

82nd Fleet Reserve Association and 80th Auxiliary of the FRA East Coast Regional Convention



Hilton Garden Inn Richmond Innsbrook

4050 Cox Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060

July 23, 2026 to July 26, 2026



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East Coast Regional Convention
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Hosted by The East Coast Red and Gray Hats
FRA Chairman, PRPEC Paul Phelps
Auxiliary of the FRA Co-Chairman Christina Murray PNP
Secretary JrPRPEC Robert Oliveira

Shipmates and Auxiliary Members,

Make reservations for the 82nd FRA and 80th 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 historic attractions in Richmond and discover it's historical attractions, museums, regional cultural arts, local restaurants, and shopping.

The convention hotel is Hilton Garden Inn Richmond Innsbrook, 4050 Cox Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060. This is a pet friendly hotel (with an additional fee). Handicap rooms are available. But must call Hotel directly. Call (804) 521-2900 for reservations and mention "**FRA**" to receive the \$119.00 Convention room rate, which is only available for July 23th, 24th, 25th & 26th. The rate does not include Breakfast. A Breakfast buffet is available at discounted rate of \$10.95 per person.

Scooter Rental is available from 101 Mobility of Richmond at the rate of \$50.00 per day, \$175.00 Delivery and Pickup. To reserve a scooter, contact 101 Mobility of Richmond via phone, (804) 552-5671.

Vendor Tables are available for rental during the convention. Please refer to the attached information. For additional information, contact PRPEC Loretta Jorden (410)-533-1901 or stitcherydesignz@gmail.com.

Special Menus have been prepared for the FRA and Auxiliary's Gray Hat Luncheons and the Banquet. Order forms are attached for submission.

FRA's East Coast Region President, Valerie Toulotte and Auxiliary of the FRA East Coast Region President Virginia 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 Pizza Night will be held July 23, 2026, 6 pm. As always, the Pass the Ace game will always be available. New players are always welcome to join the fun.

Come ready to have fun at the Welcome Aboard Party with lite appetizers. A Patriotic themed Party will be held Friday, July 24, 2026. Prizes will be awarded for the Best Attire, Hat, and more. Christina Murray will host this casual fun filled evening with DJ Fresh Murray providing music that is sure to keep your toe tapping.

To conclude the convention festivities, the mock Installation Ceremony for the incoming FRA and Auxiliary of the FRA Regional Presidents 2026-2027 will be held followed by the Convention's Banquet with music by the DJ Chris Murrigan. Make reservations for an enjoyable evening with special Door Prizes.

Branch and Unit Officers are encouraged to attend the convention and distribute convention newsletters or information to the membership via email or phone. Please encourage your members to attend the convention. We look forward to seeing you at the 2026 East Coast Regional Convention.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service

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Tentative Schedule of Events

Wednesday July 22, 2026

Convention Setup Committee	0800	Hallway
Registration	0800	Foyer

Thursday July 23, 2026

Breakfast Buffet \$10.95	0600 - 1000	The Garden Grille & Bar
Hospitality Room Opens	1630- 2359ish	Suite TBD
Registration	1200- 1600	Foyer
Complimentary Papa John's Pizza Party	1800	Suite TBD

Friday July 24, 2026

Breakfast Buffet \$10.95	0600 - 1000	The Garden Grille & Bar
Registration	0900 - 1600	Foyer
Vendor Tables Set up	Morning	
Hospitality Room	0900 - 1200	Suite TBD
Auxiliary Committee Meetings	0900	See Committee Chair
Memorial Service Rehearsal	1115	Meridian & Emerald
Opening Ceremonies	1300	Meridian & Emerald
Foxy Ladies Club	1530-1630	Suite TBD
Hospitality Room	1630	Suite TBD
FRA Committee Meeting	1530	TBD
Welcome Aboard Party	1900	Meridian & Emerald

Saturday July 25, 2026

Breakfast Buffet \$10.95	0700-1100	The Garden Grille & Bar
Registration	0800-1600	Foyer
FRA Business Session	0900-1600	Meridian & Emerald
Auxiliary Business Session	0900	Providence & Windsor
FRA Gray Hat Luncheon	1130	Meridian & Emerald
Auxiliary Gray Hat Luncheon	1130	Meridian & Emerald
Vendor Break down	Before 1200	Hallway
FRA Business Session	1300	Meridian & Emerald
Auxiliary Business Session	1300	Providence & Windsor
Martini Club 15 min after FRA Meeting	COB-1630	Suite TBD
Hospitality Room	1630-1830	Suite TBD
Mock Installation	1830	Meridian & Emerald
Banquet/Entertainment	1900-2200	Meridian & Emerald
Hospitality Room	2100-2359ish	Suite TBD

