



# 81<sup>st</sup> FRA and 79<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary of the FRA **East Coast Regional Convention**

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Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference  
Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail,  
Williamsburg, VA 23185



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**June 9-13, 2025**



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Hosted by FRA East Coast Ad-Hoc Committee  
FRA Chairman, PRPEC Gabriel Falu  
Auxiliary of the FRA Co-Chairman Candiss Cox

Shipmates and Auxiliary Members,

Make reservations for the 81<sup>st</sup> FRA and 79<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary of the FRA East Coast Regional Convention. As you represent your Branch and Unit, we hope that you will come early to visit the historical attractions in Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown and discover one of America's favorite family destinations, where historical attractions, museums, and the cultural arts combine with theme parks, restaurants, and shopping.

The convention hotel is Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Self-parking is complimentary. This is a pet-friendly hotel (with an additional fee). Handicap rooms are available. Direct link to Hotel: <https://www.fortmagruderhotel.com> or Call (757) 220-2250 for reservations and mention "**Fleet Reserve Association**" to receive the \$119.00 Convention room rate, only available for June 9-13, 2025. The rate will include a Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet with no protein(meat).

Scooter Rentals are available from Williamsburg Mobility at \$50.00 daily, with Free Delivery and Pickup. **To reserve a scooter, contact Williamsburg Mobility via phone at (757) 561-5262 or email at [www.williamsburgmobility.com](http://www.williamsburgmobility.com).**

Vendor Tables are available for rental during the convention. This newsletter includes the contact information and sign-up form.

Special Menus have been prepared for the FRA and Auxiliary's Gray Hat Luncheons. A repeat from last year: the Gray Hat Luncheon is open to everyone (no need to leave the hotel for lunch), and the Banquet is. Order forms are attached for submission.

Complimentary movies are shown nightly in the Hotel Lobby.

FRA's East Coast Region President, Robert Oliveira, and Auxiliary of the **FRA East Coast Region President, Loretta Jorden**, will preside over the convention business meetings.





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The Convention's Hospitality Room will remain open for social activities, and a complimentary Papa John's Pizza Night will be held on June 10th at 6 p.m. As always, the Pass the Ace game will be available. New players are always welcome to join the fun. Refreshments will be available to purchase during the Welcome Aboard Party and the Banquet.

Come ready to have fun at the Welcome Aboard party. We are looking for all our blackjack, roulette, and card players prepared to press their luck during Casino Night!!! Come dressed in your lucky attire and see who walks away with the most chips at the end of the evening. Don't worry, and the house doesn't always win! This will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. LAFRA Candiss Cox will host this casual, fun-filled evening with DJ PRPEC Chris Murray, who will provide music to keep you entertained.

The mock Installation Ceremony for the incoming FRA and Auxiliary of the FRA Regional Presidents 2025-2026 will be held to conclude the convention festivities. This will be followed by the Convention Banquet, with music to be determined. Reservation ticket forms are provided in this newsletter.

Branch and Unit Officers are encouraged to attend the convention and distribute convention newsletters or information to the membership via email or phone. Please enable your members to participate in the convention. We look forward to seeing you at the 2025 East Coast Regional Convention.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection, and Service

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**Tentative Schedule of Events**

**Monday, June 09, 2025**

Convention Setup Committee	0800	New Market
Registration	0800	New Market Foyer
Hospitality Room		Williamsburg Room
Vendor Tables		New Market Hall

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

Hospitality Room Opens	1200- till	Williamsburg Room
Registration	1200- 1600	New Market Foyer
Complimentary Papa John's Pizza Party	1800	Williamsburg Room
Complimentary Movie Nightly		Hotel Lobby

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

Hot breakfast buffet with voucher	0700	New Market B
Registration	0900 – 1600	New Market Foyer
Hospitality Room	0900 – 1100	Williamsburg Room

**START OF CONVENTION BUSINESS**

Auxiliary Committee Meetings	0900	New Market A
Memorial Service Rehearsal	1115	New Market B & C
Opening Ceremonies	1300	New Market B & C
Hospitality Room	1530	Williamsburg Room
Foxy Ladies Club	1600	Board Room
FRA Committee Meeting	1530	New Market A (as needed)
Complimentary Historical Group Story Telling	1730	Amphitheater
Complimentary Welcome Aboard Party	1900	New Market Hall
Complimentary Movie Nightly		Hotel Lobby

**Thursday, June 12, 2025**

Hot breakfast buffet with voucher	0700	New Market B
Registration	0800-1600	New Market Foyer
FRA Business Session	0900-1600	New Market B & C
Auxiliary Business Session	0900	New Market A
FRA Gray Hat Luncheon	1130	Petersburg Room A & B
Auxiliary Gray Hat Luncheon	1130	Petersburg Room A & B
FRA Business Session	1300	New Market B & C
Auxiliary Business Session	1300	New Market A
Martini Club 15 min after FRA Meeting	COB	Board Room
Banquet, Mock Installation	1800	New Market Hall
Entertainment	1900-2200	New Market Hall
Hospitality Room		Williamsburg Room
Vendor Break down 15 min after FRA Meeting 1800		New Market Hall
Complimentary Movie Nightly		Hotel Lobby

**Friday, June13, 2025**

Hot breakfast buffet with voucher	0700	New Market B
Meeting Rooms Break Down		New Market Hall
Hospitality Room Break Down		New Market Hall



# Meal Order Form

**Welcome Aboard Party (Light Hors d'Oeuvres)** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 each Total \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 couple Total \_\_\_\_\_

