

90th FRA National Convention

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

No annual report from the National President received at FRA National Headquarters.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

DONALD E. LARSON
National President

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 19-24, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

Shipmate National Officers, Past National Officers, Regional Officers, and Shipmates. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent and serve all the Shipmates as the National Vice President after being installed at the 89th National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida.

Your National Vice President Activities, 2016-2017:

- In October, I attended the 89th FRA National Convention, Post Convention National Board of Directors meeting in Jacksonville, Florida;
- In November, I traveled to Annapolis, Maryland to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 024;
- In November, I traveled to FRA National Headquarters, 125 N. West Street, Alexandria, Virginia, to update the C&BL amendments that were adopted by the delegates at the 89th FRA National Convention, Jacksonville, Florida;
- In February, I traveled to Williamsburg, Virginia to attend the East Coast Region's Mid-Year meeting;
- In February, I traveled to Mayport, Florida to attend the Southeast Region's Mid-Year meeting;
- In March, I traveled to Shreveport, Mississippi to attend the South Central Region's Mid-Year meeting;
- In March, I attended the West Coast Region's Mid-Year meeting in Reno, Nevada;
- In March, I attended the North Central Region's Mid-Year meeting in Indiana;
- In March, I attended funeral services for PRPEC John Les Zavadil held at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia;
- In April, I attended the monthly meeting of Branch 001 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
- In May, I traveled to Johnsville, Pennsylvania to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 146;
- In April, I traveled to Fall River, Massachusetts to attend the Branch 072 meeting;
- In April, I traveled to Camp Hill, Pennsylvania to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 106;
- In April, I traveled to Allentown, Pennsylvania to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 115;
- In April, I traveled to the FRA Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia to attend the FRA Mid-Year Board of Directors meeting;
- In March, I attended funeral services for PNP Ralph Schmidt held at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia;
- In April, I traveled to Charleston, South Carolina to attend the Memorial Service Honoring the 176 Shipmates who died because of the collision at sea between the USS Wasp (CV-18) and the USS Hobson (DMS-26) on the night of 26 April 1952, while escorting the aircraft carrier USS Wasp (CV-18) approximately 700 miles west of the Azores, disaster struck;
- In April, I traveled to Buffalo, New York to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 023;
- In May, I traveled to Quonset Point, Rhode Island to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 042;
- In May, I traveled to New London, Rhode Island to present one of the Honor Graduates with the prestige's FRA Award;
- In May, I traveled to Peabody, Massachusetts to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 031;
- In May, I traveled to Fall River, Massachusetts to attend the Branch 072 meeting;
- In June, I traveled to Newburgh, New York to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 229;
- In June, I traveled to Pawtucket, Rhode Island to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 132;
- In June, I traveled to Lakehurst, New Jersey to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 124;
- In June, I traveled to Brunswick, Maine to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 156;
- In June, I traveled to Johnstown, Pennsylvania to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 087;
- In June, I traveled to Wenonah, New Jersey to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 057;
- In June, I traveled to Williamsburg, Virginia to attend the East Coast Regional Convention;
- In July, I traveled to FRA National Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia to attend the National Committee on Budget and Finance;

- In July, I attended a joint meeting of FRA Branch 181 and LAFRA Unit 181 held at FRA Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia;
- In July, I traveled to Excelsior Springs, Missouri to attend the North Central Region's 2017 Convention;
- In August, I traveled to Laughlin, Nevada to attend the South West Region's 2017 Convention;
- In August, I traveled to Schenectady, New York to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 214;
- In August, I traveled to Syracuse, New York to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 285;
- In August, I traveled to Breinigsville, Pennsylvania to attend the Northeast/New England Region's 2017 Convention
- In August, I traveled to N. Charleston, South Carolina to attend the Southeast Region's 2017 Convention;
- In August, I traveled to Fife, Washington to attend the Northwest Region's 2017 Convention;
- In September, I traveled to Erie, Pennsylvania to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 258;
- In September, I traveled to Staten Island, New York to attend the monthly meeting of Branch 226;
- In September, I traveled to Hunt Valley, Maryland to attend the FRA Pre-convention National Board of Directors meeting;
- In September, Your National President traveled to Hunt Valley, Maryland to attend the 90th National Convention of the FRA.

All funds that I received were expended in the performance of his duties. And I voted on each of the 20 National Board Resolutions (NBR).

I would like to thank the FRA National Headquarters Staff for their tireless assistance during my term as National Vice President, expressly Teresa L. Wiener, Director, Administration and Shirley Moore, Member Service Supervisor.

I would like to thank National President Don Larson for his support and counsel during my term as National Vice President.

Finally, I would like to thank my shipmates in South Jersey Branch 057 for their support during the previous two years.

But, most of all I want to thank my daughter, Laurie Ann for her tireless support.

As always, I remain in,

Loyalty, Protection and Service,

WILLIAM E. STARKEY
National Vice President

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
HUNT VALLEY, MD**

Shipmates! Greetings, and ***thank you*** for your continued support, dedication, and “*believing to achieve*” in our 93th year. We continue to keep striving move forward with new, and creative awareness opportunities as the “engineers towards a more positive and aggressive agenda as good stewards,” in the FRA. The active duty, veteran, retirees, (the millennials) of the “new age” are the future members distinctly known as, “a different kind of Veteran” of today. Our Education Foundation is stronger, and our up and coming FRA Veterans Service Foundation is moving as well. Yes more revenues are needed and with a continued membership consistency and our Foundation thrust, we can make it happen.

STAFF/HEADQUARTERS: This year, our Finance Officer, Nora Graham, left us due to family obligations. We have hired Bryan Proctor as her replacement, who brings a wealth of experience of revenue development along with future planning opportunities. Stephen Tassin as you know was recalled to Active Duty with the Marines and we still do not know when he will be returning. Under current Federal Regulations, we have to assure him employment (without pay) until his return. We will, as time moves on, ensure that vacancies are filled to meet the demands as a headquarters. The last courses of action that any of us want are staff lay off. Also, Jimmy Short celebrated his 45 anniversary with us. Jimmy is a very dedicated worker as most of you know.

Your headquarters, fortress and model in Alexandria for over 25 years, is strong. We are consistently adding new IT programs within our “brick and mortar”. We recently added a new video teleconference screen (no cost) in the small conference room that is being used during the recent Budget and Finance annual meetings. This technology has increased a better visual and quicker down-load capability in a small group presentation and adds to a greater professional productivity. We intend to make a “moving show” of the headquarters for the benefit of those members who have never seen it. With staff cuts, this may be on hold. In addition many other outside sources have used our conference and museum for meetings and “off-sight” conferences.

Our Blind Veterans of America (BVA) neighbors on the third floor are very happy. We continue to co-share on many venues to increase to our mission and theirs. They have renewed their contract with us and with their presence, continue to help on our “bank note” for the reconstruction.

LEGISLATION: Our Legislative Team continues to be the aggressors on Capitol Hill to meet our Legislative goals. The actions of congress coupled with the presidential campaigns have stalled many bill passages. I do hope, you are taking advantage, and making to good use our media resources in ***Newsbytes, On Watch, Alerts, Making Waves, Bill Tracker*** and the other support “engines” to communicate with your elected officials. If you have a question or concern, call us, and we’ll be happy to discuss and/or walk you through to the next step. If you want to review other bills, go to www.congress.gov ; put the bill number at the top, (S for Senate, HR for House, and then the number) and go from there. Great efforts have been gained in the past two years by the Leg Team to ensure that our members understand these bills and the process, as we stand ready to discuss and outline our actions.

COMMUNICATION: Bill Stevenson, our COM director has already put in place new dimensions of marketing and media outlays to increase our visibility. We have to capitalize on feature articles that ‘blend a call to action’ that attracts our future members. He has already put into motion a ‘spiking up’ to bring in a different look for our younger viewers while preserving the values of our older members as well. Victoria Duran has been pushing the marketing end and resource on bases to project our name even further. Busy times are ongoing, but with greater placement on “getting the word out” in the many media methods available for all, we are forging on. Our magazine also has “pull-out” cards for those who read our ‘mag’ and desire to obtain information about the FRA.

MEMBERSHIP: Every event is a FRA ‘membership’ opportunity. Talk to perspective members of what we do to meet their needs, give them the tools and then ask them to join and unite with us on our mission. “***IforI***” either for a new member or to retain an old member should be the minimal, for every Shipmate. Some of our new leads:

- **“FRA Student Veteran Program”** targets the VETs at colleges campuses with the same inertia to provide quality assistance and information. Some of our Branches have made a difference in this area while more could be done.
- Our VSO expansion increases exposure for within and outside the VA circuit and serves as a resource for all VETS.
- **‘Calls Program’**. We have a monthly in-house success rate of 25%. Of course this does not preclude Branches from making the same contacts to bring back members.

IT: We are always looking for new “search engine” opportunities to make it a more user friendly for all Shipmates. Just like commercial web sites, challenges in the style of use, can only be appreciated if used or help sought. If you desire to have an APP find, all you have to do is go to our website, www.FRA.org, ‘click’ on About FRA’ then ‘Help’ then ‘FRA APP’ for further inclusion. If you call or email us about a concern, we will assist you in navigating around those trouble areas with ease. Just put in www.fra.org. Yes, you have to make the initial search and for some may take time, but the “memory” from your use will make it easier next time. Monthly reports, manuals, and other association materials are there even now. Now, if you are having difficulty in finding, please, call or email us. We will walk you through to find it.

All branch reports are being transmitted electronically to branches, however if you desire hard copies, just call Member Services. This electronic feature is in addition to the weekly mailing.

GOALS: Goals are mapping objectives. They are not intended to be total governances in execution, but a realistic measurable course of action for the intent that push progress. I realize that technological aspirations are difficult. Change can be uncomfortable and hard to put your finger on, but we must try. Here are some of my goals for the association for 2016-2017:

- Strategize an open marketing campaign for a total inclusion of the “FRA WAY”. Recently, the Pentagon is moving towards a JOINT development of “Future Bases”. We are in the midst of this new thinking. (I.e. Joint Bases, Medical Treatments, staffing, just to name a few).
- Develop a reporting and administrative submission into our data base both in iMIS and how we do business. Too much paper distracts quality time and adds a greater financial burden overall. If we could just “export” routine actions electronically, we could redirect our baseline to other positive probes to increase membership and revenues and recognition in our communities. An example would be: Branch Officer Reports, Credentials, and Committee Reports, directly into our IT data base to just name a few. Produce a “coast to coast” marketing plan. Be transparent between branches and regions to enhance membership, and eliminate singular individual growth at the expense of losing members and closing branches.
- Paper-free Association on routine actions manuals, reports, and financial transactions are already in place: just search the web.
- Take ownership as an Association in membership development for “*IforI*”

While these may appear to be a lot, they are obtainable, and could reduce admin time in branches to increase membership opportunities and revenue productivity for the future.

As for **CHANGE**, try this formula: **‘CREATE CHANGE, MAKE CHANGE, and ACCEPT CHANGE!’** Each Branch and Region has their own respective geographic and demographic “engines” to move. If you have an event, let us know! Our web-site is read by many, and ‘if in the neighborhood’ you never who just may stop in. Below are some activities that I represented the FRA at, and while not complete as of this writing, extend to more visibility for our Association.

2016-2017 NED Activities

FRA

- National Convention, Jacksonville, FL
- Arlington National Cemetery, Veterans Day

- BR 181 Holiday Party
- Central Liaison Committee, Quarterly Meetings
- BR 040, Membership Rally
- East Coast Mid-Year
- PRP Les Zavadil Funeral at Arlington National Cemetery
- Quarterly Membership Conference Calls
- BR 181 Installation
- Pinnacle Award Presentation with National President
- FRA Educational Foundation
- Budget and Finance Meeting
- Recruiter of the Year Awards and Briefing
- Shore Sailor of the Year Awards and Briefing
- Navy Sailor of the Year Awards and Briefing
- BR 046 Club Update
- State of the Coast Guard Briefing by Commandant
- NBOD Mid-Year at National Headquarters
- BR 004 Installation
- Coast Guard Caucus Legislative Breakfast
- NE/NEng Regional Convention

Legislative

- Military Coalition (TMC) Personnel/Compensation/Commissary Committee Meetings
- Navy Fellows Legislative Briefing
- Representative Miller meeting on Veterans House and Agent Orange
- Senior Enlisted Academy Briefing and Graduations
- Defense Health Agency Qtrly Executive Directors Meetings
- AUSN Leg Meeting
- House and Senate Testimony with the National President
- Arlington National Cemetery Commission on Future Burials Qtrly meetings
- Office call and Executive Directors discussion with Secretary Veteran Affairs
- VA Accountability Press Conference
- Chairman Roe meeting on Agent Orange
- Speaker Pelosi and Ranking Member Walz Qtrly Congressional Meetings
- Agent Orange/Blue Water Navy Hearings
- MCPON Legislative Briefing

Community

- MCPON Placket Funeral at Arlington National Cemetery
- Wreaths Across America, Arlington National Cemetery
- Commandant USMC Holiday Party
- FLTCM Beldo Retirement, Ft. Myer, VA
- Radio Talk Show, Saturday, 14 FEB 17 with Tidewater audience
- Naval Academy Sword Presentation with National President.
- Department of Defense Employer Support Awards Presentation
- Holy Spirit Catholic School Middle School discussion on the Legislation Process
- Lunch with Junior Vice President Navy Federal Credit Union Brian Kelly on donations and how to proceed with VA Foundation.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

THOMAS J. SNEE
National Executive Director

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE OFFICER
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 19-23, 2017**

Shipmate National President Courneya and Shipmates of the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), it is my honor to be allowed to serve as Finance Officer of this association and to have the opportunity to present this report to the association's members and delegates.

The following information details the significant activities pertaining to the Finance Office for the 2016-2017 convention years.

STAFFING

The finance department was staffed with 2 ½ full-time equivalent positions. Misrak Zeleke, Senior Accountant, has completed eleven productive years of service with the FRA and the part-time Junior Accountant, Donna Simms, has completed 12 months of service. As a team they have made cross training within the finance department a priority and in conjunction with our independent auditors have continued to place an emphasis internal and external financial control's to assure the safeguarding of the associations assets.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT

The Firm of Tate and Tryon, Certified Public Accountants, performed and completed the independent audit of FRA financial records for fiscal year 2016, and addressed the National Board Directors at the April 2017, Midyear Meeting reviewing the 2016 Audited Financial Statements. The 2015 and 2016 FRA Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Other Financial Information can be found on the FRA website under Officer Resources. The topics discussed by Christian Spencer, CPA and firm Partner were: (a) the audit approach (b) the Management Letter, with regard to financial controls, procedures and compliances and (c) the key 2016 financial statement highlights. These were:

- a) An unmodified, or "clean" audit opinion was issued by Tate and Tryon. This means that in their professional opinion the consolidated statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of FRA.
- b) The FRA Balance Sheet reflected \$10.4 million in assets at December 31, 2016 vs. \$11.5 million at December 31, 2015.
- c) 80% of FRA assets are in cash and investments
- d) Overall liabilities are over \$300k less than last year
- e) Unrestricted revenues of nearly \$2.9 million in 2015 and 2016
- f) Membership dues and contributions decreased 9% from 2015
- g) Overall total net assets decrease of \$788,212 for 2016

The 2015 and 2016 FRA Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Other Financial Information can be found on the FRA website under Officer Resources.

BUDGET AND CASH FLOW ANALYSIS

Expenditures for the first six months of 2017 are below budget with 61% of the expense budget remaining.

The following financial documents are attached:

- (1) The Budget to Actual Financial Report for the six months ending June 30, 2017 (Attachment 1)
- (2) The Comparative Balance Sheet as June 30, 2017 (Attachment 2)

INVESTMENT RESERVES AND TRUSTS FUNDS

The FRA investment Reserves continue to be managed by Shipmate Jim Webb, of Capital Financial and quarterly investment reports are monitored by the FRA Budget and Finance Committee and its advisors. Summary of FRA investment performance thru June 30, 2017 is attached. (Attachment 3)

DRAFT 2018 FRA OPERATING BUDGET

The FRA Committee on Budget and Finance Balanced Budget has met and approved a draft 2018 budget for submission to the FRA Delegates at the FRA's 90th National Convention in Hunt Valley, MD.

All revenue and expense line items in the budget have were derived by projecting based on the previous three year actual respective revenue and expense numbers. The budget includes continued projected decrease in membership revenue, investment withdrawals to cover approved expenses, and federal and tax expenses.

OFF BOOK TRUST

The Standby and HealthTrust funds were set up in 1977 and consolidated in 2014 to guarantee coverage for participants with pre-existing conditions. This trust is closed to additional participants. The Trust continues to be administered and managed by the M&T Bank Trust Company. The current market value of the fund as June 30, 2017 was \$760,668. There are currently 6 remaining participants of the trust. Upon the passing of these participants, all funds in this account become unrestricted assets of the FRA.

THE FRA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The FRA Education Foundation was established on August 26, 2008 and was issued a tax exemption from Federal Income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Federal Tax code. As a 501(c)(3) Foundation, the organization is mandated to operate as a charitable, educational entity and has educational awards as the main purpose. The Foundation had a positive fund balance as of June 30, 2017 and directly issued \$90,000 in scholarship awards for the 2017 year. The Foundation is eligible to participate in the 2017 Combined Federal Campaign.

AUDIT REMARKS

Tate & Tryon reiterated the significant deficiency in the recognition and deferral of annual and multi-year membership dues. This finding dates back to 2011. FRA's current and historical system recognizes dues revenues and expenses when the cash is received and PCT payments are sent. FRA then makes revenue adjustments based on the PCT and membership reports from the iMIS database, which is contrary to the Generally Accepted Accounting Principal (GAAP) rule that dues must be recognized on the membership anniversary date when the services are provided.

Attempts to automate membership dues recognition and deferral using the iMIS system have been unsuccessful due to the current complex system of monthly 50% dues (PCT) reimbursement to the Branches as well as the scope and multiplicity of member's anniversary (or join) dates, and inconsistencies associated with differing times of member's dues payments, non-sufficient funds adjustments and refund outflows.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thanks to Gary Blackburn, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee as well as the members of the Budget and Finance Committee for the participation, input and support during the past year. Also, I would like to give a special thanks to the Finance Team for their dedication and professional contributions this year.

Special thanks to all my other fellow NHQ employees who continue to produce at a high level and for their team effort and who has been supportive in our fiscal endeavors throughout the fiscal year.

I would like to thank PNP Virgil Courneya and National President Donald Larson for their contributions and support during the past year. It is a privilege and an honor to serve as the FRA Finance Officer.

With my sincere best wishes, I remain yours in

Loyalty, Protection and Service,

BRYAN M. PROCTOR
Finance Officer

Shipmate National President, this concludes my report and I recommend that it be received.

