

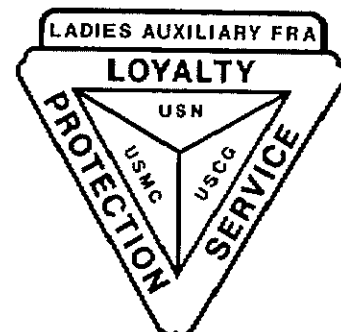
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The Navigator



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The Podium

Hello Shipmates, I have just returned from the Southeast Regional Convention which was held at the Ramada Plaza in Macon, Georgia and hosted by the Georgia/South Carolina Council of Branches and Units. Branch reports were judged and I am pleased to announce that Branch 91 received second place in Americanism-Patriotism. Regional Officers elected for the 2009-2010 year will be Shipmate Jerry Brice, member of Branch 187, Chattanooga, TN will be Regional President Southeast and he will be installed at National Convention in Virginia Beach in October and Regional Vice President will be Shipmate Bobby Smith, member of Branch 194 Knoxville, TN and he was installed during the last business session.

We are busy with the plans for the upcoming Stars and Stripes Poker Run which will be held the first weekend of October. Monies raised from this event will be given to Jacksonville area USO. We will need volunteers to help with the day's activities. More info is inside this Navigator.

The theme for the 2009-2010 Americanism Essay Contest is "What Memorial Day Means to Me". The essay contest is open to all students grades 7 through 12 (including those who are home schooled). Branch 91 actively solicits essays from the area schools but will also accept essays sent directly to the Branch. All essays will need to be submitted by December 1, 2009 to our Branch Americanism Chairman. Judging will take place at the Branch level with first place winners in each grade going to the Regional level. If you need more information you may either go to the FRA website www.fra.org and click on About FRA and then click on 7-12 Grade Essay Contest under In This Section or contact Branch Secretary Todd.

At the end of October I will be attending the National FRA Convention where the business of the organization such as Bylaw changes, committee reports and election of National Officers will be taking place. This is a real opportunity to gather with the Shipmates of other Branches and learn what they are doing. Of course there will be a chance for a few "Sea Stories". You can't get a group of "Shipmates" together and not hear "Sea Stories".

As I close I hope that you all are doing well. Remember we are here to serve you and welcome any suggestions on how we could better serve you.

Until next time, I remain yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
Jim "Robbie" Robbins, President
(904) 269-2136
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From the Club Manager

Hello to All

Now that we have made it through the hottest part of the year, I am looking forward to the events we have coming up and before you know it, the Holidays will be upon us once Again!

I hope that everyone has had a chance to make it out for all of the functions we have had, and hope you will all come out and participate in the ones we have coming.

We have had some upkeep done here at the FRA91, so come check things out and see how nice everything is looking.

Trivia Night is going over good, and is a lot of fun for all ages. Come up Monday nights at 7P.M. And test your knowledge for a chance to win some neat prizes.

We have a lot of GREAT bands and entertainers coming this next couple of months along with a few new events we are going to have, so make sure you check you calendar and come have some fun.

If you have not made it up here yet for one of our Italian Nights, you need to come and see for yourself what a wonderful cook Jeff is. Thanks to all the help we get on Italian Nights. With everyone working so hard they have all made it a huge success.

September 19th we are going to have a FUN RUN! This is going to be a trial run for the poker run coming up on October 3rd. Kick Stands up at 10:30 and we will head out and make all the stops then return back to the Fleet.

October 3rd – Stars and Stripes Poker Run Come out and help us support the USO

October 17th – Rocky Horror Night in the Back Room starting at 8:00 P.M. Dress as your favorite character And come have fun recreating the show with Tj's – Dj's

October 31st – This is going to be a busy day. Chili Cook Off, so get out your famous receipt and cook up a pot of chili to share and see if you can become this years winner. FL/GA game, dress to support your team and come party with the best fans out there. As always, there will be drink specials during the games. That evening, It is time to put on the costume and come party with Human Zoo. Costume contest, lots of fun to be had. Covered dishes, along with "left over" chili, welcomed

As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to come by and see me. Tara Moore

TRIVIA

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT (starting in September)

7 P.M. – 10:00

FREE TO PLAY AND TONS OF COOL PRIZES TO WIN

2 GAMES OF TRIVIA – 21 QUESTIONS EACH

QUESTIONS ABOUT: SPORTS, HISTORY, ENTERTAINMENT,
ELEMENTARY, TRUTH OR POOP,
AND WORD SCRAMBLES.

LOTS OF CHANCES TO WIN:

8 BONUS PRIZES AND 6 TOP WINNER PRIZES

WHAT DOES THE WORK “PENGUIN” MEAN???

