

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION
NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONVENTION
Clover Island Inn, Kennewick, Washington
September 7, 2024

FRA Master of Ceremonies (MC) PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti and Auxiliary Master of Ceremonies (LAFRA MC) PNP Helen Courneya called the Joint Opening of the Northwest Regional Convention to order at 0900 on 07 September 2023 at the Clover Island Inn, Kennewick, Washington.

FRA MC Pete Lazzaretti 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 Pete Lazzaretti asked that everyone remain standing for the introduction of guests and national officers.

MAA stated that Charles Whitman, Washington State Governor's Veterans Committee Representative, and Lewis & Clark Branch 063 President, requests admission to the meeting Room. FRA MC Pete Lazzaretti asked the MAA to retire and re-enter the meeting to present Mr. Whitman at the Altar. Then he requested him to escort Mr. Whitman to his right and have him seated.

Auxiliary NP Vera Thomas requested admission to the meeting. LAFRA MC PNP Helen Courneya asked that Auxiliary NP Thomas be escorted to the Alter and have her seated to her left.

MAA stated that RPNW Rex Faubion desires admission to the meeting hall. FRA MC Pete Lazzaretti asked him to retire and re-enter the hall with RPNW Faubion to the Alter. Then he requested him to escort him to his right and have him seated.

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

- Presentation of colors by Tri-City Young Marines from Kennewick, WA.
- The Blessing of God by Convention Chaplain Dennis McCully
- The Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.
- The Reciting of the FRA and Auxiliary Preambles

FRA MC Pete Lazzaretti gave one rap of the gavel and asked that everyone be seated.

Auxiliary MC PNP Helen Courneya then introduced the LAFRA National and Regional Officers and the LAFRA Past National and Regional Officers:

<u>CURRENT LAFRA NATIONAL Officers</u>	and	<u>LAFRA REGIONAL OFFICERS</u>
LAFRA NP Vera Thomas		None

<u>PAST LAFRA NATIONAL OFFICERS</u>	and	<u>PAST REGIONAL OFFICERS</u>
LAFRA PNP Helen Courneya		LAFRA PRPNW Rose Hall
LAFRA PNP Sandra Robbins		

FRA MC Pete Lazzaretti then introduced the FRA National and Regional Officers and the Past National and Regional Officers:

<u>CURRENT NATIONAL OFFICERS</u>	and	<u>REGIONAL OFFICERS</u>	
JrPNP James “Robbie” Robbins		RPNW Rex Faubion	2022 - Present
		RVPNW Robert S. Bean Sr.	2023 - Present
		RSTNW Peg Burke	2018 – Present
		Regional Chaplain Bill Hall	2018 – Present

<u>PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS</u>	and	<u>PAST REGIONAL OFFICERS</u>	
PNP Virgil Courneya		PRPNW Bill Hall	2018-2022
		PRPNW Roger Christopher	2017-2018
		PRPNW Peg Burke	2012-2013 & 2017
		PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti	2011-2012

FRA MC Pete Lazzaretti announced that we will now have the Two Bell Ceremony. There was a moment of silence dedicated to the memory of the following: PNP Bob Beese, PRPSC Dave Field, PRPNC Neureuther, and PRPSE J. J. Thomas.

FRA MC Pete Lazzaretti then introduced the guest speaker:

Please welcome Charles “Chuck” Whitman, Washington State Veterans’ Committee Member and President of Lewis & Clark FRA Branch 063 of Lewiston, Idaho.



Committees Served On In Asotin County and Washington State Offices

- Election Canvassing Board
- Emergency Medical Services
- Health District (Vice Chair)
- Housing Authority
- Indigent Burial
- Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Disability
- LC Valley Homeless Task Force
- Martin Hall
- National Association of Counties (NACco)
- Public Transportation Benefit Area (Alternate)
- Quality Behavioral Health (QBH)
- Storm Water
- Veterans Advisory Board (VAB)
- Washington Rural Counties Insurance Pool (WRCIP)

He served 23 years in the US Navy, both enlisted and Commissioned. While in the Service he married his wife of 47 years, Patti Cool, of Lapwai. During his Naval career he earned a B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering and retired in 1993 with the rank of Commander.

