

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
89th NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE ON
CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS
LEXINGTON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, JACKSONVILLE, FL
OCTOBER 13, 2016**

The National Convention Committee on Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions met in the Rope Room of the Lexington Hotel & Conference Center, Jacksonville, FL, at 0900 on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

In attendance were:

Chairman:	PRPNE William E. Starkey, Jr., Branch 057
Members:	PRPSE Frederick A. Hill, Branch 290 Laurie Bailey, Branch 269 RPNW Julian "J.J." Wynn, Branch 046 PRPNE David Munday, III, Branch 124 PNP Robert Beese, Branch 335 RTSC Nicole Talbot, Branch 159
Advisor:	PNP Lawrence J. Boudreaux, Branch 275
Visitors:	NP Virgil P. Courneya, Branch 274 (ex-officio) PRPSE Frederick Bolz, Branch 269 S. D. Martin, Branch 166 BRP Anthony Quintero, Branch 161 PRPNC Marty Posekany, Branch 298 RVPEC Paul Phelps, Branch 40 PRP John Kotheimer, Branch 13 PRPEC Paul Gunther, Branch 182 (Photo) PNP Bill Combs, Branch 05 PRPEC Bob Washington, Branch 181

The same procedure that has been used for the past several years will be followed. The chairman will read the pertinent resolved portion of the resolution at which time it becomes pending automatically. No motion or seconding is necessary. The chairman will then read the committee's recommendation and give the rationale, after which the presiding officer will call for discussion.

Please remember, you will be voting on the resolution itself and not on the committee recommendation.

GENERAL RESOLUTION

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

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Resolved, That a FRA 501(c)3 Veterans Service Foundation be established to provide financial support for, expand awareness to and provide a vehicle for grants and donations specifically for these vital veterans' programs.

CBL&R Recommendation: Approve that VSO establish 501(c) 3.

Rationale: Good vehicle for raising funds for foundation and the FRA.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to approve the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to: *Resolved*: That a FRA 501(c)3 Veterans Service Foundation be established to provide financial support for, expand awareness to and provide a vehicle for grants and donations specifically for these vital veterans' programs.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 1

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON
MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION**

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-1

Resolved, that Article 3, Section 301 (c), be amended to read as follows:

“Section 301 (c). Personnel discharged by reason of Bad Conduct or Dishonorable discharges are not eligible for FRA membership;” and be it further

Resolved, That amendment be become effective January 1, 2017.

CBL&R Recommendation: Not to approve.

Rationale: General Discharges can be for other reasons that might deem individuals not reliable and should not be considered for membership.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to **not approve** the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to: *Resolved*, that Article 3, Section 301 (c), be amended to read as follows:

“Section 301 (c). Personnel discharged by reason of Bad Conduct or Dishonorable discharges are not eligible for FRA membership;” and be it further

Resolved, That amendment be become effective January 1, 2017.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 2

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON
MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION**

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-1/2

Resolved, That Article 3, Section 302, C&BL, FRA, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 302. Member-at-Large Roll. In addition to the branches there shall be a Member-at-Large Roll. Personnel eligible for membership may become a Member-at-Large. Members-at-Large shall not be eligible to hold an office. They are eligible to have their votes represented at a region or national convention by the respective Region President. The Member-at-Large voting strength will be listing by Region on the Annual Voting Strength Report dated March 31. Members at Large will be notified about their right to vote by FRA National Headquarters. Further, if they are serving as a member of a national committee they may vote within that committee. Additionally, if they have been designated as a proxy delegate by a branch to represent that branch at regional or national conventions, they may cast the number of designated votes referenced in the Voting Strength Report dated March 31.”; and be it further

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CBL&R Recommendation: Return to National Committee on Membership and Retention for further clarification.

