

# First Coast

## FRA/LAFRA Branch & Unit 91



Invite All Shipmates and Auxiliary Members to the  
**2016 FRA/LAFRA NATIONAL CONVENTION**

TO BE HELD AT

LEXINGTON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER – JACKSONVILLE  
RIVERWALK

1515 PRUDENTIAL DRIVE

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

OCTOBER 9-16, 2016

RESERVATIONS: (904) 396-5100

online by copying the link ([bit.ly/20W2NbY](http://bit.ly/20W2NbY)) in your browser

CODE: FLEET RESERVE

Room Rates: \$89.00 plus 13% tax King or Two Doubles

**includes hot breakfast for two daily.** (Rates are good for 3 days prior and 3 days after convention dates.)

**2016 FRA/LAFRA NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

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Are you ready for some great southern hospitality? We hope so. We are looking forward to seeing many of you when you attend the 2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention here in Jacksonville, Florida and we plan on giving that to you.

The committee is pleased to report that many have already made their reservations for the 2016 National Convention. Although a few have had some minor problems, they were resolved quickly by the hotel. Please make your reservations directly with the Lexington Hotel and Convention Center Riverwalk Jacksonville by calling **(904) 396-5100 using the code: Fleet Reserve**. Please talk to someone who is located on property at the Lexington Hotel in Jacksonville. (Do not go to the centralized reservations call center which does not have the room block in their system.) Online reservations may also be made by copying the following link in your browser (**[bit.ly/20W2NbY](http://bit.ly/20W2NbY)**). Room rates are \$89.00 plus 13% tax. Rooms are available in either King or 2 doubles. (The room rate includes 2 free breakfast. Room rates are available 3 days prior and 3 days after convention dates.

Special Note: When making reservations you may mention you would like a Handicap room however this will not assure that you will be able to get one. Since there are only a few, Handicap rooms will be assigned according to need and only through a request made through the committee. Please call Committee Chairs, James “Robbie” Robbins or Sandra Robbins to be added to the list. We will do our best to accommodate any special needs if possible..

The committee has negotiated for a discounted self parking rate of \$5.00 per day for those driving. (Valet parking is available for an additional fee.) Check in time is 3:00 pm and check out is at 12:00 pm.

Warning: The Lexington Hotel and Conference Center Jacksonville Riverwalk is a Non-Smoking Hotel. (Smoking is only allowed in designated Smoking areas only. If found smoking in nonsmoking rooms, you will be charged a penalty fee)

Rooms include a work desk, expanded Cable TV (42” flat screen LED televisions) In-room Movies, Coffeemaker, Shower Massager, Hairdryer and iron with full size board. Refrigerators should be available in each room by the time of our arrival. (At this time the Lexington is undergoing a major renovation but we have been assured that most if not all will be completed prior to arrival.) However microwaves will only be available by request with a \$5.00 per day charge.

## Facilities Information

- \* ATM/Cash Machine
- \* Business Center (with computer)
- \* Fitness Center
- \* Lounge
- \* News Stand in Lobby
- \* Outdoor Pool
- \* Restaurant
- \* Safety Deposit Box at Front Desk
- \* Rental Car Counter in Lobby

## Transportation:



Most major airlines fly into Jacksonville International Airport (JIA) which is approximately 17 miles away from the Hotel. (14201 Pecan Park Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218)

(Shuttle service is available for approx. \$20.00 per person and is about a 20 minute ride.)



Train service via Amtrak is also available. (approx. 7 miles) (3570 Clifford Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32209)



Greyhound Bus: The Jacksonville location is approx. 1.5 miles from the hotel. (10 N. Pearl Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202)



### Driving Directions:

**Coming South (I-95);** When you reach Jacksonville continue on I-95 toward Daytona Beach, Immediately after you cross the Fuller Warren Bridge and take first exit (350A&B) Take 2<sup>nd</sup> left off ramp onto San Marco Blvd., continue on San Marco Blvd. for approx. 2 blocks till you reach Prudential Drive, make a right on to Prudential Drive, continue for .35 mile (3 blocks), then take a left onto Riverplace Drive, Hotel entrance will be on your right in about 50 feet.

