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Greetings Shipmates:

Let me introduce myself as your current Regional President. I retired from the Navy in 2008 as a Navy Nurse Corps Lieutenant but was previously an enlisted Marine from 1977-1983 (active duty and reserve). I am currently the Vice President of Branch 038 in Spokane. I hope everyone was able to have some family time over the Holidays. We are in a new year, and let's hope it's better than the previous two.

The National Convention that was held in Spokane Valley in October, went off pretty well for the quick change of venue from Portland. The hotel did a good job, even with the problem of being short staffed. The Spokane Branch 038 (Inland Empire) will be hosting this year's Regional Convention in August. The venue is not nailed down yet, as there have been problems with some hotel chains not providing the government rate. There should be news out by mid-February with the hotel name and place. I hope any short staffing problems the area has experienced will be resolved by then.

I hope to be doing some Branch visits in the coming months, as the weather gets better. If any branches are having meetings on Zoom, please let me know, as I can visit that way. Please let me know if there are any issues that need to be brought up to the Region.

Keep up the good work with recruitment and the good work within your communities.

The list of the Northwest Region Committee Chairs for 2021-22 except for one chair we have not filled. I am asking for a volunteer to chair the Legislative Services Committee. Please contact me if you would like to fill this position.

With Loyalty, Protection, and Service

*Michelle Davis*

Regional President Northwest, 2021-2022

Shipmates:

You are always at your best when helping other people. That must be a quote from someone. Volunteering is a staple of the Fleet Reserve Association. The Branches, Region, and National are always here to support you but that is a two-way street. Please do your part. Volunteer and report. Step up and do the job.

Keep your Branch active in the local community affairs. The last couple of years has really put a crimp in the way we interact and has lessened our visibility. Membership and retention should be a top priority for every member. Don't miss any opportunity to recruit members. Please do your part and recruit.

The Americanism Essay contest is winding down for this year and as the Regional Chairman for A/P, I've already received input from several Branches. Remember that your submissions to Region must include the interim Americanism report and be postmarked by 01 FEB 2022.

Personally, I would like to thank the individuals that have stepped up and carried on during the pandemic. It seems there's always a core group that keep things running. As your RVP I look forward to working for you and with you.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

*Rex L. Faulion*

Regional Vice President Northwest, 2021-2022

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**From the NW Regional Secretary/Treasurer's desk:**

The 2022 Northwest Region Convention will be August 19-20, 2022, in the Spokane/Spokane Valley area. As mentioned above in RPNW Davis' message several national hotel chains are not honoring the military lodging rate anymore, so Branch 38 had to go back to the drawing board for a new venue. More information will be coming out by mid-February.

The 2022 FRA/LAFRA National Convention will be held October 16-22, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham-The Wynfrey Hotel, 1000 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, Alabama. More information coming on this convention as well.

Note to NWR Chairs: If you would like to have something in the next regional Scuttlebutt, send it to me via email and we will include it.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

*Margret 'Peg' Burke*

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