Rationale: The financial impact on the FRA in costs for mailing ballots and correspondence.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to **refer back to committee** this resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to: *Resolved*, That Article 3, Section 302, C&BL, FRA, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 302. Member-at-Large Roll. In addition to the branches there shall be a Member-at-Large Roll. Personnel eligible for membership may become a Member-at-Large. Members-at-Large shall not be eligible to hold an office. They are eligible to have their votes represented at a region or national convention by the respective Region President. The Member-at-Large voting strength will be listing by Region on the Annual Voting Strength Report dated March 31. Members at Large will be notified about their right to vote by FRA National Headquarters. Further, if they are serving as a member of a national committee they may vote within that committee. Additionally, if they have been designated as a proxy delegate by a branch to represent that branch at regional or national conventions, they may cast the number of designated votes referenced in the Voting Strength Report dated March 31.”; and be it further

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 3

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON
MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION**

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-2/3

Resolved, That Article 4, Section 401(a), (b) & (d), be amended to read as follows:

Section 401 (a). Membership dues in the FRA shall be forty dollars (\$40) per annum, payable in advance, except as provided in Section 401(b). No refund of membership dues is authorized subsequent to receipt by the Finance Officer, except as provided for in Article 5, Section 511. Section 401(b). A membership dues discount may be obtained at the following standard rates and conditions:

(1). For a one-time introductory payment of twenty dollars (\$20), an active duty or reservist may join for one year as a MAL. After one year, the member may join at any of the rates below and either continue as a MAL or align with a Branch of their choice.

(2). For a payment of two years, a discount of six percent (6) of the total dues sum (\$75) with an annual renewal rate of forty dollars (\$40) thereafter.

(3). For an advance payment of five years, a discount of ten percent (10) of the total dues sum (\$180) is authorized.

Section 401 (d). All members shall have the option of paying membership dues by cash, check, or credit card. If paid by cash, check, or credit card, the membership effective date shall commence on the first day of the month in which payment is made and end on the last day of the month. Allotments set up prior to January 1, 2017, shall be honored in accordance with the original allotment dates, however, no new allotments will be accepted; and be it further

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CBL&R Recommendation: Not in Order

Rationale: Approval of resolution # 4 clarifies payment structure.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to **find resolution not in order**. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to: Vote on the recommendation of the CB&L committee.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 4

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON

MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-4/5

Resolved, That Article 4, Section 401 (a-m), be amended to read as follows:

Section 401(a). Membership dues in the FRA shall be forty dollars (\$40) per annum, payable in advance, except as provided in Section 401 (b). No refund of membership dues is authorized subsequent to receipt by the Finance Officer, except as provided for in Article 5, Section 511.

Section 401(b). A membership dues discount may be obtained at the following standard rates and conditions:

(1). For a payment of two years, a discount of six percent (6) of the total dues sum (\$75) with an annual renewal rate of forty dollars (\$40) thereafter.

(2). For an advance payment of five years, a discount of ten percent (10) of the total dues sum (\$180) is authorized.

Section 401(c). Only one such discount shall be in effect at any one time.

Section 401(d). All members shall have the option of paying membership dues by cash, check, or credit card. If paid by cash, check, or credit card, the membership effective date shall commence on the first day of the month in which payment is made and end on the last day of the month. Allotments set up prior to January 1, 2017, shall be honored in accordance with the original allotment dates, however, no new allotments will be accepted.

Section 401 (e). Disabled members may be excused from payment of dues when payment would inflict hardship. Branches shall judge for their membership. The Director, Membership Development shall make the decision for Membership-at-Large Roll members. Branch secretaries shall make an annual report in the month of March, to the Director, Membership Development, listing the names and membership numbers of all disabled members affiliated with the branch. If no report is received, members previously reported as disabled will be terminated effective 30 June unless payment of dues has been received by the Finance Officer. The Member Services Department shall notify the Branch secretary during the month of July of those terminated members.

Section 401 (f). Membership dues collected by any member are the property of the Fleet Reserve Association until prorated and distributed.

Section 401 (g). Dues of members, except as provided in Section 401 (h) and 401 (i) shall be payable to the Branch Secretary, the Finance Officer, or to an approved agent of the Fleet Reserve Association as authorized by the National Board of Directors.