- A) BLACK & WHITE
- B) FLIGHTLESS BIRD
- C) FAT

WORD SCRAMBLE: GNIBLWO (HINT: INDOOR SPORT)

AND MUCH MUCH MORE

IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE IT OUT YET, DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE
FUN AND PRIZES

COME HANG OUT WITH TOM T. FOR TJ'S DJ & TRIVIA

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH

FLEET FUN RUN

KICK STANDS UP AT 11:00

STOPS

PASTTIME

REN'S REDNECK YACHT CLUB

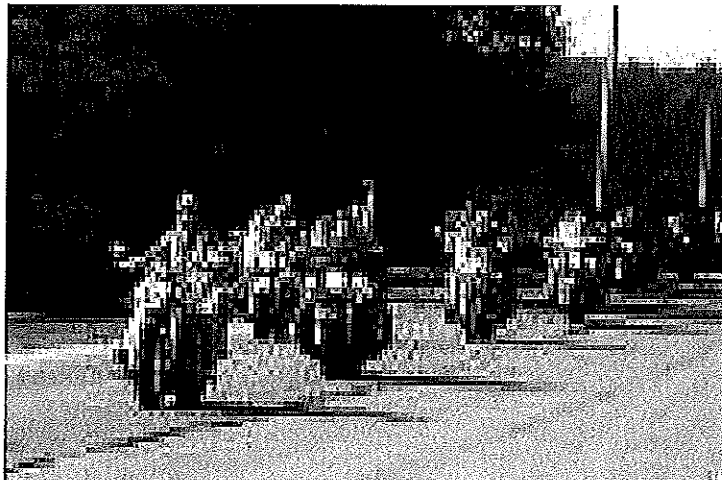
VNV/LV MC CLUBHOUSE

STEEL PONY

THEN BACK TO THE FLEET

**THIS IS JUST A FUN RUN FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD
LIKE TO GET A LITTLE WIND IN THEIR FACE.**

ANY QUESTIONS CALL TARA



****YOUR TAXES--YOUR MONEY****

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REVERSE MORTGAGES: During Mar and Apr the sale of reverse mortgages (RM) increased 20% whereas home equity loans decreased 70%. The federally insured maximum on RM increased from \$417,000 to \$625,500. The fees have also been limited to 2% on the first \$200K and 1% on the remainder for a maximum fee of \$6,000 plus insurance and closing costs. A 62 year old can get 57%; a 94 year old can get 85%. For example on the home appraised at \$500K the 62 year could get \$285,000 and the 94 year old could get \$425,000. The decline in interest rates and stock dividends has prompted many people to go with a RM. If you are living on fixed income, need cash flow, are at least 62 years old, and have equity in your home you might want to consider a RM.

SOCIAL SECURITY: For the first time in 35 years there will be no COLA increase in social security checks in 2010. There will also be no increase in Part B premiums for currently enrolled people on Medicare Part B that have the premiums withheld from their SS checks. Under a "hold harmless" provision of federal law, Part B premiums can not rise higher than any year's COLA. So zero COLA means zero Part B increase. This is a new situation that Congress never anticipated. That means they could change the law.

IF YOU OWE THE IRS, beware of tax-resolution companies. Two large companies that advertise regularly on TV had to settle with 18 states (including Florida) over charges that they misled customers and failed to produce results. One of those companies is projecting income of over \$100M. They charge up front fees of \$3,000 to \$5,000 with no guarantee. A few years back some of those TV tax stars went to jail. CPAs and/or tax attorneys charge an hourly rate for whatever actual work is performed. I know of two different people that paid an exorbitant fee and got no results. When they tried to get their fee back, they also got nothing.

FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS: If you are a first-time homebuyer before December 1, 2009 you will get a \$8,000 tax credit that does not have to be paid back as long as you live in the home for at least 36 months. To qualify as a first-time homebuyer you must not have owned a home during the 36 months prior to the purchase. There are two options to get the credit. You can amend your 2008 tax return or wait until you file your 2009 return. There has been increased scrutiny on the credit so be sure to attach a copy of the HUD-1 if you claim the credit.

FDIC: So far 68 banks have failed in 2009. More than the total from 2001 thru 2008. When a bank fails the FDIC is supposed to issue an advanced dividend to depositors within 30 days and then traditional dividends until the money is gone. As of the end of May only 34% of depositors of recent failures have received any money after four months. So if you really think your money is completely safe with FDIC; think again. If you really want your money safe, think indexed annuity.

