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ROBERT WASHINGTON, SR., National President

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NP WASHINGTON: This assembly will now come to order. Shipmate Master-at-Arms, you will invite the shipmates into the hall and, into the convention hall, and close the doors. Thank you, Shipmate Master-at-Arms.

Shipmate National Chaplain, would you please open the Bible?

NCHAP TOULOTTE: Shipmate National President, the Bible is open.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmates, please join me in saluting the colors. Hand salute: Two.

SPEAKER: Shipmate National President.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

JrPNP STARKEY: Be it noted that the Junior Past National President is in the proper uniform of the day.

NP WASHINGTON: Thank you, Shipmate.

JrPNP STARKEY: You're welcome.

NP WASHINGTON: I now declare the second business session of the 92nd National Convention convened. Is the credential chairman ready to give his second credential report? Here he comes.

PRPNW LAZZARETTI: Good afternoon, shipmates. Did everybody wake up yet? I know
I'm not. All right.

This is the second credentials report for the 92nd Fleet Reserve Association National Convention.

Authorized voting strength has not changed, it is 1174. Number of branches represented by delegates, 61. Number of votes represented by delegates, 641. Number of branches registered by proxy, 83. Number of votes registered by proxy, 440. Number of branches not registered, 25.

The three branches that we received credentials for yesterday that you can check off are branches 178, 244, and 281.

Number of delegates registered, 108. Registered voting strength, 1081. Number of votes not registered, 93. Two-thirds vote, 721. Majority vote is 541.

Now I know that we have at least five shipmates that arrived today that have not yet checked in with me, I will take care of those between the third and fourth session or during the pump bilges break later, and we will adjust and give the third report right after the break. My apologies for not having the books
down here during lunch; for some strange reason
I had a national committees report to type up.

Shipmates, I move that the second
report be received.

NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Slawinski,
Delegate, Branch 181, second.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay, a motion has
been made and seconded that we receive the
second credential report. Any discussion?

RPSE RICHMOND: Shipmate Richmond,
Delegate, Branch 22. I just wanted to make
sure, you said 61 versus 50 in the first one,
correct?

PRPNW LAZZARETTI: That is correct.

RPSE RICHMOND: Okay.

PRPNW LAZZARETTI: There was
adjustments made, they are correct, and if you
add up everything, it equals --

RPSE RICHMOND: I was just wondering
because there was only like three less not
registered.

PRPNW LAZZARETTI: There has been some
corrections and adjustments.

RPSE RICHMOND: Okay. The numbers are
good for the second credential?
PRPNW LAZZARETTI: The numbers are good. If there are specific questions, talk to me later outside away from the meeting.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay. There is still a motion on the floor. Are there any discussion? There being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(Scattered noes.)

Received.

S/M ARTHUR: Shipmate National President.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

S/M ARTHUR: Arthur, Delegate, Branch 46. This is a point of order. It might seem funny or whatever to say nay when you don't really mean it, but for the sake of the recorder, if you mean nay, say it, if you don't, shut up.

NP WASHINGTON: Thank you. I have an announcement to make. We have changed recorders and now we have a Mr. Mark Letzo, he's going to do the recording now.

(AppAUSE.)
We will now commence receiving the reports of the national convention committees. First is the chairman's report of the National Convention Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. Shipmate Fred Bolz.

PRPSE BOLZ: I'm short, I've got to have it down here.

Good afternoon, shipmates, National President, Past National Presidents and Regional Presidents. The National Convention Committee on Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions met in the Grand Ballroom, Salon E of the Crowne Plaza Memphis East Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 0900. Members present were the chairman, myself, Fred Bolz, Branch 269; members Past Regional President Southeast Fred Hill, Branch 290; Past Regional President Northeast Dave Munday, Branch 124; Junior Past President Northeast/New England Albert Davenport, Branch 013; Junior Past Regional President Southwest Bruce Davis, Branch 70; and Shipmate Nicole L. Talbot, Branch 159. The advisor was absent. Visitors were Shipmate Richard Bonnett, Branch 24, and Shipmate, and
I'm sorry if I mess this up, Lou

Transfiguracion of Branch 302.

All right, reading the resolved portion of the resolutions, this will be resolution number one, from Poway Valley Branch 79 -- 70, I stand corrected -- 70, for the record. Okay.

Resolved: The Article 2, Section 201, C&BL, FRA, be amended to read as follows: 201, object of the Association. The object of this Association is that we may take care of each member and their families who may be in urgent need of assistance, financial or otherwise, to assist in recruiting for the United States Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, NJROTC -- excuse me, NROTC, U.S. Merchant Marine, to assemble for social intercourse and keep ourselves informed of the United States Naval, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine matters, whereby we may continue to loyally serve the nation and the United States Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. These, together with the preamble of the constitution and bylaws, define the object of the Fleet Reserve Association; and,
Resolved, Article 2, Section 202, C&BL, FRA, be amended to read as follows:

Section 202, Composition of Association. The FRA is an organization of current and all personnel that have many years of honorable service in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, including reserve components, U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen, NROTC, U.S. Coast Guard Academy Cadets, U.S. Merchant Marine midshipmen, Naval, Marine and Coast Guard Reserve officers, and OCS personnel who are now serving or have served, to be eligible for the FRA membership. It is composed of the national association and its subordinate branches chartered under and pursuant to its authority in the manner herein provided.

Recommendation of the committee: Reject.

Rationale: This has always been an enlisted organization and previous resolutions of this nature have been rejected.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmates, you have heard the report from the Constitution and Bylaws chairman, their recommendation to
reject, and I would like to rule this resolution not in order. The simple reason is that people get confused. The Naval Academy is a four-year accredited college, and when those kids graduate they don't come into the enlisted rank, they go into the officer rank, so therefore I will rule this resolution out of order.

UNIDENTIFIED: Shipmate National President, there was a second resolution and that should also be ruled out of order.

NP WASHINGTON: Resolution number two is also out of order.

PRPSE BOLZ: The next one is resolution number three, which is a Sierra Tahoe Branch 137 submission.

Resolved: That Article 4, Section 405(a), C&BL, FRA be amended to add Section 405(a)(1) to read as follows: Section 405(a)(1), in the anniversary month, October, of founding of the FRA, life membership fees will be reduced by 50 percent. Fee must be paid in full and received by the finance officer no later than close of business on the last day of the month.
Committee recommendation: Reject.
Rationale: Budget and finance committee is going to recommend it be rejected also.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay, shipmates, you heard the chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws recommendation to reject this resolution. Are there any discussion? There being none, all in favor signify by saying aye. (Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(Scattered noes.)

Come again? I'm sorry.

S/M HANSEK (Phonetic): Shipmate National President.

NP WASHINGTON: My apology.

S/M HANSEK: Hansek, Delegate, Branch 109. I sat in on Budget and Finance, and we determined also that this is not in order because the Fleet Reserve Association was not founded in October, it was founded in November.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

UNIDENTIFIED: I concur with the last statement. I was on Budget and Finance and the reason it should be ruled out of order as
stated, the FRA was founded November 11th, not in October. October is the Navy Birthday.

PRPNC COMBS: Combs, Delegate, Branch 161. We have been voting on the resolution, not the recommendation, the past number of conventions. Are we changing this time where we vote on the recommendation as opposed to the resolution itself?

UNIDENTIFIED: We're voting on the recommendation like we should.

PRPNC COMBS: We're voting on the recommendation, okay.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

RPSE RICHMOND: Shipmate Richmond, Delegate, Branch 22. I agree with the rejection not only just for the date, which you know, the date is reason enough, but I, in October extending life membership at half the price, as I've had a discussion with members here, it would actually reduce our membership because you'd only get your life membership 50 percent for X amount of years versus a regular member, you get it forever, so I don't think that would really increase any money. I think that actually we would lose money in the long
run.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay. With that being said, I'm going to rule this resolution not in order.

PRPSE BOLZ: Resolution number four, this is from the National Board of Directors.