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION
BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE ANALYSIS
For the Six Months Ending June 30, 2017

	YEAR TO DATE FY2017	BUDGET FY2017	% VARIANCE REMAINING	\$ VARIANCE REMAINING
MEMBERSHIP				
MEMBERSHIP AWARDS	4,138.00	9,300.00	56%	5,162.00
MEMBERSHIP RETENTION	23,992.00	59,500.00	60%	35,508.00
MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION	11,634.00	25,000.00	53%	13,366.00
MEMBERSHIP RECORDS ADMIN.	22,468.00	69,700.00	68%	47,232.00
MEMBERSHIP MARKETING	21,406.00	53,300.00	60%	31,894.00
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	83,638.00	216,800.00	61%	133,162.00
PROGRAMS/ACTIVITES				
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS	17,529.00	50,250.00	65%	32,721.00
VAVS PROGRAM	3,439.00	4,002.00	14%	563.00
TOTAL PROGRAMS/ACTIVITES	20,968.00	54,252.00	61%	33,284.00
FRA TODAY	304,245.00	664,010.00	54%	359,765.00
CONVENTION				
CONVENTION BUSINESS	0.00	50,405.00	100%	50,405.00
NATIONAL BOARD	0.00	20,000.00	100%	20,000.00
TOTAL CONVENTION	0.00	70,405.00	100%	70,405.00
OFFICE EXPENSES				
AFFILIATIONS	384.00	1,900.00	80%	1,516.00
AUDIT/TAX	31,473.00	31,500.00	0%	27.00
BUILDING MAINT. & OPERATIONS *	106,326.00	238,550.00	55%	132,224.00
SALARY - ALL OTHERS	473,002.00	1,320,668.00	64%	847,666.00
CONSULTING FEES	0.00	10,000.00	100%	10,000.00
EMPLOYEE PENSION	46,749.00	116,386.00	60%	69,637.00
EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE	53,589.00	96,340.00	44%	42,751.00
FLOWERS	0.00	1,200.00	100%	1,200.00
HEADQUARTERS EQUIP. PURCHASES	1,248.00	20,000.00	94%	18,752.00
INSURANCE	34,571.00	50,000.00	31%	15,429.00
INTERNET SERVICE	1,601.00	5,000.00	68%	3,399.00
LEGAL COUNSEL	6,587.00	5,500.00	-20%	(1,087.00)
NATIONAL OFFICE EXPENSE	15,395.00	41,255.00	63%	25,860.00
NAT'L OFFICE CONTINGENT EXPENSE	283.00	2,200.00	87%	1,917.00
NATIONAL OFFICE - POSTAGE	16,202.00	30,000.00	46%	13,798.00
PRINTING & STATIONERY	5,074.00	10,000.00	49%	4,926.00
TAXES - VA UNEMPLOY. INSURANCE	798.00	1,080.00	26%	282.00
TAXES - FEDERAL UNEMPLOY. INS.	0.00	1,006.00	100%	1,006.00
TAXES - FEDERAL FICA EXPENSE	38,580.00	109,470.00	65%	70,890.00
TAXES - UNRELATED BUSINESS **	0.00	210,000.00	100%	210,000.00

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION
BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE ANALYSIS
For the Six Months Ending June 30, 2017

	YEAR TO DATE FY2017	BUDGET FY2017	% VARIANCE REMAINING	\$ VARIANCE REMAINING
TAXES - REAL ESTATE	25,255.00	45,000.00	44%	19,745.00
TELEPHONE	6,748.00	20,900.00	68%	14,152.00
UNFORESEEN TRAVEL	0.00	5.00	100%	5.00
BANK FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES	11,187.00	22,000.00	49%	10,813.00
TRAINING FOR NHQ PERSONNEL	0.00	5,000.00	100%	5,000.00
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSES	875,052.00	2,394,960.00	63%	1,519,908.00
NATIONAL/REGIONAL OFFICERS & BOARD				
REGIONAL PRESIDENT ELECT/NVP ELECT	0.00	12,500.00	100%	12,500.00
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN EXPENSE	1,805.00	5,300.00	66%	3,495.00
NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIAN EXPENSE	1,480.00	4,600.00	68%	3,120.00
NATIONAL PRESIDENT TRAVEL & EXPENSE	16,076.00	40,000.00	60%	23,924.00
NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT TRAVEL & EXPENSES	6,552.00	20,000.00	67%	13,448.00
REGIONAL PRESIDENTS' T & E	15,780.00	52,000.00	70%	36,220.00
NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	17,231.00	18,205.00	5%	974.00
SALARY - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	45,062.00	110,313.00	59%	65,251.00
MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION COMMITTEE	261.00	2,760.00	91%	2,499.00
AMERICANISM - PATRIOTISM COMMITTEE	35,795.00	37,930.00	6%	2,135.00
CB&L COMMITTEE	0.00	200.00	100%	200.00
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE	5,702.00	9,250.00	38%	3,548.00
HOSPITAL & WELFARE COMMITTEE	0.00	140.00	100%	140.00
PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE	0.00	140.00	100%	140.00
SPECIAL NATIONAL COMMITTEE	0.00	20.00	100%	20.00
YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE	46.00	140.00	67%	94.00
LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMITTEE	0.00	100.00	100%	100.00
FUTURE PLANNING	0.00	50.00	100%	50.00
VSO COMMITTEE	0.00	100.00	100%	100.00
ANNUAL /NATIONAL AWARDS/RECEPTIONS	11,254.00	25,100.00	55%	13,846.00
NATIONAL OFFICER AWARD	0.00	2,500.00	100%	2,500.00
TOTAL NATIONAL/REGIONAL OFFICERS & BOARD	157,044.00	341,348.00	54%	184,304.00
FUND RAISING PROGRAM EXPENSES	44,146.00	80,000.00	45%	35,854.00
TOTALS - BUDGET TO ACTUAL ANALYSIS	1,485,093.00	3,821,775.00	61%	2,336,682.00

* Includes Loan Payment

**Fleet Reserve Association
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

June 30,	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS		
TOTAL - CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	194,881	270,008
TOTAL - INVESTMENT RESERVES	7,768,430	8,213,662
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	104,034	43,387
PREPAID EXPENSES	6,178	7,502
TOTAL - INVENTORY	18,179	24,376
TOTAL - FIXED ASSETS	2,142,016	2,234,797
TOTAL - ASSETS	<u>10,233,718</u>	<u>10,793,732</u>
LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & ACCRUED EXPENSES	21,237	25,635
NOTES PAYABLE	253,515	423,774
ACCRUED VACATION	58,818	54,372
BRANCHES - FUNDS HELD	55,786	53,325
DEFERRED REVENUE - LIABILITY	1,669,279	1,314,928
TOTAL - LIABILITIES	<u>2,058,635</u>	<u>1,872,034</u>
NET ASSETS AT BEGIN	8,215,739	9,003,953
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS - YEAR TO DATE	<u>-40,656</u>	<u>-82,252</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	8,175,083	8,921,701
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	<u>10,233,718</u>	<u>10,793,735</u>



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Attachment 3

Fleet Reserve Association

Account Statement

June 2017



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Fleet Reserve Association

Disaster Relief Fund

2017	BFA	IFA	NPF	WMIF	FEDERATED	Valuation
January	\$148,112.44	\$203,390.10	\$172,300.37	\$162,443.12	\$18,861.73	\$705,107.76
February	\$149,011.10	\$207,837.82	\$176,646.43	\$167,766.56	\$18,863.92	\$720,125.83
March	\$149,045.96	\$208,164.19	\$180,805.57	\$167,230.85	\$18,867.96	\$724,114.53
April	\$150,213.40	\$208,630.92	\$186,039.53	\$168,646.40	\$18,873.28	\$732,403.53
May	\$151,244.97	\$212,084.77	\$192,535.26	\$171,202.24	\$18,879.52	\$745,946.76
June	\$151,117.79	\$212,119.25	\$193,049.31	\$171,394.83	\$18,887.52	\$746,568.70
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Education Foundation

2017	Beaumont 3	JP Morgan 4	State Street 4	Clark FITR	Bancorp	Valuation
January	\$399,131.16	\$402,207.58	\$396,837.45	\$94,704.97	\$129,052.40	\$1,421,933.56
February	\$407,392.04	\$412,007.72	\$407,467.59	\$96,632.73	\$140,585.63	\$1,464,085.71
March	\$408,755.13	\$414,931.87	\$410,062.80	\$95,488.97	\$140,627.45	\$1,469,866.22
April	\$411,793.49	\$420,085.73	\$414,360.39	\$95,913.23	\$140,667.91	\$1,482,820.75
May	\$418,672.76	\$426,173.63	\$422,732.33	\$96,631.20	\$140,709.73	\$1,504,919.65
June	\$421,918.96	\$428,451.53	\$424,640.30	\$96,719.14	\$74,742.62	\$1,446,472.55
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Experience Reserve Fund

2017	BFA	GFA	IFA	NPF	WMIF	FEDERATED	Assetmark	Valuation
January	\$10,967.35	\$15,040.31	\$14,922.95	\$9,083.40	\$14,953.82	\$180.61	\$690,214.36	\$755,362.80
February	\$11,033.88	\$15,396.21	\$15,249.28	\$9,312.52	\$15,443.87	\$180.61	\$705,561.07	\$772,177.44
March	\$928.29	\$396.87	\$3,178.89	\$1,349.93	\$445.97	\$180.61	\$666,799.30	\$673,279.86
April	\$935.56	\$404.64	\$3,186.01	\$1,389.01	\$449.74	\$180.61	\$670,142.22	\$676,687.79
May	\$941.94	\$413.11	\$3,238.76	\$1,437.51	\$456.56	\$180.61	\$678,227.14	\$684,895.63
June	\$941.20	\$412.41	\$3,239.28	\$1,441.35	\$457.06	\$180.61	\$531,023.10	\$537,695.01
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General Fund

2017	IFA	NPF	WMIF	Valuation
January	\$18,398.36	\$10,301.15	\$24,500.40	\$53,199.91
February	\$18,800.69	\$10,560.98	\$25,303.30	\$54,664.97
March	\$18,830.21	\$10,809.64	\$25,222.50	\$54,862.35
April	\$18,872.43	\$11,122.56	\$25,436.00	\$55,430.99
May	\$19,184.86	\$11,510.91	\$25,821.48	\$56,517.25
June	\$19,187.98	\$11,541.64	\$25,850.53	\$56,580.15
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Life Membership

2017	IFA	NPF	WMIF	FEDERATED	Assetmark	Valuation
January	\$342,032.58	\$312,743.32	\$352,146.76	\$39,684.10	\$626,209.19	\$1,672,815.95
February	\$349,512.11	\$320,631.88	\$363,686.99	\$39,688.71	\$639,610.91	\$1,713,130.60
March	\$319,946.71	\$307,753.49	\$312,870.67	\$39,697.17	\$640,634.73	\$1,620,902.77
April	\$320,664.08	\$316,662.36	\$315,519.00	\$39,708.38	\$642,504.18	\$1,635,058.00
May	\$325,972.61	\$327,718.89	\$320,300.70	\$39,721.42	\$648,899.00	\$1,662,612.62
June	\$326,025.61	\$328,593.87	\$320,661.01	\$39,738.20	\$649,561.71	\$1,664,580.40
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Restricted Reserve

2017	BFA	GFA	IFA	NPF	WMIF	Assetmark	Valuation
January	\$10,214.95	\$5,893.34	\$5,276.08	\$6,759.71	\$7,296.86	\$397,628.73	\$433,069.67
February	\$10,276.94	\$6,032.80	\$5,391.45	\$6,390.21	\$7,535.99	\$406,472.98	\$442,100.37
March	\$10,279.35	\$6,094.48	\$5,399.92	\$7,093.39	\$7,511.95	\$406,502.61	\$442,881.70
April	\$10,359.86	\$6,213.82	\$5,412.03	\$7,298.73	\$7,575.53	\$406,810.36	\$443,670.33
May	\$10,431.00	\$6,343.89	\$5,501.63	\$7,553.57	\$7,690.34	\$410,363.33	\$447,883.76
June	\$440.80	\$422.05	\$530.16	\$655.80	\$740.66	\$298,640.39	\$301,429.86
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Standby Trust Plan

2017	BFA	CIB	CWG	FIF	GFA	WMIF	M&T MM	Valuation
January	\$114,664.70	\$124,145.67	\$113,459.18	\$123,909.69	\$123,555.62	\$120,250.98	\$14,147.39	\$734,133.23
February	\$115,360.40	\$126,998.12	\$116,146.83	\$127,449.86	\$126,479.35	\$124,191.74	\$14,147.39	\$750,773.69
March	\$115,387.39	\$128,449.91	\$118,256.77	\$128,411.64	\$127,772.54	\$123,795.18	\$14,147.71	\$756,221.14
April	\$116,291.19	\$129,458.79	\$120,552.28	\$129,942.46	\$130,274.58	\$124,843.05	\$4,057.60	\$755,419.95
May	\$117,089.79	\$132,743.02	\$123,478.43	\$132,737.88	\$133,001.51	\$126,735.06	\$4,058.18	\$769,843.87
June	\$116,991.31	\$122,704.73	\$124,412.15	\$122,486.61	\$122,860.58	\$116,896.44	\$34,316.34	\$760,668.16
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Special Program Reserve Fund

2017	BFA	FIF	GFA	IFA	NPF	FEDERATED	Assetmark	Valuation
January	\$190,116.36	\$225,814.51	\$171,481.65	\$234,505.83	\$188,447.73	\$2,661.65	\$1,725,214.55	\$2,738,242.28
February	\$176,168.53	\$206,593.34	\$155,126.55	\$214,098.90	\$177,843.56	\$2,661.93	\$1,762,343.07	\$2,694,835.88
March	\$176,209.74	\$208,152.22	\$156,712.65	\$214,435.11	\$182,030.88	\$2,662.41	\$1,764,781.57	\$2,704,984.58
April	\$177,589.93	\$210,633.65	\$159,781.39	\$214,915.90	\$187,300.32	\$2,663.19	\$1,769,216.22	\$2,722,100.60
May	\$178,809.51	\$215,164.85	\$163,125.97	\$218,473.79	\$193,840.07	\$2,664.12	\$1,786,111.10	\$2,758,189.41
June	\$178,659.16	\$214,670.12	\$162,850.13	\$218,509.32	\$194,357.60	\$2,665.18	\$1,787,278.43	\$2,758,989.94
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Unused Leave Reserve Fund

2017	IFA	FEDERATED	Valuation
January	\$55,714.43	\$6,912.67	\$62,627.10
February	\$57,313.53	\$6,913.51	\$64,227.04
March	\$57,022.19	\$6,915.01	\$63,937.20
April	\$57,150.05	\$6,916.98	\$64,067.03
May	\$58,096.15	\$6,919.23	\$65,015.38
June	\$58,105.60	\$6,922.14	\$65,027.74
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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUNIOR PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

Shipmate National President, National Officers, Past National Officers and Shipmates.

The past five years I have served as a National Officer, which has been an experience of learning and fostering the ideals of the Fleet Reserve Association.

During my travels, this past year the concerns of our Shipmates remains the same; the future of the Association, operation costs day to day, how to downsize the Headquarters staff but not affect membership support as the FRA's membership continues to decline.

As a reminder, our Constitution and By Laws are the association governing documents, all changes should be made in a timely manner at the end of each National Convention. This is to be reviewed by the C & BL Chairman prior to the changes being incorporated in the C & BL's. Recommendations on the C & BL's is that the 5 x 7 manual be put back on the FRA website.

During December 2016, I traveled to the 75th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Events – Honolulu, Hawaii. During this time, I attended Branch 46 general meeting. I attended Wreaths Across American in Fernley, NV at the Veterans Cemetery.

January/February 2017 I attended the Recruiter of the Year Awards in Washington D.C.

March 2017, I was the Chairman of the West Coast Mid-Year Convention at Boomtown Hotel & Casino in Reno, NV.

April 2017, I travel to the National Board of Directors meeting and attended the Pilgrimage at Arlington Cemetery.

June/July attended the East Coast Regional Convention in Williamsburg, Virginia. June 2017, I accompanied the LA FRA National President, Helen Courneya to Honolulu, Hawaii for the Funeral Services/Celebration of Life for LA FRA Northwest Regional President Renee Shaw. I also had opportunity to attend Branch 46 general meeting.

July 2017, I attended the North Central Regional Convention in Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

August 2017, I traveled to Laughlin, NV for the Southwest Regional Convention. I also, traveled to Seattle, Washington to attend the Northwest Regional Convention in Fife, Washington. I traveled to the Northeast/New England Regional Convention in Breiningsville, PA. During these visits, I accompanied National President LA FRA Helen Courneya.

September 2017, I traveled to Hunt Valley, Maryland to attend the National Convention.

The position of the Jr. Past National President is an advisor to the National President and the National Vice President during this past year I have assisted when asked.

I want to thank the National Headquarters Staff for their ongoing support and assistance.

All funds received to attend the Mid-Year National Board of Directors meeting and the National Convention have been expended in the performance of my duties as the Jr. Past National President.

I will continue to work for the benefit of the Fleet Reserve Association and the membership of the association and the mission of the FRA.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

VIRGIL P. COURNEYA
Junior Past National President

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT NORTHEAST/NEW ENGLAND
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

No annual report from the Regional President Northeast/New England Region received at FRA National Headquarters.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

DAVID W. SHARP
Regional President Northeast/New England

**REPORT OF THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT EAST COAST
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION FRA
SEPTEMBER 19-23 2017 HUNT VALLEY, MD**

Greetings, Shipmate National President, National Vice President, Past National Officers, Past Regional Officers Shipmates and Guests:

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Shipmates of the East Coast Region during the 2016-2017 term of office. I truly thought that becoming your Regional President I would be somewhat busy but I did find out very soon it was more than busy it is a full TIME attention to detail effort. I do want to thank each and every Shipmate in the East Coast Region for you support.

At this point I am supposed to report that the Region is in good working order. Is it fair to say that we are in good working order when only two branches had a gain or no loss of membership in the last year? After much thought and soul searching I am happy to report that I feel the Region is in good working order because of the hard work that our dedicated Shipmates do throughout the year. These include outreach events promoting the FRA and to all of you Shipmates Bravo Zulu.

During my term of office so far I have travelled over 12,000 miles as RP.

In the past year as most remember we had a hurricane come up the east coast and caused damage, some of our Shipmates sustained damage and requested disaster relief. A true baptism by fire but with the help of JrPAST President Penny Collins we were able to assist some Shipmates.

During October we all were saddened with the passing of Past Regional President Les Zavadill.

Starting out in October I started conducting visits to our branches, they all are financially sound each one is doing something within their local community. During each visit the warm reception made me proud to be there. While each branch may not have conducted their respective meeting in accordance with our rituals manual or follow Robert Rules to the letter, each branch always had an opening prayer, tended to the colors and recited the preamble. I felt that if we had branch members coming to a meeting that was the primary goal and good job shipmates.

I was somewhat concerned at how Branches submitted their Branch Officer Reports. I received copies of some that were completed after installation. Shipmates during the installation in accordance with our rituals manual the installing officer asks if the Branch Officers Report for the ensuing year been completed. At least four Branches in the Region held installation prior to submitting the report. How did the outgoing President honestly answer that question? Perhaps they were told it was done. Regardless of the reason we do have Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Rules and Rituals to abide by. This is taken in the oath of office every installation. No more on that subject. I also observed that many branch officers were not aware of what manuals are available on the FRA website to help with the day by day running of a Branch.

The East Coast held a Mid-year meeting held in Richmond, VA where we had presentations from our legislative representatives for states and commonwealths and national, as well membership. Additional training sessions were conducted.

I participated in numerous outreach events throughout the region including volunteering at Maryland's State Veterans home on many occasions.

I attended Veterans Day Ceremony in Leonardtown Maryland, Veterans Humanitarian Ball sponsored by branch and unit 4, represented the FRA and laying the ceremonial Navy wreath at Cheltenham, MD for the Wreaths across America. I attended the Navy Recruiter of the year awards. As Chairman of the Central Liaison Committee (CLC) I was the Master of Ceremonies at the Memorial Day Program sponsored by the FRA at the Navy Memorial.

I attended the annual Pilgrimage of the Auxiliary at Arlington National Cemetery. Participated in Branch installation of officers I also was asked to be the installing officer for a Unit, as well as many visits for social functions.

It has been a great year for me and the East Coast Region.

I would like to thank Regional Vice President Paul Phelps for his help during the year. I also want to thank all of the Past National and Regional Presidents for their sound advice during the year.

During my visits to the Branches and other civic functions I performed my duties as East Coast Regional President as prescribed by the FRA Constitution and Bylaws and East Coast Region Bylaws and Rules.

All funds received from FRA for travel and expenses were expended on Association business.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

THOMAS F. VATTER RPEC

This concludes my report and move it be received.

ANNUAL REPORT REGIONAL PRESIDENT SOUTHEAST REGION 2016-2017
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND
JAMES E. ROBBINS, JR.

Shipmate National President, National Officers, Past National Officers, Regional Officers, Past Regional Officers, Shipmates and guests, it has been a great honor for me to have been elected to serve as Regional President Southeast for the 2016-2017 association year. Having served the Shipmates of the Southeast Region in 2012-2013, I was excited to have another opportunity to once again serve them. I knew there would still be some of the same challenges along with some new ones. Just as I found out the first time being the Regional President is definitely a continuing learning experience.

Upon arriving home from the 89th National Convention. I received my first challenge. FRA Branch 179 had sent a letter stating they were going to turn in their Charter and needed help with the procedures they would need to get that completed. After several months and some bumps in the road, FRA Branch 179 accomplished this by merging with nearby FRA Branch 183 Interlachen.

Along with visits to thirty-eight of the Branches of the Southeast Region, I attended several major events (National Veterans Day Celebration Birmingham Alabama, 2016 Pearl Harbor Observance Event Mayport Florida, USCG Blackthorn Memorial Service St. Petersburg Florida) held in the Southeast Region. I presided over the 2016-2017 Mid-Year Meeting in February hosted by FRA Branch 290 Atlantic Beach Florida. In March I attended the Tennessee Caucus hosted by FRA Branch 86 Millington Tennessee and in May, the Florida Council of Branches and Units hosted by FRA Branch 263 Cape Canaveral Florida. I also attended many local area events for other patriotic holidays and events.

In April I attended the annual FRA National Board of Directors Mid-Year Meeting at Headquarters and the annual LA FRA Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown and the Mast of Main at Arlington National Cemetery. While in Alexandria I was able to attend the funeral for PNP Ralph Schmidt at Arlington prior to NBOD meeting.

Visiting the various Branches within the region has given me a very realistic look in to the FRA. Shipmates are very concerned about the aging membership and how the organization will survive if we cannot find solutions to the membership challenge. I heard over and over, "Shipmates today are not "Joiners"; they are so into their computers/cell phones especially social media". I appreciate the Shipmates for being so candid and open as well as welcoming. I did find that No matter what size the branch is, the overall commitment is always to do the best it can for its fellow Shipmates and the community it serves as well as represent the entire organization with Loyalty, Protection and Service. This reminded me of when I was in the military; the branches are like squadrons, no matter what the challenge is they keep pushing forward.