CASH FOR CLUNKERS: If you trade in a 1984 or newer car in driving condition with a rating of 18 mpg or less for one rated at 22 mpg or more you will get a \$3,500 credit. That's a credit at the dealer; not a tax credit. You can get a \$4,500 credit if your new vehicle gets 10 mpg more than your old one. Good deal? Maybe not! You get the credit in lieu of a trade-in and right now you can get a 3 to \$5,000 on most any trade-ins.



ROCKY HORROR NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

8:00 – 2:00

DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER

AND COME PARTY WITH

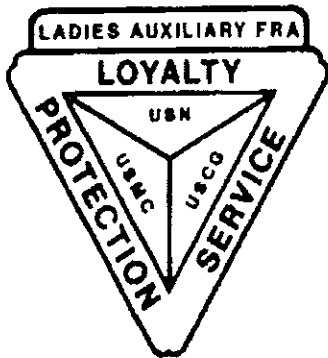
TJ'S – DJ'S

THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY PARTY

NO CHILDREN ALLOWED



“Don’t Miss This One”



Board of Directors Meeting
 1st Monday of each month
 7:00 pm
General Assembly Meeting
 2nd Monday of each month
 7:30 pm

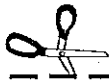
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Do you know someone who is eligible to be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association?
LA FRA Membership: Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association shall be limited to spouses, parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, children, stepchildren and grandchildren not less than 16 years of age of members of the Fleet Reserve Association and widows, widowers, parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, children, stepchildren and grandchildren not less than 16 years of age of persons who were members at the time of death or eligible to be members of the Fleet Reserve Association at the time of death.

If you do, please sign them up. Use the membership application below. Dues are \$15.00 per year.



NAME IN FULL _____

(First) (Middle) (Last)

ADDRESS _____

(City) (State) (Zip + 4)

(Telephone - Area Code + Number) (Birthdate(**Used for Security Verification))

(Status: Circle one)

I am the: Wife / Husband / Mother / Father / Sister / Brother / Widow / Widower / Daughter
 Son / Granddaughter / Grandson / Stepdaughter / Stepson / Grandmother / Grandfather

of _____
 (Serviceman's Full Name) (Rate) (USN, USMC USCG)

(Check the correct statement which fits sponsor's eligibility)

I certify that the above information is true and accurate and that my sponsor is a member of the FRA Branch _____ or is a MAL

I certify that the above information is true and accurate and that my sponsor was eligible for membership at the time of death.

Applicant's Unit Preference: 91

 (Applicant's Signature)

Proposed By: _____ Member # _____ Unit # _____

Send application and payment to: First Coast LA FRA Unit 91, 5391 Collins Road, Jacksonville, FL. 32244
 Make check payable to: LA FRA

Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association First Coast Unit 91
5391 Collins Road Jacksonville, FL 32244



The Unit President

Good Day Auxiliary Members,

Hopefully this finds all of you doing well. It certainly has been hot and rainy lately but what else should we expect, it's FLORIDA.

WOW!!!! Another outstanding Steak Night. The Unit served 150 steak dinners during the three hours they were open to serve. Even though the rain came just as they were about to open it did not deter the crowd. We had two large parties each consisting of approximately 20 and two parties of 10. Several anniversaries and birthdays were celebrated. We have reset the room using the maximum number of tables for the space and still had many who had to eat over in the bar area. We appreciate everyone's patience and patronage and will continue to do what we can to accommodate all that come out for dinner with us. As always we are in need of some more help in the evening. If you could help us please give us a call or just show up.

We are really excited about the plans for the Fall Luncheon & Game Day to be held on Saturday, November 14 2009. These are always so much fun and we are hoping to see some of members who can not attend our night meetings. (See article on this page.) Of course there will some great food but there is also lots of interaction among all that attends. We urge you not to miss this event.

The Unit is planning several fundraisers for this year. Please note a \$100.00 Visa card fundraiser that is being announced in this issue. Who couldn't use \$100.00 and it would be just in time for those holiday purchases. A different fundraiser will be announced in the January/February issue. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

With the holidays fast approaching, the Unit will once again be setting up the "Remembrance Tree" in the back meeting space. This tradition is one for which we are so proud and we solicit your support once again of this project. Hopefully the tree can be put up and decorated prior to the Fall Luncheon if not it will be up before the November steak night.

As I close I wish to send sincere sympathies to those in sadness, get well wishes to those who are ill, best wishes to those celebrating happy occasions and thinking of you wishes to all.

