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## FRA Elects Robbins as Southeast Regional President

James Robbins Jr., a resident of Orange Park, Fla., and a member of Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Branch 91, was recently elected President of the Association's Southeast Region. Robbins will serve as a member of the Association's National Board of Directors for 2012-2013, representing FRA shipmates who reside in Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida.

Regional President Robbins has been a member of the FRA since 1973 and has held a variety of leadership positions at the local, regional and national levels. He is currently the president of Branch 91 (located at 5391 Collins Road in Jacksonville) and has previously served as vice president and as a member of the branch's board of directors. He also recently completed a term as the Southeast Region's vice president, has served on numerous national committees and as Master-At-Arms during FRA's national conventions since 2004.

"I feel honored to have been given this great opportunity to serve my fellow service members and veterans," said Robbins of his election. "I am proud to be a member of the FRA, which along with other military/veteran groups are 'watchdogs' when it comes to the benefits for our active duty personnel, military retirees and veterans. Promises have been and are still being made, and we must see that these promises are kept. If we are not vigilant these benefit may disappear completely."

Robbins enlisted in the Navy in June of 1972 and retired from military service in 1994. During his successful military career, he served as an Aviation Structural Mechanic (AMS) at numerous Naval Air Stations around the country and earned numerous performance awards, including Navy Commendation and Achievement Medals and a Navy Battle "E" Medal. He applied his mechanical skills in the civilian sector after he left the Navy.

### About FRA

FRA is a congressionally chartered, non-profit 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.

The Association additionally sponsors an Education Foundation that awards scholarships to deserving college students and is a recognized charity in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC Code #80236). For more information on the FRA Education Foundation, visit [www.fra.org/foundation](http://www.fra.org/foundation).

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