

**REPORT OF THE 89TH FRA NATIONAL CONVENTION
HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND CERTIFICATE OF MERIT COMMITTEE
LEXINGTON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, JACKSONVILLE, FL
OCTOBER 13, 2016**

The National Convention Committee on Honorary Membership and Certificate of Merit met in the Port Room (SE Corner) of the Lexington Hotel & Conference Center, Jacksonville, FL at 0900 on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

In attendance were:

Chairman:	RPNE/NEng Donna M. Jansky, Branch 031
Members:	Roland Shorter
	Thomas Vatter
	Norm Combs
	David Sharp
	Mark Thompson
	Bruce Davis
	Bruce Talbot
	James Thomas

Visitors: PRPEC Paul Gunther, Branch 182

The Committee reviewed two (2) Resolutions for Honorary Membership, all of which met the requirements of the Bylaws of the FRA.

I will read each recommendation on a proceed basis. If a Shipmate has a question, please state your question. If a Shipmate has an objection, please say "Objection." I will then put a motion on the floor for discussion.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION #1

IMPERIAL BEACH BRANCH 289

Whereas, Section 306 of the Constitution and By Laws of the Fleet Reserve Association, provides for persons not eligible for regular membership in the Fleet Reserve Association but who have rendered a great service to the membership of the association, may be elected to Honorary Membership.

Whereas, Branch 289 Imperial Beach, Ca. "The Bunch from the Beach by the Border" is aware of such an individual who continues to serve the members of Branch 289, in adherence to our three cardinal principles of "Loyalty, Protection, and Service."

Whereas, This individual has consistently without reservation assisted the members of Branch 289 in strongly supporting the men and women of our nations Sea Services, un-selfishly giving of his time and resources working to assist Branch 289 where ever assistance is needed; and

Whereas, The Shipmates of Branch 289 Imperial Beach, Ca. "The Bunch from the Beach by the Border" are personally aware of a truly dedicated individual who by thought, word and deed, provides services of great value to the FRA and Branch 289; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, The Shipmates of Branch 289 FRA on March 9th, 2016 a quorum being present did unanimously and proudly place the name of Robert "Bob" Lokey in nomination for the prestigious position of Honorary Membership in the Fleet Reserve Association; and

Resolved, That the Shipmates of Branch 289 urge all the other Shipmates to earnestly support this Honorary Membership.

JOHN F. QUESNEL, JR.
President

W. W. "BILL" WEATHERFORD
Secretary

CERTIFICATION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

IMPERIAL BEACH BRANCH 289

This statement is to document the service of Robert "Bob" Lokey, a United States Army Veteran nominated for Honorary Membership in the Fleet Reserve Association.

Bob Lokey for the past 14 years has unselfishly given himself wherever there is a need. His invaluable assistance is too numerous to totally document; however, some of the activities in which Mr. Lokey is involved follows.

Mr. Lokey has donated thousands of dollars in costs for the meat used for the annual FRA Branch 289 4th of July BBQ and Pot Luck. He routinely donates his time in as assisting with the setup and disassembly for many Branch 289 events that are also attended by Auxiliary and Club members.

Mr. Lokey has donated several thousand of dollars worth of equipment for use by the Branch, Club or Auxiliary as needed, specifically a Margarita Machine for our patio functions and a commercial deli type Meat Slicer, for large functions.

Mr. Lokey has donated his time and materials to assist the Branch with numerous Floral Arrangements for Branch events such as Patio Parties, Branch and Auxiliary Birthdays and general Branch Home beautification for the members enjoyment. Mr. Lokey has assisted wherever and whenever needed, be it barbacking, dishwashing, or assisting with annual field days of the Branch Home.

Through his actions and deeds Mr. Lokey always exemplifies the three cardinal principles of the Fleet Reserve Association, "Loyalty, Protection, and Service." He is in every sense of the word a shipmate.

Branch 289 Imperial Beach, Ca. "The Bunch from the Beach by the Border" certifies that this nominee for Honorary Membership, Robert "Bob" Lokey is not otherwise eligible for membership in the FRA in compliance with Article 3, section 306(a), C&BL, of the FRA.

JOHN F. QUESNEL, JR.
President

W. W. "BILL" WEATHERFORD
Secretary

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION #2

GROTON BRANCH 20

Whereas, Article 3, Section 306 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fleet Reserve Association provides for recognition of persons not otherwise eligible for membership in the Fleet Reserve Association, and

Whereas, Branch 20, Groton, Connecticut, is personally aware of a truly dedicated individual, Theodore Richards, who for several years has unselfishly given of himself to assist Branch 20 whenever assistance was needed, and

Whereas, Theodore Richards, a Vietnam Veteran of the U.S. Army, does not meet the criteria for membership in the Fleet Reserve Association, and

Whereas, it is incumbent upon the Delegates assembled to give profound and serious consideration in the selection of this candidate for Honorary Membership in Branch 20 of the Fleet Reserve Association, ensuring that he meets all the prerequisites of Loyalty, Protection and Service, and There be it,

Resolved, That the name of Theodore Richards is placed in nomination for Honorary Membership, in Branch 20, Groton, Fleet Reserve Association and dose earnestly solicit the support all Branches for this nominee.

“This is to certify that this resolution was proposed, read, debated, and adopted by a unanimous vote, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on March 19, 2016, a quorum being present.”

BILLYE A. SERABIAN
President

JOYCE M. HARRIS
Secretary

CERTIFICATION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

GROTON BRANCH 20

This statement is to document the service of Theodore Richards, nominee for Honorary Membership in Branch 20, FRA, Groton, Ct. to the Branch.

“Ted” unselfishly gives of himself whenever there is a need. His invaluable assistance is too numerous to document; however some of the activities in which Ted is involved are as follows:

He assists with the bimonthly breakfasts, arriving early to set up the dining area, prep the food, wash pots and pans, and any chore that needs doing.

Generously donates his time and money to our charitable programs.

Works many hours building our Halloween haunted house which raises funds for disabled veterans.

He volunteers to set up and clean up celebration of life for our departed shipmates.

Assists in the preparation for mailing of the quarterly newsletters.

Assists Branch members in maintaining the Branch home for the use and enjoyment of all its members.

The bottom line is, “Whenever help is needed, Ted is There.”

This is to certify that Theodore Richards is not eligible for membership in the Fleet Reserve Association.

Certified to be a True Statement this 7th Day of April 2016 at Groton, Ct.

BILLYE A. SERABIAN
President

JOYCE M. HARRIS
Secretary

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The National Convention Committee on Honorary Membership and Certificate of Merit recommends that Honorary Membership be awarded to the following.

Robert “Bob” Lokey
Theodore Richards

Sponsored by Branch 289
Sponsored by Branch 020

Shipmates, this concludes the report of the National Convention Committee on Honorary Membership and Certificate of Merit. Shipmate National President, and shipmates on behalf of the committee we truly enjoyed serving and we thank you.

I move the committee report be accepted.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

RPNE/NEng DONNA M. JANSKY
Chairman