



125 N. West Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

1-800-FRA-1924
703-683-1400
703-549-6610 (fax)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 13, 2012

CONTACT: Lauren Armstrong
703-683-1400 ext. 126

FRA Installs John Partin as North Central Regional President

John Partin II, a resident of St. Louis, and a member of Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Branch 267, was recently elected president of the Association's North Central Region. Partin will serve as a member of FRA's National Board of Directors for 2012-2013, representing FRA shipmates who reside in Missouri, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

Regional President Partin joined the FRA in 1978 and has held numerous posts at the local level, including branch president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and member of the branch's board of directors. He also served as vice president of FRA's North Central Region last year.

"It is both an honor and privilege to serve my FRA shipmates, as well as our active duty, Reserve, retired and veteran service members. We must grow military organizations like FRA, so that their voices are heard on Capitol Hill," Partin said, referencing FRA's legislative advocacy on behalf of current and former service members and their families.

Partin joined the Navy in 1959, serving aboard numerous ships and shore stations. He left the service for several years and returned in 1969 to continue his distinguished career. A Vietnam veteran, Partin retired in 1982 as a Navy Senior Chief and spent the following 10 years as a probation/corrections officer for the Missouri Department of Corrections. He is also an active member of the American Legion, VFW, DAV, AMVETS and Optimist International.

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.

To learn more about FRA, visit www.fra.org; follow us on Twitter at [@FRAHQ](https://twitter.com/FRAHQ); or Like us on Facebook at www.fra.org/fb.