



FRA BRANCH 42 NEWSLETTER JAN - MAR 2016

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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 MM1 Alan A. CROUCH, USN(RET) and EACS Joseph A. Szerlag, USN(RET), who are now serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander.

IMPORTANT DATES - Mark your calendar

The regular meetings for January & February 2016 have been cancelled to allow for inclement weather and snow birds.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 - 7:00 p.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.

JANUARY - MARCH BIRTHDAYS.

Walter E. **Baker** 03/23/37, Paul J. **Beno** 01/13/28, Norman L **Benton** 01/09/30, Walter G. **Boll** 02/28/28, Leo P. **Boudreau** 02/09/24, Earl F. **Brown** 01/05/34, Peter **Buiak** Jr., 03/20/29, Michael P. **Cadenazzi** 01/21/44, John **DeFrancesco** 01/07/51, Anthony **Demato** 03/06/54, Norman F. **Dufault** 02/25/30, William R. **Duff** 03/07/36, Richard E. **Edgerton** 01/03/36, David L. **Farmer** 01/11/33, Harold B. **Fender** 03/21/25, William E. **Follett** 03/29/42, Charles R. **Foutz** 01/12/41, Lawrence E. **Gable** 01/09/37, Roger B. **Gagnon** 01/11/36, David P. **Hanlon** 03/24/44, William F. **Hannan** 02/15/34, Lester W. **Hazard** 03/20/30, William R. **House** 01/23/19, John W. **Janke** 03/23/37, Conrad T. **Johnson** 02/15/29, Roy E. **Johnson** 03/30/1944, Philip A. **Justin** 03/31/37, Edward F. **Justin** 03/17/62, Gary A. **Justin** 01/31/53, Stephen J. **Kauffman** 02/20/49, William W. **Kirtlink** 01/04/35, Ronald L. **Kotula** 01/07/39, Robert **Lassan** 03/10/42, Daryl W. **Manning** 02/14/49, Elden A.

Marcellino 03/09/39, Ronald J.
Meehan 02/26/44, Edward A. **Moon**
02/12/39, Robert L. **Murphy**
02/11/30, James N. **Murphy**
03/15/35, Pau W. **Murray** 03/12/29,
Charles E. **Nehring** 02/21/39, Dana B.
O'Neill 02/23/33, James E. **Pace**
03/27/47, Carl A. **Passarelli** 02/05/37,
David **Razon** 03/10/30, Russell E.
Rekas 01/15/48, William J. **Sabo**
01/02/32, Samuel **Saltoun** 01/04/45,
James F. **Schroeder** 02/25/25, Robert
P. **Shillaber** 02/24/33, Thomas F. **St.**
Clair 01/15/34, Richard W. **Thomson**
01/21/47, Edward L. **Thornton**
02/28/36, Bruce C. **Tuck** 03/10/43,
Lawrence R. **Wood** 03/28/42, Eugene
Wyner 03/25/36.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ONE AND ALL

Congratulations to the following Shipmates who have completed 30 or more years of continuous membership in the FRA during this quarter.

John J. **Blair**, UTCS 30 years on February 1st. William J. **Sabo**, YNCS 40 years on March 1st.

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. E-mail the secretary at pajusnret@me.com. For your information Branch 42 has their own website and you can go to www.fra42.org.

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

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,

The Officers of Branch 42.

In Other News... UNIT 42

The members of Unit 42 have returned to GREGGS RESTAURANT, 4120 Quaker Lane, North Kingstown on the third Monday of every month at 11:30 AM. Hope more of you will be able to participate. Remember, I am very willing and able to provide transportation, just give me a call - (401) 439-5329 or you can email: cindyrodhamtuck@gmail.com. If it is necessary to cancel the meeting particularly because of weather, you will be notified by phone. Don't hesitate to call me or one of the other members if the conditions are iffy even though we do try and contact everyone.

As I mentioned in the last 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 a gambling trip as there are many options available. I have been gathering some pamphlets and brochures and will present them. But, if you are interested and/or have any ideas, let me know.

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. If we could make copies of these items (or give them to me and

I will copy them and return the original), we might be able to put together a history book or scrapbook. There is so much history, it would be fun to reminisce.

It is important that we all let our families know if we would like the Unit do a ritual at the time of passing as many family members may not be aware that this is available. I know this is a delicate subject but it's important. It is the Auxiliary's way of saying goodbye. At both the Regional and National conventions, there is a memorial service for all the members who passed during the year where the Regional President places a flower in memory.

The Regional Midyear meeting is scheduled for 29-30 April 2016 in Lakehurst, NJ. More information will be in the next newsletter, but just wanted you to save the date. The Regional Convention will be hosted by Branch and Unit 20 Groton, CT on 19-20 August 2016. There are rooms blocked at the Groton Inn, 99 Goldstar Highway, Groton. The rate is \$84.00 per night which includes breakfast. When you call be sure and mention that you are with the FRA. It is highly recommended to make these reservations early and state that you want the first floor. Reservations can be made by calling (860) 445-9784. The branch and unit are planning a welcome aboard party on Friday 19 August from 6-9 PM at the Branch Home.

Just to let you know, the Auxiliary has a website - www.la-fra.org which provides information of what is happening on the National level. As the webmaster, PNP Doris Fri is enhancing the site to make it more interesting. The TRIANGLE, the National newsletter, is available for reading by clicking the link on the home page. 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. The FRA TODAY is FRA's monthly membership magazine. The subscription is free for members (of the FRA), \$7 for widows or widowers of FRA shipmates, \$10 for LA FRA members, and non-members of either association can subscribe for \$35 per year. This magazine covers a wide range of topics from the most current news from Capitol Hill to feature articles on topics important to all current and former Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard enlisted personnel. 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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