In closing, all funds received from the FRA for travel and expenses were expended in the performance of duties on Association business. I wish to thank the FRA's National Headquarters' staff for being helpful and appreciate their assistance.

I am so proud and honored to have had the opportunity to serve the Shipmates of the Southeast Region once again and am pleased to have gained many new friendships. Even though my year as Regional President Southeast 2016-2017 will be completed in September 2017, I promise to continue to work for the FRA and its Shipmates and Branches.

I respectfully submit this report and move that my report be received as written.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service

JAMES E. "ROBBIE" ROBBINS
Regional President Southeast.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT NORTH CENTRAL
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

No annual report from the Regional President North Central Region received at FRA National Headquarters.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

NORMAN G. COMBS
Regional President North Central

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT SOUTH CENTRAL
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

Shipmate National President, National Officers, Past National Officers, Past Regional Officers, Shipmates and Guests.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as South Central Regional President during the 2017 Association Year.

The South Central Region is in good working order, but not without its problems. I communicated primarily through Newsletters, Emails and phone calls when needed. I discovered that many Branches within the Region are not unlike my own in Houston. At quite a few Branches attendance at meetings is low with only a few members, mostly Officers in attendance. In several cases the Officers have been in place for years as no one wants to relieve them of their positions. To these Shipmates I extend a big Thank You for holding the Branch together.

Several Branches within the Region struggle with electronic communications and need postal mail and phone calls to communicate. One Branch does not have access to a computer other than the public library and is barely surviving following the loss of their long time President last fall. I aided several Branches in the filing of their Officer Reports and the Regional Treasurer walked Branch Treasurers through filling IRS forms as necessary.

I attended the National Board of Directors Meeting in Washington in April. In addition to the business meeting we toured the Armed Forces Retirement Home, met the FRA staff and took part in the Pilgrimage. I arrived early to attend the Funeral for PNP Ralph Schmidt who was a great Shipmate, mentor and member of my Branch. Unfortunately, due to scheduling we did not have the opportunity to "Storm the Hill" and meet our Representatives in Congress.

Earlier this year I attended the grand opening of the Michael E. DeBakey VA Hospital Women's Health Center, in Houston, TX with the National President and LAFRA PNP Gini Larson. I also took part in the Houston Veteran's Day Parade and co-planned, organized and conducted the Memorial Day Ceremony at American Legion Post 490. Planning is underway for women Shipmates of the South Central Region to represent the FRA at the National Women Veterans Summit in Houston.

Late last year flooding affected the Baton Rouge, LA area displacing many Shipmates of Branch 371. RVPSC David Thompson investigated and confirmed all the disaster relief claims and coordinated the distribution of disaster relief funds as many affected Shipmates had moved temporarily during recovery. Unfortunately, Shipmate Thompson recently resigned as RVPSC for personal reasons. South Central Region Disaster Relief Chairman Emmett Smith reported, investigated and followed up on several other welfare requests across the region. I would like to thank the FRA for all the disaster and welfare aid given throughout the region.

Our Mid-Year and Convention continue to be the meeting and gathering place for Shipmates of South Central Region to network and socialize. We have chosen a central location within the region which seems to be a good compromise for all travelers. Organizing, planning and executing these events takes a good deal of time and effort of those involved and I recognize their hard work and effort.

Members at Large in the Cameron, TX area are looking to form a new Branch. This Branch will serve the members north of Houston, east of Austin and south of Dallas. They will meet at a local Veterans' Hall and have twenty-five MALs and sea service personnel ready to join. Their first organizational meeting will be October 7, 2017.

All funds received from the Fleet Reserve Association were expended on FRA business.

This concludes my report and I move that it be received.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

BRUCE TALBOT
Regional President South Central

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT SOUTHWEST
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 19-24, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

Shipmate National President, National Officers, Past National Officers, Past Regional Officers, Shipmates and Guests.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Shipmates of the Southwest Region and to serve on the National Board of Directors for Association year 2016-2017.

I was very busy traveling within the Southwest region visiting all the branches – some branches 2 times – this past year reviewing branch operations/meetings and promoting the Southwest region 61st Regional convention at Laughlin, NV.

This year's highlights include attending:

- 13 branch installations
- Was very much honored to have been the installing officer for 4 branches:
Branch 26 in Bakersfield, CA, Branch 90 in Las Vegas, NV, Branch 175 Garden Grove, CA,
Branch 260 in Golden Valley/Bullhead City, AZ, Branch 302 in Carson, CA
- Regular meeting of West Coast region branch 178 in Monterey, CA
- My 5th national convention, this time at Jacksonville, Fl., where I was officially installed as Southwest Region president and member of the national board.
- 61st Southwest Regional Convention in Aug 2017
- Memorial Day Services of Poway Valley branch 70
- My 1st trip to the Armed Forces Retirement Home – Washington, DC

One highlight that I will always remember is my first visit to the Tomb of the Unknown and viewing the ceremony, very moving.

All funds received from FRA for travel/expenses were expended on FRA business.

I wish to thank the National Officers and the National Staff for all the help that I had received this Association year.

This concludes my report and I moved that it be received.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service

BRUCE H. DAVIS
Regional President Southwest

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT WEST COAST
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

Shipmate National President, National Officers, Past National Officers, Shipmates.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the shipmates of the West Coast Region, and as a member of the National Board of Directors during the Association year of 2016-2017. My objective upon taking office was to ensure the continued success of our Association.

During my tour of duty, as the West Coast Regional President, I contacted and visited fourteen (14) out of twenty (20) branches; the other six (6) were contacted and visited by West Coast Regional Vice President, Shipmate Maria Behm. All branches were found to be operating within the guidelines of the Fleet Reserve Association Constitution and By-Laws, except San Leandro Branch 010. I am recommending that the charter of San Leandro Branch 010 be revoked in accordance with C&BL Article 12, Section 1203(b). Auburn Branch 296 and Fort Collins Branch 021 surrendered their charters because the President and Secretary/Treasurer were physically unable to continue in their positions, and no shipmates were unwilling to "step up to the plate."

In addition to my official visits, where I was received with great hospitality, I had the honor of being the Installing Officer during the Joint Installation of Officers for Roseville Branch 230 and Placerville Branch 275. I was the Installing Officer during the Vallejo Branch 008 installation of Officers. Other travel during this period consisted of Veteran's Day Observance in San Francisco, California, numerous visits to the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, California for the Quarterly Fallen' Memorial Ceremonies, Memorial Day Observance in Vallejo California, President's Dinner hosted by Branch 275, All Military Services Retirees Seminar on the United States Coast Guard Base, Alameda California, Modesto California to pay tribute to Shipmate Henry Ficken Branch 197, and Sonoma California for Fleet Reserve Association Memorial Service for Shipmate Russell Hurley Branch 008. My travels via Private Owned Vehicle, rental vehicles, train and airplane exceeded Eleven Thousand (11,000) miles.

I fulfilled my duties as a member of the National Board of Directors by attending the post and mid-year Board of Directors Meetings, and casting my vote in a timely manner on each Resolution received.

All funds, received from the Fleet Reserve Association for travel and expenses were expended for Association business.

This concludes my report and I move that it be received.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

ROLAND L. SHORTER, JR. – 8.31.2017
Regional President West Coast

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGIONAL PRESIDENT NORTHWEST
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

Shipmate National President, National Officers, Past National and Regional Officer, Shipmates, and Guests.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the Shipmates of the Northwest Region as their president and as a member of the Fleet Reserve Association National Board of Directors for the last nine months of the Association year of 2016-2017. I would like to thank the Northwest Regional Advisory Board of PRPs for its trust in me to step up again as the interim Regional President. I have found the past nine months, interesting, and trying at times.

During this term as Northwest Regional President, the branches of the Region were visited as follows:

- I visited all 15 of the CONUS Branches in the Northwest Region.
- The Alaska branch was visited by JrPRPNW JJ Wynn during his term of office in 2015-2016.
- Seven of the eight branches in the Philippines were visited this year by the Southwest Regional Secretary, John Quesnel, who travels to the Philippines each year to visit family. His report was submitted to me and the National President. The only Branch he was unable to visit is Cavite City Branch 36. I commend Shipmate Quesnel in the thoroughness of his report and on the Northwest Region's behalf wish to thank him for his help.
- Guam and Japan were not visited this year.
- Honolulu Branch 46 was visited by NP Larson and PRPNW Mark Thompson during their December 7, 2016 activities.

I participated in the following activities in the Northwest Region:

- I have presided over five Branch Officer Installations.
- I attended the 90th Birthday Bash for Seattle Branch 18.
- I attended the NBOD Meeting and participated in the visit to the Old Soldiers Home in Washington DC. I also attended the LA FRA Pilgrimage to the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

I am sorry to report that the Northwest Region had one branch turn in its charter, Branch 111 of Batangas, Philippines due to their membership falling below the number of 10 (due to the death of one of its members). Some of the smaller branches may have no choice in the matter, especially with the aging membership. I also requested the suspension of Cavite City, Philippines Branch 036 because no one has been able to contact them and they do not reply to any communications sent to them.

I followed up on the 2012-2013 investigation of the Branch that had approximately \$50K stolen by its previous Secretary/Treasurer and found out that the local Prosecutor let the time run out for filing charges against the perpetrator. The Branch was able to get \$48K of the money back from the insurance company through the persistence of the Branch Secretary.

One consistent problem I found in all branches visited is: since FRA ended distribution of the C&BL revisions via "snail mail" and went to electronic distribution, most branches do not use the updated versions of the C&BL. I feel this is a problem organization wide. It was not made clear that each branch had to replace each "red book" with the new electronic versions.

Again this term, I recommend that Branches involved in Branch Clubs, Enterprises, and Businesses to review the C&BL Section 1226 and their Branch and business enterprise By-Laws to ensure they are not in conflict and that clear division of activities is defined.

I would like to thank all the Northwest Regional Branches that I visited for their support and hospitality during my visits. All the Branch Officers and Shipmates work hard to keep their Branches active and their dedication is to be commended.

Except for the NBOD Meeting and to this convention, all my trips were by automobile. All funds received from FRA for travel and expenses were expended on Association business.

This concludes my report and I move that it be received.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service

MARGRET "PEG" BURKE
Regional President, Northwest

FRA BRANCH VISITS IN PHILIPPINES DURING DECEMBER 2016

Shipmate National President: The following is the accounts of all Branch visits conducted Shipmate Regional Secretary Southwest John F. Quesnel Jr with wife attending to Unit Visits from Dec 7 through Dec 22 when last visit completed:

Dec 7 – Arrived in Manila at 3AM. Was schedule to visit Branch 36, Cavite City that day. Never got any response either by email or letter or through anyone there who may have known a Branch 36 member, so no Branch visit was conducted.

Dec 8 – Travelled to Southern Luzon area for visit to Branch 171. Although arrived a little late due to traffic, I did see the end of the Branch monthly meeting. Proper closing procedures were conducted. Spoke with the President, Secretary and Treasurer regarding what was passed down to me by Northwest Region President notes and advice. Also recommended that they do the Annual reports especially for Public relations and Hospital & Welfare. With all that they stated at the meeting that is done, I stated there should be a report submitted for a possible chance for an Award in these areas too. The Officers stated that all proper procedures and rituals were conducted at very monthly meeting. The Treasurer stated that all books were in order. Presented Award Ribbon to Branch President.

Dec 9 – Travelled to Batangas City for visit to Branch 111. Monthly meeting was not held due to Holiday time. This was a strictly meeting for the Branch to welcome us as FRA visitors. Spoke with the President and Secretary and Treasurer. President stated that all meetings were conducted in accordance to Red Book procedures and Rituals. All proper opening and closing procedures were conducted at each meeting. This Branch only has approximately 12 members in good standing as of this meeting, however per the President, usually only have 6 members in attendance for monthly meetings. I asked the Treasurer if all financials were in order. He replied that current records are in order, however, there had been a fire and most of their older records were destroyed in it. The Treasurer stated that all books were in order. This Branch may need to look at merging with the next closest Branch which is Branch 171, Luzon. It was discussed during my visit, and the President stated that the issue for their members was the travel to where Branch 171 holds their meetings. I stated to the President that although they may have to merge with another Branch, it doesn't necessarily mean they need to travel to their location for meetings, and if they preferred they could become Members at Large as well.

Dec 10 – Travelled to Olongapo City for Community Outreach Project for Branch and Unit 74. Was held at the Subic landfill. Food donations were handed out to the families leaving there. Attended Branch & Unit Christmas Party event that evening. Conducted 2 Bell ceremony during the Blessing for their Christmas Party celebration. Spoke with President and Secretary after. President Stated that they meet once a month now and conduct meetings per the FRA Red Book procedures and Rituals. Treasurer stated that all books were in order per FRA Red Book procedures. Due to having seen their Outreach event earlier in the day, I recommended that they do the Annual reports especially for Public relations and Hospital & Welfare. With all that they stated at the meeting that is done, I stated there should be a report submitted for a possible chance for an Award in these areas too.

Dec 13 – Travelled to Dagupan Branch 247 Meeting. Full Branch meeting was conducted at GoldKrist Resort area. The Branch meeting was held in accordance to FRA Red Book and Rituals procedures. Held a Q&A sessions with Branch members regarding issues they wanted brought back to Regional and National. Breakdown of questions to follow. Presented Award Ribbon to Branch President. I also stated to this Branch that their Community Outreach should be put on Annual Reports. They apparently don't submit as no one is sure how to complete since all of these are usually done via the FRA website which the Branch Officer do not have access to.

Dec 14 – Travelled to Baguio City to attend Branch 154 meeting on Dec 15. Full Branch meeting was conducted in accordance to Red Book and Rituals procedures. Held a Q&A sessions with Branch members regarding issues they wanted brought back to Regional and National. Breakdown of questions to follow. Presented Award Ribbon to Branch President.

Dec 19 – Travelled by plane to Bicol Nabua Branch 127 for Christmas Party Official visit. Branch & Unit conducted Rituals for members passed at the beginning of the meeting. Introduced by the Branch & Unit Presidents. Spoke with all in attendance. Said I will be available for Q&A sessions throughout the evening. The Officers stated that all proper procedures and rituals were conducted at very monthly meeting. The Treasurer stated that all books were in order. Presented Award Ribbon to Branch President. Also recommended that they do the Annual reports especially for Public relations and Hospital & Welfare. With all that they stated at the meeting that is done, I stated there should be a report submitted for a possible chance for an Award in these areas too.

Dec 21 – Travelled to San Miguel for Branch 367 meeting. This again was a Branch/Unit Christmas meeting, however they welcomed us with open arms as “Official Visitors” for National. Spoke with current Branch President. As we had met back in May 2016, I was familiar with what he was accomplishing at the Branch level, and I knew from previous visit that he conducts his meetings per the Red Book and Rituals procedures. Secretary/Treasurer stated that his books were audited and in order. Branch & Unit Presidents invited us to attend their Annual Christmas party and raffles that evening. Branch 367 has associate members, allowing their rolls to be the biggest Branch left in the Philippines with approximately 190 total members. This Branch/Unit do an amazing outreach program in the surrounding community. When I asked why they do not submit for Regional Award review, I was told they used to do it many years earlier, but no real reason as to why it wasn't being submitted any longer. I stated that since the new Branch President is very computer literate that he should definitely look into these reports and submit when required as his Branch/Unit would more than likely place in these Conventions.

Below are the questions that were submitted to me from all 7 Branches for me to bring back to Regional and National for action.

QUESTIONS FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL:

Branch 171:

Several members wanted to know what is happening with the Blue Water issue as they fall into those categories. Very slow getting any information in Philippines regarding this issue.

One member brought up the fact that since losing any Tricare options near to retirees there he questions why Philippine retirees are required to go to Singapore for treatment, evaluations or re-evaluations rather than having closer options or even a qualified Tricare designated clinic/hospital closer to retirees in Philippines.

Shipmate Branch President brought up the issue that ALL military organizations need to figure out ways to set aside our “petty” differences and organize together as a “Block” organization that would garner exceptional clout to bring together the needs of the military members, active, retired or otherwise. He brings up the point that this past Congress has the lowest number of members with any military background ever. He then stated if they do not have the background to understand what military members deal with then they have no credence to be vested in military member concerns or issues. He stated that if we want to sway Congress for our concerns that it would only work as a concerted group effort together rather than as all of these small minor voices.

Branch 111:

Again several members asked about the Blue Water concerns. Stated that they have not heard anything even from FRA representatives in regard to this issue.

Questioned as to why there are no qualified clinics that Tricare can contract with. Current clinic they have to travel to Manila area seems to not be very good or concerned with the retirees and their needs. Stated that many members have chosen to pay out of pocket to go to medical closer to their area rather than deal with the inept clinic staff.

One member stated that there is way too much "regulatory" requirements needed by the overseas Tricare contracted offices in Singapore. Stated that he had paid out over \$20,000 for stent operations and to date has not been reimbursed one cent. When asked why he stated that he has submitted his forms and every time it gets sent back due to missing information, forms, Dr. signatures required, etc. Questions as to why Tricare offices in Singapore do not contact the hospitals or listed doctors directly for the required information rather than tasking the patients for all of the "supposed" missing information. He stated that if he did not pay for the surgery out of his own pocket since the hospital wouldn't take or wait for Tricare authorization, he would have most likely been dead already.

A member asked why the FRA does not open itself for other Maritime memberships. This could help the overseas Branches with allowing other countries the option to joining the "Fleet Reserve Association" as well.

Last item a member brought up concerns LAFRA. He asked whether widows of service members were required to leave the Units after they passed away. Another asked if widows were still able to join the Units if their spouse failed to join FRA before passing.

Branch 74:

Two of the Officers for the Branch stated that it is very difficult here in the Philippines to get required emails due to the fact that most of the Branch Officers do not have Internet access. There is a Board of Director member however who does have internet access and they wanted to know if he can be designated at National to receive any emails being sent to the Branch officers.

The Branch President asked what National is doing to make changes to ensure Branches will be able to still be legal due to the event that Branch membership is dwindling quickly in these overseas locations, now that US Fleets are no longer stationed in these areas, especially since the current membership is also very up there in age. He stated that he himself had been elected President for almost the past 20 years due to the fact that no other member wanted to do the job, and he knew if he did not take the position, the Branch would have to fold and surrender its Charter.

Branch 247:

Treasurer stated that due to Banking requirements in their area, checks received from National will need to be in the name of a Branch member rather than to "Branch 247." He stated that the Banks are refusing to deposit the funds since they are not in any specific named member.

Secretary brought up the fact that it is very difficult to get Burial Flags overseas to be presented at services. Wants to know how National can help solve this issue.

Member stated that current systems require member to do Dependent ID cards through Tricare Singapore Station. He stated that this office is very slow and unfriendly, sometimes takes way more than 6 months. He stated that this can cause Dependents coverage to lapse then they cannot get medical care as they are off the Tricare rolls. Wanted to know why this is their only option to get ID's renewed since they apparently are not very expedient or understanding with Retirees. Another member stated he had the same issue with this office and chose to fly to Guam at his own cost to get them done within a week. Stated it was far more better and efficient than waiting the 6 plus months for Singapore Tricare offices.

Membership chair asked why the FRA Today magazines are always 2-3 months in arrears? He also asked if he can have more sent to him as Membership Chair as he always needs more than what he gets sent to Branch. He stated that the members would like to receive the magazines while the information is still relevant to the timeframe it covers.

A member asked if there is an easier way for FRA spouses to get replacement Green Cards if their current ones have already expired besides system already in place. He stated that if they have already been getting Green Cards for over 20 years they shouldn't have to "start over" to get them replaced.

Current President stated that he has been serving for the past 5 consecutive years. He stated that the previous President had replaced him prior then passed away, so he had to fill the post again. He was also stating that eventually he will be too old to do the job and wonders what will happen to the Branch after that happens since all the members are older.

Another member asked if there is a certain percentage of funds that need to be donated to the needy when there are events conducted to raise funds. A question was also asked if there needs to be a separate dual Chapter required to be able to do these for the overseas Branch and Units.

Branch 154:

Member wanted to know where the VA outpatient clinics are in Philippines besides the Manila one. Too far for most in Baguio area to travel to unless they plan overnight stays.

Also there seemed to be disputes regarding being able to be seen at that clinic. The staff at the clinic WILL NOT schedule members for visits or treatment unless they show that the issues are service connected.

A member stated that the Meds mail program DOES NOT mail to FOP addresses. Want to know why since it is still considered a US mailing address. If they use Philippine address, sometimes they do not receive meds, or they disappear.

