

# FRA 24 Annapolis Branch

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### **FRA Annapolis Branch 24 Announces New Leaders**

Members of the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), Annapolis Branch 24 recently elected Shipmate John H. Gough to serve as Branch President for the term of 2020-2021. He previously served as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and held other branch positions and chaired various committees. As president, Shipmate Gough will preside at monthly meetings, appoint other branch members to lead committees and organize community service projects.

“It’s a great honor to serve as the president of Branch 24,” said Shipmate Gough “FRA is a great organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for enlisted members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. It’s been a great way for me to meet active duty, Reserve, retired and veteran members of the Sea Services, get involved in my community, and renew military friendships.”

Additionally, Shipmate H. Jimmy Beckett was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Shipmate Chris Wallace was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president, and Shipmate Past Regional President East Coast (PRPEC) Penny Collins was reelected as Branch Secretary. Also elected was a twelve-member Board of Directors. These shipmates will serve as advisors to the elected officers.

Branch 24 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Fleet Reserve Club of Annapolis located at 100 Compromise St. Annapolis, Md. All current and former enlisted members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are invited to attend.

Branch 24 would like to take this opportunity to thank Shipmate Past National Chaplain (PNC) Valerie Toulotte for her dedicated and faithful service as Jr Past President over the last year. Thanks for a job well done!

FRA is a congressionally chartered, non-profit organization representing the interests of current and former enlisted members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. In addition to its advocacy work on Capitol Hill in support of enlisted personnel, FRA aids its members with career issues by maintaining close relationships with government agencies and by educating lawmakers about the challenges facing those who serve in the Armed Services. The FRA also awards scholarships totaling nearly \$100,000 annually, sponsors a national essay contest, and assists its members with disaster relief grants.