Resolved, that Article 7, Section 701 -- excuse me -- 702(h) be amended to read as follows: Section 702(h), regional vice presidents are not national officers; and be it further,

Resolved, that Article 7, Section 202 be amended by adding Section 702(i) -- 702, thank you -- when the regional president is absent from the meeting of the National Board of Directors for any reason other than vacancy in office of the regional president, the National Board of Directors is authorized by a two-thirds vote to appoint the regional president to represent the region with the same authority as the regional president, regional vice president, excuse me. Yeah, okay, I need to repeat it. Two-thirds majority to approve the appointment of the regional vice president
to represent the region with the same authority as the regional president.

Resolved: That the amendment would become effective 1 June, June 1, 2019. That can't be right.

UNIDENTIFIED: Read it.

PRPSE BOLZ: It's got 1 June 2019.

C&BL recommendation: Recommendation is approval with change effective as of October 31st.

Rationale: Effective date on resolution is out of date, so I don't know if that's proper for us to do that, but we did it and I'll let the National President rule on that.

PNP BLACKBURN: Shipmate National President.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

PNP BLACKBURN: Blackburn, Delegate, Branch 8, Vallejo. I make a motion we amend this resolution to state the effective date as of conclusion of this national convention.


NP WASHINGTON: Okay. A motion has
been made and seconded that we amend this
resolution to make it for, that it will go into
effect at the end of this convention instead of
October of 2019. We will now take a vote on
the amendment, any discussion? There being
none, those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

UNIDENTIFIED: No.

NP WASHINGTON: Now we will vote on
the recommendation as it is amended. Any
discussion? There being none, all in favor
signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(No response.)

PRPSE BOLZ: Resolution number five,
again the National Board of Directors.

Resolved: Section 808(m) is added to
the duties and responsibilities of the National
Executive Director as approved by the National
Board of Directors. Section 808(m), the
National Executive Director shall review all
monthly bank credit card statements and
contract agreements for continuity. If there
are any questions to be, he will -- if there are any questions, he will bring it to the attention of the Finance Officer and if needed, advise the National President for further review, disposition and/or action.

Resolved: That this amendment become effective January 1st, 2020.

C&BL Committee recommendation:

Recommend approval.

Rationale: It's better oversight for our finances.

And I so move.

S/M FIELDS: Fields, Delegate, Branch 162. I'd like to amend that to at the end of this convention also.

UNIDENTIFIED: Not yet, we need a second first.

NP WASHINGTON: We need a second first.

UNIDENTIFIED: I'll second the motion. (Inaudible) National President.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay, the motion has been made and seconded that we approve Article 808(m) that will add a new responsibility for the National Executive Director to review all
bank statements and credit card statements on a monthly basis. Are there any discussion?

S/M HALL: Shipmate National President, Shipmate Hall, 382. Not to point a finger at anybody, but who holds the other card to that account?

NP WASHINGTON: The credit card?

S/M HALL: Who holds the other card to that account? If I'm not mistaken, that's the NED.

NP WASHINGTON: Yes.

S/M HALL: I think we should have someone other than a cardholder, like I say, not pointing any fingers, just another clarity, someone other than who holds a card to adjust on that or look at those. Thank you, sir.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

S/M HALE: Hale, Branch 162, Delegate. I wanted to amend the recommendation too that it be effective at the end of this convention.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

S/M CLEVELAND: I'll second what the gentleman just proposed.

NP WASHINGTON: Who are you?

S/M CLEVELAND: Cleveland, Branch 208.
NP WASHINGTON: Okay. Are there any discussion on the amendment? Shipmate at the mic.

RPNE/NEng-ELECT ZINO: Shipmate National President, Zino, Delegate, Branch 23. Just one concern. The NED is voted into office and his responsibility is to run national headquarters, as I understand it. He also does the hiring, he also does supervising of the personnel, so any oversight for any of the employees should really fall under the realm and scope of the National Executive Director, and the National Executive Director in my understanding works for the National President, so that's how it should flow.

Shipmate National President, if I may, just for clarification, what I'm trying to say is the National Executive Director is in charge of all the employees on your behalf as national president, is that not true? So I don't really think we should go in a special direction for one member, because he already has that power to do that.

NP WASHINGTON: It was not part of his responsibility, but we're adding it to his
responsibility now.

RPNE/NEng-ELECT ZINO: Okay, I'm just
-- Shipmate National President, I think the
National Executive Director has the power to
have oversight of anybody that he hires to run
headquarters, and that should be under his
realm.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

RPSE RICHMOND: Richmond, Delegate,
Branch 22. I think this, I think 808(m), other
than the amendment shipmates are making on
date, it's just a common sense thing. We dig
ourselves in the bush a lot when we don't have
to. It says the NED shall, which right now is
currently in the job description, they're just
adding it, that the NED is going to review all
the bank monthly credit card statements. It's
already that he does the hiring and firing and
supervising, he or she does it. If the NED is
going to use the charge card, the National
President has to sign off, the National
President signs all the checks, so it's already
in place that the National President will look
at these statements and give it the go ahead.
We're getting too deep into the bushes, I
The amendment you want to make, do an amendment effective after the convention, that's fine, but I myself personally don't see anything wrong with the resolution.

NP WASHINGTON: The National Executive Director wants to make a statement.

NED SNEE: Shipmate National President and shipmates, just for clarification, I realize what the date is saying in the resolution. However, this has already gone into place in the reviews of all the credit cards, the contracts and everything else, we have taken the proactive approach by starting now, and it started about a month ago, so it's already in play, just for clarification, it's not a matter of waiting for that date. I have taken the initiative in starting to review, initial everything as a matter of record. Thank you.

NP WASHINGTON: We will vote on the amendment to have the effective date of the resolution at the end of the convention versus 1 January 2020. Any discussion? There being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(No response.)

Shipmate at the mic.

S/M CLEVELAND: Cleveland, Branch 208.

I believe we have a problem with the wording of the amendment. We're just telling the National Executive Director to check these accounts for continuity, nothing about correctness, nothing about proper authorization, so on. I think the word continuity is not appropriate.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay. We will now take a vote on the amendment, the recommendation of the amendment, as amended. Any discussion?

S/M CLEVELAND: I don't quite understand what you're voting on. I'm questioning the resolution and the wording of the resolution. I believe that should be addressed before any votes are taken. Now if you want me to rewrite your resolution I can do that, but I think the committee should take into consideration the wording of the resolution.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay, so you want to
amend it?

S/M CLEVELAND: It needs to be amended, it's incorrect.

NP WASHINGTON: So I'm asking, you're asking to amend it?

S/M CLEVELAND: I will make an amendment that the word continuity be struck and the words accuracy and correctness be put in its place.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

PNP COURNEYA: Shipmate National President, Delegate Courneya, Branch 274. Just a point of order. When voting on an amendment to a resolution, the resolution number should be included. We have passed two now, the last four and five hasn't been mentioned what we're passing, what amendment.

UNIDENTIFIED: We're voting on the recommendation of the committee, that will show up anyway.

NP WASHINGTON: We're going to now vote on the amendment to strike the --

PNP COURNEYA: Shipmate National President, Courneya, Branch 274. I second the amendment.
NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

PRPNC COMBS: Combs, Delegate, Branch

161. I am concerned with the word continuity, does that mean appropriateness, or accuracy, or what does that mean?

UNIDENTIFIED: There's an amendment on the floor to strike it, or change it.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay. There's an amendment on the floor, a motion on the floor to strike the word continuity and replace it with accuracy and correctness. Is there any discussion? There being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

UNIDENTIFIED: Nay.

NP WASHINGTON: Now we need to take a vote on the amendment, on the recommendation as amended. Any discussion? There being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(No response.)

PRPSE BOLZ: Continuing on, shipmates, resolution number six, submitted by the Wyoming
Branch 59, and it is:

Resolved: That Article 211, section 1101(f), Constitution and Bylaws, Fleet Reserve Association, shall be amended to read: Section 1101(f), West Coast Region: California north of the east-west line drawn between Monterey, Kings, Tulare and Inyo Counties to the north, and San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties to the south; Nevada north of a line running east-west from Arizona-Utah border; Utah, Colorado and Wyoming.

Resolved, Article 11, Section 1101(g), Constitution and Bylaws, Fleet Reserve Association, shall be amended to read, Section 1101(g), Northwest Region: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska and Hawaii, and all branches in the Pacific, including the Republic of the Philippines.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommendation: Approval.