Another member stated that the Tricare Family plan overseas is NOT a real family plan. He stated that he chose Family plan when setting the program up but they continuously do two deductions. One for his and a separate deduction for his wife, so he is always paying twice for what is supposed to be a single family plan enrollment plan.

Another member stated that he followed the procedures to submit for new Dependent ID cards back in June 2016. After three months he found out that the Office Coordinator was new and that this person had no idea where his ID package was so he had to resubmit. He stated that by the time he will receive the new ID's his dependents will be off the Tricare rolls. This was in December, so member had already been waiting 6 months from original submissions date.

Another member stated that he heard that there will be a Permanent Outreach member assigned to Manila area for retirees. He wanted to know if this was true and when this is scheduled to be a reality.

Another member wanted to know why his dependent child's college funds were not in keeping with the US allowable amounts. He stated that his daughter is attending FULL TIME schooling here in Philippines, but her allowance was less than half that a stateside student receives. He stated that it seems that they are setting awards based on the locale college pricing rather than it being the same all across the board. He also stated that if the VA people did their homework, they would see that colleges here in the Philippines are now close to regular stateside college costs now so why the disparity just because it's here in the Philippines?

Branch 127:

One member stated that there is an American Services Outreach that came out with the last TOC Outreach Group. He stated that whomever planned these did so at short notice and there was no time to get the word out to ALL of the areas so retirees could be there if they needed assistance. He also stated that sometimes when the word does get out

that not all services are present...i.e....no passport assistance, no VA assistance, no SSI assistance. They do not seem to have the retirees and their needs at heart any longer when they schedule these visits.

Another member mentioned the US Warden Program. As I knew nothing regarding this program, I stated that all I could do is pass to Regional and National Presidents for action.

Another member asked about following Standing Rule 5, stating that as a visitor in a Foreign Country, there were Awards that they were not eligible for as an Overseas Branch. Again as I did not have a copy of the Red Book with me I stated that I would bring back for Regional and National President to opine this.

Another several members stated that they are having a hard time dealing with Tricare for getting reimbursements. They are getting their claims returned several times stating that forms are incomplete, incorrect, missing Doctor required Certification or even missing hospital required admissions forms. They are asking why isn't Tricare requesting these missing documents directly from the Hospitals and doctors involved instead of denying the claims and resending to the members to have to do the footwork and resubmit. One member stated that he resubmitted same claim seven times before it was accepted, but he said by then he only received approximately 10% of what he thought he was entitled to for his claim. Lots of members in the audience were nodding heads in agreements with what this member discussed so I think this is an ongoing issue for Overseas retirees. He stated that members should be able to send whatever they received from the Doctors and Hospitals and that it should then fall onto the Tricare offices to contact the two directly for any other missing documentation as they feel that Tricare would get better and quicker action than a patient would. He stated that patients should not be penalized for Doctors and Hospitals not submitting all needed documentation. He also stated that it seems like there are lots of changes made to Tricare and its policies, but here in these overseas locations, they do not find out until very later in the process.

Another member brought up that he knows several retirees who are cancelling their Medicare B services as the reimbursements they are entitled to are not expeditiously processed and when they are processed again Medicare is only reimbursing pennies to the dollars spent or not at all.

Another member (Branch President) stated that in March 2016 there was an advisory committee in the Olongapo area. He stated that the Bicol region again would not be in the areas covered by this Tricare Outreach. He went to the one held 2 years ago and asked why these Tricare Outreaches are not including Bicol Region when they do these outreaches. He stated that the one of the Staff there told him it was because of the low amount of retirees in the area. He questioned this reason as he knows there are several hundred retirees in the surrounding areas and if they were to plan and advertise then they would get better turnouts when they do these events.

Branch 367:

This Branch had a lot of the same issues as other Branches reported to me;

Lack of Tricare service in the area for retirees. Most feel like third class citizens over here for all that they were "promised," but have not been receiving.

Lack of Medicare reimbursements for this Branch membership as well. Many have just stopped submitting as they never see a real return on their payments.

Several stated here also that there are no clear instructions on what they need to complete and submit to be able to get their reimbursements unless they go through the tedious recompletions of paperwork several times from Tricare in Singapore. Many want to know why there is NO Tricare office for these issues here in the Philippines any longer. They think they have been left out to dry.

Another also brought up the Dependent ID cards issues again as well. Stated that it takes too long to get the ID's back without having to make unreimbursed long distance calls to the Singapore offices, and that the staff there lots of times are very unfriendly to the retiree members.

From these visits, there are some apparent reoccurring issues:

Medicare assistance for documentation

Dependent ID card replacement issues

Lack of advance word for Outreach Missions and why they DO NOT cover all regions.

Lack of "proper" reimbursements without having to resubmit three times or more.

Lack of being treated as an asset rather than an irritant by Staff assigned to service these areas.

The slow process of getting information from National so it can get to membership in a reasonable time.

I thank Regional President Mark Thompson, PNP Virgil Courneya, and National President Don Larson for this great opportunity to visit all of these FRA Branches in the Philippines. It was an honor to represent the FRA in this avenue and it was an honor to meet and talk with all of the Branch and Unit members who welcomed myself and my wife so openly at each and every Branch we visited

Respectfully,

John F. Quesnel Jr

Regional Secretary Southwest

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

Shipmate National President, National Officers, Past National Officers, Regional Officers, Past Regional Officers, and Shipmates.

This is an interim report as of August 11th, 2017. As of the deceased members list dated, 12 August 2016, there have been over 300+ deaths during my term of office. Of the cards sent, 10 were returned. Additionally, I sent 20 get well cards.

I was unprepared and taken back at the frequent loss of Shipmates during my tenure as National Chaplain. However, this year has not been as grievous and emotional being that the death toll of our Shipmates decreased. And although I hadn't served with them physically, because of the bond and deep heritage of our sea-service community, I was unprepared for the emotional impact that accompanied the duties of FRA National Chaplain and time one has to dedicate, for I have been dedicating a lot of my time to my wife who has been hospitalized since December 5th 2016. However, I find this position to have been one of the most humbling and honorable things I have done.

I personally signed each and every card with words of encouragement. Reason: I see this as a service. A ministry, that I was honored to have been nominated and considered. The cards purchased, I believe spoke from my heart. I am very humbled by the number of thank you cards families sent expressing their gratitude to the FRA for remembering them and paying a tribute to their loved ones.

As FRA National Chaplain, I had the privilege of attending events at our Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Memorial Day on the USS Kidd 661 and the FRA Memorial Service at the United States Navy Memorial.

All association funds received have been spent on association travel/per diem are true and accurate accounting supplied.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

JERRY D. PUGH
FRA National Chaplain

**ANNUAL REPORT ON FRA COMMUNICATIONS
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 19-24, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

Shipmate National President, National Officers, delegates, and shipmates, it's my pleasure to report to you on FRA's communications efforts for 2016-2017.

Summary

My first year at the helm has been very rewarding. There is much history and tradition laced throughout the association with some very active and engaged shipmates. The operational aspects of the communications and marketing department have been scrutinized and several changes have been implemented. Many changes are behind the scenes and went unnoticed while others garnered swift and firm feedback from Shipmates. The graphic design and production of all marketing materials, FRA letterhead, stationery, business cards etc. are all done by staff and no longer outsourced. It has given us more control of expense and timelines. The only expense was investing in some computer upgrades and software. One example of savings is the Convention Program. Victoria produced the publication and saved \$3270.00, which was the design cost from 2016's convention program.

Staffing

The communications and marketing manager, Victoria Duran, has been provided a new computer, monitor and software to allow her to help provide creative editorial and production services. She has produced several print projects for membership as well as contributing to the other various projects and magazine work. Funding has been approved to further educate Victoria in the areas of writing, editing and graphic design using Adobe Creative Suite.

The call program staffer, Amanda Boehm, continues to log 20 hour+ each week with her member retention efforts. Amanda brings six years of experience retaining our members in the call program. She and I meet frequently about processes and follow-up actions for membership services. She has great advice and suggestions, such as starting the retention calls at 60 days instead of 90 days.

PUBLICATIONS

FRAtoday

The magazine *FRAtoday* is one membership benefit that each Shipmate receives every month. The expense/revenue was thoroughly reviewed. Each vendor or partner that was currently in place was evaluated for price, quality, and timeliness. The objective was to determine if we were being charged fair market value. It is like auto or home insurance. Every three years you need to make sure complacency and price increases have not taken hold.

The companies hired to provide all the manufacturing (printer, designer, mailer, paper supplier, etc.) were also reviewed and the one company that seemed extremely high was the design company. The magazine's layout, design and production went to bid to 4 companies who specialize in this work, including the incumbent. Of the 4 companies, each had a unique quality to offer. The design firms ranged from a multi-person studio to a one-person shop. We entered into an agreement with the mid-priced studio that has a small staff, but a 20-year track record of magazine design and production experience. There were cost savings with the change.

The other manufacturing companies were all in alignment with industry standard pricing. There are now significant savings each month because of the less expensive design fees. Some of these savings were used to improve the magazine's look, content and feel. As of January, a heavier cover paper used for *FRAtoday* as well as a high-gloss coating. The physical dimension of the magazine was reduced by ¼ of an inch, which allows us to buy cheaper paper (typical issue paper costs are \$7700) and save on postage. This coupled with a new design gave the magazine a fresh look. In addition the editorial content went from one long article to two or three shorter stories providing a broader editorial appeal. Topics included a health and fitness article each month and coverage on relative topics such as the Blended Retirement Savings Plan and PTSD. This positions the magazine to appeal to a broader readership. There was a cost increase with the improvements but it did not exceed the savings mentioned above.

The revenue side of the magazine is not meeting our expectations and is falling short of the previous advertising sales group, as well as the projected revenue of the incumbent. We are currently seeking proposals from other advertising sales companies. The company we think would be the best partner currently sells advertising space for *VFW* and *MOOSE Magazines*.

Those interested in distributing magazines as part of FRA's recruiting effort are encouraged to contact williams@fra.org to be added to the distribution list.

NewsBytes

FRA *NewsBytes* is the free, weekly electronic newsletter that contains current legislative activity and progress on military and veterans' benefits. The Legislative Department creates the content and is edited and distributed by the Communications/Marketing Department. As of July, we opted-in all FRA members who have provided email addresses. The circulation of *NewsBytes* is now at 22,000 each week. There are also sponsored advertisements on the newsletter. We hope to grow this potential non-dues revenue stream.

To subscribe, please send your email address and membership number to NewsBytes@fra.org with "Subscribe" in the subject line (the member number helps us make sure that we are marking the right record). If someone who is not a member wants to subscribe, they only need to mention that they aren't a member in the email. For those who do not have email access or are visually impaired, *NewsBytes* can be accessed by calling 1-800-FRA-1924, ext. 112, on Friday afternoons.

OnWatch

OnWatch is quarterly electronic newsletter and online publication for active duty and reserve personnel. Each issue explains in detail how congressional decisions impact military pay and benefits, what FRA is doing to support service members' interests and how readers can get directly involved to make their voice heard. To date we have covered Changes to the Commissary, Predatory Lending Trends and Lost Benefits for Guard Reserves. To see the current issue of *OnWatch*, go to www.fra.org/OnWatch. If you would like to subscribe, email onwatch@fra.org with your full name and preferred email address to receive future issues directly.

Communicate With Your Elected Officials

This publication has been discontinued. GEICO no longer funds this booklet.

MARKETING

Electronic Communications

The FRA website (www.fra.org) is part of our electronic presence. The department is responsible for maintaining current content in most areas of the site. There is always room for improvement in both functionality and navigation. The website is database-driven for much of the content and can be somewhat limiting in what we are able to do.

The FRA social media efforts include Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. There has been a daily effort to maintain trending topics, images, and other branch activities. Our followers, shares, comments all continue to grow as our social media efforts continue. It is hard to measure the effectiveness of our social media as it pertains to membership growth, but the more these communication channels grow amongst our members, the better we are positioned to continue to keep Shipmates informed.

Please visit www.fra.org/fb to "Like" our Facebook page and go to twitter.com/frahq to follow us or tweet us @FRAHQ to share your thoughts. You can follow FRA on Instagram @FRA_HQ.

Membership Retention

Three marketing plans were submitted for approval. None were accepted based upon projected outcomes and expenses. This was probably my largest learning curve - understanding how FRA regions and branches function. No two branches are alike and therefore an overall marketing plan is not feasible.

In order to make some effort in marketing, a series of reports were run to determine how many FRA members had not renewed their membership in the past 24 months. That number was a staggering 9175 and rather unmanageable

once the cost to reach this many past members was established. Further staff discussion developed the idea of narrowing our scope in order to contain expenses. We focused upon all past members for a 12-month period. A mailing went out to approximately 4800 past members to invite them back into the folds of FRA. The results of the effort are not yet measured, but what it has done is to eliminate the backlog of potential members who have not paid their dues.

The membership call program is still in place but we adjusted some aspects of that effort to test the effectiveness. The new program now has calls being made after 60 days past due instead of 90 days. The goal was to follow-up our 3-touch reminder process (letter, email, magazine cover "last issue" wrap) with a telephone call sooner rather than wait 90 days. The results are positive and the conversion rate is higher. We will continue the new call program and monitor its results. The call efforts made by Amanda also "tag" past member records with valuable information such as, Deceased, No Telephone Number, Not Reachable. This information is now generated each month and passed along to Membership Services to help update our database.

FUNDRAISING

The two fundraising efforts that have been major revenue drivers are the FRA Calendar printed in October and the FRA Return Label program, printed in April. Although a new profit has always existed with both these fundraisers, there should be a better result this year since all design/production costs were not outsourced. Both projects were done by FRA staff, not a design firm.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service

WILLIAM D. STEVENSON
Communications & Marketing Director

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON
AMERICANISM-PATRIOTISM
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
17 – 22 SEPTEMBER 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MD**

I want to take this time to thank our National President Donald Larson for the opportunity to chair the National Americanism-Patriotism Committee for the Association year 2016-2017. It is a great pleasure and honor as the chairman to serve the membership of our great Fleet Reserve Association.

The Americanism/Patriotism Committee was tasked with going through the rules for the essay contest to ensure that they are written clearly so that all Branches in our association conducts the essay contest the same.

I want to give thanks to the National Headquarters staff who gave this committee such excellent assistance on everything we asked them to do or for information we requested. I would like to give a special thank you to Teresa Weiner for all of her assistance.

Last, but certainly not least to the outstanding members of the 2016-2017 Americanism-Patriotism Committee who assisted me with all tasks at hand and for their outstanding help with the grading of the essays. This is by far an excellent group of committee members that I have had the honor to work with. To all of you “Job Well Done” and thank you.

I have submitted a budget of \$39,105.00 for the Association year 2017-2018. There was no change needed in the budget.

Regional Interim Reports received from the West Coast Region, East Coast Region, South West Region, South Central Region, N/N Eng. Region, South East Region, North Central Region and North West Region.

Total number of essays	2374
Total amount of money spent on Americanism/Patriotism Activities	43,592.96
The numbers of news releases	42
Total number of man hours expended	1020.7
Number of miles driven	34161

2016-2017 NATIONAL WINNERS

Grade 7

1 st Place	Emma Richards	Branch 055
2 nd Place:	Jonathan Lustig	Branch 226
3 rd Place	Ediardo Florez	Branch 126

Grade 8

1 st Place:	Mandy Yang	Branch 175
2 nd Place:	Kharley Emma Redmon	Branch 105
3 rd Place:	Hannah Frost	Branch 275

Grade 9

1 st Place:	Olivia J. Hayes	Branch 099
2 nd Place:	Cavan McIntyre-Brewer	Branch 022
3 rd Place:	Leah Schemenauer	Branch 137

Grade 10

1 st Place:	Macey Deruelle	Branch 275
2 nd Place:	Rachel Butler	Branch 044
3 rd Place:	Mathew Vu	Branch 175

Grade 11

1 st Place:	Julia Dahlke	Branch 070
2 nd Place:	Vinh Ton	Branch 201
3 rd Place:	Savannah Olsson	Branch 091

Grade 12

1 st Place:	Riley Dodson	Branch 364
2 nd Place:	Taryn P. Murphy	Branch 047
3 rd Place:	Adam Skelton	Branch 342

Over-all winner:	Julia Dahlke	Branch 070
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This concludes my report.
I move that my report be received.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service

JAMES W. CAMPBELL
National Americanism/Patriotism Chairman

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON
BUDGET AND FINANCE
FRA 90th NATIONAL CONVENTION
20-23 SEPTEMBER 2017, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

Shipmate National President, National Officers, Past National Officers and Shipmates. It has been my honor to serve as the Chairman of this committee and to present this annual report to the NBOD and the Delegates gathered at the 90th FRA National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

The duties and responsibilities of this committee are prescribed by Article 8, Section 811 (a) thru (c) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the FRA. The members of the 2016-2017 committee are, PNP Gary Blackburn, Chair, PRPEC W.G. Butler, PRPSE Gerald Brice, PRPWC Nathan (Joe) Nash, PRPSW Mick Fulton, Shipmate Robert Bear, NED Tom Snee, Advisor and FO Nora Graham, Advisor.

The Chair has consulted with Finance Officer Graham while attending the Mid Year NBOD at NHQ and frequently via telephone throughout the year. During these conversations several troubling aspects concerning the financial stability of the association have been discussed. These concerns have been conveyed to the committee electronically prior to the mid-year meeting for study and input.

The members of the Budget and Finance Committee met on 12 – 13 July 2017 at National Headquarters and were joined by National President Donald Larson, NVP William Starkey and NEDE Joe Barnes as we prepared to review the proposed 2018 budget and receive briefings from Shipmate James Webb on the current status of the FRA's investments, Ms Michelle Armesto, Senior Associate, MERCER Consumer reviewed the current status and future projections of FRA's endorsed insurance programs, and Christian Spencer, CPA, Tate & Tryon reviewed the FRA's current independent audit and internal control.

The Committee began their initial review of the DRAFT 2018 operating budget. The Chair wishes to extend a sincere note of thanks to Finance Officer Nora Graham for her efforts fulfilling the many requests from the committee members and providing the actual expenditure figures needed for the budget committee to work with during our preview of the proposed budget.

The proposed 2018 (1 January to 31 December 2018) budget was reviewed by the members and several changes were incorporated. These changes and recommendations will again be reviewed and discussed when the members meet again at the 90th National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland and the final version of the budget will be presented to the NBOD and the Delegates at the 90th National Convention for adoption.

I wish to thank the members of this committee and our advisors for your input and commitment to the successful completion of this important task. Your devotion to the FRA is commended.

Thank you NP Don for your trust in me and my sincere gratitude for allowing me to serve my Shipmates.