After the service he primarily worked as a Project Engineer and Project Manager and co-owner of a Technical Support Company for 2 of those years. He and his wife returned to Clarkston in 2005 and he managed the Idaho Foodbank, providing services to North Central Idaho and Asotin County. During this time, he served on various Boards and Coalitions in the valley and Asotin County Advisory Boards. He was appointed as District 3 Commissioner in May of 2020.

He and his wife, Patti, have 2 adult children and 4 Grandchildren. They enjoy Camping and travelling in their Motorhome, fishing, and he enjoys driving his Corvette.

What You Want The Audience to Know About You

He served on the Asotin County Board of Commissioners at a time of tremendous change and challenge with a very different set of job skills including management of very large organizations, budgeting, Engineering and Commercial Construction experience. He is very active in local Veterans Affairs and welcomes and encourages input and ideas from everyone concerning our challenges to deliver essential services.

FRA MC Pete Lazzaretti introduced Lifetime Member-at-Large (57 years) Orville G. Long from Kennewick, WA. It is the first time he has been to any convention for the FRA. He had found out about it in the events section of the FRA Today magazine. PRPNW Lazzaretti presented him with a 100 Year Anniversary pin and welcomed him to our convention. *(His granddaughter had contacted the convention organizers and arranged for him to attend his first FRA Convention.)*

FRA MC Pete Lazzaretti announced to Shipmate NWR President Rex Faubion he was ready to turn the gavel over to him for the FRA Convention. Auxiliary NW Regional Administrator PNP Helen Courneya is the Regional Officer in charge at their convention and already had the gavel in hand.

LAFRA PNP Helen Courneya spoke about their voluntary efforts in the Carson City, Nevada Area and LAFRA NP Vera Thomas spoke on their support to the FRA. After they completed their update on what the Auxiliary was doing, the two Masters of Ceremonies declared the convention convened.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion then declared a recess, with the meeting to reconvene in 15 minutes. The Northwest Region Chaplain Bill Hall was requested to close the Bible.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion 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 President Rex Faubion requested that all cell phones be turned off or silenced during the meeting.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion requested Northwest Region Chaplain Bill Hall to please open the Bible. Northwest Region Chaplain Bill Hall did so and replied that the Bible is open.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion asked the Regional Secretary to call the roll of Officers.

Shipmate Regional Secretary Peg Burke called the roll:

Regional President Rex Faubion

Regional Vice President Robert S. Bean Sr.

Regional Secretary/Treasurer Margret "Peg" Burke

Jr, Jr, Jr Past Regional President Bill Hall announced that he was in the "Uniform of The Day". *(Since JrPRPNW Michelle Davis was unable to attend the convention due to health reasons, Shipmate Hall was the closest Jr Past President to be in attendance and he "volunteered" to wear the "Hat of Knowledge" during all business session during the Convention. We commend him for his dedication.)*

Shipmate President Rex Faubion called for the first Credentials Report.

Credentials Chair Anna Martin gave the Credentials Report and stated that there is a quorum present.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion stated that “you have heard the first credentials report. It has been moved and seconded to receive the report.” A vote was held and the motion was carried.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion said they would proceed with our Officer Reports and gave his first: It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Northwest Region President. Starting this journey in 2022, it has been a pleasure to serve a second term as NW Regions’ President.

During the past year I have had the opportunity to visit most of the CONUS Branches within the NW Region and found that a majority are still struggling with getting active participation from their membership. The members are on the rolls but choose not to participate. I’ve stressed the importance of communicating with all members, not just the few that show up at meetings.

