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Minutes: General Membership Meeting April 13, 2012. First day of FRALICS 2012.

Note: GMM was moved to second Friday of this month to not conflict with Good Friday

The meeting was called to order by President Mishenko at 1115.

Visitors or VIPs of mention:

1. RPNW Pete Lazzaretti—Thanks for visiting!
2. President FRA Branch 74 Azzie Poteat
3. Commander American Legion Post 4 and VP FRA 74 Chris Schrauben
4. LM Steve Blair who is normally at work overseas for our GMMs.
5. New S/M Rick Crisp

Twenty-six + members present plus six shipmates from FRA Branch 74 and several Ladies from FRA 74.

CONDUCTED OPENING CEREMONIES.

RPNW Pete Lazzaretti cited the FRA preamble from memory.

Communications

Minutes from last GMM approved. All routine correspondence from National and Northwest region will be posted on the Read Board and only significant correspondence will be read. Nothing new from NWR or NHQ.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Treas report read and accepted as read. Rent paid for April. \$5,000.00 total in the bank and on-hand (\$ plus PHP) after paying FRALICS expenditures and at the start of FRALICS 2012.

Americanism and Patriotism: Shipmates Mishenko, Alvarado, Niemela, and associate life member Alaska Bob attended a Medal Of Honor Re-internment and monument dedication in San Fernando, La Union on April 2, 2012. Shipmate Mishenko was part of a multi-service organization honor guard. The ceremony was held for of Pvt Jose Baliton-Nisperos (US Army Philippine Scouts) who was the first Filipino, first Asian, first non-American recipient of the MOH for actions in 1911.

Hospital and Welfare: Shipmate Pat Kane is at home and getting better. FRA and LAFRA 367 and several shipmates and friends covered the expenses to get Pat into the hospital and pay the first several round of bills.

Membership: One new member so far this month. Reminder that ANY FRA member can sign up new members; not just the secretary!

Building and Maintenance:

1. Treas John Easy Moore personally led the installation of the new pressure tank and the feed water for the two outdoor heads. Thanks John!
2. Two new CRs are mostly finished just in time for first day of FRALICS 2012.
3. Internet tower needs to be relocated—this was completed by FRA volunteers on April 17—thanks shipmates!
4. The power feed pigtail from the meter to the power panel still needs installed under ZAMECO's guidance to fully complete our electrical work.
5. Awaiting arrival of the last three ceiling fans—on order.
6. New wall ads and renewals continue to trickle in.

Canteen: Kitchen and bar continue to do well: P333K in sales but overall in the red because of FRALICS expenditures.

Youth Activities and LAFRA update: Spoke with local community leader Hermie Echiverre about starting up our youth darts tournament. Now that building repairs have been completed we can re-engage with more community support activities.

Retired Affairs: FRA 367 Mail List mention. Anyone not on the list, let the sec know.

Public Affairs: NTR.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED BUSINESS: NTR

NEW BUSINESS:

1. BOD meeting minutes discussed in detail. See April BOD minutes for more info.
2. As part of BOD minutes discussion, Shipmate Lazzaretti mentioned that FRA Branch 59 has a relief fund for shipmates and immediate family medical emergencies and he will send a copy of their by-laws as an example for us to use. We will do a relief fund donation/grant after we figure out our program. We have started raising money from our weekly 50/50 draws.
3. Easter Egg Hunt donations discussed.

OLD BUSINESS: NTR

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. S/M Alvarado discussed saluting officers while in FRA uniform: cover, barong and slacks. We discussed this and agreed it is the proper thing to do.
2. RPNW Pete Lazzarretti:
 - a. Presented 100% Membership Awards to FRA 367 and FRA 74. Thanks to our shipmates from FRA 74 for attending today.
 - b. Discussed TRICATE issues in Philippines and what NWR and NHQ was doing. Big kudos to Bob Washington for his efforts.
 - c. Discussed Medicare challenges in Philippines.
 - d. Discussed US embassy access—requires an appointment.
 - e. Discussed lack of VSOs (Veteran Service Officers) in Philippines. Secretary mentioned there is only one and he is stepping down this month. Sec to pursue what the requirements are to become a VA recognized VSO.
 - f. Discussed the ever-growing list of ships exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War
 - g. Discussed the importance of voting and thinking about one's benefits when one voting.
 - h. Question and answer session:

- i. Lynn Peters from FRA 74 mentioned TRICARE Plus coverage in Okinawa works well for us retirees in Philippines
- ii. FRA endorsed insurance as we have seen in the past
- iii. Discussed improving communications between FRA branches in Philippines. All the known FRA Branches in Philippines e-mail addresses are included in our FRA 367 Mail List distribution. E-mail address and phone numbers need to be accurate.
- iv. Discussed the timeliness, accuracy and importance of Branch Officer reports—this is where contact information (address, e-mail address and mailing addresses) is taken from.
- v. Discussed reports
 1. Youth activities
 2. Americanism and Patriotism
 3. Hospital and Welfare
 4. Public Relations
 5. Credentials (ours were completed and turned in to Lazz).
- vi. Discussed membership: new and renewals. Suggested a fund raiser to pay for new members as many other branches are doing.
- vii. Discussed FRA Branch web sites and complemented ours—well done Shipmate Reid!
- viii. Discussed Philippine Counsel of Branches: five branches want it for communications only. FRA 367 is happy to help in any way for communications between our fellow Philippine branches—we are working to do this with our FRA 367 Mail List.
- ix. Shipmate Townsend brought up the difficulty of ID card renewals here.
- x. Shipmate Mishenko brought up our efforts to get into the loop for community relations (COMREL) projects in Philippines with US Navy ships in Subic.
- xi. NWR convention is in September in Everett, WA.
- xii. National convention is in October in Reno.

3. Election of Officers for 2012-13 results:

Position	Name	Number of votes	Remarks
a. President	Mishenko	10	Winner
	Walker	0	
	Moran	5	
	Avens	8	
b. VP	Moran	11	Winner
	Walker	0	
	Niemela	7	
	Randolph	5	

Note: Not sure why some FRA 367 members did not vote; Sec is still holding the original ballots.

- c. Treasurer Moore by unanimous proclamation
- d. Secretary Simms by unanimous proclamation
- e. Board of Directors (by unanimous proclamation)
 - 1. Bay
 - 2. Inskeep
 - 3. Alvarado
 - 4. Doty
 - 5. Fuller
 - 6. Niemela
 - 7. Townsend
 - 8. Perrizo Associate Member Rep
- f. Junior Past remains Randolph since Mishenko remains as Pres.

4. 50/50 raffle: P2350 to FRA 74 member "Charles". P2350 to the FRA 367.

CONDUCTED CLOSING CEREMONIES

Meeting adjourned at 1250.

Submitted:

Approved:

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Secretary
FRA Branch 367

Thomas Mishenko
President
FRA Branch 367