With warm regards I remain in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
Sandra Robbins, President

Fall Membership Appreciation Day

Come one, come all!!!! It is time to mark your calendar for the Unit's annual fall luncheon. It is open to all not just Unit members. It is planned for 10:00 am – 3:00pm for Saturday, November 14, 2009. Plans are still being made but there will be great food as always and of course there will a time to play some of our favorite games. To cover the cost of food there is a five dollar (\$5.00) donation per person and we really need to have you reserve your spot so that we can be assured of enough food. For more information please give us a call. (904) 269-2136. Tickets will be available at the bar.

Reservation Form for Fall Luncheon & Program

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Please reserve _____ X \$5.00 = _____

(Make checks payable to LA FRA Unit 91)

Send to: LA FRA Unit 91, 5391 Collins Road, Jacksonville, FL 32244

Holiday Cards Project

We have Shipmates, Auxiliary members and relatives of our membership who are and will still be serving during the upcoming holidays and we wish to send greetings and special thoughts during their time away from home. Help us with this by writing a note in a card or cards and sending them to us at our address. Do not make them name specific. We will be sending these cards to our contacts and they will be sharing them with their comrades. At this time we will be accepting cards for the Christmas time frame. Keep in mind we will need to have them by November 20th (Last Steak Night 2009) so that we can get out in time for holiday season to our contacts.

President: Sandra Robbins (904) 269-2136

Vice President: Linda Moore (904) 772-7606

Secretary: Jackie Davis (386) 697-4278

Treasurer: Pat Garwood (904) 594-6259

Chaplain: Anna Reneer (904) 771-0802

Lunch and Dinner Bunch

Come join our Lunch and dinner bunch. We go out each month either for lunch or dinner to area restaurants. This way we have a great social time and at the same time partake of some really good food.

September 15, 2009 7:00 pm

Golden Corral Blanding Blvd (near BJ's)

October 20, 2009 11:00 am

Panera Bread Blanding/Youngerman Circle

November 17, 2009 11:00 am

Longhorn Steakhouse Blanding Blvd/Argyle

December 15, 2009 7:00 pm

Trent's Seafood Yukon/NAS JAX

January 19, 2010 11:00 am

Olive Garden Blanding Blvd/Argyle

February 16, 2010 11:00 am

Honey B's Hwy 17/Paces Island

Although reservations are not required, we would appreciate knowing how many would be attending, so please give Sandy a call at (904) 269-2136.

Bon Appetit!!!



2009 FRA/LA FRA National Convention

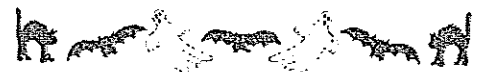
The Shipmates and members of the Auxiliary will be meeting in Virginia Beach, VA the week of October 18-25, 2009. The Convention Committee hopes that many of you will attend this year as they feel many of you were either stationed or have been through the Norfolk area during your career. The theme they have established is "Welcome Back Home". The Cavalier Hotel located at 42nd Street and Atlantic Ave has been chosen as the site for the 82nd FRA and 77th LA FRA Convention. The base room rate is \$90.00 plus tax. (There is an additional charge of \$25.00 for each additional person in a room above two.) Reservations must be made by calling: 1(757) 425-8555, 1-(800) 446-8199 or 1(888) since 27. Be sure to mention you are with the FRA/LA FRA Convention so that you will get the convention room rate. The Convention committee has scheduled several special events during the week; "Welcome to Hampton Roads"-Monday, Oct. 19, 2009 1-4pm, All Day Tour (Little Creek Naval Base, Nauticus, Battleship Wisconsin)-Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009 9am-4pm and Spirit of Norfolk Dinner Cruise, Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009. For more information you may either contact us at the Unit level or you may visit the Convention web site by going to www.fra.org and clicking on the National Convention Logo. Representing the Unit will be Sandra Robbins-chairman, Pat Garwood-Cochairman and Kay Lancaster. (***)Because of Navigator deadlines, the report of National Convention will appear in the January/February 2010 issue.)

Steak Dinners

The Unit is so thankful to each and everyone who comes out to our monthly steak nights on the third Friday of each month. There are still three (September, October and November) dinners left for this year. We take off in December. We do ask that if your party is over 8 that you please give Sandy a call at (904) 269-2136 so that we can be assured of having enough food.

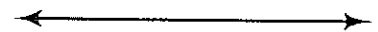
Children's Halloween Party

Attention, all Ghosts and Goblins!!!! You are invited to attend the annual Children's Halloween party on Friday, October 30, 2009 at the FRA Branch Home. Time will be 6:00 pm -8:00 pm. Besides good food there will games and of course there will be prizes given out to the best costume for each age group. We would like to know how many to plan for so we would appreciate a call to Janet at (904) 268-9918. As always we appreciate any donations of candy and ask you to drop it off at the Branch Home by no later than Monday, October 26, 2009. (Those attending Steak Nite could bring it then.) We also will accept donations of cookies, cupcakes or cakes on the night of the party. This is always a fun time for the kids as well as the adults. See you there!!!!