Visits with CONUS Branches have been in person. Out CONUS Branches in Alaska, Japan and Guam have been contacts via phone and email. Contacts with Branches in the Philippines have been through email only.

This year has seen two Branches within the Region voluntarily surrender their charter: Branch 342, Anchorage, Alaska and Branch 068 Grants Pass, Oregon.

Throughout the year:

- Participated in the Auburn Washington Veterans Parade. Along with Mt Rainier Branch 104, we were among 4,000 participants in what is said to be the largest Veterans Parade west of the Mississippi. This is an annual event that Mt Rainier Branch 104 has participated in for over 35 years.
- Participated in the Puyallup, Washington Veterans Day program hosted by the City of Puyallup, VFW, American Legion and Fleet Reserve Association.
- Attended monthly community Service Clubs meetings. Active participants are Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Masons, American Legion, Fleet Reserve and VFW. Sharing ideas and working together.
- A/P Chairman for Mt Rainier Branch 104 and Northwest Region.
- Secretary/Treasurer for Mt Rainier Branch 104, Puyallup, Washington.
- Attended funerals/memorial services for Shipmates and Veterans.
- Participated in NBOD Zoom meetings in January and June.
- Participated in LAFRA Zoom meeting to discuss future of LAFRA in NW Region.
- Attended NBOD meeting 24-27 April in Alexandria, Virginia.
- Northwest Region Mid-Year held via Zoom on 04 May 2024.
- Participated in Stadium HS NJROTC awards ceremony.
- Participated in FRA Centennial Zoom meeting 20 May.
- Participated in Memorial Day Remembrance sponsored by City of Puyallup and Veteran Service Organizations offering ‘Two Bell Ceremony’ as part of the program.
- 08 June, meeting with Grants Pass, Oregon Branch 068 to formally surrender their Charter.
- Attended Budget and Finance Zoom meetings.
- Attended Membership and Retention Zoom meetings.

- Participated in the ribbon cutting for the Grand Re-opening of Branch 097, Oak Harbor, Washington on 30 August 2024. Branch 097 suffered a devastating fire in their facilities in 2020. Majority of rebuilding/remodeling work to get the facility back in operation was completed by Branch 097 members.
- Attended Northwest Region Convention in Kennewick, Washington 06-07 September 2024.
- Set up and staffed recruiting and information booth for Fleet Reserve Association at the Washington State Fair. This is the 11th year setting up and manning a booth at the State Fair.
- Participated in Centennial of First Flight Around the World on 28 September 2024. Held in Magnuson Park, Seattle. Formerly Sand Point Naval Air Station which was the starting point for the First Flight in 1924.

Special Thank You to all the Gray Hats in the Region and Nationally that I have depended on for sound advice.

All funds received from the Fleet Reserve Association have been expended on FRA business.

This concludes my report, and I move that it be received.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion stated that “you have heard my annual report. It has been moved and seconded to receive the report.” A vote was held and the motion was carried.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion said we will now hear the Vice President’s Report.

Shipmate Vice President Robert S. Bean Sr, gave his report:

During this year I have primarily been a part of Branch 038. As part of Branch 038 there are two shipmates that are Regional Past Presidents. They have imparted knowledge upon me as to becoming the Regional President.

Shipmate Faubion has had a lot of trying times during his tenure, as did many Regional Presidents. I hope I can serve my time as President as well as he has.

I’m sure with the “Guidance” of the Past Presidents, as well as Shipmate Faubion’s, my tour will be as successful as his.

This concludes my report, and I move that it be received.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion stated that “you have heard the Vice President’s Report. It has been moved and seconded to receive this report.” A vote was held and the motion was carried.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion said we will now hear the Regional Secretary/Treasurer’s Report.

NW Regional Secretary/Treasurer Peg Burke presented her report:

This year we have PCT payments from all branches in our Region as August 30, 2024. We have continued to be successful with the new method of payment, i.e. remote electronic deposit via our Chase Bank App for those that send in their payments via email. This procedure is mainly used by our Pacific Branches to pay their dues versus using “snail mail”.

