



81st FRA and 79th Auxiliary of the FRA **East Coast Regional Convention**



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



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 81st FRA and 79th 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. 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.**

Vendor Tables are available for rental during the convention. The contact information and sign-up form will be in Newsletter Number 2.

Special Menus have been prepared for the FRA, Auxiliary's Gray Hat Luncheons, and Banquet. Order forms will be in Newsletter Number 2, included on page 6 of this newsletter.

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. As always, the Pass the Ace game will be available. New players are always welcome to join the fun. Refreshments will be available for purchase during the Welcome Aboard Party and the Banquet.

Information about the Welcome Aboard Party will be provided in Newsletter #2.

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 follow by the Convention Banquet, with music to be determined. Reservation ticket forms will be provided in Newsletter #2.

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 participate in the convention. We look forward to seeing you at the 2025 East Coast Regional Convention.





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Tentative Schedule of Events

Monday, June 09, 2025

Convention Setup Committee	0800	New Market
Registration	0900-1400	New Market Foyer
Hospitality Room	1200-til	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
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, June 13, 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

FRA Gray Hat Luncheon (Buffet)

_____ 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 _____

Sliced Smoked Turkey and Ham with Assorted slices of bread
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 _____

TBD**All Meals Total**

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

FRA 2025 East Coast Regional Convention

Mail check and completed form to:

Philip Stone
3820-A Towne Point Road
Portsmouth VA 23703

Name _____ Branch/Unit _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

- **Welcome Aboard Party - number of persons attending** QTY _____

Contact Philip Stone (757) 377-2426 or Email: pstone@cox.net.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:** candisscoxpsl@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

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. An EIN is available upon request. Must be received by April 14, 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.

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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Dates: 9-13 June 2025

Location: Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center
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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