Section 401(h). Dues of members residing in the Republic of the Philippines shall be payable to the Finance Officer.

Section 401(i). Any member of the Fleet Reserve Association or person eligible to Fleet Reserve Association membership, who is the recipient of the Medal of Honor, and has paid one year's dues in the Association, shall be granted continuous membership without payment of dues with all privileges of a dues paying member.

Section 401 (j). All branches shall pay to the treasury of the Fleet Reserve Association, all money collected for membership dues. These payments shall be made at least monthly, and mailed in time to reach the office of the Finance Officer, or an approved agent of the Fleet Reserve Association, by a date specified in a schedule provided by the Finance Officer in December of each year for the following calendar year. Any branch receiving dues from a member of the Membership-at-Large Roll shall immediately forward the full amount of dues to the Finance Officer. Section 401(k). Fifty percent of each branch member's dues received by the Finance Officer shall be forwarded monthly to the respective branch.

Section 401(1). Members in good standing, upon attaining fifty years' continuous membership in the Fleet Reserve Association shall not be required to pay dues and shall be issued the prestigious Platinum FRA 50-Plus Continuous Member Card.

Section 401 (m). Members in good standing, upon attaining eighty-five years of age and who have at least forty years' continuous membership, shall not be required to pay dues in the FRA and shall be issued the prestigious Red, White, and Blue Membership Card.; and be it further

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CBL&R Recommendation: Approve.

Rationale: This resolution is provides better clarification than resolution # 3.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to approve this resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to: *Resolved*, That Article 4, Section 40 I (a-m), be amended to read as follows:

Section 401(a). Membership dues in the FRA shall be forty dollars (\$40) per annum, payable in advance, except as provided in Section 401(b). No refund of membership dues is authorized subsequent to receipt by the Finance Officer, except as provided for in Article 5, Section 511.

Section 401(b). A membership dues discount may be obtained at the following standard rates and conditions:

(1). For a payment of two years, a discount of six percent (6) of the total dues sum (\$75) with an annual renewal rate of forty dollars (\$40) thereafter.

(2). For an advance payment of five years, a discount of ten percent (10) of the total dues sum (\$180) is authorized.

Section 401(c). Only one such discount shall be in effect at any one time.

Section 401(d). All members shall have the option of paying membership dues by cash, check, or credit card. If paid by cash, check, or credit card, the membership effective date shall commence on the first day of the month in which payment is made and end on the last day of the month. Allotments set up prior to January 1, 2017, shall be honored in accordance with the original allotment dates, however, no new allotments will be accepted.

Section 401 (e). Disabled members may be excused from payment of dues when payment would inflict hardship. Branches shall judge for their membership. The Director, Membership Development shall make the decision for Membership-at-Large Roll members. Branch secretaries shall make an annual report in the month of March, to the Director, Membership Development, listing the names and membership numbers of all disabled members affiliated with the branch. If no report is received, members previously reported as disabled will be terminated effective 30 June unless payment of dues has been received by the Finance Officer. The Member Services Department shall notify the Branch secretary during the month of July of those terminated members.

Section 401 (f). Membership dues collected by any member are the property of the Fleet Reserve Association until prorated and distributed.

Section 401 (g). Dues of members, except as provided in Section 401 (h) and 40 I (i) shall be payable to the

Branch Secretary, the Finance Officer, or to an approved agent of the Fleet Reserve Association as author-ized by the National Board of Directors.

Section 401(h). Dues of members residing in the Republic of the Philippines shall be payable to the Finance Officer.

Section 401(i). Any member of the Fleet Reserve Association or person eligible to Fleet Reserve Association membership, who is the recipient of the Medal of Honor, and has paid one year's dues in the Association, shall be granted continuous membership without payment of dues with all privileges of a dues paying member.

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Section 401(l). Members in good standing, upon attaining fifty years' continuous membership in the Fleet Reserve Association shall not be required to pay dues and shall be issued the prestigious Platinum FRA 50-Plus Continuous Member Card.