Sunday July 26, 2026

Breakfast Buffet \$10.95	0700-1100	The Garden Grille & Bar
Hospitality Room Break Down	Before 1100	Suite TBD





Meal Order Form

Welcome Aboard Party _____ X \$15.00 **Total** _____
Mini desserts, fresh fruit and cheese, vegetable crudités, Dancing with the DJ.

FRA Gray Hat and Auxiliary of the FRA Luncheon
(Open to ALL) _____ X \$30.00 **Total** _____

It's a Wrap *pick your wrap

Turkey & Swiss **or** Ham & Provolone
Italian or Veggie, tossed salad,
Italian pasta salad,
Potatoes chips
Cookies/brownies
Tea and water

Banquet (Served dinner) _____ X \$55.00 **Total** _____

Choice of: _____ Chicken Cordon Blue or _____ Baked Salmon

Smashed Red Potatoes with garlic & herbs
Grilled vegetable medley
Garden Salad,
Fresh baked rolls
Dessert
Coffee Service and Iced Tea

****Any special dietary requirements and allergies need to be specified on meal reservation forms.

All Meals Total _____

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

FRA 2026 East Coast Regional Convention

Mail check and completed form to:

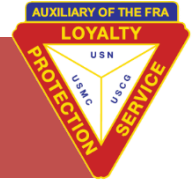
PRPEC Gabriel Falu
1925 Rip Rap Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
(757)-581-8390

Name _____ **Branch/Unit** _____
Email _____ **Phone Number** _____

Contact PRPEC Gabriel Falu (757)-581-8390 or Email: gabrielfalufra99@aol.com

Completed Form and Payment Must Be Received by **July 1, 2026**
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 cost associated with the convention.

For additional information, contact **PRPEC Loretta Jorden** (410)-533-1901 or stitcherydisignz@gmail.com.

Please provide the following information before **July 1, 2026**.

Name (Branch/Unit): _____ Number of Tables: _____

Contact Person: _____ Contact Number: _____

Make checks payable to: **FRA 2026 East Coast Regional Convention**

Mail check and completed form by to:
PRPEC Loretta Jorden
2825 Whitehouse Road
Riva MD 21140

Directions by Automobile

From the North - Traveling on I-95 SOUTH toward Richmond. Keep left to stay on I-95 S. Take exit 84B for I-295 toward Charlottesville. Use the left 2 lanes to take the ramp to US-1 S/Richmond. Use the left lane to merge onto I-295 N via the ramp to I-64 W. Use the left 2 lanes to take the exit toward I-64 E. Continue onto Exit 53B (signs for I-64 E/US-250/Richmond). Merge onto I-64 E. Take exit 178B to merge onto US-250 E/W Broad St. Merge onto US-250 E/W Broad St. Turn left onto Dominion Blvd. Turn right 348 ft.

From the East (Including Williamsburg/Newport News Intl. And Norfolk Intl. Airports) - Traveling on I-64 West to Richmond. Use the right 2 lanes to turn slightly right to stay on I-64 W (signs for I-195 S/Powwhite Pkwy/Charlottesville). Take exit 178B to merge onto US-250 E/W Broad St. Merge onto US-250 E/W Broad St. Turn left onto Dominion Blvd. Turn right 348 ft.

From the West (Including Richmond Intl. Airport) - Traveling on I-64 EAST toward to Richmond, VA. Use the right 2 lanes to turn slightly right onto I-64 W (signs for I-195 S/Powwhite Pkwy/Charlottesville). Take exit 178B to merge onto US-250 E/W Broad St. Merge onto US-250 E/W Broad St. Turn left onto Dominion Blvd. Turn right 348 ft.

From the South - Traveling on I-95 NORTH toward Richmond. Use the right 2 lanes to turn slightly right onto I-64 W (signs for I-195 S/Powwhite Pkwy/Charlottesville). Take exit 178B to merge onto US-250 E/W Broad St. Merge onto US-250 E/W Broad St. Turn left onto Dominion Blvd. Turn right 348 ft.





