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Listed below are the new officers for Northwest Region 2019-2020.

- Regional President Northwest 2019-2020, Bill Hall. I am Past National Chaplain 2014-2015, and a member of Gem State Branch #382.
- Regional Vice President is Shipmate Danny Hunt Gem State Branch #382.
- Regional Secretary/Treasurer is PRPNW Margret (Peg) Burke, Empire Branch #038.
- Regional Parliamentarian is PNP John Johnson. Puyallup Branch#104

With National Convention recently completed let me hit the highlights.

- National President is PNVP Donna M. Jansky, North Shore Branch #031.Navy.
- National Vice President is PRPSW Michael F. (Mick) Fulton, Imperial Beach Branch #289.
- National Executive Director is PRPEC Christopher J. Slawinski, Navy Department Branch #181.

As for Resolutions that were on the convention floor:

1. All Resolutions for Honorary membership and Certification for Honorary membership were approved.
2. Certificate of Merit Award to Honorary Shipmate James D. Short for over 47years employment at FRA Headquarters and countless hours of serving Branch #181 and for FRA outreach programs.

C&B L Resolutions #1 & 2

- Two (2) resolutions concerning opening membership eligibility to all naval personnel to include Naval Academy midshipmen, NROTC, US Coast Guard Academy, US Merchant Marines, Naval & Marine Corps Midshipmen, Coast Guard Reserve Officers and OCS Personnel were both deemed as Out of Order.

C&B L Resolutions #3

- To allow 50% reduction of Life Membership fees in the month of October was also deemed out of order.

C&BL Resolution #4

- Concerning Section 702 (i) be amended by adding: When the Regional President is absent from the meeting of the National Board of Directors for any reason other than vacancy in the office of Regional President, the National Board of Directors is authorized by a two thirds vote to appoint the Regional Vice President to represent the region with the same authority as the Regional President. Approved.

C&BL Resolution #5

- Concerning Section 808(m) be added. "The NED shall review all monthly bank, credit card statements and contract agreement for continuity. If there are any questions, he/she will bring it to the attention of the Finance Officer, and if needed, advise the National President for further review, disposition and/or action(s)." Approved

C&BL Resolution #6

- concerning Section 1101(g) to move Wyoming to the West Coast Region be changed to read Section 1101(g) Northwest Region: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, Hawaii, and all branches in the Pacific including those in the Republic of the Philippines." Approved

C&BL Resolution #7

- concerning Article 13, Section 1312(a) to read: The Branch shall have the authority to interpret and apply the rules as it relates to the Fleet Reserve Association's Policy and Procedures. Constitution and Bylaws, and Standing Rules in matters pertaining to its Auxiliary. The unit shall submit its bylaws and amendments to the Branch for ratification. Disapproved

Standing Rule Resolution #1

- To name the award for Shipmate of the Year for Veterans Services the "PRPNC Rosemary Posekany Memorial Award". Approved

- Northwest Regional Convention 2020 will be hosted by Mount Rainer Branch #104 Puyallup, WA. More information as it becomes available.
- National Convention 2020 will be held in Portland, Oregon at:

Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel
8235 NE Airport Way
September 27-October 4th, 2020
Rates are: \$112/night (3 days prior & 3 days following)

Good accommodations, close to shopping and sites. Watch for future newsletters and make your plans to attend. (Not often do we have a National Convention in our area.)

Be thinking about convention journal adds and raffle/silent auction items.

More information will be coming in November.

- National Convention 2021 will be held in Birmingham, Alabama.

I would like to congratulate the following branches for their 100% membership awards:

- Branch #310 Silverdale, WA
- Branch #103 Yokosuka, Japan
- Branch #367 San Miguel, Philippines
- Branch #074 Olongapo City, Philippines
- Branch 174 Sequim, WA

Individual Charles E. Lofgren Awards:

- Group IV – PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti, Branch 18, Seattle, WA
- Group V – S/M Roberto Macaraeg, Branch 247, Dagupan City, Philippines

Veterans Services Award:

- Gem State Branch #382 1st Place/Group IV

I am looking for Chairpersons for the following Committees: **Constitution and By-Laws, Legislative Services** for 2019-2020. Please consider taking a position and contact me.

I encourage each of you to volunteer some of your time to your community, church, hospital, VA, senior center, among other places. Your time and efforts would be appreciated.

Comments from the Regional Vice President/Chaplain

Greeting Shipmates:

I know you have heard it before, but I will say it again and again. We need to get more members into our organization. That was the main emphasis at the 92nd National Convention that was held in Memphis this past month. Our numbers are dropping at an alarming rate. The old core of our organization is passing away and we haven't been able to bring in new shipmates to fill those vacancies. Each of us in the FRA needs to/MUST be an active recruiter or we as an organization will just fade away. The Branch Vice Presidents are the ones that are tasked to spearhead the Branch membership and retention committee, but every Branch member must be active and involved in the ongoing quest for new members to fill the ranks of our departed shipmates and to continue the mission and tradition of the FRA. The FRA isn't just a great organization for fellowship, but it has a lot to offer its members in the way of information, benefits, and support.

Branch Vice Presidents and Committee Chairs go to the National web site (fra.org) and get familiar with the material that is available for recruiting/membership drives. There are preformatted news release that can be given to your local media to get our organization out into the community. There is a short video that can be downloaded and used in a PSA (Public Service Announcement). In the membership section, get familiar with the benefits that are available to members and their families. Most important, download and read the Membership Manual. There is a host of valuable ideas and suggestions for you to use. There are a lot of different posters, hand-outs, and pamphlets that can be ordered from National Headquarters that are free of charge to you. I urge you to use them.

If you have questions, suggestions or concerns, contact me by email or phone and we can discuss them. Christina Hitchcock, the Director of Membership at National, is also a willing source of help. Her email is ChristinaH@fra.org and you can also find it in FRA Today or call her at National Membership Services at 703-683-1400, Ext. 123.

From the Regional Chaplain side of things, I would still like to hear from all of the Branch Chaplains. I really would like to get you Chaplains involved in Branch welfare: Who is sick, who needs help, what is going on with our shipmates and their families. The Branch President can always use an extra set of eyes and ears. A simple phone call, home or hospital visit, or card lets our shipmates know we care and are concerned about them. If I can help, let me know.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

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Item of Interest

War Veteran Becomes Beloved Character

His mother was 40 years old when Jesse was born. Jesse grew up in a very rough home in Morgantown, West Virginia. Jesse's father, who was mentally ill, was a violent man and was abusive to Jesse. At 13, his father died leaving his mother to take care of him and his brothers.

At the time, things weren't easy for Jesse and he didn't think life held much hope for him. While Jesse had his struggles, he had dreams too. He wanted to be a ventriloquist and he found books on ventriloquism. He practiced with sock puppets and saved his money until he could get a real ventriloquist dummy.

When he was old enough, he joined the military. The military recognized his talents and placed him in the entertainment corp. He toured the western Pacific Islands as a comedian as part of a G.I. variety show called "Stars and Gripes." It was there he was able to share his talents with fellow soldiers.

In 1946, he discharged with rank of Technician Grade 5, the equivalent then of a Corporal. During his military service, Jesse was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with 4 bronze service stars), Army Good Conduct Medal, Marksman Badge (with an M1 Carbine) and Honorable Service lapel pin.

Through his military service, Jesse gained confidence and found that he had a talent for making people laugh. In spite of his early struggles, Jesse became one of the best-loved TV characters of all time. For it was Jesse Don Knotts who brought us Barney Fife!

In Loyalty, Protection & Service,



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