Section 401 (m). Members in good standing, upon attaining eighty-five years of age and who have at least forty years' continuous membership, shall not be required to pay dues in the FRA and shall be issued the prestigious Red, White, and Blue Membership Card.; and be it further

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 5

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON
MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION**

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-5/7

Resolved. That Article 4, Sections 405(a-h) be amended to read as follows:

Section 405(a). The fee for life membership will be based on the applicant's age at 12/31 in the year of application using the following eight tier fee structure:

Active Duty	\$400	Age 61-70	\$340
Under age 40	\$450	Age 71-80	\$260
Age 41-50	\$425	Age 81-100	\$200
Age 51-60	\$390	Over 100	Free

Section 405(b). The fee calculation will be based on a combination of the Internal Revenue Code, Section 72, Life Expectancy Tables and the market rate of life membership fees of similar veteran's organizations.

Section 405(c). Each time annual dues are revised, the Finance Officer will review the life membership fee structure to determine if the fees should be revised based on the Life Expectancy Tables and the market rate of similar veteran's organizations.

Section 405(d). Life Membership fees may be made to the Finance Officer or via the FRA Website using the following plans:

- (1) Payment in full at the time of submitting the life membership
- (2) Initial payment of \$50 followed by 11 equal monthly payments

Section 405(e). All installment payments will be made via credit card and will be completed within 12 months from the date the initial \$50 payment is made. If using the installment payment plan, the initial payment will be counted towards paying the regular annual dues, which will entitle the member to be a regular member in the FRA but not a life member until all payments have been received. Once an installment plan is initiated, money held in escrow will not be returned or prorated for further dues payment.

Section 405(f). Full or partial payment of the life membership fee will be submitted with the membership application. The effective date of life membership will be when the full amount of the fee is received by the Finance Officer.

Section 405(g). A member who elects to become a life member prior to month-end closeout (the first of the following month or next business day thereafter) of processing regular membership dues for that month may have the regular dues payment applied to the amount of life membership dues based on the fee schedule for age. The member will pay the difference upon immediate submission of the full balance of the applicable life membership dues; and be it further

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CBL&R Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Simplifies the pay structure for life membership.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to **approve** the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to: *Resolved*. That Article 4, Sections 405(a-h) be amended to read as follows:

Section 405(a). The fee for life membership will be based on the applicant's age at 12/31 in the year of application using the following eight tier fee structure:

Active Duty	\$400	Age 61-70	\$340
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Section 405(f). Full or partial payment of the life membership fee will be submitted with the membership application. The effective date of life membership will be when the full amount of the fee is received by the

Finance Officer.

Section 405(g). A member who elects to become a life member prior to month-end closeout (the first of the following month or next business day thereafter) of processing regular membership dues for that month may have the regular dues payment applied to the amount of life membership dues based on the fee schedule for age. The member will pay the difference upon immediate submission of the full balance of the applicable life membership dues; and be it further

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 6 **NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON**
CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-7/8

Resolved, That Article 8, Sub-Sections 818(a) through (d), be rescinded; and be it further

Resolved, That Article 8, Sub-Section 810(a) (8), be rescinded; and be it further

Resolved, That Section 819 be renumbered Section 818 and Sub-Section 819(a) through Sub-Section 819(e) be renumbered 818(a) through 818(e); and, be it further

Resolved, That Section 820 be renumbered Section 819 and Sub-Section 820(a) through Sub-Section 820(d) be renumbered 819(a) through 819(d); and, be it further

Resolved, That Section 821 be renumbered Section 820 and Sub-Section 821(a) through Sub-Section 821(d) be renumbered 820(a) through 820(d); and, be it further

Resolved, That Sub-Section 810(a)(9) through 810(a)(11) be renumbered Sub-Section 810(a)(8) through 810(a)(10); and, be it further

Resolved, And there is no further financial or legal liability to the Association, the FRA National Committee on Employee Pension be terminated.