Each Branch President, Secretary, and Treasurer, if the Branch has the position separated, in the Region is sent an email with their PCT letter attached informing them of the amount of PCT dues to be paid to the Region. We will only use USPS (snail mail) when a Branch has no one with an email address for us to use.

The Edward Jones Investment is still crawling back up after we lost a few dollars during the first year. It is slowly getting back to our original investment of \$10,000. We are less than \$200 away. The Northwest Region has as of July 31, 2024, the following in funds:

Checking: \$6,908.28

Savings: \$5,847.88

Certificate of Deposit (CD) \$10,064.15

*On June 8, 2024, the CD matured and we earned \$380.83 in interest on the CD which we deposited to the NWR Savings Account. **We rolled over the original \$10,000 into another CD with a 9-month maturity date of 3/8/2025. The interest rate on this 9-month CD is 4.25% APY.***

Edward Jones Investments **\$9,803.05**

A loss of \$196.95 since established.

***Note:** At the end of August 2024, the bank statement came in for this account and we are now above our original investment amount of \$10,000. We are earning money now.*

Total in bank accounts: \$32,623.36

Note: Of the \$32,623.36, please note that **\$4,721.09 is for Essay Contest funds.** That gives us **\$27,902.27** in our operating cash fund.

This concludes my report, and I move that it be received.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion stated that “you have heard the Regional Secretary/Treasurer’s Report. It has been moved and seconded to receive the report.” A vote was held and the motion was carried.

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

Northwest Regional Chaplain Bill Hall stated the Bible is closed.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion called the FRA 2nd Business Session to order at 1300 and asked the MAA to please invite the Shipmates to enter the hall and close the doors.

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

Shipmate President Rex Faubion asked that everyone turn off or silence their cell phones. Thank you.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion asked the Northwest Regional Chaplain Bill Hall to open the Bible.

Northwest Regional Chaplain Bill Hall stated the Bible is open.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion called for the second Credentials Report.

Credentials Chair Anna Martin stated there were no changes to the Credentials Report.

Jr, Jr, Jr Past Regional President Bill Hall announced that he was in the “Uniform of The Day”.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion stated that we would continue with the Officers Reports.

NW Region Budget Committee Chair PRPNW Flanik gave his report. The Audit of the Northwest Region Financials was completed September 5, 2024, and found to be in order.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion stated that “you have heard the Budget, Finance, and Audit Report. It has been moved and seconded to receive the report.” A vote was held and the motion was carried.

NW Region Veterans Services Committee Chair PRPNW Tom Flanik submitted the following report for branches.

This year we had 6 reports from Branches 038, 097, 170, 247, 367, and 382. Branches 170 and 247 submitted negative reports.

Group I	None		
Group II	1 st Place	Branch 367	San Miguel, Philippines for 10 points
Group III	1 st Place	Branch 097	Whidbey Island, WA for 69 points
Group IV	1 st Place	Branch 382	Gem State, Nampa, ID for 489 points
	2 nd Place	Branch 038	Inland Empire, Spokane, WA with 126 points
Group V	None		

Shipmates of the year was recommended to be Tom Flanik from Branch 382 and S. D. Martin from Branch 166 due to their setting up and implementing VSO training for the Fleet Reserve Association for the first time since inception.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion stated that “you have heard the Veterans Service Committee Report. It has been moved and seconded to receive the report.” A vote was held and the motion was carried.

NW Region Americanism-Patriotism Committee Chair Shipmate Rex Faubion, Branch 104, gave the following report.

The Theme of this year’s contest was “**What Memorial Day Means to Me**”.

A total of fifty-three (53) essays were judged at the branch level. Out of those, seventeen (17) were received at the region for judging. Results of the regional awards are attached to my written report. First place awardees were forwarded to the National level and the NW Region had three students place in their respective grades. The National Results are also attached to my written report.