Shipmate National President this concludes my report and I move it be received.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

GARY C. BLACKBURN
Chairman

Fleet Reserve Association - Proposed Budget				
JANUARY 1, 2018 Through December 31, 2018				
		2016	2017	2018
		Approved	Approved	Proposed
		Budget	Budget	Budget
ACCOUNT #	BUDGET EXPENSE ITEMS			
5030-00-10	MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE EXPENSE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,200.00
5050-00-10	MEMBERSHIP AWARDS			
	A - 50 thru 75 Year Continuous Membership Pins	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	B - Life Membership Fees (Those Who Recruit 32 Members During Membership Year)	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	C - FRA 2017-18 Membership Program	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	D - Recruiting Pins for 2017-18 Membership Program	800.00	800.00	800.00
5060-00-10	MEMBERSHIP RETENTION			
	C - DMP (Postage & Freight - R1 thru R4 Renewal Notices	27500	27500	20000
	D - Printing/Replenishment of Inventory - Renewal Notices	20000	25000	27000
	G - Printing & Inserting Machine (Lease and Maintenance)	7000	7000	8000
5070-00-10	MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION/RECRUITMENT			
	A - Postage and UPS Fees for Branch Supplies.	3000	2500	500
	B - FRA Educational Programs - R	15000	3000	3000
	C - Branch Development Program	4000	4000	4000
	D - Travel & Monthly Expenses - R	5000	8000	4000
	E - Out Reach Program (Including Booth Registrations)	7500	7500	7500
5080-00-10	MEMBERSHIP RECORDS ADMINISTRATION			
	A- Annual Software Update Fees - ASI (Advanced Solutions International, Inc.)	25000	25000	25000
	D - Backup Software License and Updates for 5 Servers	1200	1200	1000
	E - Demand Deposit & Lockbox Services	43000	40000	30000
	F - Payflow Pro and Fraud Protection - Monthly Service for 4 Gateways (PayPal, Inc.)	3000	3000	500
	K - SSL Certificate for Web Site (L-Soft Sweden)	1000	500	500
5090-00-10	MEMBERSHIP MARKETING-E			
	A - Electronic Communication	12500	11200	12500
	B - Relationship Marketing	5000	2500	500
	C - Sales Oriented Printing	16000	16000	16000

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	E - Public Relations	3000	3600	3600
	F - Print Advertising	20000	20000	6000
5210-00-20	LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS			
	A - On-Line Data Service - R	20000	21000	22000
	Annual cost of the computerized legislative service that keeps FRA's legislative team up-to-date on happenings in the U.S. Congress. Includes access to several data bases billed by time usage to include committees and votes. [Annual Package]			
	C - Monthly Operations - R	20000	21000	8000
	This sub-line item is the source of reimbursement to the National Executive Director and staff for authorized expenses in connection with legislative matters, such as transportation (use of personal vehicle, metro, and occasionally a taxi, etc.) to attend hearings, meetings, trips to Congress, visits to government officials, etc., reimbursement for parking fees and tolls, and occasional business luncheons, etc.			
	D - Memberships and Training -R			
	Payment for annual memberships, VA , VSO, and legislative training and workshops.	250	250	350
	I - Military Update Posting	8000	0	0
	J - Military Coalition Donation	1000	500	500
	Donations are solicited from member organizations to cover administrative, TMC			
5220-07-20	VAVAVS - R			
	A - Annual National VAVS Conference - Travel, Per Diem and Registration	2000	2000	2000
	B - Membership Dues for Flag Bearers - Memorial Day & Veterans Day	192	192	0
	C - Veterans Benefits Manual & Federal Veterans Laws, Rules & Regulations	300	210	350
	E - Contribution to Parke Memorial Scholarship Fund	100	100	100
	F - FRA VSO Program Recognition and Reimbursement Fund (VSO Reps & Training)	1500	1500	1500
53xx-xx-xx	<i>FRA today (R - 50%)</i>			
5310-00-30	ADVERTISING EXPENSE	55000	64000	52000
5320-00-30	POSTAGE & FREIGHT	280000	270000	270000

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5330-00-30	Writer's / EDITOR'S EXPENSE	100	7500	7500
5350-00-30	PHOTOGRAPHY EXPENSES	500	5	
5360-00-30	PRINTING	250000	250000	245000
5380-00-30	GRAPHIC DESIGN	73000	80000	60000
5410-00-40	CONVENTION BUSINESS			
	A - NHQ Staff Members Travel & Per Diem	12000	12000	12000
	C - Convention Recorder Travel & Per Diem (Metro Reporters, Inc.)	1500	1500	1500
	D - Recording and Transcribing of Convention Minutes (Metro Reporters, Inc.)	6500	6500	6500
	E - Paper, Printing, and Supplies for Delegate Kits and Programs	18100	17000	12000
	F - Shipping	1500	1500	1500
	G - Convention Bonified Guests -Staff Appreciation	500	500	250
	H - Telephone, Facsimile, and Office Equipment Rental	1000	1000	750
	I - Photography	1000	1000	1000
	J - Convention Donor Sponsored Expenses (including signage)	8000	8000	5000
	K - Contingent Expenses-Speakers Gifts	400	400	250
	L - Convention On-site Visit	1000	1000	1500
5430-00-40	NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS			
	A - Travel & Per Diem to National Convention	20000	20000	20000
5502-07-50	AFFILIATIONS - R			
	A - Veterans Day - National Committee/ Arlington National Cemetery			
	VDNC Annual Dues	250	250	250
	Wreath [Veterans Day & the Blackthorne Memorial]	250	250	250
	B - Memorial Day - Arlington National Cemetery	150	150	150
	D - Pearl Harbor Day Services-Naval Chapel-Bethesda Medical Center, Maryland	250	250	250
	G - U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation	1000	1000	1000
5504-00-50	AUDIT			
	A - Audit of the Association's Financial Activity and Statements (Including Required	26000	26000	30000

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	B - Preparation of Federal Forms 990 & 990-T & VA Form 500 Tax Returns	4000	4000	5000
	C - Unforeseen Audit and Tax Preparation Expenses	1500	1500	2000
5506-00-50	BUILDING MAINTENANCE & OPERATION			
	A - Electric Service (Dominion Virginia Power)	60000	59000	48000
	B - Water & Sewer Service (VA Water Co. & Alexandria Renew)	5500	6300	6000
	C - Trash Collection Service (Republic Recycling and Trash Services)	3500	3800	3800
	D - Pest Control Service (Terminix International)	1000	1000	1040
	E - Janitorial Service (CleanNet, USA)	18000	18000	22140
	F - Security System	1500	1500	1500
	G - Building Interior Upkeep - Repairs & Maintenance (Capital Expenditure)	15000	12000	8000
	H - Carpet Cleaning (Dun-Rite Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning)	1000	1000	1000
	I - Elevator			
	Preventative Maintenance Contract (Delaware Elevator Services, Inc.) \$375 Monthly	4100	4900	4905
	City of Alexandria - Fees \$275.00			
	Dedicated Telephone Line (703.549.7594) (Pro-rated with Security System) \$130.00			
	J - FRA Van	1000	1000	1200
	K - Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning System	7000	4000	4000
	Maintenance Contract (A.G.Prada) (325.00 Monthly + 8.00 each onsite call)			
	L - Snow Removal	2500	2500	2500
	M - Window Cleaning	700	700	5
	N - Exterior Maintenance/Yard Care (including \$400 RedBird Landscaping)	4500	4800	4800
	O - Alexandria City Code Inspections	600	600	500
	P - Parking Lot Maintenance	100	100	100
	Q - Bottled Water	550	750	800
	R - Other Expenses including Sprinkler System inspections and other Building Maint. Expenses	1500	6600	2000
	S - Loan Repayment	109971	110000	109971
5510-00-50	SALARY - FRA EMPLOYEES	1294723	1320668	1320668

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5514-00-50	CONSULTING FEES / OUTSIDE SERVICES			
	B - Funds for Temporary Hires/Consultants	100	10000	5000
5518-00-50	EMPLOYEE'S 401 (k) PLAN			
	G - Fixed Fee (3rd Party Admin)	2500	0	0
	H - Annual Participant Fee @ \$25.00 x 19 Employees - [401(k) Plan]		475	475
	I - Employee Benefit Statements	1500	1500	1500
	J- Employer 401(K) Contribution (5% Auto Employer Cont. and 3% Match. Cont.)	112187	114411	114411
5520-00-50	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			
	A - Health Care - Personnel Enrolled in FRA Provided CareFirst, Inc.	67500	64840	67500
	B - Health Care - Personnel Not Enrolled - Grandfathered	6000	7000	7000
	C - Short Term Disability Insurance - Reliance Standard Life Insurance Co.	3500	4200	4200
	D - Long Term Disability Insurance - Reliance Standard Life Insurance Co.	4000	4500	4600
	E - Employee Life Insurance - Reliance Standard Life Insurance Co.	3500	3800	4300
	F - Employee Dental Insurance - Humana Dental, Inc,	14000	12000	14000
5524-07-50	FLOWERS - R	1200	1200	500
5528-00-50	HEADQUARTERS EQUIPMENT			
	A - Contingency for Software and Computer Hardware - Repairs and Replacements	20000	20000	10000
5532-00-50	INSURANCE			
	A - Commercial Package (Business Owners) - FRA	13500	13500	15000
	B - Commercial Umbrella Excess - FRA	2000	2000	1700
	C - Workers' Compensation & Employers' Liability - FRA	4500	4500	4500
	D - Commercial Automobile - FRA	3000	3000	1000
	E - Business Travel Accident - FRA	750	750	750
	F - Directors' and Officers' Liability - FRA	7500	7500	7500
	G - Commercial Crime - FRA Branches	4750	4750	5000
	H - Commercial Crime - FRA	14000	14000	15250
5534-00-50	INTERNET			

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	A - Full Service T-1 Line (Comcast - monthly maintenance \$433.00+.65)	5000	5000	3400
5536-00-50	LEGAL COUNSEL			
	A - Legal Counsel Fees	5000	5000	5500
	B - Contingent Expenses (Including Postage, Copying, Facsimile, Etc.)	500	500	500
5538-00-50	NATIONAL OFFICE EXPENSE			
	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS			
	A - Telephone System (Telelink Communications, Inc.)	750	750	10
	B - 150# Postage Scale (Model #N910-Serial #1706) (Pitney Bowes) (07-01/6-30)	250	250	0
	C - Software For New Mailing Rates-150# Postage Scale (Pitney Bowes)	200	200	0
	E - Copiers	15000	16500	13000
	F - Finance and Accounting Software (Applied Accounting Technology)	1000	1000	0
	G - Finance and Accounting Software Additional In-house Support	500	500	500
	H - MAS100 Subscription Plan (Sage Software Inc..)	2100	3000	2600
	I - Mailing Machine (IntelliLink Interface & Subscription Services)(08/12)	1740	2600	0
	J - Software Data Subscription WW95 (Model WX11-Serial #3215) (For M/M)(03-01/01/28)	1500	1800	0
	L - Embosser	1500	1500	10
	M - Postage Meter W/Accessories Rental (Model # 3K00-Serial #119845)(Meter Model 65L3-Serial #6712790-(3-30/06-30)(07-30/09-30(10-30/12-30)(01-30/03-30)	3000	3000	3000
	O - Annual Maintenance for: (1) iMIS Firewall (Consistent Computer Bargains) - \$900.00 :	3100	3100	2200
	(2) IdealStore Hardware (Backup Server) \$1,300.00			
	Q - Paper Cutter; Folding Machine; Electric Typewriters; Collators; Mail Opener; Misc.	500	500	10
	R - Subscriptions	750	550	100
	S - Payroll Processing Fees - PayChecks	6000	6000	6000
5540-00-50	NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CONTINGENCY FUND			
	Public relations tool for the FRA, help foster good relationships with government and military offices.			
	A - FRA Date-Keepers and Postage Cost	1500	1200	0
	Date-Keepers are presented to a traditional list of FRA officials, selected members			

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	of Congress and selected members of their staff, selected military and government			
	officials, FRA business associates and several special friends of the FRA.			
	B - FRA Christmas Cards and Postage	1000	800	0
	FRA Christmas cards and postage are purchased from this line item. About 1,350			
	personalized cards are mailed annually.			
	D - Contingent Expenses - Includes Staff Retreat off Site & Admin. Prof. Day Support	1000	200	200
5542-00-50	POSTAGE - NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS	40000	30000	30000
5544-00-50	PRINTING, STATIONERY, OFFICE AND COMPUTER SUPPLIES	25000	10000	12000
	TAXES			
5546-00-50	VIRGINIA UNEMPLOYMENT			
	A - Administrative Employees (\$8,000x18)x.0068%	1080	835	980
	B - National Executive Director (8,000x.0068%)	55	46	55
	D - Employee Turnover (If Needed)	200	200	0
5548-00-50	FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT			
	A - Administrative Employees	1000	850	850
	B - National Executive Director	56	56	60
	D - Employee Turnover (If Needed)	100	100	0
5550-00-50	SOCIAL SECURITY			
	A - Administrative Employees (7.65% of total Salary)	99050	101031	101031
	B - National Executive Director (7.65% of NED Salary)	8522	8438	8438
5552-00-50	Unrelated Business Tax (Balance of approx. 35% + 6% on Taxable Withdrawal from E	8000	210000	148000
5554-00-50	REAL ESTATE			
	A - City of Alexandria (National Headquarters Building & Land)	45000	45000	53000
5556-00-50	TELEPHONE & FACSIMILE			
	A - National Headquarters / In House Service (approx. \$1,250.00 monthly)	15000	18500	12250
	B - Cellular Service (approx. 250. month)	3000	1200	1250
	C - Telephone Conference Calls	1200	1200	250

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5560-00-50	BANK FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES [including visa/masterCard/Amex discount chgs)	21000	22000	23000
5570-07-50	TRAINING FOR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL - R	4000	5000	3000
	Required for training of National headquarters personnel in job specific skills, i.e.,			
	Tax Law Update, HR Training, IT Training, ASAE Memberships, VA Training Compliance, etc.			
5605-00-60	NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT & REGIONAL PRESIDENTS-ELECT			
	A - Travel and Per Diem to National Convention	12500	12500	12500
5610-07-60	NATIONAL CHAPLAIN'S EXPENSE - R			
	A - Travel and Per Diem - NBOD Meeting - Alexandria, Virginia	1500	1500	1500
	B - Travel and Per Diem - National Convention	1500	1500	1500
	C - Travel and Per Diem - National Convention (Appointee)	1500	1500	1500
	D - Expenses of Office	800	800	800
5615-00-60	NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIAN'S EXPENSE			
	A - Travel and Per Diem - NBOD Meeting - Alexandria, Virginia	1500	1500	1500
	B - Travel and Per Diem - National Convention	1500	1500	1500
	C - Travel and Per Diem -National Convention (Appointee)	1500	1500	1500
	D - Expenses of Office	100	100	100
5620-00-60	NATIONAL PRESIDENT TRAVEL & EXPENSES	40000	40000	40000
5625-00-60	NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT TRAVEL & EXPENSES	20000	20000	20000
5635-00-60	REGIONAL PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL & EXPENSES			
	A - Within the 50 United States	52000	45000	40000
	B - Overseas		7000	0
5640-00-60	NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING			
	A - Travel and Per Diem - Alexandria, Virginia	18000	18000	18000
	D - Contingent Expenses (Purchase of meeting supplies)	200	200	200
5645-00-60	Regional Vice-Presidents Travel to NBOD Meeting	10000	0	0
5660-00-60	SALARY- NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	111394	110313	110313

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	P - Telephone Charges	20	20	20
5720-00-70	CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, RITUALS AND RESOLUTIONS			
	B - Committee Expenses (Administrative, Printing, Postage, Telephone, etc.)	100	100	50
	C - Printing and Mailing of C&BL, SR & Rituals	100	100	10
5725-00-70	BUDGET & FINANCE			
	A - Travel and Per Diem - Alexandria, Virginia	9000	9000	9000
	D - Committee Expenses	250	250	250
5735-07-70	HOSPITALS, WELFARE & REHABILITATION - R			
	B - Plaque (Shipmate of The Year Award)	100	50	50
	C - 15 Award Ribbons (1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place-Five Membership Groups)	38	40	40
	D - Committee Expenses	100	50	50
5745-07-70	PUBLIC RELATIONS - R			
	B - Plaque (Shipmate of the Year Award)	100	50	50
	C - 15 Award Ribbons (1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place-Five Membership Groups)	40	40	40
	D - Committee Expenses (Telephone, Supplies, Postage, Envelopes/Paper, Etc.)	100	50	50
5755-07-70	YOUTH ACTIVITIES - R			
	B - Plaque (Shipmate of the Year Award)	100	50	50
	C - 15 Award Ribbons (1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place-Five Membership Groups)	40	40	40
	D - Committee Expenses (Telephone, Supplies, Postage, Envelopes/Paper, Etc.)	100	50	50
5760-00-70	LEGISLATIVE SERVICES			
	B - Committee Expenses (Including Committee Conference Telephone Call)	100	100	100
5770-00-70	Future Planning Committee			
	B - Committee Expenses (Telephone, Supplies, Postage, Envelopes/Paper, Etc.)	50	50	50
5780-00-70	VSO Committee			
	A - Committee Expenses (Including Committee Conference Telephone Call)		100	50
58xx-xx-xx	ANNUAL NATIONAL AWARDS / RECEPTIONS			

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5803-07-80	FRA National President's Award - E (Various Selected Functions)	500	500	800
US Navy - Awards / Receptions - R				
5810-00-80	U.S. Navy - Senior Enlisted Academy	2500	2000	2000
5817-00-80	U.S. Navy - Sailor of the Year Event (SOY) (Navy Memorial Event)	500	500	500
5821-07-80	U.S. Navy - Sailor of the Year Reception (SOY) - R (Capitol Hill Luncheon)	1500	1500	1800
5826-07-80	U.S. Navy - Sailor of the Year Awards (SOY) - R (Up to 5 Complimentary FRA 2 Year Members)	150	150	320
5828-07-80	U.S. Navy - Area Sailor of the Year (ASOY) Receptions - R			
	Norfolk	1500	1500	1500
	San Diego	1500	1500	1500
	Groton	1500	1500	1500
	NAVSEA	1500	1500	1500
5829-07-80	U.S. Navy - Area Sailor of the Year (ASOY) Awards - R			
	Norfolk	438	375	375
	San Diego	438	375	375
	Groton	438	375	375
	NAVSEA	438	375	375
5835-07-80	U.S. Navy - Recruiters of the Year (ROY) Awards - R (FRA 2 Year Memberships)	550	0	0
5839-07-80	U.S. Navy - Recruiters of the Year (ROY) Reception - R (Capitol Hill Luncheon)	1400	1400	1400
	USMC - Awards / Receptions - R		2950	2950
5852-07-80	U.S. Marine Corps - Career Counseling Course Honor Graduate Award - R (FRA 2 Year Memb)	1800		
5853-07-80	U.S. Marine Corps - Recruiters Luncheon / Award - R (FRA 2 Year Membership)	900	0	
5855-07-80	U.S. Marine Corps - Recruiter of the Year (ROY), Drill Instructor of the Year (DIOY),	1000	0	
5858-07-80	U.S. Marine Corps - Area Recognition Awards	200	0	
5860-07-80	U.S. Marine Corps - Recruiting Station NCO In Charge (RSNCOIC) Awards - R (FRA 2 Year Me	250	0	
5861-07-80	U.S. Marine Corps - "Gung Ho" Award	0	0	
	COAST Guard - Awards / Receptions - R		3950	3950

Fleet Reserve Association - Proposed Budget				
JANUARY 1, 2018 Through December 31, 2018				
		2016	2017	2018
		Approved	Approved	Proposed
		Budget	Budget	Budget
5874-07-80	U.S. Coast Guard - Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY), D.C. MCPOCG Reception - R	500	0	
5875-07-80	U.S. Coast Guard - Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) D.C. MCPOGC Awards - R (FRA 2 Year	450	0	
5876-07-80	U.S. Coast Guard - Recruiter of the Year (ROY) D.C. Reception - R	1000	0	
5877-07-80	U.S. Coast Guard - Recruiter of the Year (ROY) D.C. Awards - R	200	0	
5878-07-80	U.S. Coast Guard - Caucus Breakfast - R (Capitol Hill Breakfast)	2500	0	
5879-07-80	U.S. Coast Guard - Area Recognition Reception & Awards - R (Specific Area TBD)	500	0	
	Other Awards - R			
5882-07-80	Pinnacle Award - R (Congressional Leader Award) (MY BOD Meeting)	1500	1500	1500
5884-07-80	Pinnacle Award Reception - R (Congressional Leader Award Reception) (MY BOD Meeting)	2500	2500	2500
5886-07-80	FRA SECNAV Retiree Counsel Reception - R (Secretary of the Navy)	1000	500	10
5887-07-80	FRA USCG Retiree Counsel Reception - R (Commandant of the Coast Guard)	500	300	10
5888-00-80	NATIONAL OFFICER AWARDS			
	(Past National Officers Pins & National President's Gift	2500	2500	2500
5890-09-80	SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD FUND			
5890-09-80	A - FRA Scholarships - R	60000	0	0
	B - Educational Grants			
	C - Scholarship Co-ordinator Fees - R	0	0	0
59xx-xx-xx	FUND RAISING PROGRAM EXPENSES			
5905-00-15	Fund Raising Program Expenses for 3 Programs to include Printing, Design and Postage	80000	80000	70000
	TOTAL:	\$ 3,686,655.00	\$ 3,821,875.00	\$ 3,607,126.00

Fleet Reserve Association - Proposed Budget				
JANUARY 1, 2018 Through December 31, 2018				
		2016	2017	2018
		Approved	Approved	Proposed
		Budget	Budget	Budget
BUDGET INCOME ITEMS				
1. DUES RECEIVED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE ROLL		\$ 525,000.00	\$485,000.00	\$464,390.00
[Include 100% of Recognized Income from accrued Life Membership Revenue]				
2. DUES RECEIVED FROM BRANCHES IN PAYMENT OF PER CAPITA		\$ 452,000.00	\$428,000.00	\$434,650.00
[Include 50% of Recognized Income from accrued Life Membership Revenue]				
3. FUND RAISING PROGRAMS		\$ 300,000.00	\$242,000.00	\$235,000.00
4. FRA Today ADVERTISING AND SUBSCRIPTIONS		\$ 350,000.00	\$274,000.00	\$253,000.00
5. ROYALTY FEE FROM TRICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES		\$ 155,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$90,000.00
(as well as royalty from other MERCER Insurance Products)				
6. SPECIAL PROGRAMS SPONSORSHIP		\$ 30,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$65,000.00
7. EXCESS PSF FROM MERCER HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE PRODUCTS		\$ 598,183.00	\$285,000.00	\$180,000.00
8. NET INVESTMENT INCOME EARNED ON GENERAL AND RESERVE FUNDS		\$ 100,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$200,000.00
9. CONVENTION SPONSORS		\$ 25,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$28,000.00
10. FIDELITY BONDS FROM BRANCHES		\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
11. MISCELLANEOUS INCOME - Rental for 3rd floor / Conference		\$ 165,568.00	\$160,000.00	\$185,000.00
12. AUTHORIZED TRANSFER FROM THE EXPERIENCE RESERVE FUND - E		\$ 250,000.00	\$378,000.00	\$301,011.00
[Reference: FRA C&BL Article 9, Section 912(c)]				
13. AUTHORIZED TRANSFER FROM THE RESTRICTED RESERVE FUND - R		\$ 250,000.00	\$465,000.00	\$419,915.00
[(Reference: FRA C&BL Article 9, Section 911(a)]				
14. NET INVESTMENT INCOME TRANSFER FROM SPECIAL PROGRAM RESERVE		\$ 350,000.00	\$866,775.00	\$746,160.00
[(NBR 50-06 of 8 June 2006)]				
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME AVAILABLE		3,555,751.00	3,821,775.00	3,607,126.00

**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON
CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND RESOLUTIONS
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

National Board of Directors and delegates to the 90th National Convention, I am pleased to report to you the activity of the National Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions since the 89th National Convention as required by Article 8, Section 810(b), C&BL.

