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By the time you read this we will have gone through some of our busiest times of the year. Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas are the times when we focus on remembrance, giving, and sharing. Unique opportunities to reach out to the community and show our neighbors what the Fleet Reserve Association is about. It is also a time to reflect on what can we do to make things better. We need everyone to join in and promote the work that the FRA does to support not just our association members but sea service veterans in general. Every member out there that has access to a computer should be logging on to the national website and keep updated on what is happening. It is an easy thing to do. Just log on to FRA.org and sign in using your membership number. Stay informed and promote the FRA.

I should have started out by introducing myself. I am your newly installed Northwest Region President for 2022-2023 Rex L. Faubion. I joined the Fleet Reserve Association through Mt. Rainier Branch 104 in 1991 while still on active duty. Served in U.S. Navy from 1968 to 2002 both active and reserve. Retired in 2002 with 25 years active. Duty assignments included: NTTC Pensacola, FL; NAVRADSTA NW Chesapeake, VA; NCS Honolulu, Wahiawa, HI; NSGA Adak; USS John F. Kennedy; NSGA Winter Harbor, ME; USS Nimitz; Northwest Regional Intelligence Center, Whidbey Is. Retired as Cryptologic Technician (Operations) Senior Chief in August 2002. As an FRA member with Mt Rainier Branch 104 served on Board of Directors, Treasurer (5 years), and still serving as the Secretary (8 years). I remain involved with American Legion and VFW.

During the recent National Convention in Birmingham, AL. our NW Region was vastly under-represented. Not by attendees, but by the votes that were cast to represent the NW. Nine of the branches in this region did not submit credentials. Branch Secretaries please check the Branch Administration Manual and the FRA CB&L and get your reports in. Both the Admin Manual and the current CB&L are available online. We need your voice to count and it won't count unless you submit the reports as required.

We need to get individuals involved. Too many of our branches are leaving it up to half a dozen people to carry out the work and represent the branch. How do we get more people involved? Membership. If your numbers are maintaining that is a plus these days but we need to recruit new members. I would like to see some input on what we, as an organization, can do to entice new members. What do we need to do? If you have ideas, bring them up.

I'm here to represent and support the NW Region on the National Board of Directors. Your input will vastly improve that representation. I am looking forward to a Happy New Year for both you and our association.

With Loyalty, Protection, and Service

Rex L. Faubion

Regional President Northwest, 2022-2023

“Fair Winds and Following Seas” to our Shipmate Danny Hunt (JrPRPNW) who joined the Supreme Commander’s team on December 5, 2022. Shipmate Hunt was laid to rest at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. He was a member of Branch 382 of Nampa, Idaho and was always there to help on any project the Shipmates of the Branch and Northwest Region took up.

94th (2022) FRA National Convention Information

FRA Gold Ribbon Awards

Group III

Branch 367 – San Miguel, PI
Branch 170 – Everett, WA

Group IV

Branch 382 – Nampa, ID
Branch 104 – Puyallup, WA

Group V

Branch 342 – Anchorage, AK
Branch 127 – Bicol Nabua, PI

Hospital, Welfare, & Rehab Committee Awards

Group III – 1st Place

Branch 097 – Whidbey Island, WA

Group IV – 2^d Place

Branch 104 – Puyallup, WA

Resolutions for Consideration at the 94th National Convention Synopsis

General Resolution submitted by Gem State Branch 382 on the holding a minimum of 1-year moratorium on withdrawing any funds, distributing Life Membership PCT Funds to all Branches, and National Bank Accounts until the Life Membership Program is in compliance with the FRA National C&BL Sections 913 and 914.

This Resolution was ruled “Not In Order” by the C&BL Committee.

C&BL Resolution submitted by the National Membership & Retention Committee on Article 3, Section 309 - Transfers of Membership.

This Resolution was Passed.

C&BL Resolution submitted by the NBOD on Article 6, Section 607(a) – voting strength of Branches.

This Resolution was Rejected.

C&BL Resolution submitted by the National Membership & Retention Committee on Section 810(b) to enable National Standing Committees to meet via teleconference, video conference, or in person.

This Resolution was Passed.

C&BL Resolution submitted by the NBOD on Article 8, Section 813(a) regarding the Chairmanship of the Membership Committee. This resolution had already been proposed at a regular NBOD meeting held on November 17, 2021, read, debated, and adopted by a unanimous vote (NBR 8-22). The National Vice President will continue to be the Chairman.