Branch 063 seems to have found the way to get the information out to the students. Well done. National awards have been extremely slow in the process this year. Winners at the National level are required to submit paperwork for tax purposes before any monetary award can be presented. We still have one student, a 2nd place at the 12th grade level, that has not responded to requests for the tax information. Consequently, no check will be processed until the paperwork is completed.

Eight branches submitted reports with two (2) of those marked as negative reports. The results of the reports are as follows:

Group I	None		
Group II	1 st Place	Branch 097	Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA
Group III	None		
Group IV	1 st Place	Branch 104	Mt Rainier, Puyallup, WA
	2 nd Place	Branch 382	Gem State, Nampa, ID
	3 rd Place	Branch 038	Inland Empire, Spokane, WA

The theme for 2024-2025 is “**What Would Service to Our Country Mean to Me**”.

Get the word out. As Always, deadline for submissions to the Branch is 01 December. Contact your former participants and let them know that this is a yearly event, and they are eligible to participate even if they won in the past.

If you have JROTC units in area schools, contact the instructors. Get the Scouts involved. Enclosed with my written report is the interim report submitted in February 2024.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion stated that “you have heard the Americanism-Patriotism Committee Report. It has been moved and seconded to receive the report.” A vote was held and the motion was carried.

NW Region Membership & Retention Committee

Currently, the Fleet Reserve Association has a total of 26,539 members and Members-at-Large. Fifteen (15) months ago we were at 29,401 members and Members-at-Large. In 15 months, we lost 3,042 members, or 203 members per month. That is why we are having such a push to get new members.

Currently all of the servicemen’s groups are having a problem recruiting new members. We need to come up with a better way to get more members to join our group. We are limited to who can join, in that we are for the Sea Services. There are so many areas that are not explored, Montana has none, Wyoming has a Branch, North Dakota has one, South Dakotas has none.

We have ways to have Branches, or at least people via Zoom Meetings, as well as Microsoft Teams, and many others.

The Northwest Region did have a nominee for the Frank J. McPherson Memorial Award that will be forwarded to the FRA National Membership Committee for consideration. Their nominee is PRPNW Margret “Peg” Burke.

This concludes my report, and I move that it be received.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion stated that “you have heard the Membership & Retention Committee Report. It has been moved and seconded to receive this report.” A vote was held and the motion was carried.

NW Region Hospital, Welfare & Rehabilitation Committee Chair Shipmate Michelle Davis was unavailable to present her report so NWR Sec/Treas PRPNW Burke read her report into the record.

“I received five reports from the region, and one negative report. The awards are as follows:

Group I	None		
Group II	None		
Group III	1st Place	Branch 097	Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA
Group IV	1st Place	Branch 382	Gem State Branch, Nampa, ID
	2nd Place	Branch 38	Inland Empire Branch, Spokane, WA
Group V	1st Place	Branch 367	San Miguel, Philippines

This concludes my report, and I move that it be received.”

Shipmate President Rex Faubion stated that “you have heard the Hospital, Welfare & Rehabilitation Committee Report. It has been moved and seconded to receive the report.” A vote was held and the motion was carried.

NW Region Public Relations Chair PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti presented his report:

The following branches submitted reports that were judged, with the first place reports being forwarded to the National Committee for judging at the 2024 National Committee in Annapolis next month.

Group II Branch #97 with a negative report, however the recommendations made will be forwarded to the National Committee.

Group IV	1 st Place	Mt Rainier Branch #104	Puyallup, WA
	2 nd Place	Gem State Branch #382	Nampa, ID
	3 rd Place	Inland Empire Branch #038	Spokane, WA

A reminder to all branch secretaries and public relations representatives that we are not a partisan organization and cannot wear FRA logoed items to political rallies or endorse any candidate for office as a branch.

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

NW Region Youth Activities Chair PRPNW Roger Christopher submitted his Group Branch Reports. Below are the results of the Youth Activities reports received from the Branches of the FRA Northwest Region.

