to keep the organization thriving and we must now do what is necessary to help ourselves. I have decided that the LA FRA should keep our programs such as the Scholarships, Welfare Fund, etc., and we need to be able to concentrate on funds for the future. Without knowing the outcome at convention, I chose the National President's Project to be "Survival of the LA FRA." We all know that some of these programs would have been depleted many years ago if we didn't seek donations. This will be a project that will allow us to do what is needed to keep these programs alive. We do so much for the community that it is time that we look at the decline of membership revenue and ensure the success of these programs for our future. All donations will go to the National President's Project and at the end of the year will be divided into the various programs"

As noted in previous newsletters, I have been appointed as the VAVS Representative for Unit 42, but am serving at the Brockton, VA hospital. Claire Payne who is now a member of our unit is the deputy. The VA collects clothes for men and women so please feel free to bring to me. As an ongoing project for the unit, I would also like to provide some ditty bags to the residents of the VA hospital. At the next meeting, I will have available a list of needed/wished for items. If the unit members would bring in a donation each month it would be much appreciated.

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](http://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 2017 National Convention. There is a link to the C&BL. Also, please check [www.fra.org](http://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](http://www.fra42.org).

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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*Cindy*

VA Boston Healthcare System PATIENT WISH LIST

GENERAL NEEDS:

PUZZLE BOOKS

NON-SKID SLIPPER SOCKS (LARGE),

UNDERWEAR ALL SIZES MALE AND FEMALE,  
SWEATERS ALL SIZES,  
SOCKS  
LARGE PRINT READING MATERIAL,  
READING GLASSES,  
DENTURE ADHESIVE, DENTURE CLEANER, AND  
DENTURE CUPS,  
HEARING AID BATTERIES (ALL SIZES)  
, GIFT CARDS SUCH AS McDONALD, DUNKIN  
DONUTS, STOP AND SHOP, CVS, SHAWS OR ANY  
PLACE TO EAT OR GET FOOD,  
TRAC PHONE AND TRAc PHONE MINUTES,  
CRAFTS KITS, AND WII SYSTEM AND GAMES.

TRIAL SIZES TOILETRIES PREFERRED

COMBS/HAIR BRUSHES,  
DEODORANT MALE AND FEMALE,  
EMERY BOARDS,  
HAND AND BODY LOTION,  
MOUTHWASH (NO ALCOHOL)  
, NAIL CLIPPERS,  
SHAVING CREAM,  
SHAMPOO,  
SOAP (DOVE OR NON-DRYING SOAP),  
TOOTHBRUSHES, AND TOOTHPASTE

#### . MEN'S NEEDS

ELECTRIC RAZOR, DISPOSABLE RAZORS  
, T-SHIRTS,  
LARGE TOE AND FINGER NAIL CLIPPERS,  
BRIEFS,  
SWEATSUITS (ALL SIZES) FOR PATIENTS WHO CAME  
WITHOUT CLOTHING.

#### WOMEN'S NEEDS

KNEE SOCKS,  
COSMETICS, COSMETIC BAGS,  
HAND MIRRORS,  
TOILETRIES,  
DISPOSABLE RAZORS,  
NIGHT-GOWNS,  
HAIR FASTENERS,  
AND CARDIGAN SWEATERS

#### SPINAL CORD INJURY PATIENTS

SMALL STICK-ON DIGITAL CLOCKS,  
PLASTIC MUGS AND COFFEE CUPS,

SPINAL CUP HOLDERS (CLIPS TO WHEELCHAIRS)  
AND WHEEL CHAIR BAGS

#### MONETARY DONATION FOR PATIENTS

BED SIDE PHONE AND COUPON BOOKS AND  
DONATIONS FOR YEARLY HOLIDAY AND RECREATION  
THERAPY PROGRAMS