



Shipmates,

We are fast approaching time for election of officers for the coming year. Most branches depend on a core of dedicated individuals to keep the branches on track. This should not deter members from stepping up and assuming positions of leadership in the branch. We are always looking for members who have the time and dedication to fill jobs with the branch: committee chairman, board of directors, chaplain, secretary, treasurer, or president. Please reach out to your local Branch Officers and let them know you are interested in serving. Too often we are reluctant to step up and then find ourselves in a situation where key members either burn out, age out or pass. When this happens we have lost the chance to receive a knowledgeable turnover and keep the branch healthy.

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Branch Officer Reports have been sent to all Branch Secretaries and are also available in the 'Official Correspondence' on the National Website. These reports need to be filed immediately after your election of officers. Ensure that when filling out the report that you are listing personal contact information for each individual. Do not use branch mailing address, branch email address, or branch phone number for your personal contact information. All reports need at least five individual officers listed. If you have any questions, reach out to myself or the NW Region Secretary.

Committee Reports. Start compiling your information now, if your committee chairs are not keeping a running account of what has been going on throughout the year. If you feel your branch has not been engaged in a particular area and you have nothing to report, I still need a negative report submitted. All the reports and guidelines are available online.

The mid-year National Board of Directors meeting is 26 April 2024 in Alexandria, Virginia. **The following week, Saturday, May 04, 2024, will be the Northwest Region Mid-Year. We haven't done this in quite a few years and this session will be held via Zoom. Plan now to log on and participate.**

The Northwest Region Convention, on September 06-08, 2024, will be held in Kennewick, Washington. Now is the time to check your schedules and get your reservations into the hotel. We will be commemorating/celebrating the FRA Centennial as part of the convention.

Membership and Retention. At a recent branch visit, I was asked why I concentrated so much attention on *retention* of members that had been with the association for so long? What are you (me) doing to get new members into the FRA?

First, we can't survive if we aren't doing what we need to do to keep current members on the roster.

Second, membership is not one person's job. Recruiting members is up to each individual member in the Association / Branch / Region. **Think of the gains we could make if each member in the association recruited one member. Bottom line, what are you doing for retention and recruiting new members.**

With Loyalty, Protection, and Service

Rex L. Faubion

Regional President Northwest, 2022-2024
Mt Rainier Branch Secretary 2015-2024

March 29, 2024

Thank you, Vietnam Veterans, and welcome home.

April 1, 2024

Happy Birthday to the Navy Chief's community.

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 96th FRA and 91st Auxiliary of the FRA National Conventions



CENTENNIAL & 2024 CONVENTION DATES

CENTENNIAL DATE: November 11, 2024 - Arlington Cemetery and Reception to follow at Patton Hall

CONVENTION DATES: November 12-15, 2024 - Detailed daily information to come later.

POST CONVENTION DATE: November 16, 2024 - Post-Board Meetings of the FRA and the Auxiliary of the FRA.

DoubleTree by Hilton Annapolis
210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD 21401
1-410-224-3150

The DoubleTree offers a free shuttle within five (5) miles, including to Westfield Annapolis Mall, restaurants around Annapolis Town Centre, Branch 024, and the US Naval Academy. Enjoy free parking and dining at our on-site restaurant, Ports of Call. You will be welcomed with a fresh DoubleTree Chocolate Chip Cookie.

- There are **NO** microwaves in the individual rooms.
- Microwaves are in the passageways near the ice machines.
- There is a restaurant on the property serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- If you want a fridge, you need to reserve a room with the fridge included. See directions on Newsletter #1 on the NWR Website.
- If you want a room other than the standard king/double queen room, you need to call directly to reserve.

****NOTE – THERE IS NO HOTEL SHUTTLE SERVICE TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT****

Guest Room Booking – See Pages 3 & 4 of Convention Newsletter #1 on the NWR Website.

Information on transportation via air, train, and taxi/Uber/Lyft are on Page 4 of the Newsletter also.

2024 NW Regional Convention



The Northwest Region FRA and Auxiliary cordially invites all shipmates and ladies to the 2024 Northwest Regional Convention on **September 6-8, 2024** in Kennewick, Washington. Inland Empire Branch 038, of Spokane, WA, will coordinate with all NWR Branches to put on this convention.

Convention Site: Clover Island Inn, 435 N. Clover Island Drive, Kennewick, WA 99336.

The location of Kennewick is in what is called the "Tri-Cities", in Washington State.

Room Rates: \$114 per night plus 10.7% tax and \$3 Tourist Fee. These rates are good for September 4 to September 8, 2024.

For Reservations: Call **509-586-0541** and mention the group name **Fleet Reserve Association** to get the above rate. **DO NOT book online** or you will Please let one of the Convention Committee members below know what your Branch can assist with in this convention.

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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

NORTHWEST REGION AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST 2023-2024

Judging for essay contest entries has been completed for Northwest Region. Following are results:

7TH Grade:

1 st Place	Audrey Simmons	Branch 382
2 nd Place	McKinley Harris	Branch 063
3 rd Place	Nolan Stewart	Branch 174

8TH Grade:

1 st Place	Adeline Maynes	Branch 097
2 nd Place	Benjamin Wu	Branch 104
3 rd Place	Ladessa Heater	Branch 063

9TH Grade:

1 st Place	Jacob Catacata	Branch 382
2 nd Place	Aubree Geis	Branch 063

10TH Grade:

1 st Place	Opal Johnson	Branch 104
2 nd Place	Roy Dennis Jones	Branch 055

11TH Grade:

1 st Place	Lillian Commeree	Branch 174
2 nd Place	Naomi Poelma	Branch 342

12TH Grade:

1 st Place	Chloe Havener	Branch 055
2 nd Place	Gabriel Quintana	Branch 104
3 rd Place	Keanu Longboy	Branch 050

From the NWR Secretary/Treasurer's desk:

See attached list of NW Region Committee Chairs for their emails for your committee reports.

Don't forget to send in your **Delegate Credentials** for the **2024 NWR MID-YEAR** Convention on **May 4, 2024**. They are to be sent to the following:

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