STANDING RULES

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BRANCH 24

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION MENDED

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RECORD OF CHANGES

Change 1, updates SR-4,7(a),9(d),11(b),11(c), 11(d),
11(e), 11(f), 11(g), 12, 13 and adds SR-7(b). Changes approved at the January 12,2010 meeting by a 2/3 majority, a quorum being present. Change 1 changes are underlined.

Change 2, adds Section SR-7(c) and SR-7(d). Approved at the March 8,2011 meeting by a 2/3 majority, a quorum being present.

Change 3, amends SectionSR-5, SR-12(title) and SR-13(b). Changes approved at the 10 January 2012 Branch 24 meeting by a 2/3 majority, a quorum being present.

Change 4, updates SR-1, SR-2, SR-8, SR-9(e),
SR-9(f), SR-4, SR-5, SR-6, SR-8, SR11 and adds SR13&
SR14.Changes approved at the January 10, 2023, meeting by a 2/3 majority, a quorum being present.

Change 5, updates SR-1 and SR-2, Changes approved at the September 12, 2023, meeting by a 2/3 majority, a quorum being present**.**

Change 6, update SR-14, was approved at September 12, 2024, meeting by a 2/3 majority, a quorum being present.

Change 7, update SR-13, was approved at August 12, 2026, meeting by a 2/3 majority, a quorum being present.

INTRODUCTION

Standing rules are previously adopted motions, which have continuing effect. Although compiled with the branch bylaws, they are not part of the bylaws, nor are they subject to the same rules regarding adoption, amendment or rescinding.

Standing Rules may be amended, suspended and rescinded by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members in good standing at any branch meeting or by a majority vote with prior notice. Should any question arise during debate of a proposed Standing rule change for any reason, the proposed change shall be referred to the Branch 24 Bylaws and Rules committee for research and opinions. Opinions shall be brought back to the floor at the following regular branch meeting, debated under old business and voted on by the assembled body, a quorum being present. Decisions made at this vote are final.

STANDING RULES OF
ANNAPOLIS BRANCH 24 FLEET
RESERVE ASSOCIATION

SR-1, MEDALLIONS. The following branch officers shall be recognized by appropriate medallions, which are the property of Branch 24, FRA:

(1) President
(2) First Vice President
(3) Second Vice President
(4) Secretary/Treasurer

SR-1(a), The following appointed Branch24 positions may be recognized by appropriate medallions, which are the property of Branch 24, FRA,

(1) Chaplain
(2) Master at Arms
(3) Parliamentarian

SR-2, PAST OFFICER PINS. The following out going branch officers shall be recognized by being presented appropriate Past Officer Pins:

(1) First Vice President
(2) Second Vice President
(3) Secretary/Treasurer

SR-3, JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT PIN. The Junior Past President shall be presented with a Past President Pin by the branch. A parting gift may be presented if desired.

SR-4, THE BRANCH LOG. The Branch President shall be responsible for the publication of a bimonthly Branch Bulletin (The Log). Pertinent information concerning the branch operation shall be included such as Branch Officers, Meeting Minutes, Special Events, Benefits Information, etc. The Branch President may appoint a volunteer Log Editor if desired.

SR-5, BRANCH WEBMASTER. The Branch President may appoint a Branch 24 Webmaster if so desired, to monitor the Branch 24 website, WWW.fra24.org. In order to cut expenditures from the branch budget, the branch Log may be posted on this website for all Branch 24 members to read, thereby cutting the need for printing, postage and handling currently required. The Branch Webmaster shall receive a monthly stipend of $50.00.

SR-5(a), The webmaster shall work closely with the Branch Secretary, the Chairperson of the Committee on Public Relations, and the Editor of the Branch Log to keep the members informed on activities and information pertaining to the membership.

SR-6, FLORAL TRIBUTE. Upon the death of a Shipmate of Branch 24, FRA, floral tribute may be selected by the Committee on Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation Chairman. A monitory donation in lieu of flowers, not to exceed $100.00 may be made to such organization as requested by the next of kin of the departed Shipmate. AFRA Medallion shall be presented to the next of kin, by the Branch President, at the FRA memorial service.

SR-7, CONVENTION PAID DELEGATES. Selection of Paid Delegates to National and Regional Conventions and Regional Mid-year Meeting, shall be by majority vote of members in good standing at a regular branch meeting held prior to said convention/meeting. Eligibility for selection of Branch24 delegates shall be governed by the requirements of Standing Rule SR-12 below.

SR-7(a), Any Branch24 member in good standing may attend any convention and have a vote as specified in the FRA, C&BL however, they shall not be paid if they do not meet the eligibility requirements of Standing Rule 12.

