

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION
NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONVENTION
Ramada Inn at the Airport, Spokane, WA
August 20, 2022

FRA Master of Ceremonies (MC) Shipmate Anna Martin, FRA Convention Chair and LAFRA MC, RVPNW Jena Shadwick called the Joint Opening of the Northwest Regional Convention to order at 0900 on 20 August 2022 at the Ramada Inn at the Airport, Spokane, Washington.

FRA MC Anna Martin then directed the Master-at-Arms (MAA) to invite shipmates and ladies to enter the meeting hall and close the doors. This was completed and the MAA announced that the shipmates and ladies were in the hall.

FRA MC Anna Martin gave three raps of the gavel and asked that everyone remain standing for the following:

- Presentation of colors by the Ft Spokane Battalion Sea Cadets
- The Blessing of God by Chaplain Bill Hall
- The Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.
- The Reciting of the FRA and Auxiliary Preambles

FRA MC Anna Martin gave three raps of the gavel and asked that everyone be seated.

The LAFRA MC Jena Shadwick introduced the Auxiliary Past Regional President Rose Hall.

FRA MC Anna Martin then introduced the FRA Regional Officers and the Past Regional Officers:

CURRENT OFFICERS

RPNW Michelle Davis
RVPNW Rex Faubion
JrPRPNW Danny Hunt
RSTNW Peg Burke

PAST REGIONAL OFFICERS

RPNW Danny Hunt	2020-2021
PRPNW Bill Hall	2018-2020
PRPNW Peg Burke	2012-2013 & 2017
PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti	2011-2012
PRPNW Tom Flanik	1998-1999

FRA MC Anna Martin then introduced the guest speaker:

“Please welcome Teresa Bailey, LICSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker), Program Manager for the Caregiver Support Program at the Mann-Grandstaff VAMC, Spokane, WA.”

“She has been the Program Manager since November 2021. Prior to this she was in the mental health clinic for 14 years; providing individual and group therapy for veterans of all ages and war eras. She came to the VA from community mental health in both Whitman and Adams counties here in Washington state. She received her Master of Social Work from the University of Wyoming in 2001; and her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Washington State University prior to that.

She has lived in Spokane for the past 15 years. She enjoys hiking, swimming, running, and biking in our lovely Inland Northwest region.”

There was a question and answer session after her presentation.

FRA MC Anna Martin announced that we will now have the Two Bell Ceremony which was presented by Inland Empire Branch 038's Chaplain, Dennis McCully, and his assistant Shipmate Harold Young. There was a moment of silence dedicated to the memory of the following:

PNP Bill Starkey PNP John Ippert PRPNW Hazel Bettencourt

MC Anna Martin and LAFRA MC Jena Shadwick announced to Shipmate NWR President Michelle Davis and LAFRA NWR Vice President Jena Shadwick that they were ready to turn the gavels over to them. This was done and the convention was declared convened.

Shipmate President Michelle Davis then declared a recess, with the meeting to reconvene in 30 minutes. Northwest Regional Chaplain Bill Hall was requested to close the Bible.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis called the FRA Business Meeting to order at 1030 and requested the MAA to invite the Shipmates to enter the hall and close the doors.

MAA announced the Shipmates are in the hall and the doors are closed.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis requested that all cell phones be turned off or silenced during the meeting.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis requested Regional Chaplain Bill Hall to please open the Bible. Chaplain Bill Hall did so and replied that the Bible is open.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis asked the Regional Secretary to call the roll of Officers.

Shipmate Regional Secretary Peg Burke called the roll:

Regional President Michelle Davis
Regional Vice President Rex Faubion
Jr Past Regional President Danny Hunt
Acting Regional Parliamentarian Tom Flanik
Regional Secretary/Treasurer Margret "Peg" Burke

Jr Past Regional President Danny Hunt announced that he was in the Uniform of the Day.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis called for the first Credentials Report.

Credentials Chair Anna Martin gave the Credentials Report (see Attachment A)

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis stated that "you have heard the first credentials report. It has been moved and seconded to receive the report." A vote was taken and the motion was carried.

NW Regional President Michelle Davis said they would proceed with our Officer Reports and gave hers first (See Attachment B).

NW Regional Vice President Rex Faubion presented his report (see Attachment C).

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis stated that we will now recess for lunch and reassemble at 1300. Shipmate Chaplain, will you please close the Bible.

Shipmate Chaplain Bill Hall stated the Bible is closed.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis called the FRA 2nd Business Session to order at 1330 and asked the MAA to please invite the Shipmates to enter the hall and close the doors.

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Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis asked the Shipmate Chaplain Bill Hall to open the Bible.

Shipmate Chaplain Bill Hall stated the Bible is open.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis called for the second Credentials Report.

Credentials Chair RPNW Anna Martin stated there were no changes to the Credentials Report (See Attachment A).

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis stated that we would continue with the Officers Reports.

NW Regional Secretary/Treasurer Peg Burke presented her report (see Attachment D):

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One of the Philippine branches tried a new method of payment, i.e. electronic deposit, via our Chase Bank. They sent a copy of the front and back of their check to me via email. I took the email to Chase Bank to see how to do this. The bank had me download the Chase Deposit App on my phone and then instructed me how to process the payment through their app. We were successful and the deposit went through. This procedure could be used by our Pacific Branches to pay dues in the future if they don’t want to send it by USPS, which can be iffy at best.

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NW Budget Committee Chair PRPNW Flanik gave his report. The Audit of the Northwest Region Financials was completed this date and found to be in order (See Attachment E).