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CBL&R Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Resolution completely clarifies the re-numbering of the sections of the above.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to **approve** the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to: *Resolved*, That Article 8, Sub-Sections 818(a) through (d), be rescinded; and be it further

Resolved, That Article 8, Sub-Section 810(a) (8), be rescinded; and be it further

Resolved, That Section 819 be renumbered Section 818 and Sub-Section 819(a) through Sub-Section 819(e) be renumbered 818(a) through 818(e); and, be it further

Resolved, That Section 820 be renumbered Section 819 and Sub-Section 820(a) through Sub-Section 820(d) be renumbered 819(a) through 819(d); and, be it further

Resolved, That Section 821 be renumbered Section 820 and Sub-Section 821(a) through Sub-Section 821(d) be renumbered 820(a) through 820(d); and, be it further

Resolved. That Sub-Section 810(a)(9) through 810(a)(11) be renumbered Sub-Section 810(a)(8) through 810(a)(10); and, be it further

Resolved. And there is no further financial or legal liability to the Association, the FRA National Committee on Employee Pension be terminated.

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 7

NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-8

Resolved, That Article 8, Sections 818(a) through (d), be rescinded; and be it further

Resolved, That Article 8, Section 810(a)(8), be rescinded; and be it further

Resolved, As there is no further financial or legal liability to the Association, the FRA National Committee on Employee Pension be terminated.

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CBL&R Recommendation: Resolution #6 was approved therefore Resolution #7 and Resolution #8 falls away.

Rationale: Resolution #6 was superseded by Resolution #7 and Resolution #8.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee that resolution is not in order. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 8

LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-8/9

Resolved, That Article 8, Section 818 be deleted in its entirety; and, be it further

Resolved. That Section 819 be renumbered Section 818 and Sub-Section 819(a) through Sub-section 819(e) be renumbered 818(a) through 818(e); and, be it further

Resolved. That Section 820 be renumbered Section 819 and Sub-section 820(a) through Sub-section 820(d) be renumbered 819(a) through 819(d).

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CBL&R Recommendation: Resolution #6 was approved therefore Resolution #7 and Resolution #8 falls away.

Rationale: Resolution #6 was superseded by Resolution #7 and Resolution #8.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee that resolution is not in order. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 9

LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-9

Resolved, That Section 811 be amended by adding Sub-section 811 (f) to read:

"Section 811(f). The Committee shall oversee the operation of the Employee 401(k) Pension Plan as provided by law and regulations. The Employee 401 (k) Pension Plan consists of contributions from the FRA and employees participating in the plan and all earnings, profits, increments which accrue therefrom. The Committee may appoint a Plan Administrator for the Plan. The Committee shall annually report the annual contribution required from the Association and any recommendations concerning the plan when presenting the annual proposed Association budget."

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CBL&R Recommendation: **Approved**

Rationale: **Provides oversight on Employee 401(k) Pension Plan.**

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to **approve** the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to: *Resolved*, That Section 811 be amended by adding Sub-section 811 (f) to read:

"Section 811(f). The Committee shall oversee the operation of the Employee 401(k) Pension Plan as provided by law and regulations. The Employee 401 (k) Pension Plan consists of contributions from the FRA and employees participating in the plan and all earnings, profits, increments which accrue therefrom. The Committee may appoint a Plan Administrator for the Plan. The Committee shall annually report the annual contribution required from the Association and any recommendations concerning the plan when presenting the annual proposed Association budget."

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 10

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-10

Resolved, That Article 12, Section 1221 (a), C&BL, FRA shall be amended by adding:

"Section 1221 (a). The branch president may appoint the following committees:
(1) Committee on Americanism Essay Contest.
(2) Committee on Americanism-Patriotism.
(3) Committee on Audit, Budget and Finance.
(4) Committee on Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation.
(5) Committee on Legislative Service.
(6) Committee on Membership and Retention.
(7) Committee on Public Relations.
(8) Committee on Youth Activities.
(9) Committee on Veterans Service
(10) Ad-Hoc Committees"

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CBL&R Recommendation: **Approve**

Rationale: **Adds Committee on Veteran Services.**

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to **approve** this resolution. Is

there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to: *Resolved*, That Article 12, Section 1221 (a), C&BL, FRA shall be amended by adding:

"Section 1221 (a). The branch president may appoint the following committees:

- (1) Committee on Americanism Essay Contest.
- (2) Committee on Americanism-Patriotism.
- (3) Committee on Audit, Budget and Finance.
- (4) Committee on Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation.
- (5) Committee on Legislative Service.
- (6) Committee on Membership and Retention.
- (7) Committee on Public Relations.
- (8) Committee on Youth Activities.
- (9) Committee on Veterans Service
- (10) Ad-Hoc Committees"

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 11

GROTON BRANCH 20

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-10/11

Resolved, That Article 13, Section 1313 be amended to read:

Article 13, Section 1313. Branch Suspension, Revocation or Surrender of Charter/Effect on Unit - When a branch charter is suspended, revoked or voluntarily surrendered, a unit of the FRA Auxiliary, sponsored by the branch, shall not be permitted to conduct Auxiliary business.

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CBL&R Recommendation: Not to approve.

Rationale: Resolution #12 written more clearly.

National President: You have heard the recommendation n of the CBL&R Committee is **not to approve** this resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 12

LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-11/12

Resolved, that Article 3, Section 1313, C&BL, FRA be amended to read:

"Section 1313. Branch Suspension or Revocation or Surrendered/Effect on Unit - When a Branch is under suspension, revoked or voluntarily surrendered, a Unit of the Auxiliary, FRA sponsored by the Branch, shall

not be permitted to conduct Auxiliary business, and all activities are prohibited, while the sponsoring Branch is in suspension, revocation, or charter surrendered."

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CBL&R Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: This resolution clarifies more precisely.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to **approve** this resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to: *Resolved*, that Article 3, Section 1313, C&BL, FRA be amended to read:

"Section 1313. Branch Suspension or Revocation or Surrendered/Effect on Unit - When a Branch is under suspension, revoked or voluntarily surrendered, a Unit of the Auxiliary, FRA sponsored by the Branch, shall not be permitted to conduct Auxiliary business, and all activities are prohibited, while the sponsoring Branch is in suspension, revocation, or charter surrendered."

Resolved, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2017.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 13

LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-12/13/14

Resolved, that Article 13 of the C&BL's of the FRA be amended to read:

"Article 13 - Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association"

"Section 1301 (a). Authorization - The Fleet Reserve Association authorizes and has chartered an auxiliary pursuant to its authority granted by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association has authority to adopt suitable legal and trade names, logos, and ceremonial attire, except that male members shall not be compelled to exhibit any feminine insignia.

"Section 1301 (b). Definition of "AFRA." Wherever in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fleet Reserve Association "AFRA" is used, it means the Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association."

"Section 1302. Governing Body - The governing body of the AFRA is the National Board of Directors of the FRA. Any action taken by the National Board of Directors of the FRA in relation to the AFRA shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 501 and 802.

"Section 1303. Distinction from FRA - The AFRA is sponsored by the FRA; however, its members shall not pay dues to the national treasury of the FRA nor shall they have any vote in the affairs of the FRA unless specifically authorized in the C&BL or Standing Rules of the FRA, Section 1304.

New York Charter - The FRA recognizes the charter issued to the Ladies Auxiliary of the FRA by the State of New York. Units which were organized under said charter shall be recognized by the FRA and its Branches as legally constituted units, provided such units were recognized by Branches. Members in good standing under the New York Charter, and who have remained in good standing continuously, shall be considered as having met all membership requirements of the AFRA.

"Section 1305. Membership Eligibility - Membership eligibility shall be determined by the AFRA in compliance with Internal Revenue Service regulations governing membership in the auxiliary of veterans' organizations.

"Section 1306. Organization - The AFRA shall have authority to establish a National Organization, to organize groups to be known as Units, to levy dues for membership therein, to form Regions, to elect and have national officers, and to adopt a Constitution and Bylaws and amend same. Said Constitution and Bylaws, and any amendments thereto, shall be submitted to the National Board of Directors of the FRA for ratification.

