



FRA BRANCH 42 NEWSLETTER OCT - DEC, 2016

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From Your President

We are happy to report that there were no deaths this quarter.

Branch 42 came in First Place in two categories for the annual reports which were submitted to the Region in June. Kudos to Shipmate Dave Kerwood for his outstanding report regarding Youth Activities and I am happy to report that my Hospital, Health & Welfare report also took First Place in the Region.

IMPORTANT DATES - Mark your calendar

Annual National FRA Convention:

OCT 11 - 18, 2016, JACKSONVILLE, FL.

Tuesday, OCT 18, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, NOV 15, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, DEC 10, 2016 11:30 a.m.

Annual combined Christmas party with Island X-1, Davisville, Seabee Veterans of America at the Quonset "O" Club. North Kingstown, RI. \$30.00 pp. Make checks payable to Island X-1 Davisville. Send checks to Phil Justin, Secretary, FRA BR 42, 4 Preserved Arnold Court, Lincoln, RI 02865-2505. 50/50, raffles & good time camaraderie for all.

Tuesday, DEC 20, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

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

READY TO RENEW MEMBERSHIPS

James **Cross Jr.** Joh **DeFrancesco**,
Richard E. **Edgerton**, Arthur **Skaggs**,
Lawrence R. **Wood**,

Past Due: Kenneth R. **Newcombe**

OCT - DEC BIRTHDAYS

Valentino **Almeida** 11/01/26, Wiley M. **Booth** 11/06/44, Edouard N. **Cadoret** 11/30/33, Melvin **Carter** 10/25/35, Charley L. **Chapman** 10/20/28, Paul J. **Chilson** 10/09/23, Nicholas **Dalicandro** 10/31/29, Thomas F. **Doyle** 11/21/29, Byron B. **Duke** 10/10/25, Arturo B. **Flores** 12/07/27, James F. **Flyntz** 10/28/31, 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. **Kanes** 12/17/29, Leo E. **Kanis** 10/02/41, 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** 11/16/36, David R. **Lizotte** 11/01/34, Paul O. **Main** 11/18/29, Daniel T. **Mcguirl** 12/24/41, William C. **Rhodes** 10/07/31, Robert W. **Schwab** 11/22/44, Joseph **Skymba** 11/19/29, Robert E. **Steinhilber** 10/04/35, Norman **Teague** 12/11/24, Cheri **Thompson** 12/03/71, George **VanAmersfoot** 10/03/24, Kenneth L. **Waldron** 10/30/35, Ellsworth E. **Witmer** 11/19/36, Henry J. **Zakrajsek** 10/12/34, Francis E. **Zizza** 10/04/28,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ONE AND ALL

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

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

John S. Etchingham, 40 years on November 1st., Joseph E. Farias, 30 years on October 1st., Conrad T. Johnson, 45 years on October 1st., James J. Ludovico, 65 years on December 1st.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,

The Officers of Branch 42

Unit 42 News

The members of Unit 42 meet at GREGGS RESTAURANT, 4120 Quaker Lane, North Kingstown on the third Monday of every month at 11:30 AM. There will be a change for the month of October. The schedule is as follows: Monday -September 19; Monday October 31st; Monday November 21st; and Monday December 19th. We are planning a Christmas get together at the December meeting at Greggs and all are invited. There will be no cost involved. Please bring a secret Santa gift not to exceed \$10.00. Hope more of you will be able to participate. Remember, I am very willing and able to provide transportation as I have an SUV; just give me a call - (401) 439-5329 or you can email: cindyrodhamtuck@gmail.com. During the year, if it is necessary to cancel a 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 and you are not sure.

As I mentioned in the last several newsletters, we have been discussing getting a group together for day trips. 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. One of the members contacted me a few months ago and I am ashamed to say, I misplaced the email. Please email or call me again - so we can talk.

Another 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 them 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 seems that every single meeting, we reminisce about the "old times".

Just in case some of you have not heard, PRP Peg McPherson - Unit 20; PRP Lois Anderson - Unit 156 and from our own unit - PRP Dot Ginda passed this summer. We also recently heard that Anne Montgomery died a couple of years ago. We were deeply saddened to learn about Anne so long after her death. It is imperative that you let your families know that the unit members would have a memorial service or ritual at the time of your passing. Many family members may not be aware that this is available. I know this is a delicate subject but it's important to discuss with them. 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.

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. The TRIANGLE, the National newsletter, is available for reading by clicking the link on the home page. If you don't have access to the internet, let me know and I will make a copy for you. Also, please check www.fra.org especially the ACTION CENTER (from the FRA 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 where it will be read to you).

Don't forget that the Unit is still collecting eyeglasses, box tops and soup labels. Eileen Beno and Dot Crouch (or me) 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.

At the Regional Convention held August 19-20th in Groton, the delegates elected the Regional Officers for the coming Association year 2016-17: Regional President - PRP Eileen Hyland Unit 20 and Bobby Seidel Unit 124. The appointed officers are: Secretary - PRP Sue Hershberger Unit 124; Treasurer - PNC Ellen Kotheimer Unit 42; and Chaplain - PRP Sara Piacentino Unit 124. The convention was very successful and was well attended.

NP Helen Courneya's project is a program called "From Warriors to Soulmate". Donations can be made by sending a check made out to LA FRA (add NP Project in memo line). Send to: NFS Christina Murray, 512 Hyde Park Rd, Norfolk, VA 23503-5514.

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. Since this newsletter will cover September - December, I want to be sure and wish all Happy Holidays.

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