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## Hello Shipmates,

It is a great honor to be your Northwest Regional President for the next year. The past year went fast and was full of information and learning on my part as a first time regional officer. There is more happening in the FRA than I ever expected and it is a challenge I am looking forward to meeting.

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. I encourage all branches to have an email address for contacting you as well. If you need one, please contact JrPRPNW Pete Lazzaretti for one. He is the NW Regional Webmaster and can set you up with one. My email and phone numbers are listed to the left of this column. Please copy RVPNW Dan Holloway also on your communications to me.

**Branch Visits** - I am planning on visiting as many of the Northwest Region's 32 branches as I can. I will not be able to visit any of the overseas branches this year. I have already sent my schedule to the Presidents and Secretaries of all Northwest Region's 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.

**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 your convention delegate forms for both conventions and return them to myself, 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.

The 2013 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 in the coming months.

The 86th FRA & 81st LAFRA National Convention will be held October 14-20, 2013 at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo Hotel in Chattanooga, TN. More information will be forthcoming on their activities also.

**Branch Reports** have due dates and must be filled out correctly to be considered for any national or branch awards. 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. National Headquarters provides updated committee report copies every year in paper and online. Please make sure you are using the most current copies.

**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](mailto:webmaster@fra-nwregion.org).

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

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

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<p><b>Constitution &amp; By-Laws Committee Chairman PNP M W “John” Johnson</b>          Mt Rainier Branch #104          6206 82<sup>nd</sup> Street East          Puyallup, WA 98371          HOME: 253-770-5935  <a href="mailto:mwjohn4@comcast.net">mwjohn4@comcast.net</a></p>	<p><b>Credentials Committee Chair</b>  <b>S/M Jamie McKenzie</b>          Mt Rainier Branch #104          4002 Friday Ave          Everett, WA 98201-4819          Cell: 206-255-9856 <b>WORKS NIGHTS</b>          Please call between 9am and 1230pm  <a href="mailto:credentials@fra-nwregion.org">credentials@fra-nwregion.org</a></p>	<p><b>Disaster Relief Committee—Chair</b>  <b>S/M Marty Arnold</b>          Dungeness Branch #174          PO Box 3631          Sequim, WA 98382          HOME: 360-457-4682  <a href="mailto:martinarnold2001@yahoo.com">martinarnold2001@yahoo.com</a></p>
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<p><b>Youth Activities Committee - Chair</b>  <b>PRPNW Gerry Jordan</b>          Seattle Branch #18          4408 219<sup>th</sup> Street SW          Mt Lake Terrace, WA 98043          HOME: 425-672-0871  <a href="mailto:gvi62@aol.com">gvi62@aol.com</a></p>	<p><b>Awards given to NW Region Branches at the National Convention in Reno</b>  <b>Americanism/Patriotism:</b>          Walter C. “Step” Rowell Award – Honolulu/Pearl Harbor Branch #46              1st Place Group I – Honolulu/Pearl Harbor Branch #46              2nd Place Group III – Everett Branch #170  <b>Membership and Retention:</b>          Lofgren Award – Branches Group IV – Dungeness Branch #174          Lofgren Award – Individuals Group III – Michael Mayo, Yokosuka Branch #103          Frank J. McPherson Award – John Ippert, Honolulu/Pearl Harbor Branch #46          Silver Anchor Squadron Award – Michael Mayo &amp; Jon Oliver, Yokosuka Branch #103  <b>100% Award:</b> Group III – Br #103; Group IV – Br #59, Br #104, Br #174, &amp; Br #367; Group V – Br #64, Br #73, Br #127, &amp; Br #171.  <b>Youth Activities:</b> 3rd Place Group I – Honolulu/Pearl Harbor Branch #46  <b>Public Relations:</b> 2nd Place Group I – Honolulu/Pearl Harbor Branch #46              2nd Place Group III – Everett Branch #170  <b>Hospitals, Welfare, &amp; Rehabilitation:</b>              2nd Place Group I – Honolulu/Pearl Harbor Branch #46  <b>Certificate of Merit:</b> Paul S. Cabasug, Southern Luzon Branch #171</p>	
<p><b>Webmaster</b>  <b>JrPRPNW Pete Lazzaretti</b>          Mt Rainier Branch #104   <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>		