Committee members are Chairman PNP F. Donald Muccheck, Branch 269; PRPNE David Munday, III, Branch 124; PRPSE Frederick A. Hill, Branch 290; JrPRPNW Julian J. Wynn, Branch 46; Laurie A. Bailey, Branch 269; Nicole I. Talbot, Branch 159; and advisors PNP Lawrence J. Boudreaux, Branch 275; and PNP Jeffrey A. Gilmartin, Branch 207.

Except for one committee member, group communications were established through individual personal computer network and utilized throughout the year and was markedly effective and efficient as transmit times were drastically reduced.

It is the duty of this committee to ensure that each resolution is presented in the best possible format for adoption regardless of what any individual may think of its content. In some instances, resolutions originators were contacted to point out errors, omissions, contradictions, conflict, or non-compliance with the Bylaws. The committee accomplished this critique prior to the resolutions being forwarded to National Headquarters. Others followed through with corrected copies of the original resolutions to enhance its chance of adoption.

There appears to be a pattern of pitfalls that beset the originators of resolutions, and it can be avoided by taking some simple steps. First, if an individual intends to write a resolution, that person should familiarize himself/herself with the applicable section of Robert's Rules of Order. In addition, the FRA Bylaws subsections 1404 should be reviewed. A resolution contains a Preamble (the Whereas) with specific information. Each 'Whereas' must be factual. If a reasonable assumption is needed, then it should be identified as such. The 'Whereas' should never be stated as an opinion. Sometimes too much coverage is accomplished in a single resolution. FRA C&BL, Section 1404(b) tersely and succinctly states, "The Whereas shall state the number of the article, section, or subsection which is to be amended." Too often this is completely ignored and the information merely is placed in the 'Resolved.' Most of all, a proposed change must not conflict with any other section of the Bylaws.

Because of restrictions, sometimes it may require more than a single resolution to reach the objective.

Excluded NBOD resolutions, a total of 9 resolutions were submitted to FRA National Headquarters for promulgation. The resolutions consist of 3 nominating, 3 Honorary Membership and 3 C&BL. One resolution was rejected for various erroneous issues in addition to being submitted several days after the resolution submission deadline date.

Shipmate National President Larson, we the Committee extend our thanks and appreciation to Teresa Wiener and the Administrative Department for their assistance throughout the year. We thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Shipmates.

This concludes my report and I move that it be received.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

PNP F. DONALD MUCHECK
Chairman

**ANNUAL REPORT
THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON FUTURE PLANNING
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION
FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 19th – 24th, 2017
HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

Shipmates, in compliance with Section 810(b) the FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE wishes to submit this report to the National Board of Directors and the 90th National Convention. The primary goal for the year 2016-2017 was to identify to this great organization a path to grow, improve our service to our shipmates, and to make this an organization to be a model for all other veteran organizations. We did not take on this task with a goal to please all shipmates; but to begin a thought process to bring about change in the direction our membership is moving and this organization is going. We must become creative and generate the thought processes to bring about an “about face” in the way we are going. Thinking out of our own small world is a must in today’s world.

The following listed topics was sent via email to all members of the Future Planning Committee. I can say that the response was less than expected, however it was agreed that nine of the eleven items discussed would require further info and should be routed to the CB & L and the Budget and Finance Committees.

It is recommend that further investigation of the below listed items be dispersed to the appropriate committees, and corrective action be employed.

- 1. Board of Director Terms extended to a two-year term**
Extending the terms of leadership, NP, PNP, Region and Branch brings a longer amount of time in office to keep stability in all the regions of the Fleet Reserve Association.
- 2. Communication activity with branch coordination**
The NED needs to develop a list of military service related community events and activities and disseminate this to the regions and leadership for implementation and participation to increase community awareness of FRA.
- 3. Membership call program**
Need to get the branches, regions and secretaries to make calls for membership renewals, and updating personal information to include next of kin, significant others, and corrected email addresses. The changes will be reported back to NHQ membership services for updating IMIS.
- 4. Legislation & education efforts**
FRA needs to promote, advertise, market and talk more about the legislative efforts and education scholarship Program.
- 5. List of Achievements online and in *FRA Today***
Staff needs to create and maintain a list of current achievements and “wins.” In areas such as; legislation, disaster relief, VA issues, quality of life issues, FRA supported bills, Bluewater and more. Not just who went where. These achievements need to be published as they occur each month.
- 6. Membership**
Provide staff support and assistance on any level to drive involvement and action with committees Regions. Members need to include family oriented events at the branch and regional levels.
- 7. Actuarial study on life membership status**
Evaluate dues structure for this membership category based upon a study.

8. Develop a recruiting product

Come up with a product to sell and use as a recruiting tool such as the Education Scholarship Program, and the Legislative accomplishments on FRA issues.

I wish to express my thanks for the opportunity to serve as the Future Planning Committee Chairman, and I move that my report be received.

SHA'RON D. MARTIN
Committee Chairman

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
ON HOSPITALS, WELFARE, AND REHABILITATION
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 19-24, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

The data contained in this report are based on the region reports from Northeast/New England, East Coast, and North Central. The reports from the remaining five regions were not submitted to me before this report was required to be submitted to National.

This report will be amended as the remaining regions make their reports available.

Hours spent visiting/assisting ill or incapacitated members:	1086 hours
Hours spent assisting needy families of shipmates:	559 hours
Hours spent volunteering at hospitals by shipmates:	3001 hours
Hours spent assisting widows:	428 hours
Miles driven to visit/assist ill or incapacitated members:	3975 miles
Miles driven to assist needy families of shipmates:	957 miles
Number of widows assisted:	35
Number of rituals:	515
Number of shipmates participating in rituals:	609
Number of books/magazines donated to hospitals:	5678
Number of shipmates donating blood:	19
Number of pints of blood donated:	129 pints
Contributions made to the FRA Disaster Relief Fund by branches:	\$725.00
Contributions made to the FRA Disaster Relief Fund by members:	\$ 25.00

Disaster Relief

The National President and National Board approved two requests for disaster relief expenditures totaling \$1,000.00.

This concludes my report and I move that it be received.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

PRPNE/NEng DONNA M. JANSKY
Chairman

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICE
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 19-24, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

Shipmates, per 808 (g), FRA C&BL, I have the privilege to serve as Chairman of the National Committee on Legislative Service (NCLS) and submit the following report.

MEMBERS

In addition to myself, the NCLS is comprised of PRPSE Frederick Bolz, Branch 201; PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti, Branch 18; Robert Pierpont, Branch 181; PRPSC Russell Miller, Branch 201; Tom Howard, Branch 172; Robert McNulty, Branch 13; DLP John Davis is an advisor to the Committee and other members of the Legislative Team provide support.

MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE

The National Committee on Legislative Service (NCLS) met by teleconference at 1400 Tuesday, April 13, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman NED Thomas Snee, and other Committee members participating in the teleconference included Shipmates National President Donald Larson, Branch 94, Robert Pierpont, Branch 181, PRPSC Russell Miller, Branch 201, Robert McNulty, Branch 13, and PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti, Branch 18. Other FRA staff participating included Shipmates PRPEC Chris Slawinski, Branch 181, ADVP Brian Condon, Branch 181, and DLP John Davis, Branch 181.

Comments/questions were solicited regarding the report on the current status of the 2017 FRA Legislative Agenda and discussion followed regarding efforts by the Trump Administration to repeal Sequestration. DLP Davis noted that we are halfway through the 2017 fiscal year and we are still spending at FY 2016 levels. DLP Davis also mentioned that the current Continuing Resolution (CR) expires April 28, 2017 and Congress has only four legislative session days before that deadline to pass spending legislation. In addition the debt ceiling still needs to be addressed. DLP Davis noted that the Trump Administration has not released its FY 2018 budget request which is not unusual for a new Administration. It appears that the new administration will request an increase for the Armed Services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps) of nine percent and that the Coast Guard Budget will receive no increase. DLP Davis told the Shipmates that the issue is listed on the Action Center. NED Snee reported on 2017 Congressional testimony listed in the meeting agenda.

DLP Davis provided an update on health care issues. The Committee was informed that House and Senate Armed Services Committees Personnel Subcommittees are monitoring the implementation of substantial changes to military health care included in FY 2017 NDAA. Among those changes; TRICARE will go from three regions to two regions and TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra will be replaced by TRICARE Select effective January 1, 2018. For the first time in several years the Administration will not ask for any TRICARE fee increases or increases for pharmacy co-pays.

DLP Davis, who co-chairs the TMC Retiree Policy Committee, provided the NCLS an update on retirement issues. The update included efforts to improve concurrent receipt, the Uniform Services Former Spouse Protection Act (USFSPA), and plans to introduce "Final Months Pay" legislation.

NVSO Chris Slawinski provided an update on VA programs and VA claims processing. NVSO Slawinski acknowledged the enactment of the extension of the VA Choice program. He stated that there are currently 376,000 pending disability claims and 99,000 backlogged (pending more than 125 days) claims. Currently Fully Developed Claims takes 114 days to adjudicate and 122 days for non-fully developed claims. All senior staff at VA are in a "acting" capacity until new appointees are approved.

NVSO Slawinski mentioned media reports of mismanagement at the Washington, DC VA hospital, and that the director of the hospital had been put on administrative leave.

ADVP Brian Condon updated the Committee regarding the Agent Orange Blue Water Navy legislation (S. 422/H.R. 299). The House Veterans Affairs, Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee recently held a hearing on the House bill and several other proposals. FRA submitted a written statement for the record at the hearing. The House bill already has 261 co-sponsors and the Senate bill has 40 co-sponsors indicating that the bill has significant support. ADVP Condon discussed the extension of the VA Choice program (S. 544) that was currently awaiting the President's signature. ADVP Condon also told the Committee that the VA Accountability Act (H.R. 1259) has passed the House and is awaiting further consideration in the Senate.

NED Tom Snee discussed active duty issues with the committee. He informed them of the recent senior enlisted testimony before the House Appropriations, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee regarding quality of life issues. MCPON and SMMC expressed concern about PCS moves being put on a short fuse and the impact it is having on military families. NED told the committee that the military is now forwarding medical records to service member's new duty station electronically. Congress is working to make military training to be eligible for credit with state licensing boards for various occupations. NED also discussed family readiness, commissaries, special needs kids, and stateside military schools being evaluated by DoD.

DLP Davis provided an update on survivor issues. Davis explained that SBP/DIC offset repeal has been introduced in both chambers of Congress and efforts to eliminate the sunset on the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) and increase the payment.

DLP Davis announced that the FRA Action Center had its best year ever with nearly 85,000 advocacy messages. Currently there are 10 issues on the Action Center.

NCLS members discussed the proposed 2018 legislative agenda. Shipmate McNulty made a motion to add an item to include POW/MIA accountability. Shipmate Pierpont motioned to approve agenda as amended, and it was approved unanimously.

NCLS discussed 2018 Pinnacle award nominees. The committee could not agree and it was moved to e-mail nominees to NCLS members for a vote. Nominees were e-mailed to all NCLS members and they selected Rep. Mike Coffman from Colorado, current Chairman of House Armed Services, Military Personnel Subcommittee. The nominee must be approved by the delegates at the 2017 FRA National Convention.

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY/SPECIAL MEETINGS

FRA presented testimony before key Congressional oversight committees in conjunction with the pending FY 2018 authorizing legislation, and attended meetings with members of Congress focused on key legislative agenda issues. FRA Congressional testimony for 2017 includes:

National President Donald Larson testified before joint meeting of House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees 3/22/17;

FRA submitted statement HVAC Subcommittee on Agent Orange Blue Water Bill (H.R. 299) 4/05/17;

NED Thomas Snee, and other VSOs, met with House Minority Leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi (CA) and House Veterans Affairs Committee Ranking Member Rep. Tim Walz (MN.) and other Democratic legislators to discuss women veteran's issues 3/29/17;

NED Thomas Snee participated in a press conference on Capitol Hill to celebrate the passage of the "Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act" (S. 1094) to bring accountability to the VA 6/14/17;

NED Snee participated in a VSO round table discussion about the future of Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) pertaining to extending the availability of ANC 6/12/17;

DLP John Davis attended VSO meeting with House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (Calif.), House Veterans Affairs Committee Ranking Member Tim Walz (Minn.) other key Democratic Representatives to discuss improvement to the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill and pending legislation on the Veteran's Choice program 7/18/17; and

NED Snee, DLP Davis, and NVSO Slawinski met with HVAC Chairman Dr. Phil Rowe and HVAC staff to discuss Agent Orange/Blue Water Navy issue 7/25/17.

In addition DLP John Davis met with Senate Armed Services, Personnel Subcommittee staff to discuss implementation of FY 2017 NDAA changes to TRICARE. Further all Military Coalition (TMC) policy committee co-chairs (HCA Bob Washington and DLP Davis) met with House Armed Services Military, Personnel Subcommittee staff to discuss military personnel issues including retirement benefits, TRICARE issues, concurrent receipt reform, and extending the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA). NP Donald Larson and DLP Davis met with Rep. Mike Coffman staff to discuss FRA's legislative agenda. Rep. Coffman is Chairman of the House Armed Services, Military Personnel Subcommittee. DLP Davis met with Senator Dean Heller's (NV) staff to discuss concurrent receipt amendment to Senate NDAA. NED Snee and HCA Bob Washington attend quarterly meeting with the Vice Admiral Raquel Bono, Defense Health Agency (DHA) and HCA Washington meets regularly with DHA working group providing updates on implementation of major health care changes provided in FY 2017 NDAA.

PINNACLE AWARD

For several years the Pinnacle reception was held in conjunction with NBOD "Storming the Hill." Due to a scheduling conflict the National Board of Directors (NBOD) April meeting occurred with Congress was on recess.

For the past 22 years, FRA has presented its highest award to a member of Congress who goes above and beyond to advance FRA's legislative agenda. FRA National President Donald Larson , National Executive Director Thomas Snee and DLP John Davis presented the Association's prestigious annual Pinnacle Award to Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (NY) to honor her outstanding leadership in preserving and enhancing the quality of life for military personnel, retirees, veterans and their families. Delegates at the October 2016 National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida voted unanimously to give this award to Senator Gillibrand.

The junior Senator from New York has served in the U.S. Senate since 2009 and was appointed Chairwoman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Personnel Subcommittee in 2013. She served as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee since 2015. In the last session of Congress (114th – 2015-2016) she sponsored the "Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act." This FRA-supported bill would clarify that service members off the coast of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict have a presumption for filing disability claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for ailments associated with exposures to the Agent Orange herbicide. At the meeting she confirmed that she would re-introduce the bill this year.

ACTION CENTER

One of the reasons FRA has been successful on Capitol Hill is that we have members who are willing to contact their legislators and express their views on issues that are important to them. Since starting the Action Center, Shipmates have sent more than half a million messages to Capitol Hill. Since the start of the 115th Congress on January 4, 2017, the Action Center has generated more than 58,000 advocacy messages. There are currently 20 issues listed on the Action Center.

LEGISLATIVE TEAM

FRA's Legislative Team consists of NED Thomas Snee, DLP John Davis, ADLP Stephen Tassin (on leave), ADVP Brian Condon, NVSO Chris Slawinski, and HCA Bob Washington. These registered lobbyists work to enact the Association's legislative agenda. Legislative Team members attend hearings, briefings, and special events; they participate in numerous meetings with members of Congress, and their staff; spearhead lobbying efforts; dispatched Congressional correspondence on legislation impacting FRA's legislative agenda; and researched, wrote, and submitted testimony addressing priority active, Reserve, retired, and veteran's issues plus Defense, Coast Guard, and VA budgets.

LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

FRA maintains a strong and credible presence on Capitol Hill and successes during the past year include:

VA will use DoD Electronic Health Record (EHR) system which is a major step forward in FRA's goal of providing a "seamless transition" for personnel wounded or injured switching from active duty status to veteran status to receive the best care possible.

Enactment of GI Bill improvements.

Enactment of stop gap funding for FY 2017 for VA Choice program.

Successfully supported enacted legislation to make VA employees more accountable for their conduct.

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) has scheduled expansion of cemetery. FRA survey indicates that 92 percent of members prefer expansion of cemetery before restrictions on eligibility.

The U. S. Supreme Court ruled a state court may not order a military retiree to indemnify a divorced spouse for the loss in the divorced spouse's portion of the retirement pay caused by the retiree's waiver of retirement pay to receive service-related disability benefits. FRA has expressed this concern in Congressional testimony that some state courts have been awarding a percentage of veterans' compensation to ex-spouses, a clear violation of U. S. law.

Successfully defeated legislative provision to reduce veteran's preference in federal hiring.

FRA successfully persuaded DFAS to change narrow interruption of statute that would prohibit those who are divorced with a deceased former spouse to change the SBP beneficiary from the former deceased spouse to a current spouse.

PENDING LEGISLATION

NDAA Issues: The Senate Committee version of the FY2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) provides for substantial TRICARE fee increases. This Senate bill (S. 1519) has been approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee and is expected to be considered by the full Senate. The bill repeals the so-called grandfather clause that excluded retirees who retired before the January 1, 2018 from scheduled TRICARE fee increases. The bill also increases pharmacy co-pays to generate funding to extend the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance for widows and widowers under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). Other key provisions include:

Smaller active duty pay increase (2.1% vice 2.4%);

Makes further cuts to Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH);

Provides \$25 million for impact aid to public schools with large military population; and

Allows more flexibility for military families in the Permanent Change of Station (PCS) process.

The House of Representatives amended, debated and approved its version of the FY2018 Defense Authorization bill (H.R. 2810). The House considered 210 floor amendments and most of the amendments were defeated by floor votes including one that would have struck a provision prohibiting the Pentagon from implementing a new round of Base Relocation and Closures (BRAC). Key provisions of the House NDAA include:

No TRICARE fee increases or pharmacy co-pay increases;

A larger than requested annual active duty pay increase (2.4% vice 2.1%);

Allowing mobilized Reserve Component members to receive pre-mobilization and transitional TRICARE health care;

Prohibiting DoD from further reducing the basic allowance for housing (BAH) below the current level for service members;

Enhancing OTH discharge review for Vietnam combat veterans presumed to have PTSD;

Adding \$30 million for impact aid to public schools with a large military population;

Prohibiting active duty wrongful broadcast or distribution of intimate visual images; and

Reimbursing up to \$500 to a military spouse for state licensure arising from relocation to another state.

It should be noted that neither bill provides any additional concurrent receipt reform, although Senator Dean Heller (NV) has indicated that he will file a floor amendment when the Senate bill (S. 1519) is considered by the full Senate. Once the Senate completes work on its bill a conference committee will be appointed to resolve the differences between the two bills and then voted on by both chambers of Congress. If approved by the House and Senate, the bill will then be sent to President Donald Trump to be signed into law or vetoed.

Other Legislative Issues: FRA's National Executive Director (NED) Thomas Snee recently met with Rep. Phil Roe (Tenn.), Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, July 26, to discuss FRA's Legislative Agenda. Director of Legislative Programs John Davis and National Veterans' Services Officer Chris Slawinski also attended the meeting. NED Snee congratulated the Chairman for the House passing of the GI Bill reform. As well as thanked the Chairman for having a HVAC subcommittee hearing earlier in the year on the "**Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act**" (H.R. 299) that would allow "Blue Water" veterans who served off the coast of Vietnam to be compensated for service connected disabilities related to their exposure to the Agent Orange herbicide. Dr. Roe offered to have a committee vote on the Blue Water Navy bill if it could be amended to round down veteran's monthly benefits to the nearest dollar. FRA is surveying its membership on this issue.

Both the House and Senate versions of the FY 2018 Defense authorization bills (NDAA) violate the spending caps of the Budget Control Act (BCA) which sets strict caps on both defense and non-defense spending. In the past Congress managed to make short-term compromises, lifting the caps for a couple of years at a time, but no such agreement applies to FY 2018 NDAA.