Rationale is, come on -- I can probably do it verbatim but I've got to read it. Both regions and branch agree that the distance between northwest region and west coast region is 107 miles versus 700 miles, and
we move that it be adopted.

NP WASHINGTON: Can we get a second?

S/M JOHNSON: Shipmate National President, Johnson, Delegate, 104, second.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

S/M ARTHUR: Arthur, Delegate from Branch 46 in the northwest region. I've had a lot of dealings with Branch 59, they're a really great bunch of guys and gals, but they feel kind of isolated way out there, and they feel sometimes like they're forgotten about, because like it's been mentioned, they're over 700 miles away. They would have probably more continuity, to use that word, if --

(Laughter.)

-- if they were more associated with the west coast region which, I can't remember the branch number, but it's in Colorado, Denver, Colorado, which is why I rise to support the resolution.

NP WASHINGTON: Thank you, shipmate. A motion has been made and seconded that we vote on the resolution to move -- a motion to move -- I'm sorry, let me start this all over again.
We're going to vote on the recommendation from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to approve of this resolution. Any discussion? There being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(No response.)

PRPSE BOLZ: I've got two more to do, shipmates, and we'll be done. Okay.

Resolution number 7, submitted by Low Country Branch 269.

Resolved, Article 13, Section 1312(a) be amended to read, Section 1312(a), the branch shall have the authority to interpret and apply the rules as it relates to the Fleet Reserve Association policy, procedures, Constitution and Bylaws, in stating rules in matters pertaining to its auxiliary. The unit shall submit bylaws and amendments to the branch for ratification, and -- hang on. The committee recommends that we adopt it, and I so move.

Rationale: Clarifying what the word law means.

S/M HANSEK: Shipmate National
President.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

S/M HANSEK: Hansek, Delegate, 109, seconds.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

UNIDENTIFIED: Shipmates, I urge you do adopt this resolution. Our Constitution and Bylaws in 1312a), as Shipmate Fred just said, right now it says that branch shall have the authority to interpret and apply the law. There are some branches that are going overboard and using that word, the law, to require the auxiliary to provide them with federal income tax returns, you name it, that's what they're doing. This was written this way so that we can common sense say you, the auxiliaries are only responsible to, or the branch is going to interpret, have the authority to apply the rules of the Fleet Reserve Association, not the federal law, not the state laws, the Fleet Reserve Association. The auxiliaries have their own chain of command, they have their own people that they talk to. The only thing the branch has to do is get the required reports we need, and that's
why it was written that way.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

S/M HANSEK: Hansek, Delegate, 109. I too stand and rise in favor of adoption. As a regional parliamentarian for many years, I've had to deal with this in my region, and I know my region alone is not just the only one having this issue. This definitely clarifies and puts the branches on notice that they will cease and desist overstepping their authority.

UNIDENTIFIED: Shipmates, the only time really that a branch can interfere with the auxiliary is if the auxiliary is in violation of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fleet Reserve Association or their own.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay. You heard the recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to adopt this resolution. Any discussion?

UNIDENTIFIED: We've already had it, so call for the motion.

NP WASHINGTON: Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?
(No response.)

PRPSE BOLZ: Okay, the last one is resolution number one from the Veterans Service Committee, and the whereas -- let's see.

Whereas, the at the 91st FRA National Convention the committee recommended and unanimously approved to name the award for the Shipmate of the Year for Veterans Service Affairs to Past Regional President North Central Rosemary Posekany Memorial Award. Now therefore, be it resolved that Standing Rule 5(g), Veterans Service, the National Committee on Veterans shall select one outstanding member recognized as Past Regional President North Central Rosemary Posekany Memorial Award for National Veterans Service, and I so move.

Rationale: That we have numerous other awards that are named for other people.

PRPNC POSEKANY: Shipmate National President.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

PRPNC POSEKANY: Marty Posekany, Delegate, Branch 298, Grand Rapids, Michigan, seconds.

(Applause.)
NP WASHINGTON: You've heard the recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee that an award be made in place for Past Regional President North Central Rosemary Posekany. Are there any discussion? There being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(No response.)

PRPSE BOLZ: This concludes the report of the National Convention Committee on Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions, and the chairman asks the committee be dissolved.

NP WASHINGTON: The C&BL committee is discharged, Shipmate Bolz.

(Applause.)

Next up, Americanism Patriotism.

JrPRPEC PHELPS: Good afternoon, shipmates, Shipmate National President, regional presidents and all shipmates. The National Convention Committee on Americanism and Patriotism did meet in the Grand Ballroom Salon A of the Crowne Plaza Memphis East Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee this Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 0900. I was there
obviously as the chair and hopefully I don't mess up anybody's names, here we go. Regional Vice President North Central Jerry Lickteig; Past Regional President Southeast Bobby Smith; Past Regional President Northeast/New England Jim, or James Brown; Past Regional President Southwest, Donald Kelley; Junior Past Regional President Northwest, Roger Christopher, was excused; Shipmate Christopher J. Murray; Shipmate Anthony, or Tony Quintero, and he was excused. My advisor, thank you so much, Shipmate Richard Ruiz, was also present. We had a number of visitors, Regional President Southwest John Quesnel; Regional President East Coast Elect S.D. Martin; Past Regional President East Coast Paul Gunther; Shipmate Joan Delcogliano, hopefully we got it; Shipmate Richard Thomas; and Shipmate Robert Oliveria. Okay.

So our initial results that you're waiting to hear of evaluating the committee reports are as follows: First off, Group I, first place, Branch 269. Group II, Branch 161. Group III, Branch 293. Group IV, Branch 186. And Group V, Branch 222.
Second place, Group I, not applicable.

Group II, Branch 22. Group III, Branch 89.

Group IV, Branch 17. And Group V, Branch 34.

Third place, Group I, not applicable.

Group II, not applicable. Group III, Branch 201. Group IV, not applicable. And finally, Group V, Branch 85.

Okay. The Walter "Step" Rowell award for the first place overall report goes to Branch 186, and the Leonard "Swede" Nelson award for shipmate of the year goes to Shipmate Tennell C. Wright from Branch 293.

The committee would like to provide the following recommendations: Hopefully we don't confuse with you with what I'm getting ready to say here. Each region, we would like you to provide a breakdown of all grade levels with their number of essays that was provided to you, so then that could be passed to National and now we would have a statistical thing to continue forward.

We would like to include the member number space under the signature space on those reports, so when applicable when there's a digital signature, the spot is there already to
put that member number and it won't get forgotten.

The time spent needs to include the total number of man hours. For example, we saw this again, if 40 people attended an eight-hour event, that's 320 man hours, not just eight.

Please insure that the essays are completed on one page. Also, insure that the rules that are provided when it comes to doing the essay are followed. We're finding out that some schools, et cetera, are trying to change our rules. So when you go out and make the presentation to them, make sure that you insure that they have to follow the rules, they don't get to make up their own. We would like cover sheets to include the date of the essay.

And the last item we have, we've seen this a number of occasions, please insure that the writer of the essay does not include their name in the essay, okay? You wouldn't believe, they do make it to our level and that person's name is still in there.

Shipmate National President, this does conclude my report, and on behalf of the members of this committee, we thank you for
asking us to serve. I would move to adopt the report and the recommendations contained therein.

PRPNC COMBS: Combs, Delegate, Branch 161, second.

I have a question. Was there a Dougherty Award given?

JrPRPEC PHELPS: No, there was not.

PRPNC COMBS: Okay.

JrPRPEC PHELPS: No, the third award, I apologize, we did not award that.

NP WASHINGTON: So you heard the report from the Americanism Patriotism Committee. A motion has been made and seconded that we accept the adoption of the report and its recommendation.

I apologize, at the mic?

S/M NELSON: Shipmate Nelson, Branch 130, Delegate. If you're going to recommend all those rules, I think they need to be written when we put this out. Those rules that you just stated are really a good idea, but you need to make those in the official rules. And also, there are some spots on the sign-up sheet that are not big enough to put all the branch
name in there. I would go with your recommendations on the rules, but you need to write those in the stated rules that are put out.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay. Shipmate at the mic.

S/M COGLIANO (phonetic): Gail Cogliano, 290. Also make sure they're double spaced. It's easier to read and when you say essay, that's the way they teach you.