**FRA Gray Hat Luncheon (Buffet) open to all** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 Total \_\_\_\_\_

Sliced Smoked Turkey and Ham with Assorted Bread  
Appropriate Condiments with Lettuce, Tomato, and Sliced Onion  
Mixed Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings  
Dessert  
Coffee, Iced Tea, or Water

**Auxiliary of the FRA Gray Hat Luncheon (Buffet)** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Open to all:** Sliced Smoked Turkey and Ham with Assorted Breads  
Appropriate Condiments with Lettuce, Tomato, and Sliced Onion  
Mixed Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings  
Dessert  
Coffee, Iced Tea, or Water

**Banquet (Buffet)** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$55.00 Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Blacken Salmon**

Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
House Salad  
Cheesecake  
Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water

**Herb Crusted Chicken**

Seasoned Mixed Vegetables  
Warm Rolls and Butter

**All Meals Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to:

**FRA 2025 East Coast Regional Convention**

Mail check and complete form.

To:

**Linda Patterson**

331 Albert Avenue

Chesapeake, VA 23323

(757) 537-3264,

or Email: [2patmonkey@gmail.com](mailto:2patmonkey@gmail.com)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Branch/Unit** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

Completed Form and Payment Must Be Received by **May 30, 2025**  
Prices for meals include taxes and gratuities.





# Vendor Tables

The Convention Committee will provide vendor tables for a minimal fee of \$25.00. This fee is to offset the costs associated with the convention.  
For additional information, contact **Candiss Cox** at (757) 618-0797 or **email:** [fracandisscox@gmail.com](mailto:fracandisscox@gmail.com).

Please provide the following information before **May 30, 2025**.

Name (Branch/Unit): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tables: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **FRA 2025 East Coast Regional Convention.**

Mail check and completed form to:  
**Candiss Cox**  
**4003 Long Point Blvd**  
**Portsmouth VA 23703**

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## Directions by Automobile

**From the North** - Traveling on I-95 SOUTH toward Richmond. Take exit 84-A on the left to merge on I-295 SOUTH (Toward Rocky Mount NC/Richmond Intl. Airport). Take exit 28-A to merge onto I-64 EAST (Toward Norfolk/Virginia Beach).

**From the East (Including Williamsburg/Newport News Intl. And Norfolk Intl. Airports)** - Traveling on I-64 West to Exit 242A to Route 199. Drive 1.5 miles; take the exit for Route 60 East/West Busch Gardens/Williamsburg. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left on Route 60 West. The Fort Magruder Hotel will be found one mile on the left.

**From the West (Including Richmond Intl. Airport)** - Traveling on I-64 EAST toward Norfolk/Virginia Beach, take the Williamsburg exit 242A to VA-199 West/Humelsine Pkwy. West. Remain on VA-199 for approximately one mile, then take the exit onto Route 60 West (Busch Gardens/Williamsburg). At the bottom of the exit, turn left onto Route 60. Fort Magruder Hotel will be found one mile on the left.





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To place an advertisement in the Fleet Reserve Association 2025 East Coast Regional Convention Journal, please send the Ad to Journal Chairman Paula Falu, 1925 Rip Rap Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23456, along with a check payable to: **"FRA 2025 East Coast Regional Convention"**. Please email the digital file to [chairman@fra99.org](mailto:chairman@fra99.org). An EIN is available upon request. Deadline has been extended to 23 May 2025.

1. Full-Color back page	\$200.00 Sold
2. Full-Color back inside page	\$175.00
3. Full-Color front inside page	\$175.00
4. Full-Color page	\$150.00
5. Full page black and white	\$100.00
6. One Half page	\$ 75.00
7. One-Quarter page	\$ 50.00
8. Business Card	\$ 25.00
9. Booster Name	\$ .50
10. Patron Name	\$ 3.00
11. Life Member	\$ 2.50
12. Memorial Name Only	\$ 1.00

**All Ads must be in one of the following formats for best results.**

1. **Word.doc with Write up and Names**
2. **PDF - Pictures**
3. **JPEG - Pictures**
4. **PNG - Pictures**

Please direct questions to **Paula Falu** at 757-343-2423. or email: [chairman@fra99.org](mailto:chairman@fra99.org).

Branch, Unit, or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Ad Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to: **FRA 2025 East Coast Regional Convention**

**Mailed to:**  
**Paula Falu**  
**1925 Rip Rap Court**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23456**







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To defray the cost of hosting the convention, the convention committee is offering the members of the FRA and Auxiliary the opportunity to be Patrons or Boosters.

Patron Roll: A donation of \$3.00 per person.

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Booster Roll     Minimum donation of \$ .50 per person

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Life Member: A donation of \$2.50 per person

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Memoriam: A donation of \$1.00

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Make Checks Payable to **FRA 2025 East Coast Regional Convention**

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You're cordially invited to the 81st Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) and the 79th Auxiliary of the FRA East Coast Regional Convention! 🎉

**Dates:** 9-13 June 2025

**Location:** Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center  
6945 Pocahontas Trail,  
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<https://www.fort8magruderhotel.com/>

Join us for an incredible gathering as we celebrate camaraderie, honor our shared history, and build new connections. This year's convention promises a dynamic lineup of events, including engaging sessions, networking opportunities, and entertaining activities that cater to all members.

Mark your calendars and prepare for an unforgettable experience. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this special occasion!

Warm regards,

FRA Branch 99 ECR Chairman, PRPEC Gabriel Falu

Auxiliary of the FRA Unit 99 Co-Chairman Candiss Cox