FRA Today Subscriptions

The Fleet Reserve Association publishes "FRA Today" and a subscription is covered by the FRA member's annual dues. Widows of Shipmates and LA FRA members who would like to receive the "FRA Today" may receive their own subscription by sending their request to FRA, 125 N. West Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The cost is \$7.00 per year.



Children's Christmas Party

Mark your calendars now for the Children's Christmas Party. It will be on Friday, December 18, 2009. Time will be 6:00-8:00 pm. We are hoping that Santa will be able to take time out of his busy schedule to make a visit. More info will be in the next Navigator.



Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve First Coast Unit 91

REMEMBRANCE TREE 2009

The Unit is once again in preparation for its annual Remembrance Tree Project. This will be the eighth year that the Unit will be decorating the Christmas Tree which is located in the back meeting hall with gold ornaments decorated with blue ribbons. These ribbons contain the names of special individuals (living or deceased) who have touch someone's life and have been submitted to us. For a five dollars donation per name you will have your loved ones' name placed on a ribbon which will be attached to an ornament. Those interested in participating may do so by filling in the form provided below and mailing it to the address provided. You also may drop the form off at the Branch 91 Home in an envelope marked "Remembrance Tree." The Unit plans to put the tree up just prior to the steak dinner in November and is slated to remain up through the holidays. For more information please call Sandy Robbins at (904) 269-2136.

Please place the following names on the "Remembrance Tree" 2009: (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

- 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Your Name: _____

Phone #: _____

I have enclosed: \$5.00 X _____ for a total of \$ _____

Make checks payable to: LAFRA UNIT 91

Send to:

REMEMBRANCE TREE - LAFRA UNIT 91

5391 COLLINS RD.

JACKSONVILLE, FL. 32244

Unit Fundraiser-\$100.00 Visa Card

In order for the Unit to continue with its support of many charities and activities the Unit has decided to do a fundraiser for a \$100.00 Visa gift card. For a donation of \$1.00 for one ticket or six tickets for \$5.00 you may enter our drawing. The lucky ticket will be drawn at the December 14, 2009 Unit General Assembly meeting. The winner will be notified as you do not have to be present to win. Please help us raise some funds for our Chaplain's Projects by sending in your donation to LA FRA Unit 91, 5391 Collins Road, Jacksonville, Fl. 32244.

Please Print:

Name: _____ Phone # _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for _____ ticket(s).

Veterans Day Picnic

The last Family Picnic for 2009 will be held on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2009 at the FRA Branch 91 Home. Festivities will commence at noon. Burgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans and Cole Slaw are on the menu. Anyone wishing to bring a dessert to share is encouraged to do so. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet your fellow members as well as an opportunity to celebrate and remember our Veterans. We look forward in your joining us for another great Family Picnic!!!!



Southeast Regional Convention News

The delegates to the 2009 SE Regional Convention have just returned from Macon, Georgia. Reports were judged and the Unit did fairly well and all their First Place reports will be taken to the National Convention for judging against the winners from the other eight regions. Congratulations to the newly elected Regional Officers:

- Regional President Southeast: Nancy Hunter-Unit 290 Atlantic Beach
Regional Vice President Southeast: Mildred Brice-Unit 187 Chattanooga
Regional Treasurer Southeast: Donna Mefford-Unit 30 Brunswick

Nancy will be installed at the National Convention being held in Virginia Beach while Mildred and Donna were installed before the Regional Convention adjourned. The 2010 Southeast Regional Convention will be held in Greenville, SC with Branch and Unit 234 being the hosts. Thanks to the GA/SC Council for hosting this year's convention. Great Job!!!!!!

Upcoming Events at the Fleet

September October 2009

NASCAR Atlanta 6 September	NASCAR Richmond 12 September
NASCAR Loudon 20 September	NASCAR Dover 27 September
NASCAR Kansas 4 October	NASCAR Fontana 11 October
NASCAR Charlotte 17 October	NASCAR Martinsville 25 October
Instant Pull Tab Bingo Everyday	Pinochle Tournament Every Saturday at 1pm
Labor Day 7 September	CALL FIRST 264-2833 - Benny's Haircuts 1st and 3rd Thursday 10-2
Fish Fry First Friday	Italian Dinner Second Friday
Steak Night Third Friday	Taco Buffet Fourth Friday
Jack Pot Bingo Wed 6:30pm	TRIVIA every Monday 7pm till - Fun - Prizes
Blue Grass Jam 1st and 3rd Saturday	
AO Night Third Thursday	Helen's Bonanza Burgers every Monday 12-4
Ladies Night Every Saturday 8-Mid	2 for 1 wells and \$4 Pitchers Thursdays 4-10pm
Stars and Stripes Poker Run 3 October	
Join the Events. Invite a Friend. Bring the Family. Opens at Noon 365 Days a Year.	