NP WASHINGTON: Speaker at the mic.

RPSE RICHMOND: Richmond, Delegate, Branch 22. My shipmate here, the chairman of Americanism Patriotism Committee, I think you're going to see a lot of the committee chairs again pretty much saying the same thing, he's just asking that at the regional levels, because they're that's where you get everything from your region, you're going to get the first, second, third, fourth, you know, you're going to get a ton of papers. We want to have an accurate number that says, you know, because if you just go with what's turned in and we keep the man hours down, you're talking about first place winners only, your branch had
seconds, thirds, fourths, fifths, people that didn't place. We need those numbers on a cover sheet. It doesn't even have to be, it can be just on a cover sheet, the total amount of hours expended in the region, the total amount of dollars, the total amount of miles that you drove, and that way we can take all those and get an accurate number and a real picture of what we're doing on a national level instead of just the first place winners that are being provided to us. That's all he's saying, we're just trying to get a better number.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay. Shipmate at the mic.

PRPSE THOMAS: Shipmate, J.J. Thomas, Branch 126 Delegate. If we go to a double space we will not be able to keep it on one page. If they, if people, if the students will use a computer or a printer, we will have no problem in reading it. It's reading the lines that are handwritten that causes the problem. When I was the regional southeast chairman, I stated in my output to the branches that they try to get everyone to use a computer to submit their essays, but I think the rules that are
being recommended will be put into the national sheets coming out, and therefore, we will have the information out there. Thank you, National President.

NP WASHINGTON: Thank you. Okay, a motion has been made and seconded that we receive the report from the Americanism Patriotism Committee. Any discussion? There being none, all those in favor please signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(No response.)

Do you want to take about a 15-minute break? I saw the floodgates sitting out there so I figured I'd better do it.

Shipmate Chaplain, will you please close the Bible?

NCHAP TOULOTTE: Shipmate National President, the Bible is closed.

NP WASHINGTON: Thank you. We will recess until 2:15.

(Recess.)

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate Master-at-Arms, please invite the shipmates in
the hall and close the door.

Shipmate National Chaplain, will you please open the Bible?

NCHAP TOULOTTE: Shipmate National President, the Bible is open.

NP WASHINGTON: Thank you.

JrPnP STARKEY: Shipmate National President?

NP WASHINGTON: Yes.

JrPnP STARKEY: Starkey, Delegate, Branch 57, Junior Past National President.

Please let it be noted that the Junior Past National President is proud to be in the uniform of the day.

NP WASHINGTON: Thank you, Shipmate.

The next committee to report is the Veterans Service Committee.

NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Good afternoon, shipmates. The National Convention Committee on Veterans Service met in Poplar One of the Crowne Plaza Memphis East, Memphis, Tennessee on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 0900, in other words today at nine o'clock over there. In attendance were myself, National Service Director Chris Slawinski, Branch 181; members
of the committee, Past Regional President New England Paul Loveless, Jr., from Branch 156; Past Regional President Southwest James Katzenberger, from Branch 163; our advisor, Past Regional President East Coast Paul Gunther, from Branch 182. We had visitors, Shipmate Allen Hayes from Branch 44, and Shipmate Rich Brune, from Branch 181, and also Regional Vice President West Coast Bill Hanzel, from Branch 230.

The committee reviewed and graded the reports submitted by the regions. The committee voted and the following were selected first, second and third place winners in Groups I through V.

First place, Group I, Branch 269.
First place, Group II, Branch 181. First place, Group III, Branch 163. First place, Group IV, Branch 388. First place, Group V, Branch 309.


Third place, Group I, there was no third place winner. Group II, Branch 161.
And Group V, Branch 098.

There were three submissions for Shipmate of the Year, the committee selected Shipmate Stella Reyes, of Branch 163 from the Southeast Region, as the Shipmate of the Year for Veterans Service.

The committee had a brief discussion on the creation of a Regional Committee Report to provide the Association with a more accurate picture of the work being done in the veterans' community. We will begin working on that as soon as the convention is concluded.

I would like to thank the committee members for their dedication, commitment and their inputs throughout this past year. Thank you, Shipmate National President for the opportunity to serve the shipmates and also for your counsel and guidance through the past year.

I move that my report be accepted.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.
PRPEC GUNTHER: Shipmate National President, Gunther, Delegate, 182, seconds.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay. A motion has
been made and seconded that we accept the Veterans Service Committee's report. Any discussion? There being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.

Opposed?

(No response.)

Unanimous.

Shipmate at the mic.

S/M MIGLIONICO: Shipmate National President, a question on the Branch -- I'm sorry, Miglionico, Branch 177 delegate. You had a Group IV winner, first place 388. I don't see a 388 on our list.

NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: I'll double check and make sure, there may be a typo. I'll double check.

S/M MIGLIONICO: Thank you.

NP WASHINGTON: We will now have the report of the Membership and Retention Committee.

PRPEC COLLINS: Can you see me?

UNIDENTIFIED: Yes, stand up.

PRPEC COLLINS: I'm standing up. The report of the chairman for the National
Committee on Membership and Retention, I am
Past Regional President East Coast Penny
Collins, representing the almighty Branch 24 in
Annapolis, Maryland. The National Convention
Committee on Membership and Retention convened
at the Crowne Plaza Memphis East Hotel in the
Perkins One and Two meeting rooms on
September 26 at 0915. In attendance were
myself as the chairman; members present were
Regional President West Coast Steve Matthews,
Branch 197; Regional President North Central
Barry White, Branch 161; Past Regional
President Northwest Marcia Cunningham, Branch
14; Past Regional President South Central Jerry
D. Pugh, Branch 371; and our advisor, Director
or Membership Development Christina Hitchcock.
Visitors to this committee meeting were as
follows: Regional President Northwest Bill
Hall, from Branch 382; Regional Vice President
Danny Hunt, from Branch 382, that's Northwest
Region; Shipmate Patricia Kirchner, Branch 309;
Regional Vice President West Coast Bill Hanzel,
Branch 230; Regional Vice President East Coast
Brian Jones, Branch 93; Director of Legislative
Programs John Davis, Branch 181; Shipmate Troy
Lane, Branch 94; Past National President Donald Larson, Branch 94; Shipmate Gene Reed, Branch 298; Shipmate David Herndon, I hope I pronounced that correctly, Branch 364; Past Regional President East Coast Donald Hoover, Branch 24; Past National President George Hyland, Branch 30; and Shipmate Claudio Pedery, Branch 4.

The 2018–2019 membership marketing plan was discussed. The committee plans to do the following or makes the following recommendations: Continue overall recruiting and retention programs to stabilize membership, including the calls program. And when I say calls program, I'm not only talking about at the national level, we're also talking about at the branch level as well.

Conduct active duty membership seminars where invited. Conduct retiree and veteran membership seminars where invited.

Identify and continue to participate in major outreach events to conduct awareness of the FRA to prospective members.

Revise and reprint recruiting literature as needed.
Create a new annual branch membership and retention report to include information on recruiting and outreach programs developed by the branch, which includes the nominee for the Frank J. McPherson Memorial Award in accordance with the FRA Standing Rule 5(c)(4). The reason why we discussed that to bring that up is the Frank J. McPherson Memorial Award is one that is awarded to a shipmate who does outstanding work in promoting not only the branch and recruiting, but also overall FRA. Unfortunately we never get, at least in my experience, at least one nominee from each of the regions. I've never received eight nominees from the regions for the Frank J, McPherson Memorial Award and I am sure, I'm confident, or we are sure, we're confident that at least there's one person, one shipmate in each of the regions that's promoted the FRA through outreach, recruiting, so forth and so on. So with this new report that we're recommending to be created, you'll get more information from what the branches are doing for recruiting and outreach.

Okay. The next one is develop
improvements to the recruiting awards program for the period April 1st, 2020 through March 31st, 2021, which includes a new pin design. Continue the 100 percent branch award recognition program. Continue the recruiting 32 members program. Continue the recruiting incentive awards program for recruit five and retain ten. Continue the recruiting incentive awards program to bring back previous FRA members. Promote the life membership program to increase life members to 10,000, and I'm happy to say that as of the end of March we had 9,788 life members, so we're not far from that goal of 10,000 life members.