82nd FRA and 80thth Auxiliary of the FRA East Coast Regional Convention Journal

To place an advertisement in the Fleet Reserve Association 2026 East Coast Regional Convention Journal, please send the Ad to Journal Chairman, Christina Murray, 512 Hyde Park Rd Norfolk VA 23503, along with a check payable to: **"FRA 2026 East Coast Regional Convention"**. Please email digital file to christinamurray.lafra@gmail.com. An EIN is available upon request. Must be received by **July 1, 2026**

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| 1. Full Color back page | \$200.00 |
| 2. Full Color back inside page | \$175.00 Sold |
| 3. Full Color front inside page | \$175.00 Sold |
| 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 | \$ 1.00 |
| 10. Patron Name | \$ 3.00 |
| 11. Life Member | \$ 3.00 |
| 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 **Christina Murray** 757-439-6135.

Branch, Unit, or Business: _____

Point of Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Size of Ad Requested: _____

Payment: \$ _____

Payable to: **FRA 2026 East Coast Regional Convention**

Mailed to:
Christina Murray
512 Hyde Park Rd
Norfolk VA 23503





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To defray the cost of hosting the convention, the convention committee is offering the members of the FRA and Auxiliary an opportunity to be a Patron or a Booster

Patron Roll A donation of \$3.00 per person;

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Booster Roll Minimum donation of \$ 1.00 per person

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Life Member A donation of \$3.00 per person

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Memoriam A donation of \$1.00

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Make Checks Payable to: **FRA 2026 East Coast Regional Convention**

**Mailed to:
Christina Murray
512 Hyde Park RD
Norfolk, VA. 23503**





"Spirit of '76

Happy Birthday USA!"



It's the 82nd East Coast Regional Convention

Welcome Aboard Party

Join us at the Welcome Aboard and Honor America's 250 Years of history. The theme is "Spirit of '76". Come as your favorite U.S. historical figure or as yourself in patriotic attire.

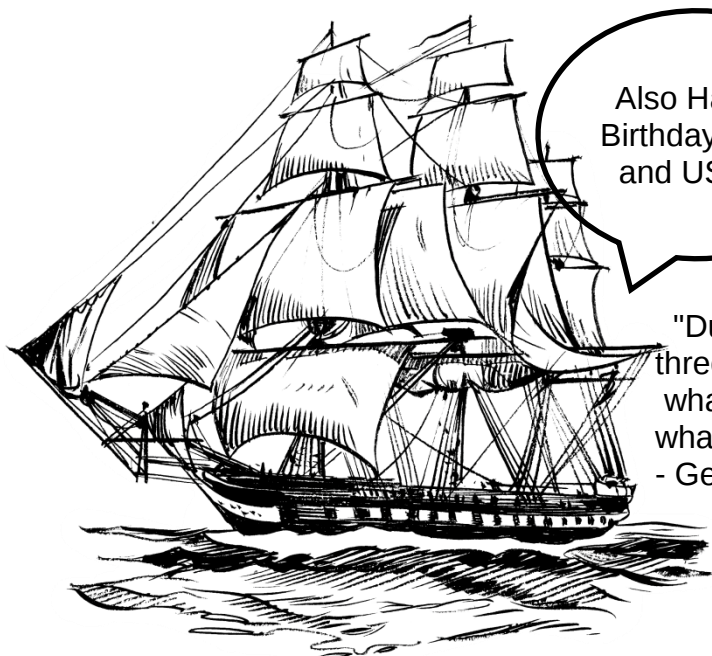
Friday July 24th at 1900

Mini desserts, fresh fruit and cheese, vegetable crudités.

Cash bar 7 to 9

Dancing with the DJ.

Games and Prizes



Also Happy
Birthday USN
and USMC

"Duty, honor, country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be."

- General Douglas MacArthur





EC Regional Convention Fundraiser

Grand Prize Hand Crafted Quilt

Celebrating our Nation's 250th Birthday

Raffle \$1 each or 6 for \$5

More than 25 prizes

Grand Prize Hand Crafted Quilt

Raffle tickets please contact PRPEC Gabriel Falu (757)-581-8390 or Email: gabrielfalufra99@aol.com

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