Parking -- Lately there have been some issues with parking in and around the Fleet Reserve Building especially in front. For the record, parking is not authorized in front of the building under the two awnings directly in front of the doors. Parking for motorcycles is authorized in between the two awnings, NOT under them, on the asphalt in front of the building. Additionally, if you need to pick someone up or drop someone off or to unload your vehicle you may temporarily park under the awning. Temporarily is defined as a short period of time to perform the task at hand generally less than 15 minutes. We respectfully ask all members to abide by this rule.

I like the Navy

Submitted By: Ben Anlage

I like the Navy. I like standing on the bridge wing at sunrise with clean ocean winds whipping in from the four quarters of the globe - the ship beneath me feeling like a living thing as her engines drive her through the sea.

I like the sounds of the Navy - the piercing trill of the boatswain's pipe, the syncopated clangor of the ships bell on the quarterdeck, the harsh squawk of the MC and the strong language and laughter of sailors at work.

I like the vessels of the Navy - nervous darting destroyers, plodding fleet auxiliaries, sleek submarines and steady, solid carriers. I like the proud sonorous names of Navy capital ships: Midway, Lexington, Saratoga, Coral Sea, - memorials of great battles won. I like the lean angular names of Navy 'tin-cans': Barney, Dalhgren, Melanize, McCoy - mementos of heroes who went before us.

I like the tempo of a Navy band blaring through the topside speakers as we pull away from the oiler after refueling at sea. I like liberty call and the spicy scent of a foreign port. I even like all hands working parties as my ship fills herself with the multitude of supplies, both mundane and exotic, which she needs to cut her ties to the land and carry out her mission anywhere on the globe where there is water to float her.

I like sailors - men from all parts of the land, farms of the Midwest, small towns of New England, from the cities, the mountains and the prairies, from all walks of life. I trust and depend on them as they trust and depend on me for professional competence, for comradeship, for courage. In a word, they are "shipmates".

I like the surge of adventure in my heart when the word is passed, "Now station the special sea and anchor detail - all hands to quarters for leaving port", and I like the infectious thrill of sighting home again, with the waving hands of welcome from family and friends waiting pierside.

The work is hard and dangerous, the going rough at times, the parting from loved ones painful, but the companionship of robust Navy laughter, the "all for one and one for all" philosophy of the sea is ever present.

I like the serenity of the sea after a day of hard ships work, as the flying fish flit across the wave tops and sunset gives way to night. I like the feel of the Navy in darkness - the masthead lights, the red and green navigation lights and stern light; the pulsating phosphorescence of radar repeaters - they cut through the dusk and join with the mirror of stars overhead. And I like drifting off to sleep lulled by the myriad noises large and small that tell me that my ship is alive and well, and that my shipmates on watch will keep me safe. I like the quiet mid-watches with the aroma of strong coffee - the lifeblood of the Navy - permeating everywhere. And I like hectic watches when the exacting minuet of haze-gray shapes racing at flank speed keeps all hands on a razor edge of alertness.

I like the sudden electricity of, "General Quarters, General Quarters, all hands man your battle stations", followed by the hurried clamor of running feet on steel decks and ladders and the resounding thump of watertight doors as the ship transforms herself in a few brief seconds from a peaceful work place to a weapon of war - ready for anything. And I like the sight of space age equipment manned by youngsters clad in dungarees and sound-powered phones that their grandfathers would still recognize.

I like the traditions of the Navy and the men who made them. I like the proud names of Navy heroes: Halsey, Nimitz, Perry, Farragut, John Paul Jones. A sailor can find much in the Navy; comrades-in-arms, pride in self and country, mastery of the seaman's trade. An adolescent can find adulthood.

In years to come, when sailors are home from the sea, they will still remember with fondness and respect the ocean in all its moods - the impossible shimmering mirror calm and the storm-tossed green water surging over the bow. And then there will come a faint whiff of stack gas, a faint echo of engine and rudder orders, a vision of the bright bunting of signal flags snapping at the yardarm, a refrain of hearty laughter in the wardroom, warrant's mess, and chief's quarters and messdecks.