NW Membership & Retention Committee

Chair Shipmate Rex Faubion stated that overall, the NW Region is down to 1,863 members in good standing as of 30 June 2022. Of the 23 branches in the Region, one, Branch 50, is new and growing; one, Branch 328, is likely to turn in their Charter; another, Branch 310, is unresponsive.

It is not all bad new, there are 10 branches that are holding their own or are on the plus side. Branches 029, 050, 068, 154, and 170 are showing gain in membership. Branches 063, 074, 127, 247, and 342 are holding on showing no loss in members.

Of the eight Regions, Northwest’s standing in membership is 5th. Nationally, FRA membership including Members at Large (MAL) is 29,928.

Everyone is looking for ways to turn this around. Some of you remember that in the late 90’s we had over 140,000 members. We need to look for every opportunity to introduce sea service veterans to the Fleet Reserve Association. FRA HQ has developed a new membership application. You can download it from the FRA HQ website. (See the full Report on Attachment F.)

NW Americanism-Patriotism Committee Chair Shipmate Rex Faubion, Branch 104, gave the following report (Attachment G).

The First Place Essay Contest winners are:

7 th Grade	Ashlyn Quintana	Branch 104
8 th Grade	There was no 1 st Place Winner	
9 th Grade	Abby Yeske	Branch 382
10 th Grade	Parker Smith	Branch 038
11 th Grade	Cadence Etheridge	Branch 382
12 th Grade	Jacob Agresta	Branch 055

Results for the branches:

Group I	No Award	No reports received
Group II	No Award	No reports received
Group III	1 st Place	Branch 097 – Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA
Group IV	1 st Place	Branch 104 – Mt. Rainier Branch, Puyallup, WA
	2 nd Place	Branch 382 – Gem State Branch, Nampa, ID
	3 rd Place	Branch 038 – Inland Empire Branch, Spokane, WA
Group V	No Award	One negative report received.

COVID continues to cause problems with participation or the ability of Branch personnel to make contacts. 39 students participated throughout the NW Region. Contest theme this year, “Why I am Proud to be an American.”

At the National level, entrants from the NW Region were represented by Jacob Agresta who placed Second at the 12th Grade. Entry forwarded through Branch 055. Note that all winners at the National level are required to file a W-9 report for the IRS. This has slowed the award process down immensely. To date Jacob has not received his check. Phillip Reid is aware of the problem and working to get the check to him.

The theme for the coming year is “What The United States Flag Stands For.” Poster, contest rules, and cover letter are available on the National website: FRA.org

Award levels have changed per NBOD action. Grand prize has dropped from \$5,000.00 to \$1,500.00.

NW Region Hospital, Welfare & Rehabilitation Committee Chair Shipmate Michelle Davis presented her report (see Attachment H). There were seven reports from the region, one of which was a negative report. The awards are as follows:

Group I	No Award	
Group II	No Award	
Group III	1 st Place	Branch 097 – Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA
Group IV	1 st Place	Branch 104 – Mt. Rainier Branch, Puyallup, WA
	2 nd Place	Branch 038 – Inland Empire Branch, Spokane, WA
Group V	None	Report received was a negative one.

NW Region Public Relations Chair PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti presented his report (see Attachment I):

Group III	1 st Place	Branch 097 – Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA
	2 nd Place	Branch 018 – Seattle, WA
Group IV	1 st Place	Branch 104 – Mt Rainier Branch, Puyallup, WA
	2 nd Place	Branch 382 – Gem State Branch 382
	3 rd Place	Branch 038 – Inland Empire Branch, Spokane, WA

Negative Reports were received from Branches 055 and 247.

NW Region Youth Activities Chair PRPNW Roger Christopher submitted his Group Branch Reports (Attachment J).

Group I	No Reports	
Group II	No Reports	
Group III	1 st Place	Branch 097 – Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA
Group IV	1 st Place	Branch 038 – Inland Empire Branch, Spokane, WA
	2 nd Place	Branch 104 – Mt Rainier Branch, Puyallup, WA
	3 rd Place	Branch 055 – City of Roses Branch, Portland, OR
Group V	Negative Report received from Branch 247.	

NW Region Veterans Services Committee Chair PRPNW Tom Flanik submitted the following report for branches. Only seven branches submitted reports. (Attachment K)

Group I	No Reports	
Group II	No Reports	
Group III	1 st Place	Branch 097 – Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA
Group IV	1 st Place	Branch 382 – Gem State Branch, Nampa, ID
	2 nd Place	Branch 038 – Inland Empire Branch, Spokane, WA
		Branches 18 and 55 turned in negative reports.
		Branch 104 submitted only a VAVS Report
Group V	Negative report submitted from Branch 247	

Reminder to all Branches: The Veterans Committee now has two reports that must be submitted, i.e. VSO and VAVS. They are two separate forms and **Branch Chairs need to submit both reports.**

NW Regional Disaster Relief Committee Chair Mike Batnick did not submit a report.

NW Time and Place Chair PRPNW Flanik stated that the Northwest Regional Convention for 2023 is scheduled as follows:

2023 Northwest Regional Convention will be hosted by Gem State Branch 382, Nampa, ID on August 18-19, 2023 the Holiday Inn, Nampa, ID at a rate of \$110 per night.

NW Regional Chaplain Bill Hall presented his report (See Attachment L).

This year I sent 54 Sympathy Cards and 3 Get Well Cards.

NW Region C&BL Committee Chair Peg Burke presented the C&BL report (see Attachment M for the full report).