"Section 1307. National Officers - The AFRA shall not have less than the following National Officers: National President, National Vice President, National Executive Secretary, National Treasurer, National Financial Secretary, and a National Board of Directors of not less than five members and such other additional national officers as shall be determined by the membership, with such titles as they deem proper.

"Section 1308. Name and Numbering of Units - A unit of the AFRA shall be assigned the number and name of its sponsoring Branch.

"Section 1309. Authorization for Unit - No unit of the AFRA may be formed until its sponsoring Branch has voted such authorization. The entire membership of the Branch shall be notified at least ten days in advance of the meeting in which action to authorize said unit is to be taken. If a majority vote sanctions the formation of an AFRA Unit, the Branch president, and secretary shall so certify over their personal signatures, to the National President of the AFRA.

"Section 1310. Waiver - The provisions outlined in Section 1309 may be waived by the National Board of Directors, with the recommendation of the Chairman National Committee on Membership and Retention, during the organizational process outlined in Section 1201. A majority vote of petitioners must be sanctioned and reported to the National President of the AFRA.

"Section 1311. Unauthorized Auxiliary - No Branch of the FRA may grant authority to establish an auxiliary not associated with the AFRA.

"Section 1312. Branch Jurisdiction

"Section 1312(a). A Branch shall have the authority to interpret and apply the law in matters pertaining to its AFRA Unit. The unit shall submit its bylaws and amendments thereto to the Branch for ratification.

"Section 1313. Branch Suspension or Revocation or Surrendered/Effect on Unit - When a Branch charter is suspended, revoked or voluntarily surrendered, a Unit of the AFRA, sponsored by the Branch, shall be permitted to conduct Auxiliary business. The Regional President shall assume sponsorship of the unit.

"Section 1314. C&BL and Standing Rules Conflict - Whenever the Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules of the AFRA may be in conflict with the C&BL of the FRA, the provisions of the latter shall prevail.

"Section 1315. C&BL Amendments - In order that the Constitution and Bylaws of the AFRA may be amended to conform with the C&BL, amendments may be made to the Constitution and Bylaws of the AFRA at the post-convention National Board of Directors meeting of the FRA wherein the C&BL was amended.

"Section 1316. Disbanding Unit

"Section 1316(a). A Branch desiring to disband its AFRA Unit shall give notice to all Branch members in good standing, not less than ten days prior to the regular stated meeting, that a vote on disbanding of the Unit will be taken at that meeting. If action receives a two-thirds vote at said meeting, the Branch shall then petition the National Board of Directors of the FRA for authority to disband its AFRA Unit. The National Board of Directors shall make a thorough investigation of the facts, and their decision shall be final and conclusive. The National President, FRA, will notify the National President, AFRA, of this decision.

"Section 1316(b). A Unit shall petition its Branch for the voluntary surrender of its charter. The Branch shall notify the Regional and National Presidents, FRA, and the Regional and National Presidents, AFRA. The National President of the AFRA will report in writing to the National Board of Directors of the FRA that the charter of said Unit has been returned;" and be it further

Resolved, that the following Articles and their Sections be changed to read "AFRA" wherever either Ladies Auxiliary, Auxiliary or FRA Auxiliary appears as follows: Article 3, Sections 311(a), 311(b) and 311(d); Article 5, Section 501(b); Article 8, Section 802(f); Article 10, Section 1003; and Article 15, Sections 1505 and 1508(e), respectively; and be it further

Resolved, that these amendments to the FRA C&BL in no way obligates the AFRA to make any immediate changes regarding letterheads and logos or requiring drastic monetary expenditures on the part of the organization or its members and Units.

CBL&R Recommendation: Refer resolution to FRA attorneys for clarification on legal status on FRA Charter, LAFRA Charters for New York and Delaware.

