



# FRA BRANCH 42 NEWSLETTER JUL - SEP 2013

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## **From Your President**

On behalf of the members of Branch 42, we would like to extend our sincere condolences to family of Bruce J. Bailen, HMC USN (RET) who is now serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander.

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

### **Tuesday, JUL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.**

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

### **Tuesday, AUG 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.**

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

### **Saturday, SEP 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.**

New England Regional Convention, Groton, CT. Information contained in the units news.

### **Tuesday, SEP 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 - 7:00p.m.**

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

## **KEN SENKER RETAINS THE HELM**

The installation of officers for the ensuing year of Branch 42 was conducted during the June meeting. Shipmate Past Regional President Phil Justin installed the new officers: President Ken Senker, Vice President Jim Pace, Secretary Phil Justin and Treasurer Bob Campbell. Past Regional President Bill Pouncey was appointed as the Chaplain and Jr. Past President Al Crouch was appointed Master at Arms. There are several Committees that need Chairmen and the members are requested to come forward and accept these positions. With the upcoming merge with the Northeast Region we would like to show them that Branch 42 is good working order and everybody is pitching in to make this a viable organization.

Congratulations to the following Shipmates who have completed 40 or more years of continuous membership in the F.R.A.

Robert F. Gagne - 50 years August 1st.,  
Oscar Thomas Jr. - 40 years on August

1st and Billie Dietz - 40 years on September 1st.

A special Thank You goes out to our Past Treasurer, Paul Beno who has dedicated many years in that position. Its been so long that we can't even remember when he started. Fair winds and smooth sailing Paul.

Members are reminded that if their is someone in the family that has access to a computer, we would like to have your e-mail address as we are trying to go GREEN and it's a faster way to communicate. The secretary Phil Justin has changed his e-mail address also. Please send your information to [pajusnret@me.com](mailto:pajusnret@me.com)

For your information Branch 42 has their own website and you can go to [www.fra42.org](http://www.fra42.org).

You are also reminded that you should subscribe to news-bites from [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org). It's a good way to keep up with the latest FRA information.

### **In Other News...**

Kudos go to shipmate Dave Kerwood, who is the commanding officer of NCBC Sea Cadets, for another outstanding year of Sea Cadet activities in the Ocean State. Members who have grandchildren grades 7-12 who would be interested in pursuing these activities, please contact Dave at [seacadet2@wbwip.com](mailto:seacadet2@wbwip.com)

**Yours in LP&S,**

**Officers of Branch 42**

## **UNIT 42 NEWS**

The New England Regional Convention will be held in Groton, CT hosted by Branch and Unit 20. The dates are 6-7 September 2013. Because Northeast and New England Regions are merging after the National Convention in October, this will be the last New England Convention so we hope to have a large turnout. The schedule is:

Friday September 6	1800-2100 Welcome Aboard Party at Branch 20 (cash bar)
Sat September 7	0800-0900 Coffee and Donuts
	0900-1000 Committee meetings
	1000-1100 Joint opening Ceremonies
	1100-1130 Memorial Service
	1130-1300 Lunch
	1300-1600 Business Session
	1600 Installation of Officers followed by no host cocktail party. Dinner will be on your own

If you are planning on staying, you must make your own reservations. The hotels in the area are:

Navy Gateway Inn	( 8 7 7 ) 6 2 8 - 9 2 3 3 (recommended)
Navy Suisse Chalet	(860) 445-6699

The above hotels are both on the base.

Best Western Olympic Inn	(800) 622-7766
Groton Inn and Suites	(800) 452-2191
Hampton Inn	(860) 405-1585
Quality Inn	(800) 228-5151
Super 8 Motel	(860) 448-2818

On another note, we have been discussing getting a group together for some day trips. Recently, there was an opportunity to join St Francis de Sales for a day trip to Foxwoods. Unfortunately, not enough people signed up, so it was cancelled. I have to admit that I did not get the information out to our members because of some personal commitments but if there is any interest in this type of an activity, we would pursue it. It doesn't necessarily have to be just to the casinos as there are many options available. I remember several years ago, Arlene Johnson organized several bus trips which were a lot of fun. Obviously, we are all a bit older, but it is still doable. If the members would let me know how they feel about this, we can start to make some plans.

There also has been some conversation regarding an "Alleluia" Party marking the end of the New England Region as we know it because of the merge with the Northeast Region. In my 30 years as a member of this Region, I have made so many friends and enjoyed so many good times. Most of you have been around a lot longer than I have and have shared so very much more. It would be nice to celebrate those times and have a chance to reminisce, but just to get together. Here again, I am asking the members of Branch and Unit 42 to contact me so that we can make plans.

We would like to plan this sometime the middle to end of September possibly to be held at Branch 20. It might be more convenient if we were able to hold it during the Convention weekend (6-7 September 2013), however, that can be discussed once we know if there is any interest. Please contact me as soon as

possible so that we can get the "show on the road" so to speak.

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.

Don't forget that the Unit is still collecting eyeglasses, box tops and soup labels. If any of you have American flags that need to be disposed of, I will make arrangements with the Easton American Legion since Don Tuck is a member.

Hope everyone has a great summer. We would like to hear from you and know that you are doing okay or if you need help or just a hello. Please give the Unit information to your family members so they can contact us.

Please make note that I have a new email address.

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