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Crawfordville Resident Earnest Reed Named FRA National Chaplain

Earnest Reed Sr. of Crawfordville, Fla., was recently named National Chaplain for the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) at the organization's 85th National Convention in Reno, Nev.

Appointed by FRA's National President Mark Kilgore, Reed will offer spiritual support and guidance to the Association's National Board of Directors (NBOD) and other members. A non-voting member of the NBOD, the National Chaplain assists shipmates who have spiritual needs and sends letters of condolence on behalf of the membership to families who have lost shipmates. He also opens and closes conventions and NBOD meetings with requests for God's oversight in conducting the Association's business.

Reed joined the FRA in 1990 and is currently the president of FRA Branch 34 in Tallahassee, where he recently served as branch vice president. He served 8 years of active duty in the U.S. Navy and 21 years in the U.S. Navy Reserve, retiring in 2010 as a Senior Chief Fire Controlman. His military service was followed by six years as an automotive service manager for J.C. Penney and 28 years with the City of Tallahassee Electric Department (Purdom Plant). He currently serves on the Elder Board and is the Sunday School Superintendent and General Coordinator for World Wide Christian Ministry, Inc.

"Being National Chaplain gives me a great opportunity to not only help my fellow shipmates, but also spread the word about the FRA," said Reed, who embraces his duties as the Association's national chaplain. "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them," he quotes from the Bible (1 Peter 5:2). "I'm eager to serve."

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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