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Greeting Shipmates:

We are in trying times. I've always heard about changes coming but, WOW!

I am hoping we are all still well and healthy. As I mentioned in my e-mail in April, please let me know if we have anyone with the Corona Virus (or any other illness) and if we can help in any way.

Due to the restrictions placed upon us because of COVID-19, everything that we routinely did has gone to the under-world in a hand basket.

The National Presidents letter of April 24th: Subject: Policy and Procedures for Nomination and Election of Branch officers during COVID-19

Explained procedures for nomination and election of Branch officers. (attached)

So far I have received 5 officer reports. Thank you to those who have submitted reports.

A Few Thought from the Regional Vice President

Greetings, to all of you here in the Northwest Region. I hope this finds you all healthy and in good spirits. I will try not to reiterate what the Regional President has talked about. The main thing I would like to stress once again is the importance of bringing new members into our organization. I am a member of the National Membership and Retention Committee, and we have a telephone meeting each month and discuss this issue. Our numbers are dwindling rapidly and this is mostly due to the fact the older members that have held this organization together for so many years are reaching their expiration date. Bye-bye. The officer at National HQ and the Regions can't be the only ones to bring new members in. We can help by making sure that you have the literature and information you need, but you individual members are the ones that are out there and making face to face contact with potential members. Wherever you go, wear your military gear: ball cap, jacket, tee shirt, sweatshirt, anything that lets those non-member shipmates know that you are one of them. If you see someone in veterans' gear, say hello, start that first acknowledgement, and thank them for their service. Get the door open; you would be surprised at the number of sea service veterans that are around us every day and who just might be looking for a good group to associate with. The membership manual on the National web site under the publication tab has a lot of good ideas and available material for you to use. I would encourage all of you to try and get at least one new member into your Branch this year. You can do it. I know you can. If we all keep plugging away, we will see our numbers go in the right direction.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service.

Danny Hunt
Regional Vice President, Northwest

Let me remind you again about:

- **"Resolutions"**, Ref: C&BL Section 611. Time for submission has been waived to 90 days for Regional Convention but remains 120 days for National Convention.
- **"Credentials"**, Ref: C&BL Section 606(c).
 - Credential Delegate forms are highly important. Without a properly filled out form your vote does not count at conventions.

A Delegate form is required for both Regional and National Conventions. Each filled out with the name(s) of your Branch delegates attending and voting or, naming a "proxy" who will be there to vote for your Branch. Please inform your "voter" of you Branch desires for each item to be voted on.

- As the Resolutions comes out prior to convention please discuss them at the branch and know how your branch wants to vote on each resolution so your delegates know how to vote. If your branch is unable to send a delegate and you name a "proxy" make sure your proxy knows your voting wishes on each resolutions.

Send credentials to the following by mail or e-mail before 8-1-2020. PNP John Johnson (FRA Credentials Chair (original), RPNW Bill Hall (copy), PRPNW Peg Burke NWR Secretary (copy)

CONVENTIONS

REGIONAL CONVENTION TACOMA, WA

The La Quinta Hotel in Tacoma, in a conversation with them, have indicated that we should be able to keep on with the plans to hold the convention. There is possibility that we could still have to cancel if the phasing in does not go to the schedule that was planned. If this would occur the planning committee will cancel by the 1st of August. With this in mind we, the committee, would like for all the Shipmates and Ladies to continue with their plans to come to Tacoma for the Regional Convention on August 27-29, 2020

We would like to have as many people as possible to come. It's been a long winter and spring so do yourself a break and come visit. The EQC Casino will be open and it's just a short walk across the street from the hotel.

One thing to remember is to get your meal reservations in. The meals and hospitality room are the two main revenue collections to really help fund the convention.

If we do need to cancel the convention due to the extension of social contact and other edicts we will be refunding all funds collected. They will be sent out as soon as we know that we will be cancelling.

MW "John" Johnson

Convention Chair

National Conventions

- Host: Northwest Region/Branch #018
- What: 93rd FRA/88th LA FRA 2020 National Conventions – Portland, OR
- When: September 28 – October 4, 2020
- Where: Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR

We are still planning on National Convention taking place. Should that change because of COVID-19, notification will be sent out immediately.

Up-to-date information for Regional Convention is on the Regional Website: fra-nwregion.org

Look for: 2020 NWR Convention flyer #1, 2 & 3.

National Convention information for National Convention is on the National Website: fra.org under events.

Look for: 2020 Convention Newsletter 1 & 2.

From the Northwest Region Chaplain Danny Hunt

Just want to wish you all well. I encourage all of you to keep in contact with your Shipmates. With all the stay at home and cancelled meetings we are experiencing now, it is easy to lose touch. This is when we need to be more in touch and let our Shipmates know that we miss them and are thinking of them. Make that phone call or send that email; it doesn't take that much of your time and it might just be the contact they need to cheer up their day. Above all, keep your Branch Officers informed if one of your shipmates needs assistance in any way. Let's all look out for our Shipmates. I hope to see you all at the Regional Convention in August. Let's make it one to remember.

A Few Tidbits about WWII

WW2 was the largest single event in human history, a conflict fought across 6 of the world's 7 continents and all its oceans. It killed 50 million human beings, left hundreds of millions of others wounded in mind or body and materially devastated much of the heartland of civilization.

- ✚ The Nazi came very close to developing plutonium.
- ✚ Japan was working on a "Death Ray", they got as far as one that could kill from ½ mile away, but target had to be still for almost 10 minutes to work.
- ✚ More Russian soldiers died in just Battle of Stalingrad than all US & British soldiers in war. During Stalingrad fighting Axis powers (Germany) had 650,000-868,000 casualties, Russians lost more than 1.1 million.
- ✚ Tallest German soldier, Jakob Nacken, 7'6" tall surrendered to shortest British soldier, Bob Roberts, at 5'3" tall.
- ✚ Battle of Atlantic lasted full time of WW2 Europe, September 1939 through May 1945.
- ✚ Queen Elizabeth (then Princess Elizabeth) served as a driver & mechanic during the war, at her request & decision to serve along-side of her countrymen.
- ✚ A Polish (Jewish) prisoner, midwife delivered more than 3,000 babies at Auschwitz camp, more than 2500 did not survive their infancy. Only 30 are estimated to survive till the camp was liberated by Allied troops.
- ✚ Hitler executed 84 of his own Generals. Most due to association or possible association with assassination plot to kill Hitler on 20 July 1944.
- ✚ Calvin Graham, from Crockett, Texas, was youngest person to serve in US Armed Forces. At just 12 years old, he forged his mother's signature and notary stamp, dressed in an older brothers clothing, and spoke in a deeper voice than natural. He managed to sneak into the Navy and served on the South Dakota Battleship until it was damaged and taken back to the US stateside for repairs. Grahams mother spotted him in newsreel footage and alerted the military of her son's duplicity. He was discharged but hailed as a hometown hero.

In closing, I am scheduled to attend Mid-Year National BOD meeting at the end of June. If there are any items that you need addressed, please email me by June 15th.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service



Bill Hall
RPNW