SR-7(b), Any Branch 24 elected paid delegate to any convention or meeting shall not be reimbursed if they are a FRA employee or National Officer being paid by the FRA to attend said convention or meeting.

SR-7(c), In order to be paid as a “Branch 24 Paid Delegate” to any convention/meeting, the delegate must be properly elected in compliance with this Standing Rule and must attend all scheduled convention general meetings unless excused by the Branch 24 Delegate Chairman at the convention.

SR-7(d), Branch 24 convention/meeting delegates shall, for the most part, go to each convention/meeting un-instructed. If deemed necessary, the Branch 24 Delegate Chairman shall convene a delegation caucus at the convention/meeting to discuss the topic to be voted on at hand. At this time and by a majority vote of the Branch 24 delegates at the convention/meeting, the delegation may vote as a block; vote one delegate, one vote; or vote pro-rated in accordance with FRA C&BL, Section 607.

SR-8, SECRETARY/TREASURER ALLOWANCE. The
Secretary of Branch 24, FRA, shall receive a stipend of not more than thirty-five (35) cents per member, per month, based on the membership count reported by the monthly Per Capita Tax (P.C.T.) report from FRA National Headquarters.

SR-9, TELEPHONE TREE. To facilitate informing local members of Branch 24 of emergency branch events such as memorial services or special meetings, etc., the following telephone tree shall be utilized.

SR-9(a), When informed of the death of a Shipmate, the call for a special meeting or any other Branch 24 function requiring immediate notification of the local branch membership, the Branch Secretary/Treasurer shall notify the Branch President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, passing along all pertinent information, including but not limited to time, place, date, topic, etc.

SR-9(b), The Branch President shall notify the Chairmen of the Committees on Youth Activities, Finance and Audit and Legislative Services.

SR-9(c), The First Vice President shall notify the Chairmen of the Committees on Americanism-Patriotism, Hospitals Welfare and Rehabilitation, and Membership and Retention.

SR-9(d), The Second Vice President shall notify the Chairmen of the Committee on Public Relations, committee on Bylaws and Rules and Adopt-a-Highway.

SR-9(e), Committee chairmen shall be provided with a list of ten (10) names of Shipmates in the local area by the Branch Secretary. These Shipmates shall notify each person on their list of pertinent information or requirement. Local area is defined as a twenty-five (25) mile radius of Annapolis downtown. The call list shall be included in the Chairman turn- over information provided when appointed to the position.

SR-9(f), In lieu of the above call tree, the Branch Secretary may send a “Gang E-Mail” to all members he/she has e-mail address’ for, to inform the membership.

SR-10, CHAIRING RECURRING ANNUAL BRANCH FUNCTIONS. Recurring branch functions shall be chaired by officers of Branch 24, FRA as indicated below, in order to assure timely and proper operation of these evolutions.

Branch 24 Las Vegas Night, First Vice President Branch 24 Family Picnic, Second Vice President Past Presidents Night, Junior Past President

SR-11, ROBERT B. BACHARACH MEMORIAL RELIEF FUND. (BMRF) The purpose of this fund is to render financial or volunteer aid to any Branch 24, FRA member, in good standing, and/or spouse, who may find him/herself in distress. Distress is defined as; a single sudden physical event of a catastrophic nature such as fire, flood, windstorm (hurricane, etc.) or severe incapacitating illness of self, dependent or provider.

SR-11(a), This memorial fund shall be an “off budget” item, i.e., not a budget line item or considered Branch income/expenditure,

SR-11(b), This memorial fund may be supported by donations from any source and shall be supplemented by the Branch24 portion of the monthly meeting 50/50 drawing. For audit purposes, the MAA shall log the amount collected from the 50/50 drawing each month at the end of the monthly page in the sign-in log.

SR-11(c), This memorial fund shall be administered by the Branch President and/or his/her designated representative in a manner so as not to conflict with the FRA Disaster Relief Fund (SR-9 of the FRA Standing Rules).

SR-11(d), Any member in good standing of Branch 24, FRA, who is in distress within the parameters described in SR-11 above, may, by telephone or preferably in writing, apply for aid from this fund to the President of Branch 24 FRA. Aid may be provided in the form of financial assistance or volunteer work. If aid is provided in the form of volunteer assistance, funds from the BMRF may be used to purchase materials required to perform the work.

SR-11(e), The President, Branch 24 or his designated representative shall review the request with the Branch Board of Directors and decide if the request falls within the purview of this Standing Rule. If so, the president shall direct the Branch Secretary/Treasurer to issue a check for a specified amount to the Shipmate making the request or the leader of the working party. In the case of the working party, receipts for materials purchased shall support all funds allocated. The President of the Branch may, if the situation is serious enough, contact the East Coast Regional President to request aid from the FRA Disaster Relief Fund in accordance with the provisions of Standing Rule 9 of the Fleet Reserve Association Standing Rules.

