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FRA Elects Margret Burke as Northwest Regional President

Margret “Peg” Burke, a resident of Mead, Wash., and a member of Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Branch 38, was recently elected president of the Association’s Northwest Region. Burke will serve as a member of FRA’s National Board of Directors for 2012-2013, representing FRA shipmates who reside in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii, Japan and the Philippines.

Regional President Burke joined FRA in 2003 and has held numerous posts at the local level, including branch secretary, treasurer and member of the branch’s board of directors. She served as the Northwest Region’s vice president last year. Her son Jeff and Jeff’s stepfather are both members of the FRA and Burke was honored to have her son present for her installation ceremony at FRA’s recent national convention in Reno, Nev.

“As Northwest Regional President, I hope to encourage all our members to get the word out about what our organization does for those who serve and have served in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. We need to be proactive in keeping our members involved in our Association and in their communities,” Burke said, referencing FRA’s legislative advocacy on behalf of current and former service members and their families.

Burke started her military career in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era and joined the Naval Reserve in 1966 following her Army discharge. She retired from military service in 1987 as a Yeoman First Class and is proud to have followed in the footsteps of her father and grandfather, who were also Army veterans. The military tradition continued with her sister and now her son also serving. Burke took her administrative skills to Bonneville Power Administration after she retired from the Naval Reserve.

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.

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