Rationale: Committee unsure of legal ramifications.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to **refer resolution to FRA's attorney for legal recommendation.** Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to:

STANDING RULES RESOLUTION NO. 1

LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269

Appears on page: Tab V, page SR-1

Resolved, That Standing Rule 6(c) and 6(i) be amended to read:

"SR-6(c). The National President shall appoint a Convention Time and Place Committee when a Letter of Certification has been received from a prospective sponsor. The Convention Time and Place Committee shall consist of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, one of whom shall be from east of the Mississippi River and one from west of the Mississippi River, and one member from each FRA region. With the recommendation of the National President of the AFRA, the National President may appoint three members of the AFRA to serve on

the Time and Place Committee.

"SR-6(i). In the event there are no prospective sponsors for a national convention or if the authenticated bids are rejected by the delegates, the National President shall nominate a special committee, for consideration of the delegates, to host the National Convention. This committee shall consist of a minimum of four members elected by the delegates of the FRA and three members considered and approved by the delegates of the AFRA."

CBL&R Recommendation: Refer back to branch because resolution #13 being sent to FRA's attorney for legal recommendation.

Rationale: Committee unsure of legal ramifications.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to refer back to submitting branch. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to:

STANDING RULES RESOLUTION NO. 2

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

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Resolved, That Standing Rule 7, SR-7(a) (2), C&B L, FRA is amended by adding;

"(2) Each Branch shall submit the following reports if the Branch President has appointed such committee: Americanism-Patriotism, Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation, Public Relations, Youth Activities and Veterans Service to the regional chairman of the appropriate committee prior to the convening of the regional convention. A copy of these reports shall be forwarded to the Regional President and one copy retained in the branch files."

CBL&R Recommendation: Approve.

Rationale: Veteran's Service Committee added to standing rules and resolution is adding requirement for annual reports.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to approve this resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to: *Resolved,* That Standing Rule 7, SR-7(a) (2), C&B L, FRA is amended by adding;

"(2) Each Branch shall submit the following reports if the Branch President has appointed such committee: Americanism-Patriotism, Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation, Public Relations, Youth Activities and Veterans Service to the regional chairman of the appropriate committee prior to the convening of the regional convention. A copy of these reports shall be forwarded to the Regional President and one copy retained in the branch files."

STANDING RULES RESOLUTION NO. 3

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

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Resolved, That Standing Rule 7, C&BL, FRA is amended by adding:

"SR-7(g), Veterans Service - The National Committee on Veterans Service shall select one outstanding member recognized as "Shipmate of the Year" Award for National Veterans Service."

CBL&R Recommendation: Refer to Veterans Service Committee.

Rationale: Veterans Service Committee needs to determine type of award within budgetary limits.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to refer back to Veterans Service Committee. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to:

RITUALS RESOLUTION NO. 1

LOW COUNTRY BRANCH 269

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Resolved, That FRA Rituals Section 2508(b)(2) be amended to read:

"When two or more distinguished guests are present the following order of protocol should be observed: Guests other than those listed below.

Government officials in order of rank, i.e., city, county, state, federal. Members of the armed forces in order of rank, i.e., lower grade first and senior grade last. (Note: Among the armed forces the following precedence should be observed: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy.)

Past Unit officers in order of rank, i.e., junior officers first and senior officers last.

Past Branch officers in order of rank, i.e., junior officers first and senior officers last.

Unit officers in order of rank, i.e., junior officers first and senior officers last.

Branch officers in order of rank, i.e., junior officers first and senior officers last.

Past regional officers of the AFRA in order of rank, i.e., junior officers first and senior officers last.

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Past national officers of the AFRA in order of rank, i.e., junior officers first and senior officers last.

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CBL&R Recommendation: Refer back to branch as Resolution #13 was referred to legal.

Rationale: Committee unsure of legal ramifications.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to refer the above resolution back to branch.

Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to:

As an aside, proposed C&BL Resolutions need to be forwarded to the National Chairmen when received at National Headquarters, to allow sufficient time to review and return to originator, if needed, for minor corrections.

This concludes the report of the National Convention committee on Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions and the chairman asked asks the committee be discharged.

In loyalty, Protection, and Service

William E. Starkey, Jr.
National Convention C&BL Committee Chairman