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### Hello Shipmates,

My term is almost up and I want to thank all the Branches I visited for their hospitality and help. I have enjoyed visiting and seeing how you are all doing.

It was my sad duty to report to the Northwest Region that PRPNW Dean Miller passed away on August 6, 2017. He requested no services be held and his ashes have been given to his family who are from the mid-west.

He helped many of our Past Regional Presidents navigate their way in the National Board of Directors (NBOD) realm during their terms in office. I know that a lot of us "Grey Hats" leaned on him for information and help. He was a great mentor. We are sorry to see him go, but the Supreme Commander must have needed him more.

**Regional FRA/LAFRA Convention:** The 2017 Northwest Regional Convention is next week on April 25-26th. Mt Rainier Branch 104 and the LAFRA Northwest Region are the hosts. If you have not made reservations or signed up for your meals, you need to contact them. Their contact information is on the Northwest Regional Website at [www.fra-nwregion.org](http://www.fra-nwregion.org). For those Branches that do not have branch members coming to the convention please make sure you have submitted a Delegate Credential Form with a proxy listed. A proxy is a Shipmate you know is going to the convention that you trust to vote your Branches wishes on issues brought up at the convention.

**Northwest Regional Officers—** for the 2017-2018 term will be elected at the convention on August 25-26th. Those **running for the Regional Offices** are: RVPNW Roger Christopher from Branch 382 (Nampa, ID) for Regional President and Shipmate Steve Talkington from Branch 29 (Bremerton, WA) for Regional Vice President. PRPNW Hazel Bettencourt has one more year on her term as Northwest Regional Secretary/Treasurer.

**National FRA/LAFRA Convention—**The 90th FRA & 85th LAFRA National Convention will be held September 18-23, 2017 at the Hunt Valley Inn, a Wyndham Grand Hotel in Cockeysville, Maryland. They have sent out three newsletters and more information can be found on the Northwest Region website at [www.fra-nwregion.org](http://www.fra-nwregion.org).

**Northwest Region LAFRA Auxiliary—**I am asking all Branch Presidents and Secretaries to forward this newsletter to their Unit Auxiliary officers.

Earlier this year, their duly elected 2016-17 LAFRA Northwest Regional President, Renee Shaw, passed away of a stroke. The LAFRA Northwest Regional Vice President, Marjorie Ippert, stepped up and took the reigns for the rest of the year's duties. At their portion of the upcoming Northwest Regional Convention, they will hopefully have Auxiliary Members step up to run for their Regional Officer positions. Support your Units and encourage them to have someone step up to run for Regional Office.

**In Loyalty, Protection, and Service**

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<p><b>Webmaster</b>  <b>PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti</b>  Seattle Branch #18   <a href="http://fra-nwregion.org">HTTP://fra-nwregion.org</a>  Please bookmark and visit  <a href="mailto:Webmaster@fra-nwregion.org">Webmaster@fra-nwregion.org</a></p>	<p>So, Shipmates, keep a heads up on more information on the Veterans Services Committee.</p>	