**Coming west on I-10:** When you arrive Jacksonville follow signs to 95 South toward Daytona Beach, Immediately after you cross the Fuller Warren Bridge and take first exit (350A&B) Take 2<sup>nd</sup> left off ramp onto San Marco Blvd., continue on San Marco Blvd. for approx. 2 blocks till you reach Prudential Drive, make a right on to Prudential Drive, continue for .35 mile (3 blocks), then take a left onto Riverplace Drive, Hotel entrance will be on your right in about 50 feet.

**Coming north from South Florida via I-95 north:** In Jacksonville take Exit 350 A (Main Street) to the right. Continue approx. 2 blocks to Prudential Drive. Take a left onto Prudential for .25 mile. At Riverplace Drive make a right and hotel entrance will be on the right in about 50 feet.

## Tenative Schedule of Events

### Saturday/Sunday: October 8-9, 2016

Delegates begin arriving

### Monday: October 10, 2016

Delegates continue to arrive

Hospitality Room will open

Possible Planned Activity?

Golf Outing?

### Tuesday: October 11, 2016

Registration( 9:00 am-Noon 2:00 pm-5:00 pm)

FRA Pre-Board (1:00 pm)

LAFRA Pre-Board (1:00 pm)

Possible Planned Activity?

Hospitality Room

### Wednesday: October 12, 2016

Workshops (7:30, 1130 & 4:30)

Registration: (Times TBA)

Opening Ceremonies (9:00 am)

PNP FRA/LAFRA Luncheon

FRA/LAFRA RP, RP-elect & RVP Luncheon

1<sup>st</sup> Business Session (1:00 pm)

Hospitality Room

Welcome Aboard (7:30 pm-10:00 pm)

### Thursday, October 13, 2016

Workshops (7:30, 1130 & 4:30)

PRP FRA Breakfast (7:00 am)

2<sup>nd</sup> Business Sessions (FRA/LAFRA)(9:00 am)

PRP LAFRA Luncheon

3<sup>rd</sup> Business Sessions (FRA/LAFRA) (1:00 pm)

Hospitality Room

Navy Birthday Celebration

### Friday, October 14, 2016

Workshops (7:30, 1130 & 4:30)

Registration: (Times TBA)

4<sup>th</sup> Business Sessions (FRA/LAFRA)(9:00 am)

National President Luncheon (11:30 am)

5<sup>th</sup> Business Session (FRA/LAFRA) (1:00 pm)

Hospitality Room

Planned Outside Activity?

### Saturday, October 15, 2016

Installation Rehearsal (10:00 am)

Hospitality Room

Official Pictures (4:00 pm)

Installation Ceremonies (6:00 pm)

Installation Banquet/Dance (7:30 pm)

### Sunday, October 16, 2016

FRA Pre-Board (9:00 am)

LAFRA Pre-Board (9:00 am)

## Information you can use:

The committee has contacted the following businesses and suggest that you contact them if you need to utilize any of their services.

### Scooter Rental:

- (1) MEDCO INC.:  
653 Kingsley Ave.,  
Orange Park, FL. 32073  
[www.medcoinc.com](http://www.medcoinc.com)  
Local (904) 264-854  
Toll Free (866) 833-8314
- (2) Action Disability Resources, Inc.:  
5609 Timuquana Road,  
Jacksonville, FL. 32210  
[adrjax@bellsouth.net](mailto:adrjax@bellsouth.net)  
Local (904) 777-1979  
Toll Free (888) 316-2648

all needed information. Also, please note the expiration date!

