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Happy New Year Shipmates,



It has been a very busy and productive year so far, and I have fortunate to have been able to have visited as many branches as I have so far. I have visited and enjoyed the hospitality of Seattle Branch #18, Bremerton Branch #29, Lewiston Branch #63, Whidbey Island Branch #97, Everett Branch #170, Sequim Branch #174, and Bellingham Branch #245. In the next few months I will be visiting our branches in Longview, Silverdale, Portland, Boise, Spokane, Yokosuka, and several in the Philippines.

As before, I have several important items of note that effects our shipmates and Branches to pass along this newsletter:

1. With 2012 being an important election year, your branch may be approached to sponsor an advertisement in support of a cause or candidate. While FRA Branches cannot endorse individual candidates or causes, Shipmates may on their own do so. If a branch wants to run an advertisement about the FRA's Legislative agenda, the National Website has print-ready ads available for use.
2. For Branches that sponsor the FRA's Americanism/Patriotism Essay contest; Due to the US Treasury going to 'paperless' bonds available only through their website, branches and the Region are having problems purchasing them for prizes. At the local level, I recommend issuing the winners a check for the cost of the bond you would normally purchase. Actual amounts given are up to the sponsoring branch.

That being said, the NW Region is adopting the following guidelines and this will be brought up for a Regional CB&L change to the delegates at this years regional convention. Final wording is pending delegate approval:

1. Checks will be issued in the amounts of \$50 for 1st Place, \$30 for 2nd Place, and \$20 for 3rd Place by the Regional Secretary/Treasurer.
 2. The Regional Americanism/Patriotism chair will procure for the first place winners a trophy, and for the second and third place winners, a certificate.
 3. The Regional President will provide a cover letter to each winner.
- Because we did this on the fly this year, we were able to keep the costs under the allocated budget for the annual contest. I was able to procure the trophies from Mo-Kan Branch #161, and the certificates from National.
3. NED Memos 3-12, 4-12, and 5-12 have been sent out the branches. I strongly recommend all branch secretaries and presidents review **Chapter X - Branch Reports** in the Branch Administrative Guide in order to make sure compliance is followed in filling out your annual reports properly. For standing committee reports that are judged at the regional convention, this means - Continued..

From the NW Regional Vice-president:



I am honored to be your Vice President for the Northwest Region for 2011-12. There is a lot to learn and RPNW Pete Lazzaretti is an excellent mentor. As the NW Regional Membership & Retention Chair, I am pleased to report that the Northwest Region is holding firm at 4th overall in the standings of all regions within the FRA as of

December 31, 2011. The Northwest Region has an overall loss of *minus 2.61%* members in good standing.

The Northwest Regional branches have shipmates all over the country, not just in their immediate vicinity. Most of them only hear of branch functions through the branch bulletins and websites. One way we can urge our distant shipmates to be current with their branch's actions is to call them at least once a year to see how they are doing and if the branch can be any help to them. Everyone tends to get busy with their own lives/activities and forgets about branch activities. A way to encourage your shipmates locally to attend functions is to call your shipmates to remind them of an upcoming meeting/activity. You can also call them when you get the list of FRA dues pending to see how they are doing. A thank you call for renewing is also a way to acknowledge that you are thinking of them.

If you have any suggestions on ways to help increase and maintain our membership within the Northwest Region, please call me at (Home) 509 315-8818 or (Cell) 509-385-7275 or by email at peg_burke@comcast.net.

**In Loyalty, Protection and Service,
RVPNW Peg Burke, 2011-12**

2011 Regional Americanism/Patriotism Essay Contest Results

PRPNW John Ippert has announced the winners of this years essay contest. The first place winners essays have been forwarded to National for judging.

First Place

7th Grade	Lauren Dillard	Branch #063
8th Grade	Kyle Obermire	Branch #055
9th Grade	Susa Oram	Branch #018
10th Grade	Katharine McConville	Branch #104
11th Grade	William Christian	Branch #063
12th Grade	Sarah Ashley	Branch #046

Second Place

7th Grade	Starla Chambrase	Branch #055
8th Grade	Hannah Balado	Branch #104
9th Grade	Alexander Hubbert	Branch #104
10th Grade	Anika Lovegren	Branch #382
11th Grade	Christopher Schenk	Branch #104
12th Grade	Katrina Nguyen	Branch #018

Third Place

7th Grade	Zoe Lowe	Branch #018
8th Grade	Zoey Simmons	Branch #046
9th Grade	Gabrielle Jones	Branch #046
10th Grade	Ezra Shelton	Branch #046
11th Grade	David Hardy	Branch #055
12th Grade	Brina Gomez	Branch #063

From the regional Disaster Relief Chair:

A Disaster Relief Fund was established to assist members of the FRA, spouses of deceased members of the FRA, and/or their immediate families who have been stricken by a disaster and are in financial need. The money required to start and continue the fund has been derived entirely from donations. The major sources of donations have been branches, units, shipmates, ladies, and friends of the Fleet Reserve Association. FRA Standing Rule 9 governs the Fund.

Grants: Initial withdrawal from the Fund is limited to \$1,000.00 per family. One additional withdrawal, up to the same amount, may be authorized in the same manner as the first.

Requests for grants should be immediately communicated to the regional chairman, disaster relief and rehabilitation. The regional chairman, disaster relief and rehabilitation is responsible for investigating each request (including a request from a Member-at-Large) for a grant from the Disaster Relief Fund and making an appropriate recommendation to the Regional President who shall forward such request to the National President with a copy to the Finance Officer. Please encourage your members to make a donation to the fund.