During the 2020-2021 Northwest Regional Convention a resolution to Standing Rule 4(f) was proposed and adopted. This had to do with raising the Americanism Essay Contest regional award amount to: 1st Place \$75, 2nd Place \$50, and 3rd Place \$25

There were copies of all the proposed NW Region C&BL resolutions on the tables for the convention delegates. Please share with other shipmates at the table. Copies of the five resolutions were transmitted to all NW Branch Presidents and Secretaries to discuss them with their branch members. Votes were taken on these resolutions whether to adopt them, or not.

Electronic Meetings: This resolution is to add to the NW Region C&BL Rituals, Article 1, Section 104(a). By adding this article to the C&BL it gives the Branch, and Region, a way of conducting business in the world today; an update to if you will, to embrace a webinar/WebEx type platform for meetings for whichever reason makes it necessary not meet in person. **APPROVED**

Life Membership Fund: This resolution has to do with the status of the Life Membership fund being drawn down so low in the past few years, i.e., 2016 thru 2021 that were not authorized by NBRs voted on by the NBOD. This resolution is to be submitted to the 2023 FRA National Convention.

NOT APPROVED – Already sent to National Committee

Budget & Finance Committee Name Change: This resolution has to do with amending Standing Rule 2(d) of the NW Region C&BL. It would add the function of an Audit process and change the name of the Budget and Finance Committee. The new title would be Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee. The procedures for the audit are contained in the attached Annual Audit Policy & Procedures Manual (a 6-page document).

APPROVED

Veterans Services Officer Training: This resolution had to do with adding to the FRA C&BL Section 820 as subsection (f) to provide continuing training to current VSO's as mandated by OGS. Section 820(f) should be amended to incorporate the following language: *“Training shall be held on an annual basis by qualified Instructors as per OGC regulations and recognized by the FRA, Veterans Service Officers with at least one being TRIP (Training, Responsibility, Involvement and Preparation of Claims) certified” and Resolved that Gem State Branch 382 sincerely solicits the support and endorsement of all branches of the Fleet Reserve Association.”*

APPROVED

Delegate Identification When Speaking: This resolution would add Standing Rule 3(j) to the NW Region C&BL to coincide with the FRA C&BL. It would also align with the Roberts Rules of Order.

“SR-3(j). When a delegate desires the privilege of the floor, he/she shall rise, face the Chair, address the presiding officers as, “Shipmate Regional President,” and when recognized shall give his/her name and the name and number of his/her branch.”

RULED OUT OF ORDER

Already in the Roberts Rules of Order.

The NW Region C&BL Chair, Peg Burke, will prepare the update to the NW Region C&BL for ratification by the NBOD at the 2022 National Convention.

NW Region Legislative Chair, Jerry Fugich, emailed his report to the NW Regional Secretary at the end of the convention (see Attachment N).

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED BUSINESS

The 2022 FRA/LAFRA National Conventions will be October 16-22, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency's Wynfrey Hotel, 1000 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, Alabama. See the Northwest Region's website for all the newsletters.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers for 2022-2023

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis announced that we now have the business of electing our 2022-2023 Regional Officer. Nominations were held and the following were nominated as shown.

Regional President Northwest (RPNW):

Shipmate Rex L. Faubion, Mt. Rainier Branch 104, was nominated and elected to be the new Regional President.

Regional Vice President Northwest (RVPNW):

Shipmate Timothy E. Miller, Whidbey Island Branch 097, was nominated and elected to be the new Regional Vice President.

Jr Past Regional President (JrPRPNW)

Shipmate Michelle E. Davis, Branch 038, will be the Jr Past Regional President.

Regional Secretary/Treasurer Northwest (NWRST):

Shipmate PRPNW Margret “Peg” Burke will remain for the second year of her 3-year term as Regional Secretary/Treasurer.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Shipmate President Michelle Davis asked if there are anyone had anything under the Good of The Order.

PRPSE John Handzuk, a candidate for FRA National Vice President sent a letter to the Northwest Region convention delegation to be read during the convention.

Jr Past Regional President Danny Hunt proposed the following:

*“The FRA NW Regional Convention’s Silent Auction proceeds to be split in the following manner: 50% of the proceeds to go to the FRA NW Region
25% of the proceeds to go to the LAFRA Region
25% of the proceeds to go the Branch hosting the convention.*

This division will be the standard to follow in future Northwest Regional Conventions.”

This motion was discussed at length, with the notable agreement that this is the major fundraiser for the Region’s Auxiliary. The motion was seconded and adopted at this convention.

Shipmate President Michelle Davis presented PRPNW Bill Hall his past Regional President’s Pin for 2019 on behalf of NED Slawinski. Shipmate Hall was unable to attend the National Convention that year.

Shipmate PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti let the delegates at the NW Regional Convention that there was a possibility that he would be nominated for National Vice President from the floor of the 2022 National Convention. He just wanted everyone in the Region to know so we would not be surprised by it.

Shipmate President Michelle Davis then declared a recess at until 1630, at which time Installation of Officers would be held. Northwest Regional Chaplain Bill Hall was requested to close the Bible.

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INSTALLATION OF NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICERS

Installation was held at 1630 for the following LAFRA Northwest Regional Officers and FRA Northwest Regional Officers for the association year 2022-2023. JrPRPNW Danny Hunt was installing Officer.

FRA Auxiliary Northwest Regional Officers for the year 2022-2023:

Auxiliary Regional Vice President Northwest Jena Shadwick Gem State Unit 382, Nampa, ID
(LAFRA RVPNW)

Auxiliary Regional Secretary/Treasurer Shanna Schmidt Gem State Unit 382. Nampa, ID
(LAFRA NWRST)

Auxiliary Regional President-Elect (LAFRA RPNW) Rose Hall will be sworn into office during the 2022 FRA/LAFRA National Convention in October 2022.

