

87th FRA & 82nd LAFRA National Convention

13-19 October 2014 Omni Bayfront Hotel Corpus Christi, TX





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The Shipmates and Auxiliary of the Corpus Christi, Texas (Branch & Unit 94) send out a healthy & hearty "Happy Birthday" on the FRA's 90 Anniversary and extends a Southern Texas invitation to our shipmates and auxiliary to attend the 2014 National Convention of the FRA & LAFRA at the Omni Bayfront Hotel in Corpus Christi, TX. (Same place as in 2007).

Room rates are \$109.00 per night for single/double, \$119.00 triple and \$129.00 quad. Contact the hotel's reservation desk for your night's stay at (361) 887-1600 and tell them "FRA" for the discounted room rate.

Current state tax rate is 6.0%, and city tax is 9.0%. Rates are good three days prior and three days after convention. The hotel has agreed to waive parking fees.

Be advised to make your reservations as early as possible; reservations made after 9 September, 2014 will subject to standard rates.

Handicapped rooms are available and especially these reservations should be made early.

Rooms come equipped with ironing boards, coffee makers and refrigerators. The hotel's Pet Policy is 25 lbs or less and there is a \$50.00 non-refundable fee.

Getting here

While PNP Ralph Schmidt would suggest that you just need to "mosey down the road a bit," we suggest the following options. (Personally, I'd use Tom-Tom, or one of the map apps).

The Corpus Christi International Airport is located approximately 20 minutes from the Omni Bayfront Hotel and a free shuttle is available. Please contact the hotel and provide your flight number and arrival date when you make your reservation or as soon thereafter as possible to arrange transportation.

The Corpus Christi International hosts several airlines and for the most part there are no direct flights here, most airlines will have you changing flights in either Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston or San Antonio, TX.

Driving in from the North, take I-37 South toward the Bayfront. Turn right on Water Street and the hotel will be on the left hand side in two blocks.

Tentative Schedule

Monday, 13 October 2014

1000- Golf Tournament onboard NAS Corpus Christi, TX with award reception at FRA Branch 94 home.

1200 - 2300 Hospitality Room Opens

Tuesday, 14 October 2014

Registration Begins, (Corpus Foyer).

Pre-Convention BOD Meetings, (Nueces Ballroom A & B).

FRA PRP BOD Breakfast (Closed)

Hospitality Room Reopens,

Wednesday, 15 October, 2014

Joint Opening Ceremony, (Corpus Christi, Ballroom A, B, & C).

FRA/LAFRA PNC Breakfast for PNCs & family

FRA PNP Luncheon, (Closed)

LAFRA PNP Luncheon, (Closed)

FRA RP, RP Elect, & RVP Luncheon, (Closed)

LA FRA RP, RP Elect, & RVP Luncheon, (Closed)

Registration Continues, Corpus Foyer

1st Business Session

Welcome Aboard (Theme is Happy 90th Birthday FRA)

Thursday, 16 October 2014

Committee Meetings

FRA PRP Breakfast (Closed)

LAFRA PRP Luncheon (Closed)

Business Sessions

Friday, 17 October 2014

Business Sessions

LA FRA NP Luncheon this luncheon is open to all; come and honor our National President

Saturday, 18 October 2014

Business Sessions

Installation Rehearsal

Joint Installation of Officers

Banquet & Grand Ball

Sunday, 19 October 2014

Post-Convention BOD Meetings

Additionally, NHQ staff will schedule and conduct a number of workshops beneficial to the Shipmates and Auxiliary members.

Welcome Aboard

As this is the celebration of the FRA's 90th Birthday Anniversary (1924), the committee is looking at making it a Birthday Party. Details are in the works.

Tours & Entertainment

The committee has not planned any tours. We are looking to see if the Bayfront Night Light tour ferry will be operational for a night time cruise along the bay.

Tuxedo Rentals

We are working on an arrangement to obtain Tuxedo rentals for the installation & banquet from the same proprietor (Bel's Tuxedo) as the 2007 FRA National Convention in Corpus Christi, TX. Presently, there is a cost of approx. \$39.99 plus tax: total of \$46.50 for the jacket, pants, shirt, and shoes, along with cummerbund, tie and studs plus a \$20.00 deposit.

A beauty parlor is located in the lobby of the hotel as well as a gift/coffee shop. Daniel's Coiffure, (361) 880-5950, Tues—Sat, 9:00am—7:00pm

Oxygen Service

Anyone requiring oxygen service should make arrangements through their local supplier to ensure there is a dealer in Corpus Christi.

Power Chairs

Arrangements have been made to provide power chairs to our convention attendees at a rate of \$125.00. Please contact our convention secretary for your requests.

Golf Tournament

FRA Branch 94 is setting up a golf tournament onboard NAS Corpus Christ, TX. Clubs may be rented at the base Pro-Shop. More information will be available in the near future. If you are interested please contact FRA Br. 94 S/M Joe Moran at (361) 813-6189 or joseph.w.moran@mail.mil

Meals

Use the reservation form at the end of this newsletter or the printable meal form (to be available at the FRA web site in the near future).

Journal & Booster Roll

The Committee plans to publish a journal. Rates for

the Journal ads are: Back Cover--- \$250.00

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Inside Front--- \$225.00

Inside Back--- \$225.00

Full Page----- \$150.00

Half Page---- \$80.00

Quarter Page- \$45.00

Eighth Page--- \$25.00

Business Card- \$20.00

Booster Roll—Amount you wish to contribute.

JOURNAL ADS			
	FULL PAGE	\$150.00	
	BACK PAGE	\$250.00	
	INSIDE BACK	\$225.00	
	HALF PAGE	\$80.00	
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QUARTER PAGE	\$45.00		EIGHTH PAGE \$25.00
			BUSINESS CARD \$20.00