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Shipmates of the Northwest Region:

I hope this finds you all well and ready to tackle the spring and summer here in the Northwest. This is the time for activities and hopefully when we can get out and about more to bring light on the Fleet Reserve Association.

Officer elections are underway. Get your Branch Officer Report filled out and filed as soon as possible. Make sure all the blocks are checked and information is current and correct.

Committee reports for the various Branch committees should be in the works. File these reports even if you have a negative input. We need to know what the Branches are doing.

The Americanism Essay Contest at the Region level finished out and first place winners were forwarded to the National Committee. Results from National should be announced in June. Next year's theme will be announced in July. It is not too early to start thinking of ways to do a better job of outreach to students. Utilize the Boy Scouts, JROTC programs, Home school

networks. Shout out to Branch 063 who were able to secure over half of the entries judged in the Region. Thank you.

The Regional Convention is just around the corner. Whether you plan to attend or not we need to hear from your Branch. Get your credentials report filed and if not represented at the Convention, appoint a proxy. This holds true for the National Convention as well. As I stated in the previous Scuttlebutt, Northwest Region was lacking in the numbers represented.

If you have questions, please ask. All members have access to the current by-laws and routine admin guidelines by accessing the National website. www.fra.org. Each member has the ability to log on to the website with their member ID#. Follow the instructions and keep informed.

As always, promote the Fleet Reserve Association. Now that the weather is settling down a little. I hope to do some more traveling to Branches. If you have had a change in your meeting times or place, please let me

know. If you are deferring to zoom meetings, reach out and I'll log in. Hope to make contact with all of you soon. Remember, Promote and Recruit.

With Loyalty, Protection, and Service

Rex L. Faubion

Regional President Northwest, 2022-2023
Mt Rainier Branch 104



2023 FRA / LAFRA National Convention

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. ***Please note that this convention is about 3-4 weeks earlier than we have had them in the past few years.***

The room rates are \$102 plus 13.5% tax and a \$2 tourism fee for an approximate total of \$117.77 per night for a single or double room. There is a fee of \$10 extra per person for a limit of four people to a room. The reservation link for the hotel is posted on the FRA Website if you wish to make reservations online. You may call 1-800-648-1177 or 775-356-3300. **Be sure to use the code GFrac23.** If you need an ADA room, please call the hotel directly as soon as possible. All rooms have a refrigerator and a Keurig coffee maker. The hotel provides a free shuttle service to and from the Reno/Tahoe Airport.

Tuxedo rental may be reserved for you through your local Men's Wearhouse for sizing and this information will be forwarded to the local Reno store for preparation. The rental price is \$99.99 plus tax (approximately \$115) which includes tuxedo pants and jacket, shirt, tie, cummerbund, and shoes.

Scooters and wheelchair information and rental agreement are attached to the 2023 FRA/LAFRA National Convention Newsletter #2 which is posted to the Branch 38, NW Region, and FRA Websites.

Meal information will not be out until sometime in June 2023. Look for Newsletter #3 then.



2023 Northwest Region Convention

The 2023 Northwest Region Convention will be **August 18-19, 2023**, at the Holiday Inn, 16245 Merchant Way, Nampa, ID 83687. It is sponsored by Gem State Branch and LAFRA Unit 382.

The room rate is \$110 plus 8% tax. Each room contains one Standard King or Double Queens. The rates are good August 18 through 20, 2023. **Call the hotel directly at (208) 468-0944 and tell them you are with the Fleet Reserve Association Block.** Reservations made after July 18, 2023, will be on space availability.

The NWR Convention Newsletter #2 has been received and distributed to the branches. It is also on the NW Region website. This newsletter has the meal information and ordering form in it.

Note: When sending in your delegate credentials for this convention, please include the National Credentials Chair in your distribution:

Jeff Hatcliff, West Coast Regional Secretary
at wcrsecretary@rimail.biz.

2022-2023 Americanism Essay Contest
“What The United States Flag Stands For”
Northwest Region Winners

7th Grade

1 st Place	Benjamin Wu	Branch 104
2 nd Place	Orin Campbell	Branch 063

8th Grade

1 st Place	Haylee Armstrong	Branch 097
2 nd Place	Gavin Clifford	Branch 063
3 rd Place	Jude Wallace	Branch 055

9th Grade

1 st Place	Mary Crosby	Branch 382
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10th Grade

1 st Place	Marton Mezei	Branch 038
2 nd Place	Sean Cammack	Branch 104
3 rd Place	Sara Beg	Branch 055

11th Grade

1 st Place	Parker Smith	Branch 038
2 nd Place	Olivia Johnson	Branch 063
3 rd Place	Garrett J. Nye	Branch 382

12th Grade

1 st Place	Charlotte Wallace	Branch 055
2 nd Place	Abigail Arbuckle	Branch 382
3 rd Place	Maru Schwartz	Branch 063

From the NWR Secretary/Treasurer’s desk:

The NWR Secretary/Treasurer recently sent out the **REVISED ANNUAL REPORTS** (this is the first time in several years these reports have been revised):

- Annual Officer Report
- Committee Reports
- Delegate Credentials for the National and Regional Conventions.

For Branch Committee Chairs, the page numbers in the Committee Reports for each committee are listed below:

- HW&R - Pages 1-2
- Public Relations - Pages 3-5
- Youth Activities - Pages 6-8
- Americanism-Patriotism - Pages 9-11
- VAVS - Pages 12-14
- VSO - Pages 15-17

The Branch Chairs need to have their reports into the appropriate Northwest Regional Chair 15 days prior to the Northwest Convention which is on August 18-19, 2023.

The Officer Report needs to be sent to the NED at HQ and the Regional Officers (President – Rex Faubion, VP – Tim Miller, & Sec/Treas – Peg Burke).

Double check the time, day of the month, and the location of your Branch Meetings on this new form. Do not use the Branch emails for the officers' contact email. FRA HQ was rejecting them for this last year. Use your officers' personal emails for the Branch Officer Report.

The Committee Reports have the distribution on each one of them. Each committee report now contains a nominating form for Shipmate of the Year for that committee.

See attached list of NW Region Committee Chairs for their emails for the above reports.

If you have any questions, please let me know."

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.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

Margret ‘Peg’ Burke
NWR Secretary/Treasurer, PRPNW

2022-2023 Northwest Region Committee Chairs

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