SR-11(f), The President of the Branch or his/her designated Disaster Relief Representative shall provide the Branch Secretary/Treasurer, a permanent file of correspondence pertaining to all disaster relief requests for assistance including correspondence, receipts and a synopsis of all telephone conversations pertaining to requests for historical purposes.

SR-11(g), The Branch 24 Treasurer shall report the status of this offline item fund at each branch meeting during the Treasurer’s report.

SR-12, ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO A BRANCH 24 OFFICE OR ATTENDANCE AT A CONVENTION OR MEETING.
In order to be considered for nomination as a delegate to an annual or mid-year convention/meeting or for nomination for consideration as a candidate for branch office, or member of the BOG, a member must have current paid up FRA dues, be a member of Branch 24, FRA for a minimum of two years and have attended a minimum of six (6) regular Branch 24 meetings during the 12 months preceding their nomination to office or as a delegate. If there are no candidates available for nomination for consideration as a candidate for branch office, then any Branch 24 member present may be a consideration as a candidate.

SR-13, The Branch Board of Directors meeting will be held as directed in the current Bylaws Section 801. The scheduled start time of the meeting shall be 1745 EST.

SR-14, The Branch monthly meeting will be held as directed in the current Bylaws Sections 701 and 702. The scheduled time for the start of meeting shall be 1830 EST.

SR-15, ANNUAL U.S.S. SQUALUS (SS-197) MEMORIAL CEREMONY.

Each year at the May Branch, 24 meeting a memorial service is to be held, to remember the men lost when the U. S. S. Squalus (SS-192) sunk off the coast of New Hampshire, 23 May 1939. The reason for Branch 24, FRA conducting this ceremony is that one of the Master Divers instrumental in the rescue of the surviving 33 crew and Medal of Honor recipient, MMC, MDV, (MOH), William Badders was a member of Branch, 24. Our two bell ceremony bell is the original ship’s bell from the Squalus, which Shipmate Badders recovered from the sunken ship and was later presented by the rescued crew members. Shipmate Badders donated the bell to Branch, 24 with the stipulation that we hold a memorial ceremony for the deceased 26 crew members at the May branch meeting. This ceremony has become a tradition at Branch 24, usually conducted by the Senior Submariner in attendance.

SR-15(a), Conduct of the service is usually up to the Branch President and the Shipmate conducting the ceremony if tribute to the following crewmen who perished on that fateful day is properly paid through the FRA Two Bell Ceremony.

J.H. PATTERSON	ENSIGN, USN
JAMES ANDREW AITKEN	FC3
JOHN JAMES BATICK	EM1
JOSHUA CASEY	F1
JOHN ALLAN CHESNUTT	CMM
ROBERT LYLE COFFEY	EM2
ELVIN LEON DEAL	MM2
LIONEL HUGH FLETCHER	EM3
KENNETH ROSS GARRISON	CMM
ROBERT FRANKLIN GIBBS	TM1
JOHN PLESENT HATHAWAY	F1
EUGENE ARTHUR HOFFMAN	MM1
ALEXANDER BIGGS KEEGAN	S1
JOHN JOSEPH MARINO	S2
HUIE KING MCAFEE	EM2
ALFRED CHARLES PRIESTER	TM2
FRANK HENRY SHULTE	MM1
BASCOM SLEMP SCYPHERS	EM1
SHERMAN LUTHER SHIRLEY	TM1
JACK JOHN STRONG	MM1
JOHN LAURISE THOMALA	MM1
ROBERT PRESON THOMPSON	SC3
MARION LAWRENCE WARD	RM3
ROBERT ROSSWELD	F2

CHARLES M. WOOD	CIVILIAN ELECTRICIAN
DON SMITH	CIVILIAN ELECTRICIAN

SR-15(b), A sample ceremony with appropriate history is kept in the branch office and may be used as a guide or a completely new one may be utilized at the desire of the Branch President and/or the Shipmate conducting the ceremony.

APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION

Be it known that on the 14th day of July 2026 at a regularly scheduled meeting of Annapolis Branch 24 Fleet Reserve Association, a quorum being present, the membership did approve and adopt the above Standing Rule for FRA Branch 24 by a two-thirds majority vote.

Submitted by:

Chris Erickson
Chairman
Standing Rules Committee

Date: 7/14/20226

Approved by:

Lew Bearden
President
Branch 24

Date: 7/14/2026

Copies of the Standing Rules are available in the Secretary's office.