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### Medical/Oxygen Supplies:

(Anyone using these services must have the proper paperwork/documentation/prescription with

**Tux Rentals:** The committee has contracted with an area Tux Rental business. They will be coming to the convention site early in the week to fit those needing to rent a Tuxedo. The cost will be approx.\$70.00. They will deliver your tux on Friday and pick up it on Sunday. Those wishing to use this service need to contact the committee so that you can placed on the rental list.



Activities/Events:

**Golfing Outing:** You may have heard that Jacksonville has many great Golf Courses. Those wishing to participate in playing Golf on Monday, should let the Convention Chairs know by either calling them at (904) 269-2136 or sending them an email [slgr@bellsouth.net](mailto:slgr@bellsouth.net) signifying they would be interested in playing. If there is enough interest a Golf Outing will be planned.

At this time the committee is continuing to work on several other possible activities for the delegates to participate in while in Jacksonville. These should be nailed down hopefully before the next Convention Newsletter slated for release late May early June.

### **Important Note:**

It is important for everyone to remember that the Convention Committee has the authority to control the sale of any items at and during Convention. If your group (Region, Branch, Unit) wishes to set up a table to sell something, you will need to get permission from the committee. Please note that anyone selling personal sale type items (such as homemade scarfs, craft items etc.) will not be allowed. If we find this happening your items may be confiscated.

**Convention Journal/Booster rolls:** Artwork needs to be camera-ready.

If submitting an Ad via email please be sure it is print-ready. **(Microsoft word or jpeg only)** Att: Todd email: [fci@bellsouth.net](mailto:fci@bellsouth.net)

Booster Roll names submitted via email must be in Microsoft Word only. (We will use copy and paste so that we will not be responsible for any misspellings.)

Drop dead deadline for submission is September 10, 2016

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE:

**(All Journal Ads submitted/postmarked by June 30, 2016 may discount the cost of an ad by 10%. Full price will be required July 1 through September 10, 2016.)**

**Rates are as follows:**

Back Page – \$350.00

Quarter Page - \$50.00

Inside Front or Back Page - \$250.00

Eighth Page - \$30.00

Full Page - \$180.00

Business Card - \$25.00

Half Page - \$95.00

Booster Roll - Minimum \$.50 per name

Please send all Ads and Booster Roll names along with payment to

Make all checks payable to: **2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention**

*\*\*\*\*The Convention Committee will accept payment via credit card as long as they have the proper information.*

**Address: 2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention**

**5391 Collins Road, Jacksonville, FL. 32244**

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Dear Shipmates and Auxiliary Members,

Your hosts for the 2016 National Convention, Shipmates and Auxiliary Members of First Coast FRALAFRA Branch/Unit 91, invite you to attend the 2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention being held in Jacksonville, Florida.

Lexington Hotel & Conference Center – Jacksonville Riverwalk

1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL. 32207

1-904-396-5100

We are asking you to please become a "Convention Booster"! Let your fellow Shipmates know how proud you are to be a member of the Fleet Reserve Association and the Ladies Auxiliary Fleet Reserve Association. Your names and those you list will appear in the National Convention "Booster Roll" under the Branch, Unit or MAL (Member -at-Large) listing. Your business card will be displayed in the Journal if you so elect. Your donation – large or small – will help defray the expense of publishing a memorable journal.

The following is the price list for an Ad in the 2016 National Convention Journal:

Full Page: \$180.00    Half Page: \$95.00    Quarter Page: \$50.00    Eighth Page: \$30.00

Business Card: \$25.00

"Booster Roll" Listing: Suggested: \$ .50 per name

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my Business Card and \$25.00

Enclosed is my Ad for: Full Page \_\_\_\_ Half Page \_\_\_\_ Quarter Page \_\_\_\_ Eighth Page \_\_\_\_

Please send Ad, Business Card, Names to: **2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention Journal, 5391 Collins Rd., Jacksonville, FL. 32244**    Make Checks payable to: **2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention**

**Deadline: September 10, 2016**