FRA Northwest Regional Officers for the year 2022-2023

Regional Vice President Northwest Timothy E. Miller Whidbey Island Branch 097,
(RVPNW) Oak Harbor, WA
(Branch 097's Secretary/Delegate, Brent Hundley, stood as his proxy)

Regional Secretary/Treasurer Margret Burke Inland Empire Branch 038, Spokane WA
(NWRST)

Junior Past Regional President Michelle Davis Inland Empire Branch 038, Spokane WA
(JrPRPNW)

Regional President-Elect (RPNW) Rex Faubion will be sworn into office during the 2022 FRA/LAFRA National Convention in October 2022.

Shipmate Jr Past President Michelle Davis was then presented with the "Hat of Knowledge" by PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis then stated:

"Let us leave this meeting place fully aware of the obligations We owe our Country and to the Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association, and until we meet again, let nothing swerve us from our Three Cardinal Principles, Loyalty, Protection, and Service."

Shipmate President Michelle Davis thanked everyone for coming and asked them to be careful returning home. She then asked Regional Chaplain Bill Hall to give the closing prayer and close the Bible.

Shipmate President Michelle Davis then stated "I now declare This convention of the Northwest Region of the Auxiliary and the Northwest Region of the Fleet Reserve Association regularly adjourned".



PRPNW Margret "Peg" Burke
Regional Secretary/Treasurer Northwest

NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONVENTION

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON – Branch 038

20 AUGUST 2022

CREDENTIALS WORKSHEET

FIRST CREDENTIALS REPORT

1. Number of Branches represented by delegates 10
2. Number of Branches represented by proxy 2
3. Number of Branches NOT REPRESENTED 13
4. Number of delegates registered 24
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8. Majority vote 28

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Ref: NWR SR-3(f) and SR-3(h)

Attachment A

THIRD CREDENTIALS REPORT

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Attachment A

REGIONAL PRESIDENT NORTHWEST 2021-2022 REPORT

Regional Officers, Shipmates and Guests,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the 2021-2022 Regional President Northwest. It has been an eye-opening experience to see more of the "inner" workings of the FRA. I have enjoyed meeting and working with Shipmates from other regions.

The highlight of the past year was to help facilitate the induction of a new Branch in Hawaii. The FRA now has Branch 50 in Honolulu. They hope to be the FRA branch for all of Hawaii.

I attended the mid-year BOD meeting in April.

I was able to participate in two parades: Veteran's Day Parade in Auburn WA on November 6, 2021, and the Armed Forces Torchlight Parade on May 21, 2022.

I was able to visit nine branches. Eight branches in person and one via zoom (Branch 342 Anchorage AK). I really enjoyed the visits, meeting and talking with other Shipmates. I hope they enjoyed the visits as well.

I was able to present in person the first-place winner in the ninth grade for the 2020 Essay Contest. I also was able to present to PRPNW Tom Flanik the VSO award for 2020-2021 when I did their branch visit in June.

When I visited Branch 63 (Lewiston, ID), I was able to tour the Vet Center in Clarkston, WA, that has been recently set up and funded by a grant from the Washington State Veterans Dept. This grant was partially written and submitted by the Branch 63 president, Charles Whitman.

I toured the ongoing construction of Branch 97's clubhouse. There was a fire there in June 2020. Most of the work is being done by branch members, with the lead on the work by the branch secretary, Brent Hundley.

The low ebbs of my tenure have been the approaching dissolution of Branch 328, Roseburg OR. The branch is in the process of getting the membership vote that is needed, and I expect to receive the branch dissolution request any day now.

I would like to thank FRA Headquarters, JrPRPNW Danny Hunt and PRPNW Peg Burke for giving me help when I requested it. All funds that were given were used on FRA business or will be returned.

This concludes my report and I move that it be accepted.

With Loyalty, Protection & Service,



Michelle Davis

Regional President, Northwest 2021-2022

Attachment B



Peg Burke <fra.nwregion@gmail.com>

RVPNW REPORT FOR 2021-2022

1 message

Rex Faubion <refaubion@yahoo.com> Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 4:42 PM
To: NW Region Sec/Treas <fra.nwregion@gmail.com>, Rex Faubion <refaubion@yahoo.com>
Cc: RPNW Michelle Davis <medavis@q.com>

NW Region VP Rex Faubion, Mt Rainier Branch 104 Puyallup, WA.
During this past year I have represented the NW Region on the National Membership and Retention Committee. All monthly meetings have been conducted via Zoom teleconferencing on the 3rd Friday each month with NVP Robbins presiding. Attended Zoom meeting with newly forming Branch 50 in Hawaii.
Locally I participated in Veterans Day and Memorial Day programs in Puyallup. Participated in the Auburn, WA Veterans Parade. Mt Rainier Branch 104 has been represented in the parade for over 35 years. Set up and staffed a recruiting and information booth representing the FRA at the Washington State Fair. Represent the Fleet Reserve Association in the Service Clubs of Puyallup. Group is comprised of members of Rotary, Lions, Masons, Kiwanis, American Legion, and VFW.
Serving as Mt Rainier Branch 104 Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman for Americanism/Patriotism Committee for NW Region.
Serving as Post Commander of R. Vernon Hill Memorial Post 67, American Legion, Puyallup. (3 years)

Attachment C

Visited Branches on the west side:

- Branch 018 Seattle/Mountlake Terrace
- Branch 029 Bremerton
- Branch 170 Everett
- Branch 310 Silverdale

