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Shipmates,

As you all have seen, the Coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic is affecting all communities in the U.S. along with the rest of the world. President Trump has issued restrictions on travel to and from Europe and requested that those individuals in the higher risk groups use additional caution from potential exposure.

As a national association, the Fleet Reserve Association National Headquarters is monitoring all recommendations and warnings related to this situation that is facing our country.

First, please follow all CDC recommended health and safety recommendations, including washing your hands, covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze, and if you are not feeling well, STAY HOME!

Additional recommendations recommend limit or avoid large public gatherings. Current National professional, college and other sports leagues have postponed and even cancelled their seasons for the next several weeks.

As to members of the FRA, our recommendation to Branches and Regions is to use common sense in your planning and decision process. If your Branch meets in a public venue, either reschedule to a later date, meet “virtually”, or cancel the meeting to the next month. The FRA CB&L states Branches “shall meet no less than once a month...” but again current circumstances need to be addressed when scheduling or holding your monthly meeting. Communicate to your Branch members of the change to the regular meeting schedule.

As to Regions, all Regional Presidents are also aware of the situation and the possible concerns related to traveling and holding mid-year meeting/convention activities. They will communicate to their respective regions of any cancellations, postponements or rescheduling of these meetings.

The National Headquarters will attempt to keep membership updated on any changes related to regional or national activities through our web site and social media venues.

Follow all local, state or national guidance as to any activities. Maintain your personal hygiene, and “wash your hands.” Please check on your fellow Shipmates on their welfare.

Thank you for all you do for FRA.
I remain in Loyalty, Protection and Service,

Chris Slawinski