Gone ashore for good they will grow wistful about their Navy days, when the seas belonged to them and a new port of call was ever over the horizon. Remembering this, they will stand taller and say, "I WAS A SAILOR. I WAS PART OF THE NAVY AND THE NAVY WILL ALWAYS BE PART OF ME".

4th Annual Fleet Reserve Branch 91 Stars and Stripes Poker Run *To Benefit the USO*

Saturday, October 3, 2009

Registration will be from 11Am to 1 PM
at the Fleet Reserve Club of Jacksonville
5391 Collins Road



**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans,
Potato Salad and Cole Slaw**

\$15.00 DRIVER - \$5.00 PASSENGER
(includes meal and raffle ticket)

Last Bike Out by 1PM - Last Bike in by 6PM

Door Prizes - 50/50 - Raffles - BAND - Just Too Old (Starts at 5PM)

1ST STOP

PASTTIME 781-9862

2ND STOP

RENI'S REDNECK YACHT CLUB 225-0272

3rd STOP

VNV/LV MC CLUBHOUSE 289-4799

4th STOP

STEEL PONY 777-5630

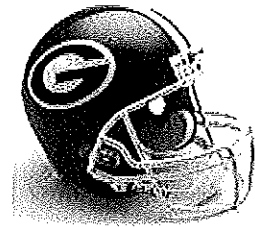
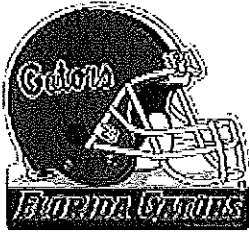
5th STOP

FRA BRANCH 91 264-2833



**HELP US SUPPORT
THE MEN AND WOMAN WHO SERVE
TO KEEP OUR FAMILIES SAFE
AND OUR COUNTRY FREE**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31, 2009



KICK-OFF 3:30PM

FL/GA GAME AT THE FLEET RESERVE

DRINK SPECIALS DURING GAME

8 TV's TO WATCH THE BIG GAME

HALF TIME – ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

ENJOY SOME OF THE BEST CHILI IN TOWN

AS OUR CONTESTANTS PREPARE THERE

FAVORITE RECIPE TO SEE IF THEY CAN BE

THIS YEARS "CHILI COOKOFF WINNER"

Followed by

FLEET RESERVE ANNUAL

HALLOWEEN PARTY

GET OUT YOUR COSTUME

AND COME PARTY WITH



HUMAN ZOO

DRINK SPECIALS, FUN AND GAMES

COSTUME CONTEST

COVERED DISHES NEEDED TO AUGMENT LEFT OVER CHILI!

Members Due for Renewal in September & October of 2009

The following memberships are due for renewal in September and October 2009. If you know someone on this list please contact them about renewing their dues. If someone is deceased please notify Duane Wild, our Funeral Services Officer. If your name is listed in error due to recent renewal, please disregard. If in doubt call Todd Richter the Secretary.

Bruce Adami, Jr.	Daniel B Estep, Jr.	William E King	Frank H Parker
Marvin R Adkison	James B Faircloth	Carlos I Koski	David Patton
Simpson D Bagwell	Jeffrey J. Faucett	Bernard L. Kramer	Daniel J Piotrowski
Roger A Bailey	Jerold L Fillman	John E Landsittel	Jackson Rinehart
Stewart C Baker	Jerome D Forest	James H Leclare	Virgil Roberts
James P Best, Jr.	James H Frazer	Jack E Lee	Alan R Rockhold
Lewis F Blevins	Eugene A Fredricksen	Leo L Lenczewski	Charles Roden
Roger L Boone	Richard M. Freeman	Keith G Lentz	Ed Rowles
Larry D Boots	Perry L Friedt	Robert W Lesage, Jr.	Greg W Sawyer
Silvia M. Bowery	Jerry G. Gaddy, Jr.	Wayne A. Lincoln	Paul E Sentell
Michael Bridge	Robin Gamble	Martin Luchter	David W Serianne
John W Browning, Jr.	Tony Gonzales	Arthur Lynn	William B Shaeff
Ronnie J Burmaster	Victor Wyndell Gorday	Robert L Massie	James A Shell
Cecil V Caneer	Ralph A Goslin	Clarence L Mathews	Kenneth L Sorensen
Nick T. Challen	Bobby D Hall	Robert G McDonell	Donald M Sorrell
Wayne E Chislett	Edward L Hall	Michael B McMannis	Donald E Spink
Michael Clevette	Horace F Hardaway	Robert McVeigh, II	Joseph H Stephenson
Richard L Coleman	Richard M Harris	Alvin E Meeker	Harley A Sykes
Daniel B Cooper	Dale M Hart	Robert A Mestrich	William H Thorne
Steven P Courtney	Lawrence J Hatton	John T Meysenburg	Dennis E Upchurch
William D Crawford	John A Howard, Sr.	Bobby R Minish	Edward D. Van Dyke
Billy A Crowe	Michael A Jacobacci	Joseph G Moldoon	Patrick J. Vanelzen, Sr.
George H Crowther	Bifolek Jason	Robert J Monahan	Clifton W Welch
Frank J. Denny	Melody A Jeffers	Robert D. Muma	Timothy A Wheeler
Carl Doan	Stephanie L Joyner	John Murray	E Franklin Williams
Keland L Drake	Theodore R Keeby, Jr.	Marvin H Nelson, Jr.	Curtis T Woodall
Robert Dunnigan	Thomas C. Kelly	Charles J Newmes	
Larry A Elswick	Harold B Kilmer, JR	Kim Nickerson	
Mark E. Erlandson	Charles W King	Paul E. Orlando	

