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FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT

Greetings Shipmates,

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect our lives when it comes to social distancing and using face masks or coverings. We are committed to have a safe environment for our members to socialize in with the requirement to wear facial masks or coverings and adhere to the six (6) feet of social distancing. That being said we will continue to have monthly meetings and future activities unless changed by our state regulations.

We met in July/August and achieved a quorum (20) at each meeting to conduct Branch business. We hope you will continue to attend meetings in the future to discuss community activities and programs for our participation.

We want to revitalize the Youth Activities Committee and improve our interaction with NJROTC and the Sea Cadet programs in local high schools or other youth based organizations. If you would like to volunteer to be the Chairman or a member of the Youth Activities Committee, please contact 1st VP Jimmy Beckett by email on hbeckettmd@gmail.com to discuss the details.

Other committees need additional members to provide help in the following programs: Americanism/Patriotism, including the Essay Contest, Public Relations, The Branch 24 Honor Guard and Legislative Service. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact, 1st VP Jimmy Beckett by email: hbeckettmd@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of FRA Annapolis Branch 24. Please remember to wear your face masks or coverings and practice 6 feet social distancing when attending meetings or events at the Fleet Reserve Club of Annapolis,

I remain in Loyalty, Protection and Service,

John H. Gough, President
Annapolis Branch 24
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Remaining Meeting Dates - Fleet Reserve Club

- October 13—7:00 pm
- November 10—7:00 pm
- November 11—Veterans Day
- December 7—11:am—Pearl Harbor Day
- December 8—7:00 pm



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Shipmates on the Go



Once a quarter, Shipmates from FRA Annapolis Branch 24 volunteer to clean-up the area off of Route 50 to St. Margaret's Road, in Annapolis. The program is called "Adopt-A-Highway", which is coordinated by the MD State Highway Administration. On August 15, 2020, nine (9) volunteers representing Branch 24, collected 8 bags of debris. Pictured are:

(First Row) left-right are: Shipmates Dan McGrath, Chris Wallace, Branch President, John Gough and Frieda Beckett, wife of 1st VP Jimmy Beckett. Shipmate Beckett participated and took pictures.

(Second Row) left-right are: Volunteer Friend, Aman Beckett, Steve Toulotte, Member-Auxiliary Unit 24 and PNC Valerie Toulotte.

The next clean-up will be in September or October. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please send an email to 2nd VP Chris Wallace at: wallacer-chris@gmail.com.

Membership in the FRA

Annapolis Branch 24 is the largest branch in the FRA. As of August 31, our active member count was 2,217. Our members are located throughout the Maryland area and the United States. Our partners include the Auxiliary Unit 24 and Fleet Reserve Club Associate Members. On August 22, we held our Annual Veteran Open House and Membership Drive. We recruited a total 61 new members as follows: **36**—FRA Branch 24; **16**—LAFRA/Auxiliary Unit 24; and **9**—Fleet Reserve Club Associate Members. Our continuing focus will be to retain members by communicating our programs and projects as well as maintaining contact by email and/or phone. Eligibility for membership is to have served on active duty or reserve as a current or former enlisted personnel in the USN, USMC, or USCG. Go to the FRA National website at: www.fra.org to join on-line.

TAPS



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Charles Whittaker
Daniel Barnes
Maurice Cooper
Daniel Barnes
Clarence Buchheister
Willie Pettus, Sr,
Bernard White
John R. Senda
Theodore K. McCarley



Summer/Fall Picnic

The Branch 24 Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at the Bay Ridge Civic Association Park, 80 East Lake Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403. Time will be from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please wear your masks or face coverings and adhere to 6 feet social distancing. To register for the picnic or to be a volunteer, sign up on the Branch Bulletin Board or call (667) 803-0838-Branch Office.