- Provide the current regional presidents access to the member at large information by state in their respective regions so letters can be sent to the MALs in their regions to consider joining local branches.

- Support FRA's Project Outreach programs.

- Continue complimentary memberships for active duty enlisted Sea Service personnel on a national and branch level, and follow up with
these members to encourage renewal. Our National President, Bob Washington, did that at our opening ceremony with Captain Ross, he offered him a complimentary two-year membership as I recall, right? Oh, I'm sorry, PNP Courneya beat him to it so, anyway.

Continue bimonthly conference calls with the National Committee on Membership and Retention.

Promote the FRA Student Veteran Program, which was developed to attract next generation of FRA members.

Now this was a new one, which I found is not so new. Either at the national level or at the branch level, to send a survey, because we talked about what's of value to younger members, and I think we focused on members age 20 to 30. Send a nation, or even at a branch level, survey to your members in your branch or national, either way, between the ages of 20-30, 20-40, 20-50, whatever, because our average age of members is around 75, so if you send it between 20 and 50, that's still younger members, okay? Send a survey, letter, whatever you want to do, and ask them to give us ideas
about what they would like for programs or projects, or what they think is of value to them. We can guess as much as we want but we may have some others that we're missing because we're not asking the right questions to our younger members.

Having completed all of the business, the committee proceeded to review the statistics for individual and branch membership awards. The committee recommends the following shipmates and branches as reward recipients for the 2018-2019 membership year. I will read off some of them that are in your delegate kit under Tab Z, pages WIN-1. The rest of the awardees, because of time frame here, are in Tab I as in indigo, pages FRA T-12-16, okay?

So I will now proceed to read the Charles E. Laughlin (phonetic) Membership Award for branches. Group I, Branch 24, Annapolis, Maryland, with a 1.23 percent gain of 24 members; Group II, Branch 181, Arlington, Virginia, 13.64 percent, a gain of 42 members; Group III, Branch 103, Yokosuka, Japan, with a 6.57 percent gain, 13 members. Group IV, Branch 294, Crossville, Tennessee, a gain of
8.47 percent of five members. Group V, Branch 197, Modesto, California, percent gain 15.69 percent, a gain of eight members.

Now I will read the awardees for the Charles E. Laughlin Membership Awards for individuals. Group I, Shipmate Chris Erickson, Branch 24, recruited 48 members. Group II, NED Thomas J. Snee, Branch 181, recruited 71 members. Group III, Past Regional President Northwest Pete Lazzaretti, Branch 18, recruited 14 members. Group IV, Roberta G. Macaragi (phonetic), I'm sorry if I mispronounced your name, Branch 247 in the Philippines, 18 members recruited. Group V, William S. Matthews, Steve Matthews, Regional President North, West Coast, Branch 197, recruited seven members.

Okay. The Abraham M. Rosenberg Membership Award, from the branches winning the Charles E. Laughlin award, one branch is selected for its achievements in outstanding membership promotion. Shipmate Abraham M. Rosenberg served as National President in 1934 to '35. He was a member of Cleveland Branch 17 and is credited with establishing the Association's financial stability in the late
1930. Alexandria, Virginia Branch 181, with 13.64 percent, was selected as the Abraham M. Rosenberg recipient. Congratulations to the leadership and membership of Branch 181 for their exemplary manner in promoting membership. Let's give them a hand.

(Applause.)

There are a number of branches that had gains, some of them I've read for the Groups I through V. There are others in Group V which you can find in the pages I referenced before.

All right. Last but not least, the Frank J. McPherson Memorial Award. Again, we had three nominees for this award from three of the regions, East Coast Region, Northeast/New England Region, Southeast. From the East Coast we had Chris Erickson, Branch 24, from Annapolis, Maryland. For the Northeast/New England Region we had Shipmate Past Regional President Northeast/New England Albert Davenport, Branch 13, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Southeast Region, Shipmate Robert Hersher (phonetic), Branch 186, Hernando, Florida.
After reviewing the nominations, the National Committee on Membership and Retention selected the winner as Shipmate Christopher Erickson from Annapolis Branch 24. Let's give him a round of applause.

(Applause.)

All right. Shipmate National President, we concluded our meeting at 1100. This concludes our report and on behalf of all the members of the committee, we thank you for asking us to serve. I move to accept this report and the recommendations contained herein.

PRPNC CUNNINGHAM: Past Regional President North Central Cunningham, second.

NP WASHINGTON: What did I say, Northwest? South Central. Thank you. Get me straight.

You heard the membership and retention committee report, and I ask that the report be received. Any discussion?

Shipmate at the mic.

RPSW QUESNEL: Shipmate National President, Quesnel, Regional President Southwest. Just two comments concerning what
was discussed as far as plan of action going forward. You mentioned active duty services and retiree services where invited. Instead of waiting until you're invited, I think you should be pushing to be included in those seminars to bring up info about the FRA. If you wait until you're invited, you'll probably never get there.

PRPEC COLLINS: All right.

RPSW CORNELL: And the other one on the survey of what's of value to the 20-30, 20-40 or 20-50 age range of branch members, if we already have them in the branch, I'm sure they know what's of value. We need to push that survey for the prospective members as well.

PRPEC COLLINS: Okay, understood.

Thank you.

NP WASHINGTON: All right, there's a motion on the floor. Any discussion? There being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(No response.)

Unanimous.
PRPEC COLLINS: I forgot to mention that all of the awardees, if you are here in the assembly, to pick up your awards. Christina, over in the office or here, or how are you going to handle it?

DMD HITCHCOCK: I have everything at a table outside the back.

PRPEC COLLINS: Okay, so for those of you whose names were called, or if the shipmate is not here, a regional president or representative from that branch, please stop at the table outside after the session today and pick up the award. We also have the ribbons for the first, second and third place for the membership awards, okay?

RPSE RICHMOND: Shipmate Richmond, Delegate from Branch 22. May I just add on to that, no big mad rush to that table there. Last year everybody and their brother was grabbing ribbons. The chairman of the committee should be the one there making sure that the right people get them because as you know, last year it took me two days to get you yours because someone else grabbed it, so chairmen only.
PRPEC COLLINS: Okay. Thank you.

NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Shipmate National President?

NP WASHINGTON: Yes.

NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Delegate and Chairman of the Veterans Service Committee, Branch 181. I have my corrections on the report. Thank you to the shipmate who pointed out that I had misidentified a branch. The first place winner for Group IV is Branch 382, vice 388. And I also misidentified Regional Vice President Southeast, Bill Hanzel of Branch 230. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED: He's west coast.

NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: He is West Coast, I'm sorry.

RVPWC HANZEL: Shipmate President.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.


PRPNW LAZZARETTI: Good afternoon shipmates, again. This is the third credentials report for the 92nd FRA National Convention. Authorized voting strength has not
changed, 1174. Number of branches represented by delegates, 64. Number of votes represented by delegates, 656. Number of branches registered by proxy, 80. Number of votes registered by proxy, 425. Number of delegates registered for this convention, 100 --

UNIDENTIFIED: Not registered.

PRPNW LAZZARETTI: Number of branches not registered has not changed, 25. Number of delegates registered, 114. Registered voting strength, 1081. Number of votes not registered, 93. Two-thirds vote, 721. Majority vote, 541. I ask this be accepted.

PNP BLACKBURN: Shipmate National President.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

PNP BLACKBURN: Delegate Blackburn, Branch 8, Vallejo. Should not the credentials report also state the timeframe for this report, because they are both from the same day?

PRPNW LAZZARETTI: Today's time is 1418. Time of this report, September 26, 2019 at 1418 hours. I move that this report be accepted.
NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Shipmate National President.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Slawinski, Delegate, Branch 181, seconds.

NP WASHINGTON: A motion has been made and seconded that we receive the third credential report. Any discussion? There being none, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(No response.)

Unanimous.

The next report is Public Relations Committee.

