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FRA Elects Nathan “Joe” Nash as West Coast Regional President

Nathan “Joe” Nash, a resident of Fallon, Nev., and a member of Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Branch 192, was recently elected President of the Association’s West Coast Region. Nash will serve as a member of the Association’s National Board of Directors for 2008-2009, representing FRA shipmates who reside in Colorado, Utah, Northern California, and Nevada (with the exception of Las Vegas).

Nash joined the FRA in 1994 and has held a variety of positions at the local, regional and national levels. He served on Branch 192’s Board of Directors (2001-2003) and has held the position of Branch President for six terms. He was the Vice President of the West Coast Region last year (2007-2008) and served as a member of the National Convention Committee on Public Relations (2006-2007).

“It’s an honor to represent my shipmates in the West Coast Region,” said Nash of the current and former enlisted personnel in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard who comprise FRA’s membership. “I’m proud to take a leadership role in FRA’s legislative advocacy work to protect and enhance the quality of life for members of the Sea Services and their families.”

Nash enlisted in the Navy in 1975 and retired as a Lieutenant in 2000. His career included duty with aviation squadrons VA-56, VA-195, VC-8, VA-15, VFA-192, as well as assignments aboard USS Nimitz (CVN-68) and USS Independence (CV-62). He is also a veteran of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Southern Watch.

FRA is a congressionally chartered, non-profit organization representing the interests of current and former enlisted members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. In addition to its advocacy work on Capitol Hill in support of enlisted personnel, FRA aids its members with career issues by maintaining close relationships with government agencies and by educating lawmakers about the challenges facing those who serve in the armed forces. The Association also awards scholarships totaling nearly \$100,000 annually, sponsors a national essay contest, and assists its members with disaster relief grants.