Mileage: 420 miles

Expenses: None reportable

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

Rex L. Faubion
RVPNW

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To: Regional President Northwest, Michelle Davis
From: Regional Secretary/Treasurer Northwest
Subj: NWR Secretary/Treasurer Report for 2021-2022

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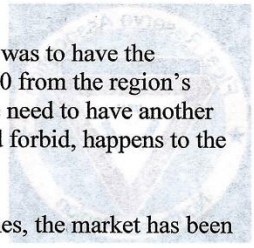
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To: NWR President

8/18/2022

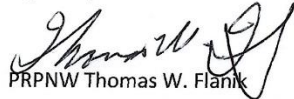
Fm: Chairman. Budget & Finance Committee

Subject: Annual Audit

On August 18 2022, in Spokane Washington, an audit of the Northwest Regional Treasurers financial books were audited in conjunction with the Fleet Reserve Association, National Constitution and By-laws.

No discrepancies were found and all books and accounts were in order for the coming year.

Signed by:


PRPNW Thomas W. Flank


PRPNW Danny Hunt

Attachment E



Gmail

Peg Burke <fra.nwregion@gmail.com>

MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION REPORT 2022

1 message

Rex Faubion <refaubion@yahoo.com>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 10:21 PM

To: NW Region Sec/Treas <fra.nwregion@gmail.com>, Rex Faubion <refaubion@yahoo.com>

Cc: RPNW Michelle Davis <medavis@q.com>

Membership and Retention report 2021-2022

As stated in the RVP report, during the past year I have been attending regular Zoom meetings with the National Membership and Retention Committee. Overall, within the NW Region, our membership is down to 1863 members in good standing as of 30 June 2022. Of the 23 branches in the Region, one, Branch 50, is new and growing; one, Branch 328, is likely to turn in their Charter; another, Branch 310 is unresponsive. It is not all bad news, there are 10 Branches that are holding their own or are on the plus side. Branches 029, 050, 068, 154, and 170 are showing a gain in membership. Branches: 063, 074, 127, 247, and 342 are holding on showing no loss in members. Of the eight Regions, NW standing in membership is 5th. Nationally FRA membership including Members at Large (MAL) is 29,928. Everyone is looking for ways to turn this around. Some of you remember that in the late 90's, we had over 140,000 members. We need to look for every opportunity to introduce sea service veterans to the Fleet Reserve Association.

Attachment F

Locally our Branch in Puyallup is setting up a booth at the Washington State Fair. This is not new for us and truthfully the evolution hasn't been real fruitful over the years but we're still there.

National has formatted a new membership application. These are available online and I have a few with me.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

Rex L. Faubion
RVPNW
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Attachment F



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is open to all current and former enlisted sea service (USN, USMC, USCG) personnel.

Member benefits include:

- A legislative team fighting for your pay and benefits on Capitol Hill
- Use of the Action Center at www.fra.org to share your opinions directly with Congress
- Eligibility for you and your family to apply for the FRA education scholarships
- Access to expert staff to answer your legislative questions
- Representation on disability or other VA claims
- Discounts on products and services
- Camaraderie with other service members

Your dues include a subscription to the association magazine, *FRAtoday* is your most reliable source of association information. Topics covered are: military pay, health care, and benefits. Some great association information and items of interest to you and your family are included.

In addition to the magazine, please choose to receive any or all of the following member benefits:

- NewsBytes:** the weekly email newsletter update of legislative and association activities
- Personal Affairs:** a booklet to assist in organizing your most important documents

I certify that I took the Oath of Enlistment and meet the FRA eligibility requirements of being a current or former enlisted member of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.

Service: USN USMC USCG

Status: Active Reserve Retired Veteran

NAME _____

PHONE _____

RATE / RANK _____

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY) _____ SSN (optional) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

SUITE / SPACE / LOT _____

Closest Branch Member-at-Large

CITY _____

Branch # _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

SPONSOR'S NAME & MEMBER ID# _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Are you a previous FRA member?

No Yes, previous member# _____

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

All memberships includes a subscription to *FRAtoday* magazine, a \$45 value.

1 Year / \$40.00

2 Years / \$64.00 SPECIAL OFFER FIRST TIME MEMBERS

2 Years / \$75.00 (for renewing or reinstating FRA members)

5 Years / \$180.00

Life Membership \$ _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Master Card Visa Discover

American Express Check-enclosed

Life Membership (1st payment is \$50 + 11 equal monthly payments automatically debited from a credit/debit card.)

CREDIT CARD NO. _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) _____ DATE _____

Age	Amount
Active Duty.....	\$400
Ages 40 and younger...	\$450
Ages 41 to 50.....	\$425
Ages 51 to 60.....	\$390
Ages 61 to 70.....	\$340
Ages 71 to 80.....	\$260
Ages 81 to 99.....	\$200
Ages 100 and older.....	FREE

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BENEFITS OF FRA MEMBERSHIP

The Fleet Reserve Association represents and serves all current and prior enlisted U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard service members and their families. Here are just a few of the benefits our members enjoy.

Advocacy

The FRA's highly respected legislative team ensures that your voice is heard and understood on Capitol Hill. We fight for the pay and benefits of active duty, reserve, veteran and retired members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Check out www.fra.org/ActionCenter to review the current issues and lend your voice to our shared mission. The FRA also has veteran service officers who assist veterans with filing their claims and appeals to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Branch Affiliation

Almost every state in the U.S. has at least one FRA branch, and several branches are located overseas. The FRA branches foster camaraderie among fellow sea service members and strive to keep Shipmates informed about changes in local policy as well as to support local veteran and youth activities.