Group I	No reports received.		
Group II	No reports received.		
Group III	1 st Place	Branch 97	Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA
Group IV	1st Place	Branch 104	Mt Rainier Branch, Puyallup, WA
Group V	Nothing to Report		

Shipmate President Rex Faubion stated that “you have heard the Youth Activities Committee Report. It has been moved and seconded to receive the report.” A vote was held and the motion was carried.

NW Region Disaster Relief Committee Chair Mike Batnick did not submit a report this year.

NW Region Time and Place Chair PRPNW Hall stated that the Northwest Regional Convention for 2025 and 2026 are scheduled as follows:

Seattle Branch 18 will be hosting the regional convention in 2025. More information will be forthcoming.

Whidbey Island Branch 97 will be hosting the 2026 regional convention. They have successfully re-opened their Branch home on August 30, 2024, after it was destroyed during the first year of the COVID Pandemic. Congratulations to them after all the hard work they put into their reconstruction.

NW Regional Chaplain Bill Hall presented his report via Email.:

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

23 Sympathy cards
2 Get well cards

Stamps are provided from Regional funds. All other product used to accomplish this task was donated.

I would like to thank National Headquarters Membership Staff, and Shirley Moore in particular for supplying the information to accomplish my job.

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.

NW Region C&BL Committee Chair Peg Burke presented the C&BL report.

The current version of the NWR C&BL is from the Regional Convention 2022. There are only two changes to this so far this year:

List of Branches of the Northwest Region as of September 2023

- Silverdale Branch #310, in the state of Washington has merged with Bremerton Branch 029.
- Harrington Clemmons Branch #342, in Anchorage, Alaska turned in the charter, and
- Caveman Branch #068 in Grants Pass, Oregon turned in the charter

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- The first sentence has an incorrect word in the first line, i.e. it should be “Nine” hundred vs “Six” hundred. The numerical amount is correct.

There were no Northwest Region resolutions submitted for consideration this year.

I will continue keeping a “working copy” of the C&BL keep track of changes, i.e. a branch turning in it’s charter, the passing of advisory board members, etc. If there are any changes made to the C&BL during this convention, they will be noted and entered in it for the next printed revision.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion stated that “you have heard the C&BL Chair’s Report. It has been moved and seconded to receive the report.” A vote was held and the motion was carried.

NW Region Legislative Chair, Jerry Fugich Report is as follows:

This year was again successful for veterans related bills considering this was a non-budget year. The Veterans Legislative Coalition was able to get 12 Veterans related bills passed that will help Active-duty military families, Retired Veterans and widows of veterans.

On September 28, 2024, there will be a celebration for the Centennial Celebration for the First Flight Around the World by the Army Air Services at Magnuson Park (the old Sand Point Naval Air Station) because of a Washington State House Resolution funding was made available for this very special celebration. There will also be an FRA recruiting offer available at this event.

Legislatures from other states have noticed the things that the Veterans Legislative Coalition (VLC) has been doing for veterans. A few months back US Senator Rounds of South Dakota ask the VLC for our support to establish a Native American Indian Veteran Service Organization. There was a US Congressional Charter passed by the US Senate that has established the Native American Indian Veterans Organization “NAVI”.

Many of us belong to more that on Veterans Service Organization the Disabled American Veterans continually request support for support for US Bills that will help or Disabled Veteran Comrades in the last 5 months I have sent 8 letters to help our Comrades if you get these letters/e-mails please take the time to respond.

Would really like to see some form of Veterans Legislative Coalition organizations in other states in your FRA region. The FRA could show the leadership in other states and territories in your region to make this happen.

Attached you will find the legislation that was passed and now made law for the 2024 legislative Session.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED BUSINESS

The 2024 FRA/LAFRA National Conventions will be at the Double Tree by Hilton Annapolis, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD 21401. The phone number is 1-410-224-3150.