PRPNW LAZZARETTI: Good afternoon, shipmates. This is the National Convention Report For Public Relations. The National Committee on Public Relations met in the Grand Ballroom Salon C of the Crowne Plaza Memphis East Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee at 0900 on Thursday, September 26, 2019. In attendance were myself as chairman, Past Regional President Northwest Pete Lazzaretti, Seattle
Branch 18. Members included my cochair, Past Regional President East Coast Claire Purdy, Past Regional President Southeast J.J. Thomas, Past Regional President Northeast Floyd Hunt, Shipmate Edward Blind, Shipmate Leonard Churilla, Shipmate Stephen Miglionico, pardon me, and Shipmate Ricardo Hankerson. We also had four additional guests that cycled through.

Items for action this year. With the upcoming national elections in our country, the Chairman would like to remind all branches with a social media or Internet presence that they as a branch or as a member of the FRA wearing the Association symbols or branch names cannot be seen to be endorsing a candidate, party or electoral race. This poses a potential conflict with our congressional charter. If any branch has questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me either through my email or via my cell phone.

This upcoming quarter, the National Committee will revamping the National Report Form as well as work on the National Committee Public Relations Manual. It is our hope that the new form will available for use with next
year's reports. We will be taking the forms for approval by the National Board at the midyear National Board of Directors meeting in April.

The following branches' Public Relations Reports were judged and placed for this year's convention. I will be going through and leading off the first place in group order, then the second place awards, and then the third place awards.

First place, Group I, Branch 24. First place, Group II, Branch 94. First place, Group III, Branch 126. First place, Branch 4 -- I mean Unit 4 -- excuse me, Group IV, 188. Group V, first place, Branch 222.


The following shipmate is awarded the Public Relations Shipmate of the Year, Shipmate Laura Bush, Elizabeth City Branch 293.

Additionally, I would like to specifically recognize National Vice President Donna Jansky for her continued support in the social media and the distribution of veterans and FRA information on Facebook.

(Applause.)

S/M MIGLIONICO: Mr. National President, Miglionico, Branch 177, Delegate. He had reported first place, Group IV, 188. It looks like they have been suspended. Is that in order?

PRPNW LAZZARETTI: I said 186, Shipmate.

(Chorus of noes.)

Correction, shipmates. Branch 186 is first place, Group IV. Thank you, Shipmate Miglionico.

Lastly, I would like to thank the National President for this opportunity to serve the Association as the committee chair. I would also like to thank the committee and the National Headquarters staff for the
continued support. I move that this report be received.

NP WASHINGTON: Speaker at the mic.

RPSW QUESNEL: Shipmate National President, Quesnel, Southwest Regional
President, seconds.

NP WASHINGTON: A motion has been made and seconded that we receive the report from the Public Relations Committee. Any discussion? There being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(No response.)

Unanimous.

All right. I'm going after the infamous Budget and Finance Committee. Did you hear, the infamous Budget and Finance.

PNP COURNEYA: Can you see me? Good afternoon, shipmates. The National Convention Committee on Budget and Finance met in the Governor's Boardroom of the Crowne Plaza Memphis East Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 0900. The following members were present: The chair,
Past National President Virgil Courneya, High Sierra Branch 274. Members, Past National President Marvin W. "John" Johnson, Mt. Rainier Branch 104; Past Regional President Southwest Michael F. "Mick" Fulton, Imperial Branch 289; Past Regional President Southeast Dave W. Davis, Mayport Branch 290, was absent; Past Regional President East Coast James W. Campbell, Chesapeake Branch 40, was excused; and Past Regional President North Central, Marcy L. Cunningham, Milwaukee Branch 14, was present. Advisors, Past National President Gary Blackburn, Vallejo Branch 8; National Executive Director Thomas J. Snee, Navy Department Branch 181; and the Finance Officer, Brian M. Campbell, Proctor. Visitors, National President Robert Washington, Branch 181; National Vice President Donna Jansky, Branch 31; Junior Past National President William Stakey, Branch 57; Past Regional President West Coast Peter McNamara, Branch 274; Shipmate George Cleveland, Branch 208; Past National President George Hyland, Branch 20; Past Regional President West Coast Richard Fetro, Branch 101; and Past Regional President West
Coast, Charles McIntire, Branch 101.

The next part of the report will be the same as you heard with our recommendations we had to review from the C&BL Committee. The Committee reviewed C&BL Resolutions 1, 2 and 3, and recommends the National President rule Resolution 1 and Resolution 2 not in order, as Merchant Marines are not a component of the Department of Defense and further, the Naval Academy and Coast Guard Academy are basically four-year college institutions whose graduates are required to serve in an officer capacity.

The Committee received C&BL Resolution 3 and recommends the National President rule that Resolution 3 is not in order, due to the FRA founding by signed charter being November vice October, as the resolution states.

The committee recommends Future Planning Committee take the Finance Officer's recommendation to sell the National Headquarters Building to shore up the organization's reserves.

Line item review of proposed 2020 budget was conducted and the following pen and
ink are recommended, please annotate in your delegate kit, Tab K.

Shipmate at the mic.

S/M KIRCHNER: Branch 207, Kirchner.

Why don't you lease the building while you've got longevity?

PNP COURNEYA: Shipmate, the reason that was recommended is due to our financial situation right now. With our investments and everything, if we don't have more income coming in, okay, that's our problem right now, we don't have enough income, okay, financial income to support or sustain us. So with that said, and just the expenses to run the building and run the organization, we only have like a three-year window. So we want to start -- it ain't like we're going to go out and sell the building tomorrow. We want to look at it and start seeing what we could get for the building if it comes to a point within a year or two. Does that answer your question?

S/M KIRCHNER: Yes.

PNP COURNEYA: Thank you. I'll continue on. Line item review of the proposed 2020 budget was conducted and the following pen
and ink changes are recommended, please
annotate in your delegate kits in Tab K.

Line item 5410-0040-M, convention seed money, this is what we added, convention seed money be set at $10 as a placeholder. And the reason it's a placeholder, because for 2020, the upcoming convention has requested no money yet, so we have to have a placeholder for next year's budget for them to come in and request funds. If the 2020 Convention Committee requires any funds, it will be via letter to the National President to be acted on by the National Board of Directors, okay? So, everybody understand that, do I have any questions on that?

Line item 5660-0060, 2019 budget, amended: For the newly elected NED, three months salary be added, should read 137,891.

UNIDENTIFIED: Would you repeat that?

PNP COURNEYA: Okay. The line item was 5660-0060 for the 2019 line item. And that amount should be changed to 137,891, and the reason for that change, we'll have a changeover since we had elections for NED and the present and sitting NED, NED Snee will still be there.
until December, so we've got a three-month period where you'll have to continue to pay him also with the turnover. This hasn't happened in the past -- it happened during the changeover with him and Joe Barnes. Any questions on that?

The total for 2019 changes from $3,512,770.17 cents, should read $3,540,308.17. That's at the end of your report. Do I need to read that again?

(Chorus of yeses.)


The total for 2020 changes from $3,417,885.00, to read $3,407,895.

Line item 5552-0050 reflects an unrelated business tax reduction due to credits carried over from the 2017 overpayment of tax liability for funds taken out of the reserves. That's why when you look at that report, you have a lower tax credit that we paid out because of that payment. Any questions?

UNIDENTIFIED: Can you go over that line one more time?
PNP COURNEYA: That was line item 5552-0050, and that reflects an unrelated business tax reduction due to a tax credit carried over from 2017 from overpayment of tax liability for funds taken out of the reserves. Everybody got that? Do you want the amount again? It's right there in -- okay, hold on.

We had an overpayment, so this year we put down in our budget that we had 1,115,000, okay? And because of the overpayment that we were credited back in 2017, that brought our tax liability for 2020 to 55,000. Now in 2021, you'll probably see that go up again. Where's the Finance Officer at? Am I saying that correctly?

FO CAMPBELL: Well, actually we'll have quite a few problems the next two or three years.

PNP COURNEYA: Okay.

FO CAMPBELL: What happened was we paid taxes on the amount of money that was taken out of our reserve account. Usually if you take out of your reserve account you borrow or simply take out, it's a principal amount you have to pay taxes on. In 2017 we saw a major
increase on the investment amount and that's what we were actually taking money out against. You don't pay taxes on your capital that you gain, so that left us paying taxes on a large amount of money that we shouldn't have paid taxes on. We didn't find that out until actually we had already paid the taxes, so that left us with a credit that we can apply over the next three years. They don't allow you to apply it on just one year because then you'll just not be paying taxes, and we can't do that. So next year I think we're going to have about another 30K credit and the year after that will probably be around 20K, so we'll be under six figures for the next two years.