FRA Publications

The FRA produces a monthly magazine, FRAtoday; a weekly email newsletter, NewsBytes; call-to-action emails, Making Waves; and quarterly e-newsletters for active-duty members, OnWatch.

Education Scholarships

The FRA Education Foundation provides more than \$90,000 in scholarship funds each year to sea service personnel, FRA members and their dependents. The funds are applicable toward tuition at trade schools, community colleges and four-year universities.

Disaster Relief

The FRA facilitates relief to fellow Shipmates during times of need. Shipmates who have suffered losses due to natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina, have received more than \$100,000 in aid.

FRA Life and Health Insurance Programs

As an FRA member, you are eligible for excellent coverage at affordable group rates by participating in the FRA-endorsed insurance programs. You can request information by calling 800-424-1120, or by following the links on the Membership Benefits page online at www.fra.org/benefits.

Savings Marketplace

The FRA has partnered with Working Advantage to offer unique discounts on things like travel, restaurants, electronics, movie and event tickets, shopping, and more! Discounts are accessible through your myFRA membership profile on www.fra.org or by calling Working Advantage Customer Care at 1-800-683-2886 and providing your FRA member ID number.

VA Volunteer Service

FRA members volunteer thousands of hours at Veterans Affairs hospitals through the VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement, bringing assistance and companionship to veterans and service members who are in VA medical centers. For more information, call 800-FRA-1924, extension 113.

USAA Visa Rewards Program

Members can apply for the only credit card that supports the FRA. With a low APR, no annual fees and some great rewards programs, you will see why a credit card from a bank built on military values is better. Apply today at www.usaa.com/fra or call 877-372-8722.

USAA Financial Services

The United Services Automobile Association (USAA) provides competitive products, award-winning service and the convenience of banking and investments to active-duty military, veterans and their families. The FRA endorses USAA and its preferred financial services. Best of all, joining USAA is free and you can pass the benefits along to your children. Find out more information at www.usaa.com/fra or call 877-372-8722.

Take advantage of some of these benefits and your membership will pay for itself!

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17 August 2022

Rex Faubion
NW Region Americanism-Patriotism Chairman

PRPNW Peg Burke
NWR Secretary/Treasurer

Subject: Americanism/Patriotism Committee Report 2021-2022

Shipmate Secretary:

As required, the following report is submitted. Seven Branches submitted A/P reports for this reporting period. Majority of reports received were in Group IV. One negative report received in Group V. One report in Group III.

Group III results:

First Place – Branch 097

Group IV results:

First Place – Branch 104

Second Place – Branch 382

Third Place – Branch 038

COVID continues to cause problems with participation or the ability of Branch personnel to make contacts. 39 students participated throughout the NW Region. Contest theme this year, "Why I am Proud to be an American."

At the National level, entrants from the NW Region were represented by Jacob Agresta who placed Second at the 12th Grade. Entry forwarded through Branch 055. Note that All winners at the National level are required to file a W-9 report for the IRS. This has slowed the award process down immensely. To date Jacob has not received his check. Phillip Reid is aware of the problem and working to get the check to him.

The theme for the coming year is "What The United States Flag Stands For." Poster, contest rules, and cover letter are available on the National website: FRA.org Award levels have changed per NBOD action. Grand prize has dropped from \$5,000.00 to \$1,500.00.

If you have ideas on how to make the program better, let us hear from you.

Enclosed with this report is the interim report, submitted in February, along with supporting documentation. Undocumented expenditures for this year approximately \$30.00 for mailings and supplies.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

Rex Faubion
NW Region A/P Chairman
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Attachment G

Americanism Essay Contest NW Region 2021-2022

"Why I am Proud to be an American"

Grade Seven:

1st Place – Ashlyn Quintana – Lakewood, WA – Home school – Branch 104

2nd Place – Riley Jade White – Coupeville, WA – Coupeville Middle School – Branch 097

3rd Place – Heidi Crowder – Pocatello, ID – Legacy Christian School – Branch 382

Grade Eight:

2nd Place – Opal Johnson – Lakewood, WA – Home School – Branch 104

3rd Place – Mary Crosby – Burlington, WA – Home School – Branch 382

Grade Nine:

1st Place – Abby Yeske – Helena, MT – Capital High School – Branch 382

2nd Place – Jasper Johnson – Lakewood, WA – Home School – Branch 104

3rd Place – Brooklyn Thayer – Oak Harbor, WA – Coupeville High School – Branch 097

Grade Ten:

1st Place – Parker Smith – West Richland, WA – Hanford High School – Branch 038

2nd Place – Madelyn Clemenson – Bellingham, WA – Sehome High School – Branch 382

3rd Place – Marco Saavedra – JBLM, WA – Lakes High School - Branch 104

Grade Eleven:

1st Place – Cadence Etheridge – Meridian, ID – Virtual School House – Branch 382

2nd Place – Charlotte Wallace – Redmond, OR – Home School – Branch 055

3rd Place – Avery Clark – Tacoma, WA – Bellarmine Prep – Branch 104

Grade Twelve:

1st Place – Jacob Agresta – Troutdale, OR – Metro East Web Academy – Branch 055

2nd Place – Shay Perlot – West Richland, WA – Hanford High School – Branch 038

3rd Place – Tray Larson – Puyallup, WA – Cascade Christian High School – Branch 104

Rex Faubion
RVPNW
NWR A/P Chairman

20 August 2022

From: Chair, Hospital, Welfare & Rehabilitation Committee, Fleet Reserve Association,
Northwest Region

