



## FRA BRANCH 42 NEWSLETTER OCT - DEC 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 ABHC Chester Thomas, USN(RET), SKC Raymond Macfarlane, USN(RET) and CDR Peter A. Young Jr., USN(RET) who are now serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander.

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

**Oct 13th - 17th 2015:** Annual FRA National Convention, Spokane, Washington.

**Tuesday, OCT 20th, 2015 - 7:00 p.m..**  
Regular monthly meeting at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park, Davisville, RI.

**Tuesday, NOV 17th, 2015 - 7:00p.m.**  
Regular monthly meeting at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park, Davisville, RI.

**Saturday, December 12th, 2015**

Annual Christmas Party along with Island X-1, Seabee Veterans of America at the Quonset "O" Club 11:30 a.m. The price is the \$30.00 per person. Make checks payable to Island X-1, NSVA and mail to Phil Justin, 4 Preserved Arnold Court, Lincoln, RI 02865-2505. Please bring a food donation for the local Food Bank and if you have something to donate for the raffles that would be greatly appreciated. Reservations and checks must be received by November 27th.

**Tuesday, DEC 15th, 2015 - 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.**

### **ANNUAL CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following Shipmates who have completed many

years of continuous membership in the FRA during this quarter.

**Bruno Bartnick**, 45 years on November 1st. **Anthony Demato**, 30 years on November 1st. **William R. Duff**, 40 years on December 1st. **Donald G. Pick**, 30 years on December 1st. **Edward R. Weikman Jr.**, 30 years on December 1st.

### **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2015.**

**Valentino M. Almeida**, 11/1/26, **Harry W. Arnold** 11/17/38, **Bruno Bartnick** 11/25/31, **Wiley M. Booth** 11/6/44, **Edouard N. Cadoret** 11/30/33, **Thomas F. Doyle** 11/21/29, **Arturo B. Flores** 12/07/27, **Roger T. Fournier** 11/05/37, **Robert F. Gagne** 11/16/36, **John J. Giro** 11/01/28, **Gilbert Hawkins** 11/23/18, **Robert J. Jessop** 12/03/33, **Benedicto Jotie** 11/19/27, **James C. Kanen** 12/17/29, **Dean R. Kauffman** 12/19/27, **Daniel J. Kershaw** 11/25/27, **David R. Kerwood** 12/25/54, **Henry H. Kramer** 11/04/29, **Ralph C. Lasky** 11/16/38, **Gerald R. Livermore** 11/09/38, **David R. Lizotte** 11/01/34, **Paul O. Main** 11/18/29, **William R. McCarthy** 11/11/26, **Daniel T. McGuirl** 12/24/41, **Antonio Santos** 12/18/18, **Robert W. Schwab** 11/22/44, **Joseph Skymba** 11/19/29, **Norman Teague** 12/11/24, **Cheri Ann Thompson** 12/03/71, **Ellsworth E. Witmer** 11/19/36.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

You are reminded of the power of the internet regarding legislative affairs. Please subscribe to [newsbytes@fra.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kerwooddr@riseacadets.org). Don't forget to checkout our website [www.fra42.org](http://www.fra42.org) for information.

NE/NENG Regional Convention was held at Branch 20 in Groton Ct on Saturday, Sept 19th: The new regional Officers are: Regional President: Donna Jansky from Branch 31, Regional Vice President: David Sharp from Branch 115, Regional Secretary, Mary Rauch, from Branch 57, Regional Treasurer, William Starkey from Branch 57 who is also the Parlimentarian and Chaplain, Joyce Harris from Branch 20.

Happy Thanksgiving and have a very Merry Christmas and a Glorious New Year.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection & Service,

Officers of Branch 42

## **UNIT 42 NEWS**

The members of Unit 42 continue to meet at the SONOMA GRILLE, 7366

Post Rd North Kingstown. As I will be at Nation Convention, the meeting for October will be on October 28th, 2015 at 11:30a.m. Please note the change. We will resume our regular schedule in November (third Monday of each month). If anyone needs a ride, please contact me at (401)439-5329 or email: [cindyrodhamtuck@gmail.com](mailto:cindyrodhamtuck@gmail.com).

We held elections at our last meeting. The saying goes: "Do it until you get it right" The "new" officers are: President - Cindy Rodham Tuck; Vice President - Audrey Schwab and Chaplain - Ruthe O'Shaughnessy. We have lost count how many years Ruthe has served as Chaplain but I personally appreciate that she will continue.

The Northeast/New England Regional Convention was held in Groton, CT hosted by Branch and Unit 20. We had a great turnout including NT Karen Snee. We discussed the resolution regarding the wearing of whites. The current National Vice President has had to resign due to personal reasons. This has created a vacancy for National President. The candidates are PNP Helen Courtney Unit 274 Carson City and NP Doris Fri Unit 161 MO-KAN. The candidates for National Treasurer are RPSW Be a Parco Unit 163 Phoenix and PRPNW DyAnne Tryon Unit 18 Seattle.

The delegates voted to elect me as the NE/New England Regional President and PRP New England Ei

leen Hyland from Unit 20 Groton as the Regional Vice President. The other officers are appointed: PRPNE Sue

Hershberger Unit 124 - Regional Secretary: PNC Ellen Kotheimer Unit 42 - Regional Treasurer: and PRPNE Sara Piacentino Unit 124 - Regional Chaplain.

The delegates voted at the convention las 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 LAFRA and notate in the memo line: Bake-less Cake Sale. Send to NFS Christina Murray, 512 Hyde Park Rd, Norfolk, VA 23421. Please try and support this project.

The 88th FRA and 83rd LAFRA National Convention will be held this year in Spokane Washington hosted by the FRA Northwest Region. The hotel is the Spokane City Center DoubleTree Hotel. Information is available at [www.la-fra.org](http://www.la-fra.org):[www.fra2015.org](http://www.fra2015.org): and [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org). If you don't have internet access, feel free to call me and I will be happy to give you the information.

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.

My husband and I are members of the Lions Club in Easton. One of our projects is called Operation Shoebox, where we send care packages or "Shoeboxes" to members of the Armed Forces who are deployed. If anyone would like to contribute: batteries,

books, CDs/DVDs, coffee, lotion, razors, magazines, puzzles etc., please let me know. Also, if you know of a family member, friend, neighbor who is currently deployed, please send me the addresses before 1 November 2015. As the military has a new policy on privacy they are unable to provide us with the names and addresses.

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](http://www.buildinghomesforheroes.org). Donations can be made by sending a check or money order to LAFRA c/o NFS Christine Murray, 512 Hyde Park Road, Norfolk, VA 23521. Be sure and write "NP Project" in the memo line.

As I mentioned in 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 just to the casinos as there are many options available. I have been gathering some pamphlets and brochures and will present them at one of our meetings. but, if you are interested and/or have any suggestions, please let me know so that I can inform you what plans we make.

Another 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 of everyone's enjoyment. If we could make copies of these items, we could come up with some kind of a history book or scrapbook. Recently I was cleaning out some boxes and found several pictures that I shared at one of our meetings so I am sure that you all must have some too.

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. I know it is early but from the extended Rodham and Tuck families we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service

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