Budget cuts mandated by the BCA of 2011 pose a threat to national security and will substantially impact member pay and benefits. These automatic cuts, known as Sequestration, require that 50 percent come from Defense even though Defense only makes up 15 percent of the federal budget. These cuts were intended to be so punitive that Congress and the Administration would be forced to work together to find reasonable alternatives. Unfortunately, this has not occurred and FRA supports **excluding the Defense budget from sequestration.**

FRA supports **comprehensive concurrent receipt reform legislation** (S. 66/H.R. 333) sponsored by Senators Dean Heller (NV) and Rep. Sanford Bishop (GA) respectively. These bi-partisan bills would authorize the immediate payment of concurrent receipt of full military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation for all disabled retirees.

The FRA has long sought the **elimination of the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) offset (H.R. 846/S. 339)** for widows and widowers of service members. This offset, also known as the "widow's tax," impacts approximately 63,000 widows and widowers of our Armed Forces. These widows and widowers should receive both SBP and DIC benefits without the current dollar-for-dollar offset. SBP provides a surviving spouse 55 percent of their deceased spouse's retirement pay. The retiree gains this coverage for their spouse by paying a premium equal to 6.5 percent of his/her retired pay. Currently this offset is more than \$1,200 a month for many widows/widowers.

Senator Bill Nelson's (FL) has introduced legislation (S. 1411) to **extend the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA)** that expires in May 2018. The bill provides a five year extension of the SSIA payments. FRA supports increasing this payment. In 2008, Congress enacted the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) which increased gradually and now pays approximately 25 percent (\$310) of the offset. Unfortunately the SSIA sunsets in May 2018.

At the request of FRA, Rep. Walter Jones (NC) has introduced the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" (H.R. 3011) which would authorize the **retention of the full final month's retired pay by the surviving spouse** (or other designated survivor) for the month in which the member was alive for at least 24 hours.

Surviving spouses who are unaware that the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) should be notified immediately on the death of the military retiree are surprised to learn of this requirement. Those who had joint bank accounts, in which retirement payments were made electronically, gave little if any thought that DFAS could swoop down and recoup any overpayments of retirement pay from such accounts. This action could easily clear the account of any funds remaining whether they were retirement payments or money from other sources.

FRA opposes the "Financial CHOICE Act" (H.R. 10) which seeks to dramatically reshape the regulation of banking and other financial activities. This legislation includes a number of provisions weakening the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (**CFPB**) and its **Office of Service Members Affairs**. Specifically Section 725 of the bill would make the current mandatory Office of Service Member Affairs a discretionary office, so a future Director could decide to eliminate this important office.

CAPITOL HILL FUNCTIONS, MEETINGS AND LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH

FRA hosted its 19th annual Coast Guard Caucus breakfast in June. This event is designed to expand awareness on issues between senior Coast Guard leaders that promote dialogue between those members and members of Congress. The Coast Guard's 25th Commandant, Admiral Paul Zukunft was the keynote speaker (June 2017).

As part of its strong support of Sea Services Reserve Component enlisted personnel, FRA joined other military and veterans' organizations in co-sponsoring the House Guard and Reserve Caucus Breakfast on Capitol Hill. Representatives Steven Palazzo (Miss.) and Tim Walz (Minn.) co-chair the bipartisan caucus (March 2017).

DLP John Davis attended the Commandant's Marine Corps Ball (November 2016).

NED Thomas Snee and representatives of other Veteran Service Organizations (VSO), attended a veteran specific listening session with members of the Presidential Transition Office (November 2016).

NP Larson attended the White House breakfast before participating in the ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and the special wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Following the breakfast, President Obama spoke to veterans and their family members who attend the occasion (November 11, 2016).

NP Larson will also attend the wreath laying ceremony at the Iwo Jima memorial in observance of the 241st anniversary of the Marine Corps (November 10, 2016).

DLP Davis, ADLP Stephen Tassin, and ADVP Brian Condon attended Mack's Marines representing FRA at USMC Birthday event (November 2016).

DLP Davis and NED Snee provided CY 2017 Navy Fellows a legislative process brief (November 2016).

ADVP Condon and NED Snee provided Capitol Hill tour for Navy ROY (January 2017).

ADVP Condon did legislative process brief for 98 active duty enlisted Marines at SNCO Academy (April 2017).

LOBBYING DISCLOSURE

FRA is in full compliance with the Lobbying Disclosure Law requiring registration of lobbyists, organizational lobbying activities and expenditures. Each member of the Legislative Team is registered and files a report twice a year, and reports for the Association are filed three times a year.

THE MILITARY COALITION

NED Thomas Snee was elected co-chairman of the 33-member Military Coalition (TMC) comprised of nationally prominent military and veteran's groups. DLP John Davis serves as the Co-Chairman of the TMC Retiree Policy Committee, Chris Slawinski was recently elected Co-Chairman of the TMC Guard and Reserve Committee, and Bob Washington serves as Co-Chairman of the TMC Healthcare Policy Committee. The TMC Board of Directors is comprised of organization CEO's and meets on the first Thursday in November prior to the regular monthly TMC meeting. Most TMC meetings are at FRA NHQ. Other members of the FRA Legislative Team are members of various TMC policy committees.

A copy of the proposed 2018 FRA Legislative Agenda follows this report.

I thank the members of the Committee and the Legislative Team for their service and support.

Respectfully submitted in Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

THOMAS J. SNEE
Chairman

PROPOSED 2018 FRA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

FRA will fight to preserve and enhance benefits and quality-of-life programs for active, Reserve, retired, and veterans of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard plus their families and survivors. FRA's 2018 legislative agenda is as follows:

EXPAND HEALTH CARE OPTIONS

TRICARE Reform – The current level of coverage for all beneficiaries contained in the existing TRICARE benefit should be considered the “floor” for any new health care reform.

Oppose Excessive TRICARE Enrollment Fee Increases – The Defense Department must sufficiently investigate and implement other options to make TRICARE more cost-efficient as alternatives to shifting costs to TRICARE beneficiaries, and the Association opposes any indexing of future TRICARE Fee increases beyond CPI indexed to COLA increases.

Support Adequate Funding for Defense Health Agency – Ensure adequate funding for the Defense Health Agency (DHA) in order to meet readiness needs, fully fund TRICARE, and improve access and awareness of benefits for all beneficiaries regardless of age, status or location, including Reservists participating in TRICARE Reserve Select, TRICARE Retired Reserve, and Individual Ready Reserve personnel.

DOD/VA Health Care Resource Sharing – Ensure adequate funding for Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) health care resource sharing in delivering seamless, cost effective, quality services to personnel wounded in combat and other veterans and their families.

Pharmaceutical Drug Benefit – Monitor the pharmacy benefit and ensure that pharmacies maintain a broad uniform formulary. FRA supports efforts to reduce prescription costs through “federal pricing” and other discount programs, and will encourage increased utilization of home delivery prescriptions to limit co-pays for beneficiaries and reduce costs as alternatives to higher fees, and co-payments.

Allow Military Retirees to Pay for Healthcare with Pretax Dollars – Secure authorization for military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and allow for a tax deduction for TRICARE supplemental insurance premiums.

PROTECT PERSONNEL PROGRAMS

Active Duty Pay – Secure additional annual active duty pay increases that are at least 0.5% above the Employment Cost Index (ECI) to help close the pay gap between active duty and the private sector pay.

Keep 12 Years of Service Bonus – Oppose efforts to eliminate a major provision of newly created “blended” retirement system that provides a mandatory 12 years of service bonus (minimum 3 months' pay) if service member signs up for 4 more years of service.

Extend and Increase Government Match for TSP – Extend the government match for the Thrift Savings Plan beyond the current 26 years of service to until retirement, and increase the maximum government matching contribution.

Ensure Early Retirement Benefits for Involuntarily Separated Personnel – Early retirement and other benefits must be authorized for service members involuntarily separated with less than 20 years of service – including the temporary early retirement authority (TERA) program to minimize the impact of end strength reductions on career personnel.

Defense Budget – Advocate for a Defense (DoD) Budget that is at least five (5) percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to ensure adequate funding for both personnel and weapons programs.

Military Resale System – Ensure adequate funding for the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) and oppose privatization to preserve the value of the current benefit and access for all patrons, and oppose consolidation or closure of military exchanges.

End Strengths – Track active duty and Reserve end strengths to ensure there are adequate personnel available to meet operational requirements, and work to minimize expanding deployment periods and reduced dwell times.

BAH – Oppose cuts to Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) payments, and restore BAH to 100 percent of housing costs. Reform enlisted housing standards by allowing E-7s and above to reside in separate homes, track BAH to ensure it is commensurate with actual housing costs, ensure adequate housing inventory and that housing privatization programs are beneficial to service members and their families.

PCS Reform – Track the PCS process, ensure adequate funding of the Transition and Relocation Assistance Programs, and authorization of increased PCS mileage rates and higher household goods weight limits for senior enlisted personnel. Also advocate for shipment of a second POV for accompanied overseas assignments.

Tuition Assistance (TA) for Navy and Marine Corps Reserves – Support TA benefit for Navy and Marine Corps Reservists. Currently all service branches provide TA benefits for reservists except for Navy and Marine Corps.

SCRA Enforcement / Predatory Lending Protections – Ensure that the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) is enforced by regulatory agencies, including the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), Office of Military Affairs and work to ensure that active duty personnel are protected from predatory lenders. Make mandatory arbitration agreements in financial contracts unenforceable.

Coast Guard Parity – Ensure funding parity with DoD on pay, benefits and housing for Coast Guard personnel plus adequate resources for same within the U.S. Coast Guard budget.

Impact Aid Program – Ensure that the Department of Education has adequate funding to reimburse local school districts for educating military children and that the DoD budget includes sufficient supplemental funds to provide support for highly impacted school districts.

Reservists Out-of-Pocket Expenses – Allow full tax-deductibility of non-reimbursable expenses related to military training and weekend drill.

Sea Services Recruiters – Work to ensure that recruiters have unrestricted access to secondary schools, colleges and universities on the same basis as private sector employers.

VETERAN'S ISSUES

Monitor Implementation of VA Choice Card Program – Monitor implementation of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act (VACAA) that provides a \$10 billion fund to pay for non-VA care for veterans who live 40 or more miles from a VA facility or have been experiencing wait times for care of more than 30 days. VA has provided “Choice Cards” to veterans who were enrolled in VA health care as of August 1, 2014, and to recently discharged combat veterans who enroll within the five-year window of eligibility.

No VA Claim Pending over 125 days – Congress should to pass legislation that requires VA be held accountable for achieving the VA Secretary’s stated goal to achieve no claim is pending over 125 days and all claims have an accuracy rate of 98 percent or higher.

Improve Department of Veterans’ Affairs Funding – Support initiatives to help ensure adequate funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), with special attention for VA health care to ensure access and care for all beneficiaries.

Support Blue Water Navy Agent Orange Disability Claims – Seek to reverse the VA’s policy that prevents “blue water” military retirees and veterans from claiming disability benefits for diseases associated with exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War.

Oppose Access Fees – Oppose establishing a tiered enrollment fee structure for veterans in Priority Groups 7 and 8 within the VA Health Care System.

Improve VA Claim Processing – Work to eliminate the backlog of claims at the VA and support reform of the antiquated Veterans’ Benefits Administration (VBA) paper claims system.

Expand VA Caregivers Act – Extend the VA Caregivers Act to full-time caregivers of catastrophically disabled veterans from conflicts before September 11, 2001.

Education Enhancements – Monitor the Post 9/11 GI Bill program and work to improve other education benefit programs for veterans, and survivors of disabled or deceased veterans, and preserve the military Tuition Assistance (TA) program and oppose shifting significant part of the cost to active duty beneficiaries.

Women Veterans Health Care – Work to increase access to gender-specific medical and mental health care to meet unique needs of women service members and transitioning women veterans.

POW/MIA Accountability – Work to ensure that the DOD make every effort for a complete accounting of all Prisoners Of War and Missing in Action service members for past and current conflicts.

SAFEGUARD RETIREE BENEFITS

Protect Military Retired or Retainer Pay – Fight efforts to reduce military retired or retainer pay and ensure equitable cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for all military retirees commensurate with their service and sacrifices, and oppose efforts to civilianize the military retirement system. And advocate for rounding up to the next dollar for retired pay and other benefits.

Concurrent Receipt – Support legislation authorizing the immediate payment of concurrent receipt of full military retired pay and veterans’ disability compensation for all disabled retirees.

Oppose Delay in Matching TSP Contribution – Oppose delay of the employer matching contribution for the newly created “portable” Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) from after 3 years of service, to after 5 years of service.

Reserve Retirement Age – Support extension of authority for early retirement (90 days active duty = three months reduction) for all Reservists who have served since 9/11/01.

USFSPA – Encourage the introduction and enactment of legislation to eliminate inequities in the Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act (USFSPA).

Retention of Final Month’s Retired Pay – Support legislation authorizing the retention of the full final month’s retired pay by the surviving spouse (or other designated survivor) for the month in which the member was alive for at least 24 hours.

SBP/DIC Offset – Support legislation to repeal the SBP/DIC offset for surviving spouses of personnel who die of service-connected causes.

Increase SSIA for Widows – Support authorizing an extension (program ends October 1, 2017) of the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) which should continue to be increased gradually to pay at least a portion of the SBP/DIC offset.

Paid-up SBP at Age 67 – Work to change the minimum age for paid-up SBP from age 70 to age 67 which will allow those who joined the military at age 17, 18 or 19 and serve 20 years to only be required to pay SBP premiums for 30 years.

Base Closures – Closely monitor the impact of base closures and realignments and support retention of military treatment and other facilities at BRAC sites that are patronized by sizeable retiree and Reserve populations.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
ON MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
September 20 - 23, 2017 – Hunt Valley, MD**

Shipmate National President Larson and members of the FRA,

It is my privilege to render the report of the National Committee on Membership and Retention. The top challenge in our membership programs continues to be closing the gap between recruiting qualified perspective members and retaining current ones. We continued to study the membership issues and made recommended changes to keep the FRA moving forward into the next generation. To accomplish this, the National Committee on Membership and Retention recommended more participation in outreach events by all shipmates to promote awareness of the FRA, maintaining constant communication with current and previous members as well as developing activities for shipmates and their family's participation. With various Recruiting Incentive Programs offered since 2005 to promote recruiting and retention, they were very popular with many shipmates and we encouraged more involvement. With the continuation of these programs and the steady course of action to keep our Association viable for current and future members, our goal is to make the FRA a premier veteran's organization.

To keep these program ideas in the minds of the Shipmates I wrote numerous articles in our Association magazine, *FRAtoday*, outlining the importance of increasing and retaining members. The topics included profiling shipmates who are current and future FRA leaders, Veterans' Assistance Programs, Membership and Outreach Programs, FRA Disaster Relief process, Benefits of FRA Membership, just to name a few. I published a monthly Membership Newsletter outlining FRA membership statistics and news of importance. I attended outreach events in the Washington, DC metropolitan area to give awareness of the FRA including the annual Memorial Day program at the Navy Memorial and the Annual Car Show/Fall Festival at the Armed Forces Retirement Home. In addition, for out of town outreach events, solicited the help of shipmates to attend the 2017 National Women Veterans Summit held in Houston, TX and the 30th Annual Joint Women's Leadership Symposium in Norfolk, VA.

Several years ago, we set a goal of having 10,000 Life Members. At the beginning of this membership year we started with 8,576 Life Members and ended with 8,999. This represents a 4.7% increase. We highlighted the Life Member's names in *FRAtoday* to recognize their commitment to the Association. All new Life Members received a Life Membership Certificate signed by the National President and a Gold Life Membership Card. This truly acknowledged their commitment to be supportive of the FRA. With the assistance of Victoria Duran, Assistant Communications Manager, we developed a brochure on Benefits of FRA Membership, which is available to use at outreach events. We also posted a Request for Proposal (RFP) to receive submissions from video production companies to work on a new FRA recruiting and information video. The goal is have a new video completed before the end of 2017. To round off the membership projects for the year, we mailed 4,715 letters to former members who dropped their membership due to non-payment of dues. The letter outlined the benefits of FRA membership and asked them to rejoin the Association. Our goal is to receive a 50% return. So far we have a 3% return or 142 members who have rejoined the FRA.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP TRENDS

The median age of our membership is 74. There are 8,054 members who have been members for 40 years and above, which is 16.4% of our members. We have declining membership primarily due to nonpayment of dues, a senior membership base as well as a lack of interest of younger potential members who desire to join the FRA. Although strongly communicated through magazine articles and other information disseminated to the branches, too many of our members are still not being contacted by local branches to encourage renewal or to extend a welcome to the FRA for new members. To start and continue with these notifications is a vital part of maintaining a relationship with new or current members. A shipmate who renews is one who won't need to be recruited again. It is much easier to hang onto a member that to gain a new one. However, if the effort is not done the member will be lost. Many organizations similar to FRA are competing for members and working hard to retain current ones.

Membership on March 31, 2017 stood at 48,998 as compared to 52,921 on March 31, 2016. This is a decrease of 3,921 members. Members in good standing totaled 48,043 as of March 31, 2017. There were 3,715 new and/or reinstated members recruited of which 1,749 were retirees, 949 active duty/reserves, and 1017 veterans. A total of 462 shipmates were on the Top Recruiters List who sponsored 1,317 new or reinstated members. They received pins for recruiting one, two, three, ten, or fifty members. In addition, there were 73 numbers who participated in two special recruiting incentive awards programs. They recruited a minimum of five (5) or thirty-two (32) new or reinstated members and received applicable awards such as complimentary one year dues extension for regular members, gift for life members, complimentary paid Life Membership or \$200 cash.

There were 32 branches or 15.53% out of 205 with gains or no loss in membership, which are referenced on pages 7-8. They received the FRA 100% Award Ribbon. There were gains or no losses in membership Groups I, II, IV and V. These branches were eligible to receive the Charles E. Lofgren award for 2016-17. Recruiting continues with an average of 271 per month of new or reinstated members joining the association. We are recruiting members but a combination of recruiting and placing a strong emphasis on retention would stabilize our membership.

Improving membership retention is essential to stabilizing our membership base. Non-payment of dues was the main reason for members not renewing their membership. 7,347 members were lost last year due to deaths or nonpayment of dues. Deaths were 1,316 and nonpayment of dues was 6,031. From the total number of members who did not pay their dues, 2,229 were members-at-large and 3,802 were branch members. This is clearly an indication that more branches should establish a program to contact their members about renewing their membership dues. Using the Calls Program to contact members is a vital part of communication between the FRA and its members. The stats indicate there are more members attached to branches who do not renew their membership than members-at-large. Using the Calls Program, electronic or snail mail or other methods of communications, to include Branch websites, Facebook, and Twitter reinforces the importance of personal contact to strengthen the relationship between branch members and leadership. They are proven solutions to maintaining contact with members.

We continued to send the monthly branch reports by electronic method. This allowed for faster transmission of the member information. Branches were encouraged to review or print the reports and utilize this information to contact members who were approaching expiration of membership. The Calls Scripts are posted on the website (www.fra.org) as a guideline for contacting members who should renew their dues.

Using the outreach program to promote the FRA is an effective way to expand awareness to prospective members. We shipped 218 orders totaling 36,663 pieces of Association materials for shipmates to distribute at several outreach events during the year. Many branches participated in events promoting FRA. Some examples were: Branch 013, Atlantic City, NJ utilized the Coin Drop Program to raise funds for branch scholarships for veterans attending local colleges, a member of Branch 093, Patuxent, MD attended training dedicated to helping veterans and their families through support groups, Branch 280 in Tulsa, OK referenced an outreach program in a coffee shop better known as the "Coffee Bunker", which is a local place for veterans to connect. These are a few highlights of outreach events.

MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION COMMITTEE

Per FRA's Constitution & Bylaws (C&BL), Article 8, Section 813, the Director of Membership Development is the permanent Chairman of the National Committee on Membership & Retention. The duties and responsibilities include managing membership reports and records as well as consulting with the committee on membership programs including recruiting, retention and outreach. There are eight appointed members, one from each region and two advisors. The primary duty of this committee is to make recommendations to establish new and improve existing membership programs.

The Committee met bi-monthly by conference call to discuss membership issues and initiatives. Besides the committee members others participated on the calls including the National President, National Vice President, National Executive Director, Regional Presidents, Vice Presidents and other shipmates. The Committee, National Officers, the headquarters staff and shipmates must work as a team to strengthen membership.

The Committee submitted one resolution at the 89th FRA National Convention pertaining to having a General Discharge as a disqualifying factor for FRA Membership. The resolution was submitted to change the disqualifying fac-

tor in more detail to be any perspective or current member who obtained a Bad Conduct or Dishonorable Discharge would not be eligible to join or remain a FRA member. For the 90th Convention, the committee submitted one resolution, which would change the membership eligibility to include USA or USAF enlisted.