To: President, Fleet Reserve Association, Northwest Region

Subj: ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

I received seven reports from the region, one of which was a negative report. There is a
Nomination for Shipmate of the Year for Rick Lamont of Branch 97. The awards are as
follows:

Group One:

FIRST PLACE- None

Group Two:

FIRST PLACE- None

Group Three:

FIRST PLACE- Branch 97, Oak Harbor

Group Four:

FIRST PLACE- Branch 104, Mt Rainer

SECOND PLACE- Branch 38, Inland Empire (Spokane)

THIRD PLACE- Branch 18, Seattle

Group Five-

FIRST PLACE-None. There was one report received, but is a negative report.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Davis, Vice President, Branch 38

NW Region President 2021-2022

NW Regional Chair, Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation Committee

Attachment #



Northwest Region – Fleet Reserve Association
Public Relations

August 19, 2022

2021 ANNUAL REPORT FOR NW REGIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS

Shipmates,

The following branches are being recognized this year:

GROUP III

First place: Whidbey Island Branch #97

Second place: Seattle Branch #18

GROUP IV

First place: Mt Rainier Branch #104

Second place: Gem State Branch #382

Third place: Inland Empire Branch #38

Negative reports were received from branches 055, & 247.

Big thanks to PRPNWs Peg Burke and Roger Christopher for maintaining the regional website.

I remain in Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti
NWR Public Relations 2011-22
Secretary, Seattle FRA Br# 18

[HTTP://FRA-NWREGION.ORG](http://FRA-NWREGION.ORG)

Attachment I

From: PRPNW Roger Christopher, Chairman, Northwest Region Youth Activities

To: RPNW Michelle Davis

Subj: Northwest Region Youth Activities Report for July 2021 – June 2022

Below are the results of the Northwest Region Youth Activities reports received.

Group 1: No reports received.

Group 2: No reports received.

Group 3:

1st Place – Branch 97 Whidbey Island

No other reports were received.

Group 4:

1st Place – Branch 18 Seattle

2nd Place – Branch 104 Mount Rainier

3rd Place – Branch 55 City of Roses

Group 5: Negative report received from Branch 247 Dagupan City, Philippines

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PRPNW Roger Christopher
Chairman, Northwest Region Youth Activities

Attachment J

To: NW Regional President

8/18/2022

From: Chairman NW Veterans Service Chairman

Subject: Annual Report for Veterans Service Committee

As of this date, I have received only 7 reports.

Group I - No report

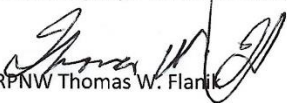
Group II - No report

Group III - One report from Branch 97 (First place by default)

Group IV - Five reports. Branches 18 and 55 turned in negative reports. Branch 104 submitted only a VAVS report. Branches 38 and 382 submitted full reports. Branch 382 won first place and Branch 38 won second place.

Group V - One negative report from Branch 247.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,



PRPNW Thomas W. Flank

Chairman NWR VA Committee

Attachment K

August 18, 2022

To: Michelle Davis
Regional President Northwest

From: Bill Hall
Regional Chaplain Northwest

Subject: Northwest Regional Chaplain Report 2021-2022

Officers and Shipmates of the Northwest Region,
During the past year as Regional Chaplain I have mailed out:

54 Sympathy cards
3 Get well cards

I have spent \$55.00 for a roll of stamps of which I used 6.
All other product used to accomplish this task was donated.

I would like to thank National Headquarters Membership Staff, and PNP Doris Fri for supplying the information to accomplish my job.

At the beginning of this term I sent an email to all Branch Chaplains requesting to set up a network to share information and ideas. To this request I received three (3) responses. Hence, we are still not networking as a group.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to assist you in your term as Regional President. It was truly my Honor to do so.

This concludes my report.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service


Bill Hall
Northwest Regional Chaplain

Attachment L



PRPNW Margret Burke
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August 11, 2022

To: Regional President Northwest, Michelle Davis

From: NWR C&BL Committee Chair, Margret "Peg" Burke

Subj: NWR C&BL Committee Report for 2021-2022

During the 2020-2021 Northwest Regional Convention a resolution to Standing Rule 4(f) was proposed and adopted. This had to do with raising the Americanism Essay Contest regional award amount to: 1st Place \$75, 2nd Place \$50, and 3rd Place \$25. See distributed copy of C&BL modification on your tables.

There are copies of all the C&BL resolutions on your tables. Please share with other shipmates at the table. Copies of the five resolutions were transmitted to all NW Branch Presidents and Secretaries to discuss them with their branch members. Today, we will be discussing and voting on these resolutions whether to adopt them, or not. We will take them one at a time.

Resolution (a):

This resolution is to add to the NW Region C&BL Rituals, Article 1, Section 104(a). By adding this article to the C&BL it gives the Branch, and Region, a way of conducting business in the world today; an update to if you will, to embrace a webinar/WebEx type platform for meetings for whichever reason makes it necessary not meet in person. An example of not being able to meet is the past two years is the COVID-19 pandemic or a possible natural disaster in your branch/regional areas.

Resolution (b):

This resolution has to do with the status of the Life Membership fund being drawn down so low in the past few years, i.e., 2016 thru 2021 that were not authorized by NBRs voted on by the NBOD. This resolution is to be submitted to the 2023 FRA National Convention:

"FRA National Headquarters hold a minimum of a 1-year moratorium on withdrawing any funds, distributing Life Membership PCT Funds to all Branches, and National FRA bank accounts until the Life Membership Program is in compliance with the FRA National C&BL Sections 913 and 914. A report of the status of the compliance shall be made by the FRA National President 60 days prior to the 2023 National Convention."