This Resolution was Rejected.

C&BL Resolution submitted by the NBOD on Article 8, Section 819(a) to have the National Future Planning Committee have eight members like the rest of the committees, one from each region. This resolution had already been

proposed at a regular NBOD meeting held on November 17, 2021, read, debated, and adopted by a unanimous vote (NBR 9-22).

This Resolution was Rejected.

C&BL Resolution submitted by the NBOD on Article 15, Section 1508 regarding the optional wear of the uniform cap by members of the FRA.

This Resolution was ruled “Not In Order” by the C&BL Committee.

Standing Rules Resolution submitted by the Membership & Retention Committee on SR-5(a)(1) Committee Reports and Awards and Special National Awards and Programs.

This Resolution was Passed.

Standing Rules Resolution submitted by the Membership & Retention Committee on SR-5(a)(2) was revised to amend the recipients of the Branch Committee Reports to the Regional President, the Regional Vice President, and a copy to the Branch Files.

This Resolution was Passed.

Standing Rules Resolution submitted by the Membership & Retention Committee on SR-5(b)(1) regarding the competitive groups:

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| a. Group I | 413 members or more (9) | (down from 513 members) |
| b. Group II | 213 to 412 members (15) | (down from 313 to 512 members) |
| c. Group III | 113 to 212 members (15) | (down from 113 to 312 members) |
| d. Group IV | 63 to 112 members (45) | (This group stayed the same) |
| e. Group V | 10 to 62 members (72) | (This group stayed the same) |

This Resolution was Passed.

Standing Rules Resolution submitted by the Membership & Retention Committee on SR-5(b)(5) changing the wording of whose responsibility it is of who shall provide these streamers to the National Chair of the Committees prior to the convening of the national convention.

This Resolution was Passed.

Standing Rules Resolution submitted by the Membership & Retention Committee on SR-5(c) regarding the annual Membership and Retention Awards for Individuals.

This Resolution was Rejected.

Standing Rules Resolution submitted by the Veterans Service Committee on SR5(g) regarding “Shipmate of the Year” Award. Since the committee has two categories, VSO and VAVS, the proposal was to award both a VSO and VAVS award vs just one “Shipmate of The Year”.

This Resolution was Rejected.

Standing Rules Resolution submitted by the Budget, Finance, & Audit Committee on Article IX, Section 909(d) establishes a Welfare and Rehabilitation Reserve of an annual maximum of \$10,000, and annual grant per recipient per fiscal year is currently \$2,500. Proposal was to raise the maximum to \$35,000 and by a two-thirds vote by the NBOD expend an additional \$2,500 for one maximum grant of \$5,000 per fiscal year per recipient.

This Resolution was Passed.

From the NWR Secretary/Treasurer's desk:

The **2023 Northwest Region Convention** will be **August 18-19, 2023**, at the Holiday Inn, Nampa, ID. It is sponsored by Gem State Branch and LAFRA Unit 382. Mark your calendars. The first newsletter has been posted to the NW Region's website for your perusal.

The 95th FRA/90th LAFRA (2023) **National Convention** will be held **September 23-30, 2023**, at the Nugget Casino Resort at 1100 Nugget Ave, Sparks, NV 89431. Contacts for this convention are FRA PNP Gary Blackburn and LAFRA PNP Cindy Rodham-Tuck. ***Please note that this convention is about a month earlier than we have had them in the past few years.***

More information to come.

Note to NWR Chairs: If you would like to have something in the next regional Scuttlebutt, send it to me via email and we will include it.

Americanism-Patriotism NWR Committee Chair – Please remind your Branch Chairs that their Essay Contest participants' submissions must be graded, and the first place winners sent to NW Regional Chair, Rex Faubion, no later than February 1, 2023.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

Margret 'Peg' Burke
NWR Secretary/Treasurer, PRPNW

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an active member?
the kind who would be missed?
Or are just contented
that your name is on the list.

Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the flock?
Or do you meet in private
and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
to help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to be
the kind that just belongs?

Do you work on committees?
To this there is no trick;
Or leave the work to just a few,
And talk about the cliques?

Please come to the meetings often,
And help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member
But take an active part.

Think this over, members,
You know what's right from wrong.
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

.....*anonymous*.....

2022-2023 Northwest Region Committee Chairs

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