**Shipmate Martin F. Arnold - Regional Disaster Relief Chairman
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From the Regional Secretary/Treasurer:

Regional PCT Dues reminder:

This is a reminder that PCT dues will be coming up soon. Many of you like to send in dues ahead of the letter which explains the amount your Branch owes the region. Remember that dues are 35 cents per member in good standing in your Branch as of 31 March 2012. That information will be supplied by NHQ some time the end of April. I will send your Branch a letter via e-mail letting you know how much you owe in PCT. If you have any questions you may contact me at mdent9590@aol.com.

End of an era:

The time has come for me to step down as your Regional Secretary/Treasurer. I must say at this has been a very rewarding job since I get to work with each regional officer, committee chairmen and I get to with communicate with each branch in our Region. At times I get to communicate with individual Shipmates in helping to answer questions they may have about the FRA in general.

I have been the NW Region Secretary for 12 years with a break in the middle as I served as your Regional Vice President and Regional President. Several of the NWR Presidents I served with are now on the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

In 2008 during the NW Regional Convention the Delegates voted to combine the NW Region Secretary and Treasurer positions. Thus, I became the first Sec/Treas of our Region. The first year was hectic and the 2nd year was much easier, now it is second nature and I can see why these two positions work so well together in the Region.

I want to thank all the Branches and Shipmates in the NW Region who put their trust in me and gave me the opportunity to serve our Region for so long. However, the time has come for me to step aside and let another Shipmate experience the good things that happen in this position.

At the NW Region Convention in Everett this year, I will not seek another term as NWR Sec/Treas. Thank you to all the Shipmates in our Region and throughout the FRA for all the support and help you provided me over the years.

**In Loyalty, Protection and Service,
PRPNW Marian Dent-Hoglund
NWR Sec/Treas**

NW Regional FRA Branches on the Web:

NW Region - <http://fra-nwregion.org>
Branch #18 - <http://seattlefrabranch18.org>
Branch #29 - <http://frabranch29.com>
Branch #38 - <http://frabranch38.org>
Branch #46 - <http://frabranch46.org>
Branch #97 - <http://frabr97.org>
Branch #104 - <http://frabranch104.org>
Branch #245 - <http://frabr245.org>
Branch #328 - <http://frabranch328.com>
Branch #367 - <http://www.fra367.org>
Branch #382 - <http://fra382.us>

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Legislative Affairs Committee

Chair/Washington State Representative:
S/M Ryan Nabors, Branch #104

Hawaii State Representative:
S/M Dennis Egge, Branch #46

Idaho State Representative:
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I would like to get a Shipmate from Oregon, Alaska, and Wyoming to help pass along state veterans legislative information as well. Please contact the RP.

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the report must be filled out properly. Please ensure your reports are sent to the appropriate committee chair by the deadline.

4. **The Regional website is live.** Has your branch submitted any of your activities to be shared? For branches without a website, this is a good way to get information about your branch available for potential ship-mates.

Each branch does have their own page on the website. Not all of them have been filled out yet, since the website is a continual work in progress.

We have had three branches start new websites this year and I would love to see more.

5. **Looking for photos:** If you have photos of Past Regional Presidents or other Regional/National officers from the NW Region, or information on Branches that no longer exist within the region, please send them to me for the regional history page on the website. I am also looking for photos of current branch and unit officers for the branch pages
6. **Branch emails:** each branch and current or past regional officer can have their own specific email address for free from the regional server. (Example: branch#000@fra-nwregion.org)
Please let me know if you want one to use for your branch since some people like to keep their personal email separate from FRA business.
7. **Regional Delegate Credentials:** Launching May 1st will be a secure login for branch secretaries to fill out and send their regional delegate form to the RP, RVP, and the Regional Credentials Chair for the regional convention. There is also a good chance the National Convention delegate forms may also be made available to send out. Keep your eyes peeled for your branches login information.
8. **Branch Visits:** With all Branch officer elections happening in April and May, branches wanting either myself or RVP Burke to install their newly elected officers need to send us letters asking us to come to them. Our schedules are filling up quickly.
9. **Looking for the Next Regional Vice-President:** If you or a shipmate is willing to run for Regional Office, the positions of Regional Vice President and Regional Secretary/Treasurer will be needing eager volunteers for the next few years. Contact the RP, and RVP if you are interested in your name being brought to the regional delegates.

10. **Scheduled visits:**

April 2-16 - Overseas Travel to Japan and PI

April 4 - Branch #103, Yokosuka, JA

April 10 - Branch #111, Batangas, PI

April 12 - Branch #154, Baguio, PI

April 13 - Branch #367, San Miguel, PI

ALL PI Branches are invited to come to Branch #367 April 13-15 for their annual FRA-Lics. I will be having an all hands Q&A session there, Time TBA. Dependant on interest.

April 14 - Branch #36 Cavite City @ 0900 and Branch #74 Olongapo @ 1500.

April 25-29 - NBOD Meeting, Alexandria VA

May 10 - Branch #328, Roseburg

May 11 - Branch #55, Portland

May 12 - Branch #38, Spokane (Tenative)

May 14 - Branch #104, Puyallup

I know I've passed a lot of information out this time, but hopefully most of this can be of use to all. I look forward to communicating with you on my travels.

**In Loyalty, Protection and Service,
RPNW Pete Lazzaretti
Regional President NW 2011-12**