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AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2005 BRANCH & UNIT 22 BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Branch & Unit General Meetings are held each month on the 2nd Monday at 1900

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From Your President

It appears that we survived Hurricane Dennis with no major damage and we can continue with business as usual. Currently we are waiting for a cost estimate on building our new branch home, and we should have it in hand by our next meeting. This will give us a good start on how fast we can move forward.

Presently, I am getting ready to attend the Southeast Regional Convention in Macon, Georgia this month then on to Reno, Nevada for the FRA National Convention in late September. I will give a full report on each at the branch meeting after the respective convention.

I would really like to see more attendance at our Sunday breakfasts and "A-B-C" nights. These two functions are designed as fundraisers and the profits will help us realize our dream of a new branch home.

Please note that AMVETS has moved their Steak Night to the 3rd Friday of the month. You can show your appreciation for the gracious hospitality AMVETS Post 292 has shown us by utilizing their canteen and attending their special events. Our Shipmates and Ladies are more than welcome.

Until next time, may all of you have fair winds and following seas.

-Don Settell-

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From Your Secretary

Let me begin with a belated "Thanks" to FRA PRPSE Russ Belt and LAFRA PRPSE Joyce Belt of Branch and Unit 210 for conducting our Installations of Officers this past June. They did a superb job, and a great time was had by all!

We have received the resolutions to be voted upon at the National Convention in late September. There are two main items covered by multiple resolutions submitted by different branches: First, replacing the currently elected National Financial Secretary with a hired Finance Officer/Comptroller (exact title varies among resolutions); and secondly, changing the FRA membership eligibility to essentially allow former honorably discharged Sea Service personnel to join the Fleet Reserve Association. The latter has been a "hot topic" for many years and at many National Conventions.

How the Branch will vote on these issues will be decided at our September meeting. Your views are needed, and you are encouraged to be at this meeting to express them.

If I may be of any assistance to you in any matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection & Service,

-Mark Kilgore-

Special Notice!!

The Branch and Unit voted at the last meeting to host a "Hospitality Room" at this month's Southeast Regional Convention. We are well-noted for this tradition throughout the Region.

We are also planning to raffle off a "Basket of Cheer" to help defray the cost.

If you would like to make a contribution, either monetarily or bottle(s) of liquor and wine, please bring it/them to our meeting this month on Monday, August 8th. Monetary donations can be mailed to the Branch.

We are "under the gun" for this event, any and all contributions will be greatly appreciated!

In Remembrance

With deepest regret we announce the following Shipmates who are now serving on the Staff of the Supreme Commander:

LCDR Stuart R. **Adams**, USN(Ret.)
SCPO Thomas L. **Barrett**, USN(Ret.)
PO2 Ealston O. **Bright**, USN(Ret.)
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PO1 John J. **Jones**, USN(Ret.)
CPO George **Sheally**, USN(Ret.)

Our deepest sympathies are extended to their families and friends.

FROM MADAM PRESIDENT

Hi Ladies. Well, I presided at our first meeting as your new president last month and it was great seeing all of those smiling faces out there. I really felt like I had everyone's cooperation and support. However, I sincerely hope we see an increase in attendance at our meetings in the coming months. We have so many wonderful Ladies on our membership rolls that could make such a positive contribution to our unit if they would start coming to our meetings. All of our committees now have chairpersons and our unit projects are on track. Also, we will be planning for our special events in the near future.

My husband, Don, and I will be going on the road in August and September to attend the FRA/LAFRA Southeast Regional Convention and the FRA/LAFRA National Convention. I will be most proud to represent all of you as your delegate chairman while I am there.

Did you know that "A-B-C" Night at AMVETS is sponsored by us and it is the same thing as our Birthday Bash? I hope to see more of you at this event as we celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries of our Ladies and Shipmates. You don't even have to bring a covered dish anymore. May God bless all of you.

-Dora Settell-

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. As schools start up this month remember to "talk up" our Americanism Essay Contest. The theme this year is "What My Vote Will Mean to Me." At our meeting last month we voted to increase our Branch awards to \$100, \$75, and \$50 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in Grades 7-12.

2. Also at last month's meeting, it was voted to designate all profits from the "ABC" Nights and our Sunday breakfasts for our Building Fund. Our next turn at the grill for breakfast will be in October; however, do come out to support the AMVETS Auxiliary this month and the Post in September.

3. 60th FRA & 57th LAFRA Southeast Regional Conventions will be held this month, August 11-13, 2005 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Macon, GA. Rooms are \$78.40 (includes taxes) per night, and reservations can be made by calling the hotel at (478) 746-1461 and mentioning FRA for the special rate.

4. Please note in the *Calendar of Upcoming Events* below the "POW/MIA Memorial Service" on Friday, September 16th. It is an AMVETS tradition, and is a truly moving ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

5. The 78th FRA and 73rd LAFRA National Conventions will be held September 26th to October 2nd, 2005 at the Reno Hilton and Casino in Reno, NV. Rooms are \$84.00 (including taxes) per night, and reservations can be made by calling the hotel at (800) 648-5080 and mentioning the FRA for the special rate.

6. If you think you are due either an FRA or LAFRA Continuous Membership Pin, please do not hesitate to contact either the Branch Secretary or the Unit Financial Secretary.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(All events at the AMVETS Post 292 unless otherwise noted)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
August 5 th	"A-B-C Night" (formerly "Birthday Bash") (\$4.00 Donation)	1700-1830
August 8 th	Branch & Unit 22 Board of Directors Meetings	1800
	Branch & Unit 22 General Assembly Meetings	1900
August 11 th – 13 th	FRA & LAFRA Southeast Regional Conventions (Macon, GA)	
August 13 th	"Shady Lady Night"	1500-1800
August 19 th	Steak Night (\$10.00)	1700-1830
August 27 th	Escambia County Veterans Roundtable (VFW Post 706)	1000
September 2 nd	"A-B-C Night" (formerly "Birthday Bash") (\$4.00 Donation)	1700-1830
September 5 th	Labor Day (<i>Federal Holiday</i>)	
September 12 th	Branch & Unit 22 Board of Directors Meetings	1800
	Branch & Unit 22 General Assembly Meetings	1900
September 15 th	Steak Night (\$10.00)	1700-1830
September 16 th	"POW/MIA Memorial Service"	1800
September 24 th	Escambia County Veterans Roundtable (VFW Post 706)	1000
September 28 th – 30 th	FRA & LAFRA National Conventions (Reno, NV)	

For Future Planning

October 12 th	VA Hospital Carnival (Biloxi, MS)	1730-1930
October 15 th	"Luau"	1800
October 29 th	Halloween Party	1500-1800
December 17 th	Adult Christmas Party	1500-1800

Special Notes:

1. Every Tuesday there is "Quarter" Bingo & a great lunch for \$1.50 1000-1400
2. Every Sunday morning there is a great breakfast at a reasonable price!! 0900-1200

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