PNP COURNEYA: Okay. Did that clear it up? Do I have any other questions? If there are no other questions, I want to thank that Budget Committee for the job they did this year and their due diligence in getting the budget out and going over it as many times as we did over the past year. And I want to thank you again, and I appreciate all your hard work, and I'm sure PNP Johnson will do a fine job next year.
(Applause.)

And I request that my report be received, be adopted.

PRPNC COMBS:  Combs, Delegate, Branch 161, seconds.

I have a question. Did you say we have three years before we have to sell the building, or is that, or do we have a little bit longer than that?

PNP COURNEYA:  Right now with our finances and going over all of our reserves and everything we have, we have approximately, in the area three, maybe four years at the most if we don't bring more revenue in, bring membership up.

PRPNC COMBS:  It's obvious that the Fleet Reserve Association needs a better business plan, then, doesn't it?

PNP COURNEYA:  Yes, sir, Shipmate.

NP WASHINGTON:  Speaker at the mic.

S/M HANSEK:  Hansek, Delegate, 109, point of information. Past National President Virgil, I was a visitor.

PNP COURNEYA:  Didn't I have you on there?
PRPNC COMBS: No.

PNP COURNEYA: You're right. Shipmate John Hansek was also a visitor here. Did you sign in on our roster?

PRPNC COMBS: I signed in.

PNP COURNEYA: I apologize for the oversight.

NP WASHINGTON: All right. You heard the Budget and Finance Committee report, there has been a motion, and seconded, that we adopt the report, the budget report, I'm sorry, that we adopt the budget. Any discussion? There being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(No response.)


Marty, do you want to come and give your report?

PRPNC POSEKANY: Good afternoon, shipmates. This is the report of the Chairman of the 92nd National Convention, FRA National Committee on Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation. The National Convention
Committee on Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation met in Grand Ballroom Salon B of the Crowne Plaza Memphis East Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee today, Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 0900. The chair is myself, Past Regional President North Central Marty Posekany, from Wolverine Branch 298. The members sitting today were Regional President Northeast/New England Joyce Harris, from Groton Branch 20; Regional President Southwest John Quesnel, Jr., Imperial Beach Branch 289; Regional President North Central Elect Donald Watkins, Jr., Omaha-Council Bluffs Branch 276; and Shipmate Garland W. Odell from Birmingham Branch 112. The advisor with us today was Regional President East Coast Elect S.D. Martin, Virginia Beach Branch 166. We had one visitor, Shipmate Roger Oliveira, Branch 293.

The next set of numbers I'm going to read was an attempt to capture as many hours, shipmates and numbers as we could. I provided a report to the National Board of Directors at the midyear Board of Directors Meeting, asking them to pass the information to their chairmen of the respective regions so we could get a
full count rather than just counts of the numbers. I received those reports back from six of the regions.

Data contained in this report is based on the following Fleet Reserve Association regions. The numbers contained here are for the reports present. These do not reflect the entire FRA hospital, welfare and rehabilitation effort; they do for probably 80-plus percent.

The hours spent visiting, assisting elderly or incapacitated members was 4,916 hours. Miles driven visiting the, or assisting elderly or incapacitated members was 24,148. Hours spent assisting needy families of shipmates 1,118 hours. Miles driven assisting needy families of shipmates was 5,371. Hours of volunteer work performed by our hospitals, by shipmates at hospitals was 14,153. Widows assisted were 430 widows and 2,520 hours.

Number of shipmates donating blood, 135 for a total of 353 pints. Number of rituals performed by shipmates, 990.

Contributions made to the FRA Disaster Relief Fund, branches contributed $5,600, members contributed $2,371.
Disaster Relief and Welfare and Rehabilitation Fund. The National President and National Board of Directors approved zero requests for disaster relief expenditures. The National President and National Board approved two requests for welfare and rehabilitation fund expenditures totalling $5,000; both those were for the maximum of $2,500.

National Committee for 2019 Report Contest Winners. The committee deliberated, graded, judged, and the following were selected as first, second, third place winners in Groups I through V.


Third place, Group I, Branch 99. Third place, Group II, Branch 94. Third place, Group III, Branch 163. Third place, Group IV,
Branch 104. Third place, Group V, Branch 197.

The committee has selected the following shipmate as the National Shipmate of the Year, Shipmate Past National President George Hyland, Branch 20, Groton.

Recommendations. Regional presidents need to insure that first place winners in each membership group in each region are forwarded to the National Committee HWR chair immediately following each regional convention. Do not hand carry the reports to the National Convention.

And branches and regions need to adhere to the Hospital, Welfare and Regulations Manual.

I thank the National President for allowing me to chair this committee and serve on this committee for the last two years. This concludes the report from the National Convention Committee on Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitations. You have now received it and I move my report be accepted.

S/M LYON: Lyon, Branch 17, Cleveland, second.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay. A motion has
been made and seconded that we accept the
Hospital Welfare Committee report. Are there
any discussion? There being none, all in favor
signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(No response.)

Unanimous.

PRPNC POSEKANY: I will get the
streamers from Christina.

NP WASHINGTON: Let's do future
planning, Shipmate Past Regional President
South Central Bruce Talbot.

PRPSC TALBOT: The National Convention
Committee on Future Planning met in the
Thousand Oaks Ballroom (Upper) in the Crowne
Plaza Memphis East Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee on
Thursday, 26 September, 2019 at 0900. Chairman
was Regional President Northeast/New England
Elect Abe Zino, Branch 23. Members present,
Past Regional President South Central Bruce
Talbot, Branch 159, Regional Vice President
South Central C. Ursula Gruetzner, Branch 201;
Shipmate Charles Chapman, Branch 289; and
Shipmate Shawn Carboni, Branch 31. Our advisor
was Past Regional President North Central Norm Combs, Branch 161. Visitors were Cynthia Banks.

The Future Planning Committee Annual Report was prepared by Past Regional President East Coast Phil Hanna and was presented and accepted by Acting Chair Regional Vice President Northeast/New England Abe Zino.

The 2019-2020 Future Planning Committee is seeking forward thinking representatives in each region. Please submit your desire to participate to myself or the National President. The committee will meet via teleconference about four times over the course of the year.

The committee will commence working on the following items immediately: Planning for the 100-year anniversary; evaluate region rebalancing for the future; and enhancing the veteran experience. Additionally, just added, we will investigate the disposition and relocation of the National Headquarters.

The committee encourages input and ideas from all members and is looking forward to being an integral part of the Fleet.
Reserve's next 100 years. I move that this report be accepted.

PRPNC COMBS: Combs, Delegate, Branch 161, seconds, and I have a comment.

It's becoming clear since it looks like we're going down the tubes that this committee needs to be changed from Future Planning to Planning and Execution Committee.

(Laughter.)

NP WASHINGTON: All right, a motion has been made and seconded that we accept the Future Planning Committee report. Are there any discussion? There being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(No response.)

Unanimous.

S.D., S.D. Martin. One more, let me do the Honorary Membership Committee.

RPNE/NEng-ELECT ZINO: Shipmate National President, national officers, regional officers, shipmates, the National Convention Committee on Honorary Membership and Certificate of Merit met in the Thousand Oaks
Ballroom (Lower) of the Crowne Plaza Memphis
East Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 0900. Chairman, myself, Regional President Elect Northeast/New England, Branch 23, Abe Zino. Members included as follows: Past Regional President South Central Bruce Talbot, Branch 159; Past Regional President East Coast -- let's see, I think it's Southeast -- I'm sorry, there's a typo there, Chris Chapman. What's your -- okay. Regional Vice President South Central Ursula -- I'm sorry, got it. My apologies, okay? Past Regional President East Coast Paul Gunther; Regional President Northeast/New England Joyce Harris; and Shawn Carboni, Branch 21. Advisors, or one advisor in this case, Past Regional President North Central Norman Combs. And a visitor, Cynthia Banks.

I'll read the resolves.

That Shipmates of the FRA Branch 293 at a regularly scheduled meeting held 3 October 2018 with a quorum being present, did unanimously and without reservation vote to recommend Daniel M. Serik for honorary membership in the FRA, and be it further
resolved that all branches of the FRA earnestly solicit to support the nomination of Daniel M. Serik for honorary membership of the Fleet Reserve Association.

