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## **FRA Welcomes New Finance Officer**

Alexandria, Va. -- The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) has appointed Stephen R. Cox as its new finance officer as of August 19, 2013. Cox is a national officer who serves as advisor to FRA's national board of directors and the Association's Finance and Budget Committee.

Stephen Cox has worked for nonprofit organizations for the past 22 years in positions of increasing responsibility. When asked why he prefers nonprofit work to private industry, Cox cited the strong sense of mission, values, and opportunity to serve that are unique to nonprofit work, especially in the case of military associations. Summarizing his thoughts on the subject, Cox said, "Making a difference, making members' lives easier, is what it's all about."

Previously, Cox served as the director of accounting, contracts, and HR at the National Guard Association of US (NGAUS). Prior to that, he held financial officer positions at several other associations, including the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA). While there, he visited agricultural operations in all 50 states during a three-year period, during which he learned about everything "from potatoes to pineapples." Throughout his career, Cox has worked hands-on to improve processes and to promote good stewardship of (often scarce) association resources.

Cox's immediate goals at FRA are to produce the most accurate picture possible of the association's finances to help the board of directors do the best job they can. In the longer term, he wants to build up the FRA Education Foundation. Cox also intends to work closely with FRA's National Board of Directors and members to further the association's mission, to increase fundraising and recruitment, and to bring more value to FRA members as well as all members of the sea services; past, present, and future.

### **About FRA**

FRA is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit organization representing the interests of current and former enlisted personnel of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. As the collective voice for all Sea Service personnel since 1924, FRA speaks on behalf of its members on Capitol Hill. There is no law protecting military benefits, so FRA is here to stand guard. In addition to its advocacy work on Capitol Hill, FRA also sponsors a national Americanism Essay Contest and assists its members with disaster relief grants.

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