



Fleet Reserve Association  
USS Indianapolis Memorial Branch 130  
Newsletter for March 2020

***The March meeting has been moved to March 9. The address for the new VFW building is 1842 Veterans Way, Greenwood IN 46143. To get there go east on Main St. continue on past Starbucks, under I-65. past Road Ranger and the next street will be Commerce Parkway West Dr. turn right and travel about 299 yards.***

FRA Branch web site [www.fra130indy.org](http://www.fra130indy.org)

FRA National web site [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org)

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	Ronald Walters	Ind. Mil. Coalition Liaison:	Keith Ray
	Joe Lanning		

**Next Meeting:** The next USS Indianapolis Memorial FRA Branch 130 monthly meeting will be held in the Greenwood VFW Post 5864 at 1842 Veterans Way, Greenwood IN 46143 (Phone Number 317-888-2488) on MONDAY March 9, 2020 at 1800 hrs. Refreshments are available at the bar. For more information, directions, or concerns, please contact the Branch Secretary: James Hayes (317-258-0000)

**Shipmate President Puckett** called the meeting to order on Monday January 6, 2020 at 1815 hours.

Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and FRA Preamble were recited. We had 15 members in attendance..

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

- Read and approved.

**Treasurer's report:**

- Read and approved.

**Correspondence:**

- Newsbytes.

**The following topics were discussed.**

- 50/50 was \$36.00.
- Gun raffle.
- New VFW building.
- Facebook.
- Commissary.

**Veterans Affairs:**

765-537-2636

Chair, Keith Ray

[vamotor@hotmail.com](mailto:vamotor@hotmail.com)

- Not Present.

**Chaplain Affairs:**

Chair, George Dow

[gcdow@juno.com](mailto:gcdow@juno.com)

317-339-5216

- Shipmate Dow reported that Shipmate Bob Wesell passed away, and a sympathy card was sent to his wife.

**Membership and Retention:**

Chair, Joe Lanning

[lmanning@att.net](mailto:lmanning@att.net)

- 93 members. No losses or transfers. No new/reinstated. Past due 2 R. McCullough and, M. Ritter. Ready to renew 7 J. Cromer, W. Foxworthy, M. Gill, J. Mastripolito, A. Miles, M. Riley and D. Rook.

**Public Relations:**

Chair, Jerry Bennett

[jerry.bennett721@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.bennett721@gmail.com)

- Nothing to report.

**Americanism-Patriotism:**

Chair, PRPNC Melson

[rmelson46@att.net.com](mailto:rmelson46@att.net.com)

- Not Present.

**Unfinished/Old Business:**

- Shipmate Lee mentioned that the Information on the gun raffle ticket for this year needs to be more accurate.

**New business:**

- Shipmate McCuen Volunteered to start a Facebook page for our Branch.

**Good Of The Order:**

Anthony Miles received a 40 year Certificate. Shipmate Lee will present it.

Disabled Vets, Purple Heart recipients and Medal of Honor recipients can now use the Commissary.

**Shipmate President Puckett closed the meeting at 1851 hrs.**

***A Note from the Secretary/Treasurer J. Hayes***

***TO PAY DUES BY CREDIT CARD CALL FRA MEMBERSHIP 1-800-372-1924***

***TO PAY BY CHECK SEND TO: James Hayes 113 N. Wallace Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46201***

*Shipmate Maresca continues to bring the Navy Log information pages to the meeting. Anyone who needs to Update or create a page contact Gene at 317-786-5788 or [GeneMMaresca@aol.com](mailto:GeneMMaresca@aol.com) he will also accept historical pictures and information to be added to the Branch 130 Deck Log.*

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**Convention Information- Mark your calendars:** - 2019 NCR Mid-Year Conference April 17 - 19, 2019 in Bloomington, MN, hosted by Branch 136 – 2019 NCR Convention August 2 - 4, 2019 in Inn at Grand Glaize in Osage Beach, MO hosted by Branch & Unit 161. For reservations call: 573-348-4731 - 2019 National Conventions September 28 - Oct 3, 2020 in Portland, OR (for more information- see FRA Headquarters website under Events & Programs)

## **From the Newsletter editor Patrick Bryan**

### **FRA March Birthday**

**Bernard Amberger, Emma Brooks, Henry Jacoby, Ron McCullough, Pamela Sallee**

**Robert Weseli**

### **FRA March Anniversary**

**William Foxworthy {2} Clyde Gilliam {7} Anthony Miles {40} Nate Robe {1}**

**David Rook {46}**

### **Military History in March**

**March 4 1929-Congress appropriated \$144,000.00 for seaplanes and equipment for the Coast Guard**

**March 7 1944- US Task Force 74 {Admiral Crutchley} bombards Japanese batteries on Hauwei and Ndrilo there are 3 cruisers and 4 destroyers involved**

**March 15 1930- The USS Nautilus the 1<sup>st</sup> streamlined submarine of the US Navy was launched**

**March 25 1928-James A. LOVELL Jr USN astronaut {Gemini 7,12 Apollo 8.12} was born in Cleveland Oh**

**March 27 1953-The 5<sup>th</sup> Marines supported by the 2d Battalion 7 Marines in the first full day of fighting after the Chinese assault the previous of outpost Vegas on Koreas western front counterattacked to regain enemy-held position Companies E and F of 2/7 down to only three platoons between them managed to regain**

partial control of Outpost Vegas that day

## **Military word of March**

Sea daddy-An old marine who took promising new marine under his wing. Navy petty officers undertook the same practice



Breakfast is on the second Tuesday of the month at Denny's in Greenwood I65 exit99

**March 9 2020- Meeting**

**March 10 2020-Breakfast**

**March 17 2020 Flower & Patio show free for Veteran's at the Indiana fair grounds**

**Apr 6 2020-Meeting**

**Apr 14 2020-Breakfast**

**May 4 2020-Meeting**

**May 12 2020-Breakfast**

**Jun1 2020-Meeting**

**Jun 9 2020-Breakfast**

**Jul 6 2020-Meeting**

**Jul14 2020-Breakfast**

**Aug 3 2020-Meeting   Aug 8 2020-Picnic   Aug 11 2020-Breakfast**

**Sept 8 2020-Meeting   Sept 14 2020-Breakfast   Sept 20 2020-Fishing Trip**

**Oct 5 2020-Meeting**

**Oct 13 2020-Breakfast**

**Nov 7 2020-Meeting**

**Nov 10 2020-Breakfast**

**Nov 11 2020-Veterans day**

**Dec 7 2020-Meeting**

**Dec 8 2020-Breakfast**

**Dec 12 2020-Christmas party**

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