The second one, again I'll read the resolves. Resolved, on January 9, 2019, at a regular business meeting of the Fleet Reserve Association Sierra-Tahoe Branch 137, shipmates voted unanimously to place the name Jeff Watkins in nomination of honorary membership in the Fleet Reserve Association with affiliation to the Sierra-Tahoe Branch 137. Resolved, that shipmates of the Sierra-Tahoe Branch 137 do earnestly solicit the support of the West Coast Region in recommending approval for the resolution for the Association Board of Directors.

Okay. Let's see, then I have one more. Certificate of Merit, okay. I move the two honorary memberships that I read be approved.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

RVPSC GRUETZNER: Ursala Gruetzner, Vice President South Central, second.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay, a motion has
been made and seconded. A motion has been made and seconded that we receive the two honorary members for approval. Any discussion? There being none, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(No response.)

Unanimous.

RPNE/NEng-ELECT ZINO: Okay, Shipmates, this third one is a little bit different, it's a Certificate of Merit resolution, I only have one. It's my understanding that if approved, the person will get a plaque, so I will read the resolves.

That the shipmates of the Navy Department Branch 181 on May 11th, 2019, with a quorum being present, placed the name of James D. Short in nomination for the coveted Certificate of Merit Award. Resolved, the shipmates of Branch 181 solicit that all other shipmates earnestly support the nomination for this outstanding candidate to insure the award ward of this prestigious award.

I move that this nomination be
accepted.

NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Shipmate National President.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Slawinski, Delegate, Branch 181, strongly seconds.

NP WASHINGTON: Okay. A motion has been made and seconded that we receive the nomination for Certificate of Merit for shipmate Jimmy Short. Are there any discussion? There being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

(No response.)

(Applause.)

I would just like to say that throughout my 20 years working at National Headquarters and three years as running for office, Jimmy and I have been together, like I said, he's been working at headquarters for 47 years.

(Applause.)

And he will retire at the end of October, and I know his wife will really
appreciate that, but him and his wife are staying in another hotel, but we plan to present it to him at the banquet when his wife is with him.

(Applause.)

Other than that, Shipmate Chaplain, will you please close -- hold on. I'll do you tomorrow.

S/M HANSEK: Shipmate National President.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

S/M HANSEK: Hansek, Delegate, 109. I spoke to Jimmy earlier today. I've not met anybody in a very long time who has worked for one employer for 47 consecutive years, and I would ask that when he is presented his plaque at the banquet and photos are taken, that it's published in our magazine as soon as practicable.

NP WASHINGTON: Thank you, sure will.

(Applause.)

All right, Jim, you twisted my arm. Come on. Shipmate at the mic.

RPSE RICHMOND: Good afternoon, shipmates. The National Convention Committee
on Youth Activities met in Grand Ballroom Salon D of the Crowne Plaza Memphis East Hotel on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 0900. The following members were present: Chairperson, myself, Regional President Southeast James Richmond; members, Past Regional President Southeast Dave W. Davis; Past Regional President Southwest Michael K. Frontz; and Shipmate Roy D. Warner. My advisor on this committee was Regional President East Coast Randy Phillipp. Visitors were Shipmate Sharon Munday, Shipmate Wayne Bortner, and Shipmate Joanne Boyll.

The Committee reviewed the reports submitted from each region of each group and we recommend the following, get ready to write.


The third place awards, first place, I'm sorry, third place awards, Group I, Branch
70. Group II, Branch 94. Group III, Branch
276. Group IV, Branch 17. Group V, Branch 34.

The Shipmate of the Year, and I would
ask the branch to make sure that the spelling
is correct when we make the plaque, Shipmate of
the Year is Russell H. Beaty, Jr., Branch 293,
East Coast. Anybody here from 293? No one
here from 293?

UNIDENTIFIED: They're in the back.

RPSE RICHMOND: All right. We've got
his name spelled as, on the report it says
B-E-A-T-Y. Is there just one T or two?

UNIDENTIFIED: One.

RPSE RICHMOND: One T, thank you.

Shipmates, under comments, we only had
30 submissions for youth activities on a
national level. On the bright side, there were
eight shipmates, one from each region this year
ominated for Shipmate of the Year. I'm not
going to go over my recommendations for the
next chairman because we've already talked
about those quite a few times, about keeping
the numbers from the regions, but I would like
to thank the members of the Youth Activities
Committee for their outstanding performance,
and National President Washington for allowing me to be the chairman, my third year, and my last year as chairman of this committee.

I would ask that -- before I ask, I'm sorry -- once this is over, not during the meeting, but once this is over, I have the ribbons and streamers, I will pass them out here on my desk. And if you submitted a notebook with your report, you can have your notebook, your binders. If you just gave me the paper, they're already destroyed, you've already got copies of those at your branch level, so I just have the notebooks on my desk and the streamers.

At this point, I move that my report be received.

S/M HANSEK: Shipmate National President, Hansek, Delegate, 109, seconds.

NP WASHINGTON: Thank you, Shipmate. You heard the Youth Activities Report and a motion has been made and seconded that we receive the report. Are there any discussion? There being none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)
Opposed?

(No response.)

Unanimous. Shipmate at the mic.

JrPRPEC PHELPS: Shipmate National President, Delegate Paul Phelps from Branch 40. I also have the streamers for Americanism and Patriotism sitting over here against this wall over here. And the same thing, I also have any of the booklets, presentations that you had submitted for your branches. Thank you.

NP WASHINGTON: Thank you. Shipmate Larry.

PNP BOUDREAUX: Shipmate National President, Boudreaux, Delegate, 275, Convention Chairman. I have one cancellation for the football game.

UNIDENTIFIED: I'll take it. How much?

PNP BOUDREAUX: $50.

PNP BLACKBURN: Shipmate National President.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

PNP BLACKBURN: Blackburn, Delegate, Branch 8. For those of you who are members and those of you who are not, we invite you in. I
have an important announcement this evening, that if you are not going to the football game, and I understand there are only 15 tickets for that available, the rest of you are invited to the hospitality room at 1800 this evening. We will have the West Coast Region Beer Club. If you are a member, please show up and pay your dues, and also bring a prospective new member with a bright shiny $20 bill. Thank you very much.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

UNIDENTIFIED: Shipmate National President, the only thing I have, everyone who has ordered a tuxedo, please, I've got them in my room. Please bring, meet me at the elevator after this meeting, I'll go up and bring them all down and distribute them out. Thank you.

NP WASHINGTON: Thank you.

PRPEC PURDY: Those people that had, got awards for the -- excuse me. Past Regional President Claire Purdy, Branch 24. If those people who, you got an award for Public Relations, the books are in the back, and I will be there.

UNIDENTIFIED: Shipmate National
President.

NP WASHINGTON: Shipmate at the mic.

UNIDENTIFIED: This is for the Past National Presidents. After the meeting is adjourned, recessed, could we have all the past PNPs over in the corner please?

NSD/PRPEC SLAWINSKI: Shipmate National President, two items. If you received an award for Veterans Service -- this is Slawinski, Chairman for the Veterans Service Committee, Branch 181 -- come over to the table by the front door over here and I will have your award. Make sure you bring a proper ID so I give it to the right person.

(Laughter.)

And then also, there will be a workshop on public relations. Director of Membership Development Christina Hitchcock is going to share ideas for public relations.

NP WASHINGTON: Thank you.

PNP BOUDREAUX: Shipmate National President, Boudreaux, 275, Convention Chairman. I forgot to mention, the bus will be here at four but will depart at seven for the game through the side door.
NP WASHINGTON: At four?

PNP BOUDREAUX: Make sure you're there at 1700. The game starts at seven.

UNIDENTIFIED: You said the bus will leave at seven.

PNP BOUDREAUX: At least I thought. The bus will be here at 1600, leave at 1700.

NP WASHINGTON: All right, we got you.

Shipmate Chaplain, please?

NCHAP TOULOTTE: Shipmate National President, the Bible is closed.

NP WASHINGTON: Thank you, shipmates.

We will stand in recess until 0900 tomorrow morning.

(Meeting recessed.)
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