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Hello Again Shipmates,

I look forward to meeting you in my travels to the branches of our Region. I ask that you make use of your **Communication** skills with me for any issues or problems within your branch first, before I hear about them from FRA National Headquarters.

We are all either military retirees, veterans, reservists, or active duty personnel and know what a chain of command is, so please follow it before going to National Headquarters. This means if a Shipmate or Unit member has a question, start with your Branch or Unit leaders first, then to Regional if you still have questions.

Branch Visits - I have visited eight of the Northwest Region's 32 branches to date. During the next quarter, I plan on visiting seven more branches. If your branch will not be meeting on your

regular date, please contact me as soon as possible so that I may amend my schedule. I will be attending the Mid-Year National Board Of Directors meeting April 24-28, 2013 at the FRA National Headquarters.

Conventions, Delegates, and Proxies - Please encourage your branches participation in the Northwest Regional and the National Conventions. Without your voice or proxy, your branch will not be represented. Please fill out the convention delegate forms for both conventions and return them to myself with a copy to the Regional Vice President and the Northwest Regional Credentials Chairman, Shipmate McKenzie, as soon as you receive them, but not later than 90 days after receiving them from National. I know that all the Branch Secretaries should have received their March National Mailings and copies of the national delegate forms are included. The Regional Delegate form, and the National one, can be found on the FRA Website in the Branch and Regional Officer Section.

The 2013 Northwest Regional Convention is being hosted by Bremerton Branch 29 and will be on September 20-21, 2013. It will be held at the Baymont Inn & Suites (the old Howard Johnson) at 5640 Kitsap Way, Bremerton, WA. The 2013 Regional Convention Committee will be sending out more information soon.

The 86th FRA & 81st LAFRA National Convention will be held October 14-20, 2013 at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo Hotel in Chattanooga, TN. There are three letters from the National Convention Committee posted on the Regional Website, fra-nwregion.org under the Conventions tab.

Branch Reports have due dates and must be filled out correctly to be considered for any national or branch awards. The March mailings from National Headquarters to Branch Secretaries include the Branch Officer Report forms and the Committee Report Forms. Please make sure you are using the most current copies. These forms can all be found on the FRA Website under the Branch and Regional Officer Section. The attached Northwest Regional Committee Listing will help you contact your committee chairmen for any help concerning your reports. You may also contact myself if you are unable to reach the appropriate Regional Committee Chairman.

Regional Website - The Northwest Region's website is at <http://fra-nwregion.org>. I would encourage each branch to submit to our Regional Webmaster, JrPRPNW Pete Lazzaretti, what they would like posted in addition to the basic contact information. Please submit photos of events that you participate in to be published on the website. All website submissions should be sent to webmaster@fra-nwregion.org. The Regional Webmaster adds new information as it comes from FRA Headquarters.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

RPNW Margret "Peg" Burke, Inland Empire Branch #038, Spokane, WA

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Shipmates:

I am happy to serve as your Regional Vice President and as the Chair for the Membership and Retention Committee. As of December 31, 2012 our Region is still at fourth place for Retention out of nine Regions. The Northwest Region is down 4.83% or 252 members. These numbers are for all losses including deaths and transfers. The FRA is down 3701 members.

I recently sent an e-mail out to all the Branches that I have an address for asking for information on what they do about members whose dues are due are past due for renewal. I have heard back from 6 Branches so far. If your Branch wasn't contacted, please e-mail me or call me so I can add a contact to my list. If there is any way I can help, please let me know.

I will be traveling this spring with my wife Sharon who is the LAFRA NW Regional President so I will be able to visit some of the Branches and attend your meetings. Her schedule has been sent to all of the Units. I am looking forward to meeting more of you this year.

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