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Resolution (c):

This resolution has to do with amending Standing Rule 2(d) of the NW Region C&BL. It would add the function of an Audit process and change the name of the Budget and Finance Committee. The new title would be Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee. The procedures for the audit are contained in the attached Annual Audit Policy & Procedures Manual (a 6-page document). The new SR 2(d) would read as:

“SR-2(d): The Regional Chairman and committee on Budget and Finance, prior to each Regional Convention, shall audit the regional accounts maintained by the Regional Treasurer as defined in the Annual Audit and Policy Procedures Manual. The results of the annual audit will be given to the Regional President at each convention with a copy to the Regional Secretary. The committee shall annually review the income and expenditures for the regional accounts and recommend appropriate adjustments in the per capita tax. A minimum of three (3) members in good standing shall be appointed.”

Resolution (d):

This resolution had to do with adding to the FRA C&BL Section 820 as subsection (f) to provide continuing training to current VSO's as mandated by OGS. Section 820(f) should be amended to incorporate the language below:

“Training shall be held on an annual basis by qualified Instructors as per OGC regulations and recognized by the FRA, Veterans Service Officers with at least one being TRIP (Training, Responsibility, Involvement and Preparation of Claims) certified” and

Resolved that Gem State Branch 382 sincerely solicits the support and endorsement of all branches of the Fleet Reserve Association.

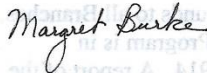
Resolution (e):

This resolution would add Standing Rule 3(j) to the NW Region C&BL to coincide with the FRA C&BL. It would also align with the Roberts Rules of Order.

“SR-3(j). When a delegate desires the privilege of the floor, he/she shall rise, face the Chair, address the presiding officers as, “Shipmate Regional President,” and when recognized shall give his/her name and the name and number of his/her branch.”

After all the votes are taken on each resolution, this completes my report.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service



PRPNW Margret Burke
Northwest Regional C&BL
Committee Chair

August 22, 2022

Dear Northwest, Regional FRA Leadership

I'm Jerry Fugich Chairman of the Veteran Legislative Coalition and your Appointed State Legislative Spokesman and a member of the Governors Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee.

The VLC is a non-patrician veterans group made up of appointed representatives of 18 veterans Service organizations from our state. Our state legislature at over 5000 bills each session and are lucky to get 200 bills passed each session. Most of our elected legislatures work 12-16 hours per day during session.

This last session was by law only 60 days long and the legislatures work all 60 days with zero breaks for week ends or holidays when is session.

The average Lobbyist is lucky to get one bill passed per session the VLC this year got eight8 bills passed and a Senate Resolution to honor the brave women who serve and have served

Attachment N

our country. If you don't know there is one woman who was awarded the Medal of Honor.

The Veterans Legislative Coalition are in Contact with many of the Legislatures via ZOOM, and Email. How many of you were in Vietnam on the 1960s and 1970s did you like the way you were treated when you came back to the states. I didn't like it but I was told Jerry" Take the high road". This guidance works. Let me tell you talking to our elected's from both sides of the isles they are treated like we were treated when we came back from Vietnam, so be positive please talk to them like you would like to be talked to. It really makes a difference for getting veterans related bills passed. In my many emails to our elected and my conversations with them they end by saying "You veterans are My Heroes". You think the state budget allows the legislature to spend all the money in the state budget how they want. In truth about 95+% of the states budget is set in stone with things like schools, social services roads and law enforcement the other 5-% is what the legislature can play with.

We did get Legislation passed that effect the children of Veterans, hiring military spouses with professional careers, education benefits for our National Guard and ensuring our active duty get the needed information needed to understand information on candidates and issues effecting the people of the state.

We feel the most important bill that passed had two parts, that was House bill1181 this bill was totally unopposed. The first part was for Suicide Prevention for veterans. The suicide rate for veterans is about 2.5 times that of the general population. Two third of those who commit suicide are over 50 years of age. The other portion of House Bill 1181 introduced by our Senator Chris Gildon of the 25th Legislative District a member of the VFW. This amendment deals with a Memorial to Honor those gave their lives in the War on Terror. Making a memorial on the Capital grounds is not cheap. We don't need to wait twenty years to honor these fallen comrades. This bill allows for the state to collect donations for this memorial and for people to

reflect their desires for memorial for the Global War on Terror. In the 2023 legislative term a bill to erect a Global War on Terror memorial on the State Capital Campus will be proposed. The Legislature needs to hear positive communications from you for this memorial. Please be positive in your communications for the Memorial.

While in Spokane WA for the VFW convention I was made aware of the VA trying to stop acute care at the Spokane and Walla Walla VA hospital. I was in communications with all our State National Representatives about this issue. The Representatives and Senators were united in stopping the reduction of services at these two hospitals. The Cascade Mountain range gets closed many times in the winter and prevents travel to the Seattle VA Hospital. Another point the Spokane and Walla Walla VA Hospitals provide VA medical services for Idaho, Western Montana, and Eastern Oregon. Reduction of medical services at the Spokane and Walla Walla must be taken off the table by the VA period.

In August a Veterans Town Hall was held for the four (4) south Puget Sound counties. There were over 100 veterans in attendance and the program was streamed on Facebook for all veterans through out the state. There were two articles on this town hall which covered a half page in the local newspaper.

Would like to have contact with the FRA Legislative points of contact with the other FRA legislative persons in the other states and territories so we can as a group protect and enhance the benefits of veterans.

Community service for Veterans Related legislative work is 728 Hours
\$870 and 3070 miles

Yours in Service

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