Lapsed Memberships in July & August of 2009

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James D Alcorn	Sr.	Bob Hines	Stacy S. Navarro
Claude A Allen, Jr.	Peter J Correa	Robert R Johns	David J Patrick
Allen Alquist	William A Culpepper	Darrell Stephen	David E. Phillips, Jr.
Timothy N. Austin	James F. Dixon	Johnson	Wallace E. Pitts
Jim Baldwin	Henry Adam Doherty	Jim Lankford	Ronald B Quitevis
Billy R. Barley	Christian J Eck, Jr.	Kenneth R. Leisher	Milton Small
Edward L. Bass	Keith B Fairchild	Robert J Lewis	Charles L Smith
Gerald H Black	Tom L. Faucett	Dana Mauldin	Jerrald D. Steichen
Rob S. Bouchat	Ralph F. Futch	Vernon Medley	Michael D Thomas
E R Cavanaugh, JR	Frederick Goetter	James E Moore	Teresa H.
Allyson C. Coley	James W. Griffith	Ralph E Moore	Whitehouse
John P. Collandra,	Gary A Hauff	Marcus Navarro	Mark T. Williams

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2009</h1>						
		1	2	3	4	5
		Darts	Bingo 6:30pm	Benny's Haircuts 10am-2pm Call First	Fish Dinner 5-8pm Quick Draw	Club/FRA BOD 9am Pickin n Grinnin 2-6pm Karaoke
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
BMW Breakfast	TRIVIA 7pm Unit Board 7pm	Branch Ga 7:30pm Darts	Bingo 6:30pm		Italian Dinner 5-8pm Vicki Lee	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	TRIVIA 7pm Unit GA 7:30pm Bonanza Burgers Noon-4pm	Darts	Bingo 6:30pm	Benny's Haircuts 10am-2pm Call First	Steak Dinner 5-8pm Steven Craig	Pickin n Grinnin 2-6pm Fleet Fun Run Karaoke
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
BACA	TRIVIA 7pm Bonanza Burgers Noon-4pm	Darts	Bingo 6:30pm		Taco Buffet 5-8pm Wild Card	
27	28	29	30			
	TRIVIA 7pm Bonanza Burgers Noon-4pm	Darts	Bingo 6:30pm			

EVERY
SATURDAY
PINOCHLE
TOURNAMENT
1PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2009</h1>						
				1 Benny's Haircuts 10am-2pm Call First	2 Fish Dinner 5-8pm Bill & Bob	3 Club/FRA BOD 9am Pickin n Grinnin 2-6pm Stars & Stripes Poker Run Just Too Old
4 BMW Breakfast	5 TRIVIA 7pm Unit Board 7pm Bonanza Burgers Noon-4pm	6 Darts	7 Bingo 6:30pm	8	9 Italian Dinner 5-8pm Rosco Caine	10 Karaoke
11	12 TRIVIA 7pm Unit GA 7:30pm Bonanza Burgers Noon-4pm	13 Branch GA 7:30pm Darts	14 Bingo 6:30pm	15 Benny's Haircuts 10am-2pm Call First	16 Steak Dinner 5-8pm Blue Sunrising	17 Pickin n Grinnin 2-6pm Rocky Horror
18 BACA	19 TRIVIA 7pm Bonanza Burgers Noon-4pm	20 Darts	21 Bingo 6:30pm	22	23 Taco Buffet 5-8pm Empire Band	24 Free Juke Box
25	26 TRIVIA 7pm Newsletter to Printer Bonanza Burgers Noon-4pm	27 Darts	28 Bingo 6:30pm	29 Label Newsletter	30 Pork-K-Bob 5-8pm Bill & Bob	31 Halloween Party Human Zoo