The Double Tree offers a free shuttle within five miles, including to Westfield Annapolis Mall, restaurants around Annapolis Town Centre, Branch 024, and the US Naval Academy. Enjoy free parking and dining at our on-site restaurant, Ports of Call. You will be welcomed with a fresh DoubleTree Chocolate Chip Cookie.

- There are NO microwaves in the individual rooms.
- Microwaves are in the passageways near the ice machines.
- There is a restaurant on the property serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- If you want a fridge, you need to reserve a room with the fridge included. See directions below.
- If you want a room other than the standard king/double queen room, you need to call directly to reserve.

The information on how to make reservations is included in the newsletters that are posted to the NWR Website under the Conventions Tab. The Schedule of Events are also available in the newsletters.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers for 2023-2024

Shipmate President Rex Faubion announced that we now have the business of electing our 2024-2025 Regional Officers. Nominations were held and the following were nominated and elected as shown.

Regional President Northwest (RPNW):

Shipmate Robert S. Bean Sr., Inland Empire Branch 038, was nominated and elected to be the new Regional President.

Regional Vice President Northwest (RVPNW):

Shipmate Daniel L. Brossard, Seattle Branch 018, was nominated and elected to be the new Regional Vice President.

Jr Past Regional President (JrPRPNW)

Shipmate Rex L. Faubion, Mt. Rainier Branch 104, will be the Jr Past Regional President.

Regional Secretary/Treasurer Northwest (NWRST):

Shipmate PRPNW Roger L. Christopher, Gem State Branch 382 was nominated and elected to be the new Regional Secretary/Treasurer for the next 3 years.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

Past National President Virgil Courneya gave the delegates an update on the status of the FRA, and spoke of recruiting more members to join our organization.

PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti spoke of his campaign for the National Vice President position for 2024-2025 and the future of the FRA.

PRPWC Rick Fetro who is also campaigning for the National Vice President position for 2024-2025 spoke on his vision of the future of the FRA.

Everyone in the meeting room was given a chance to speak on any subject they had an interest in. Bringing in the younger generations was covered extensively.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion then declared a recess at until 1800, at which time Installation of Officers will be held. Northwest Region Chaplain Bill Hall was requested to close the Bible.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion called the FRA Business Meeting to order at 1800 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 President Rex Faubion requested Northwest Region Chaplain Bill Hall to please open the Bible. Northwest Region Chaplain Bill Hall did so and replied that the Bible is open.

INSTALLATION OF NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICERS

Installation was held at 1800 for the following FRA Northwest Regional Officers for the association year 2024-2025. PNP Virgil Courneya was installing Officer.

FRA Northwest Regional Officers for the year 2024-2025

RPNW - Regional President-Elect	Robert S. Bean, Sr.	Inland Empire Branch 038 Spokane, WA
<i>He will be officially sworn into office during the 2024 FRA/LAFRA National Convention in November 2024 in Annapolis, Maryland.</i>		
RVPNW - Regional Vice President Northwest	Daniel L. Brossard	Seattle Branch 018 Mountlake Terrace, WA
NWRST - Regional Secretary/Treasurer	Roger L. Christopher	Gem State Branch 382, Nampa, ID
JrPRPNW - Junior Past Regional President	Rex L. Faubion	Mt. Rainier Branch 104, Puyallup, WA

Again, unfortunately, the Northwest Region FRA Auxiliary did not have a quorum to hold their convention and there were no incoming Regional Officers, therefore there was no installation for them.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion 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 Rex Faubion thanked everyone for coming and asked them to be careful returning home. He then asked Northwest Region Chaplain Bill Hall to give the closing prayer and close the Bible.

Shipmate President Rex Faubion then stated “I now declare this 2024 convention of the Northwest Region of the Auxiliary and the Northwest Region of the Fleet Reserve Association regularly adjourned”.



Margret “Peg” Burke
Regional Secretary/Treasurer Northwest