ADDRESSING MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGES

In order to sustain an even or a positive gain we must strive to stabilize our membership base. We recruited enough new or reinstated members to offset those members who passed on to the Staff of the Supreme Commander but to slow the constant downward trend of members, it is everyone’s responsibility to maintain communication with members to encourage them to maintain membership. Our population of younger members or millennials (ages 18-35) is 1.61% or 790. In order to continue membership growth we must attract younger members through branch and outreach programs. Analysis revealed out of those members who received renewal notices and paid their dues, 60.0% were members-at-large and 56.3% were branch members. The overall average retention rate is 58.1% of all members in the Association. This is a slight increase from last year. To continue to improve these stats, keep recruiting potential members and retaining current ones.

MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION COMMITTEE ADDITIONAL REPORT

This report contains one enclosure that is pertinent, which is the Fourth Quarter 2016-2017 – Membership Report.

COMPOSITION OF FRA MEMBERSHIP BY MEMBER TYPE

Annually at each convention, a summary of our membership types is made available for your review. The chart below includes this information as of March 31, 2017.

TYPE	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS
Regular Dues Paying	37028	75.570%
Life	8999	18.367%
85 w/40 Yrs Continuous Membership	1445	2.949%
50 Plus Years	1353	2.761%
Honorary	119	0.243%
Disability	44	0.090%
Medal of Honor	09	0.018%
Ninety	01	0.002%
Total	48,998	100.00%

ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS

YEAR END	USN	USMC	USCG	TOTALS	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	PERCENTAGE ACTIVE DUTY
2015	2,091	162	238	2,491	55,608	4.48
2016	2,324	171	208	2,703	52,920	5.11
2017	2,154	189	205	2,548	48,998	5.20

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

In 2015 FRA promoted a new program to incentivize our shipmates to increase membership. Referred to as the Membership Recruiting Incentive Program, the goal was to offer a reward to shipmates who recruited a minimum of five (5) new or reinstated members during the recruiting year. For the 2016-17 year, these members received the award only once but could continue to recruit more members. The award was one year of complimentary dues of \$40 paid to extend the membership for regular members or an equivalent gift for life members. A total of 69 shipmates participated in this program and recruited overall 415 new or reinstated members. These members listed below received the following incentives:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>No. Recruited</u>	<u>Incentive</u>
Robert J. Campbell	013	24	Gift
Pete Lazzaretti	018	07	Gift
George P. Hyland	020	17	Gift
John E. Jones	020	06	Dues Extension
John E. Rehbach	020	05	Dues Extension
John P. O'Neill	024	33	Gift
Christopher Erickson	024	25	Dues Extension
Keith Henderson	024	23	Gift
Penny Collins	024	12	Gift
Curtis D. Jones	024	08	Dues Extension
Franklin P. Duncan	029	11	Dues Extension
James W. Scarbro	040	05	Gift
James W. Campbell	040	05	Dues Extension
Glenn Shaw	046	37	Gift
Thomas R. Berger	046	23	Dues Extension
Scott L. Bryan	046	12	Dues Extension
Julian J. Wynn	046	08	Gift
Darrell E. Stevens	046	08	Gift
Edward F. Lockwood	046	07	Dues Extension
Ollie M. Tucker	046	05	Dues Extension
Timothy K. Hartzog, Jr.	046	05	Gift
Lynetta Collins	046	05	Dues Extension
Mary M. Rauch	057	05	Dues Extension
John J. Willis	060	12	Gift
William A. Speight, Sr.	067	05	Gift
Louis P. Irvin	070	06	Gift
Todd A. Richter	091	55	Gift
John W. Fosen, III	093	06	Gift
Donald E. Larson	094	24	Gift
Joseph W. Moran	094	05	Dues Extension
Malachi Nelson	097	05	Dues Extension
Jackie Towell	097	05	Dues Extension
David H. Moser	099	16	Gift
Martin G. Wood	099	10	Dues Extension
Gabriel Falu	099	05	Dues Extension
Daniel F. Kenney	099	05	Dues Extension
Garland W. Odell	112	10	Dues Extension
Maria A. Behm	113	08	Dues Extension
David Munday, III	124	05	Gift
William R. Walsh	126	05	Gift
James Jackson	137	15	Dues Extension
Rick Athenour	137	13	Due Extension

Verne R. Horton	137	06	Dues Extension
Norman G. Combs	161	06	Gift
Terry D. Holland	162	06	Gift
Thomas J. Snee	181	21	Gift
Chris Slawinski	181	10	Gift
Stephen Tassin	181	06	Dues Extension
John Davis	181	05	Dues Extension
Anthony Gene Lockard	183	07	Dues Extension
Robert W. Huscher	186	27	Gift
William H. Whitt	207	05	Dues Extension
Floyd G. Hunt	214	06	Gift
James E. Brown	226	08	Gift
Roberto G. Macaraeg	247	20	Dues Extension
John E. Tharp	269	11	Dues Extension
Larry L. Cox	269	10	Gift
Timothy Bailey	269	05	Dues Extension
Chris Chapman	289	07	Gift
William W. Weatherford	289	06	Gift
Michael McClure	290	15	Dues Extension
John P. Holler	290	06	Dues Extension
Debra McClure	290	05	Dues Extension
Franklin C. Gates	293	19	Gift
C.T. (Bud) Bessey	328	05	Gift
James Putman	334	08	Gift
Edward Raebel	346	09	Dues Extension
Thomas W. Flanik	382	08	Gift
William H. Hall	382	06	Dues Extension

Also, to further promote the incentive program and to assist with retention, we randomly selected 40 new or reinstated members who joined for one or two years. They received one year's dues extension. The following shipmates were selected to receive this incentive:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>
James Baker	MAL	John Appleby	099
Elon L. Bateman	MAL	Brenda Larocque	101
James Franko	MAL	Ericka Lindquist	166
John Vogel	MAL	James Rogers	177
Hector Eagan	013	Lloyd A. Williams	221
Nathaniel Martin	020	Doug Whittaker	222
Jonathan M. Ross	024	Ade Gills	226
Cooy Paschal	024	Orlando M. Macaranas	247
Fred L. White	046	Joseph Anderson	261
Charles D. Hlebain	049	David J. Ward	268
Nicholas Venzke	049	Mitchell H. Nappier	269
Eric L. Olson	055	Austin Hawk	273
George E. White	057	Michele Hardy	274
Glenn Robertson	059	Juan Castro	289
Jesse Lee Morgan	061	Ryan Swanson	292
Charles M. Taylor	070	Angelito G. Nazareno	302
Lindsay Smith	071	Shelia M. Ford	307
Kelton May	094	Anthony J. Solari	316
Alex Nicole Bennett	097	Charles W. Roberts	371
Ray U. Urban	098	Charles Giefer	382

Congratulations to all of these shipmates who participated in this recruiting incentive program.

GOLD LAPEL BUTTON AWARD

Any member of the Fleet Reserve Association or Auxiliary who recruits ten new or reinstated members are eligible to receive the Gold Lapel Pin, a Gold Membership Card, and a Letter of Commendation signed by the National President on a one time basis.

The Gold Lapel Button Award was presented to the following members during the 2016-17 membership year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Location</u>
James Jackson	137	Minden, NV
John E. Tharp	269	Goose Creek, SC
John J. Willis	060	Norfolk, VA
Christopher Erickson	024	Annapolis, MD

AWARDS FOR RECRUITING THIRTY-TWO MEMBERS

An awards program was established in 2005 to provide an incentive to FRA members who worked hard to recruit thirty-two (32) new or reinstated members. The awards offered to members who participated in this recruiting effort were a paid life membership or \$200 cash award. During the 2016-17 membership year the following members received these awards:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Award</u>
John P. O'Neill	024/Annapolis, MD	\$200 Cash Award
Todd A. Richter	091/Jacksonville, FL	\$200 Cash Award
Glenn Shaw	046/Honolulu, HI	Complimentary Life Membership
Thomas R. Berger	046/Honolulu, HI	Complimentary Life Membership

SILVER ANCHOR SQUADRON AWARD

Any member of the Fleet Reserve Association or Auxiliary who recruits fifty new or reinstated members subsequent to September 13, 1974 shall be presented with a Silver Anchor Squadron Award Pin, Silver Anchor Squadron Certificate and a Letter of Commendation signed by the National President. The recipients for this year's award were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Location</u>
Pete Lazzaretti	018	Seattle, WA
Anthony B. Miller	293	Elizabeth City, NC
Thomas R. Berger	046	Honolulu, HI

THE INDIVIDUAL AND BRANCH CHARLES E. LOFGREN AWARDS

The Charles E. Lofgren Awards for excellence in FRA membership recruiting is to perpetuate and honor the memory of our late National Secretary, Charles E. Lofgren.

There are ten Charles E. Lofgren Awards, five for individual top recruiters and five for the top FRA branches in recruiting. They are awarded to individual recruiters and branches in each of the Association's five membership Groups I - V. The individuals will be awarded an engraved cross pen. The branch award will be a ship's bell mounted on a wooden base. The recipients are selected based on the number and percentage of recruited members during the membership year. The 2016-17 awardees were:

Individual Awards (Top Recruiters):

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>No of Members Recruited</u>
Group I:	Todd Richter	091 (Jacksonville, FL)	(55)
Group II:	Donald E. Larson	094 (Corpus Christi, TX)	(24)
Group III:	Tom Snee	181 (Arlington, VA)	(21)
Group IV:	Robert W. Huscher	186 (Hernando, FL)	(27)
Group V:	Garland W. Odell	112 (Birmingham, AL)	(10)

Branch Awards (Top Overall Branch Recruiting):

	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>% Gain</u>	<u>Number of Mbrs Gained</u>
Group I:	269	Goose Creek, SC	0.87%	08
Group II:	094	Corpus Christi, TX	2.16%	08
Group III:	None	-----	-----	---
Group IV:	072	Falls River, MA	92.00%	46
Group V:	295	San Angelo, TX	25.00%	05

Our sincerest congratulations were extended to the hard working and deserving Charles E. Lofgren Award recipients. Their individual and collective endeavors in membership promotion and retention are deeply appreciated.

THE ABRAHAM M. ROSENBERG MEMBERSHIP AWARD

From the branches winning the Charles E. Lofgren Award, one branch is selected for its achievements in outstanding membership promotion. Shipmate Abraham M. Rosenberg served as National President in 1934-35. He was a member of Cleveland Branch 17 and is credited with establishing the Association's financial stability in the late 1930's. Fall River Branch 072 was selected as the Abraham M. Rosenberg Award recipient with an overall recruiting gain of 92.00% gain. Congratulations to the leadership and members of Branch 072 for the exemplary manner in promoting membership.

FRANK J. McPHERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is competitively awarded by the National Convention Membership and Retention Committee to one shipmate who exemplifies the three Cardinal Principles of the Fleet Reserve Association, especially in membership endeavors. The shipmate selected must have expended extensive effort towards the overall growth of the Fleet Reserve Association. The selectee need not necessarily be a top recruiter, but an individual who has maintained a positive public attitude as it affects the membership and retention of members of the Association. Names of qualified nominees for this award, accompanied by an affidavit supporting the nomination were submitted by branches, to the respective Regional Chairman, Membership and Retention Committee by June 30, 2017. Regional Presidents forwarded their nominee, along with supporting documents, to the Chairman, National Committee on Membership and Retention on or before September 13, 2017, which was 7 days prior to the convening of the national convention.

FRA 100% GOLD RIBBON AWARD

The FRA 100% Gold Ribbon is awarded to each branch who maintains the same membership total or increases their branch membership by one or more members from 1 April through 31 March of the following year. This total must indicate the branch has maintained or increased total members on board overcoming deaths and suspensions. In addition, those members transferred into the branch from the Membership-at-Large rolls are not included in the retention figures and, in addition, members who merged into a branch from another branch as result of a National Board of Directors action were not included in making this calculation. Only those branches whose membership were the same or increased by one or more through normal recruiting and retention efforts were recognized. For the 2016-2017 membership year, 32 branches qualified for this award out of 206 or 15.53%. They were:

GROUP I

(1 of 05 Branches – 20.00%)

Branch 269	(Goose Creek, SC – Southeast)	00.87%
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GROUP II

(1 of 15 Branches – 6.67%)

Branch 094	(Corpus Christi, TX – South Central)	02.16%
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GROUP III

None

GROUP IV

(11 of 57 Branches – 19.29%)

Branch 031	(Peabody, MA – Northeast/New Eng)	206.98%
Branch 072	(Fall River, MA – Northeast/New Eng)	92.00%
Branch 137	(Minden, NV – West Coast)	39.56%
Branch 013	(Atlantic City, NJ – Northeast/New Eng)	23.81%
Branch 382	(Nampa, ID – Northwest)	21.28%
Branch 247	(Dagupan City, PI – Northwest)	10.47%
Branch 059	(Cheyenne, WY – Northwest)	06.90%
Branch 207	(Dale City, VA – East Coast)	05.68%
Branch 127	(Bicol Nabua, PI – Northwest)	05.68%
Branch 302	(Carson, CA – Southwest)	04.85%
Branch 226	(Staten Island, NY – (Northeast/New Eng)	00.00%

GROUP V

(19 of 106 Branches - 17.92%)

Branch 295	(San Angelo, TX – South Central)	25.00%
Branch 112	(Birmingham, AL – Southeast)	16.33%
Branch 242	(Davenport, IA – North Central)	11.76%
Branch 154	(Baguio City, PI – Northwest)	08.51%
Branch 232	(Cape May, NJ – Northeast/New Eng)	08.00%
Branch 214	(Schenectady, NY – Northeast/New Eng)	05.66%
Branch 113	(Stockton, CA – West Coast)	04.84%
Branch 062	(San Diego, CA – Southwest)	04.00%
Branch 294	(Crossville, TN – Southeast)	03.33%
Branch 183	(Interlachen, FL – Southeast)	00.00%
Branch 258	(Erie, PA – Northeast/New Eng)	00.00%
Branch 025	(St. Augustine, FL – Southeast)	00.00%
Branch 073	(Agana, Guam – Northwest)	00.00%
Branch 187	(Chattanooga, TN – Southeast)	00.00%
Branch 054	(McAlester, OK – North Central)	00.00%
Branch 287	(Livermore, CA – West Coast)	00.00%
Branch 021	(Ft. Collins, CO – West Coast)	00.00%
Branch 377	(Terre Haute, IN – North Central)	00.00%
Branch 369	(Cumberland, MD – East Coast)	00.00%

RECRUITING INCENTIVE AWARDS PROGRAM FOR BRANCHES

The National Committee on Membership & Retention announced the continuation of the Branch Recruiting Incentive Awards Program for 2016-17. This program provides a \$100 cash award to one branch from each of the Groups I – V that recruited the highest number of former members to rejoin the FRA. The winners were:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Number of Rejoins</u>
I	Branch 024	Annapolis, MD	East Coast	34
II	Branch 097	Whidbey Island, WA	Northwest	22
III	Branch 170	Everett, WA	Northwest	12
IV	Branch 013	Atlantic City, NJ	Northeast/New Eng	21
V	Branch 197	Modesto, CA	West Coast	06

Congratulations to each branch for an outstanding effort to bring back previous members of the FRA. The checks for \$100 each will be distributed to the respective branch delegate or Regional President at the convention. This program will be continued during the 2017-18 membership year.

BRANCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017)

NEW BRANCHES CHARTERED

There were no requests received during this period to form new branches. To start a new branch, the requirement is to have 20 new or current members. This is a viable way to increase membership.

BRANCHES THAT MERGED

Branch 110 – Nashville, TN (Southeast) merged with Branch 044, Columbia, TN by NBR 20-16, April 15, 2016
Branch 284 – Lexington, KY (North Central) merged with Branch 177, Louisville, KY by NBR 30-16 of October 11, 2016

BRANCHES VOLUNTARY SURRENDERING CHARTERS

Branch 338 – Nashua, NH (Northeast/New Eng) voluntary surrendered charter, NBR 18-16, April 15, 2016
Branch 066 – S. Weymouth, MA (Northeast/New Eng) voluntary surrendered charter, NBR 19-16, April 15, 2016
Branch 319 – Mansfield, OH (North Central) voluntary surrendered charter, NBR 24-16, June 29, 2016
Branch 386 – Dothan, AL (Southeast) voluntary surrendered charter, NBR 29-16, October 11, 2016
Branch 376 – Madison, WI (North Central) voluntary surrendered charter, NBR 30-16, October 11, 2016

BRANCHES SUSPENDED CHARTERS

Branch 327 – Dayton, OH (North Central) charter suspended for failure to comply with FRA C&BL Article 12, Section 1217(d) by NBR 32-16

BRANCHES REVOKED CHARTERS

None

BRANCHES WITH SUSPENSIONS LIFTED

Branch 120 – Oxnard, CA (Southwest) lift suspension of charter by NBR 21-16, April 15, 2016

BRANCHES THAT REORGANIZED AND CHANGED NAMES

Branch 202, Columbia, SC (Southeast) changed name to J. T. Brown Columbia Branch 202 by NBR 25-16, June 29, 2016

GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

The FRA is comprised of eight geographical regions. As of March 31, 2017 there were 205 FRA branches throughout the regions. The number of branches in each region was as follows:

North Central:	30	West Coast:	20
Southeast:	41	South Central:	17
East Coast:	30	Northeast/New England:	23
Northwest:	29	Southwest:	15

**FRA MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING PROGRAM
2017 - 2018**

FRA kicked off its new Membership Recruiting and Retention Program on April 1, 2017, which will continue through March 31, 2018. All of the Recruiting Incentive Programs outlined in FRA’s C&BL, Article 3, Section 311 as well as the others, including Recruit 5 and 32 will continue. As noted in this report, 32 branches out of 205, had membership gains or no losses. Due to the participation of shipmates in the recruiting incentive program, it really made a difference. All shipmates are responsible for recruiting and maintaining membership in the FRA. It is a collective action for all to participate in outreach and community programs to promote the FRA mission.

The complete details of the recruiting kick-off campaign were outlined in the April 2017 issue of *FRAtoday*.

Congratulations to all FRA and/or Auxiliary members who had a favorable impact on recruiting or reinstated members as well as engaging in retaining members in the Association during the 2016-2017 membership year.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service

PENNY COLLINS
Chairman

Shipmate National President, this concludes my report and I move that it be received.

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RANKING	Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2016	MBRS IN GOOD STD	% GAIN OR LOSS	MAL TO BR	VOTING STRENGTH
	GROUP I	(763 members or more)						
1	269	SE	SC, GOOSE CREEK	922	930	0.87%	5	38
2	024	EC	MD, ANNAPOLIS	1,932	1,931	-0.05%	6	78
3	046	NW	HI, HONOLULU	1,101	1,100	-0.09%	4	45
4	289	SW	CA, IMPERIAL BEACH	808	766	-5.20%		32
5	091	SE	FL, JACKSONVILLE	1,161	1,048	-9.73%		43
		TOTAL:		5,924	5,775	-2.52%	15	236
	GROUP II	(363 to 762 members)						
1	094	SC	TX, CORPUS CHRISTI	370	378	2.16%	2	16
2	020	NE/NENG	CT, GROTON	526	525	-0.19%		22
3	060	EC	VA, NORFOLK	741	711	-4.05%	2	29
4	097	NW	WA, WHIDBEY ISLAND	522	500	-4.21%	1	21
5	093	EC	MD, PATUXENT RIVER	402	377	-6.22%		16
6	029	NW	WA, BREMERTON	522	488	-6.51%	4	21
7	022	SE	FL, PENSACOLA	533	497	-6.75%	1	21
8	099	EC	VA, VIRGINIA BEACH	788	727	-7.74%		30
9	136	NC	MN, MINNEAPOLIS	395	364	-7.85%	2	16
10	070	SW	CA, POWAY	727	666	-8.39%	1	28
11	161	NC	KS, KANSAS CITY	508	465	-8.46%		20
12	261	WC	CA, LEMOORE	425	387	-8.94%		16
13	175	SW	CA, ORANGE COUNTY	403	363	-9.93%	3	16
14	290	SE	FL, MAYPORT	730	649	-11.10%	3	27
15	061	SW	CA, CHULA VISTA	795	704	-11.45%		29
		TOTAL:		8,387	7,801	-6.99%	19	328
	GROUP III	(188 to 362 members)						
1	170	NW	WA, EVERETT	234	230	-1.71%		10
2	210	SE	FL, MILTON	252	245	-2.78%	6	11
3	067	EC	MD, SUITLAND	222	215	-3.15%	1	10
4	181	EC	VA, ARLINGTON	307	297	-3.26%	1	13
5	008	WC	CA, VALLEJO	261	250	-4.21%	1	11
6	005	EC	VA, NORFOLK	248	232	-6.45%		10
7	276	NC	NE, OMAHA	279	260	-6.81%	1	11
8	166	EC	VA, VIRGINIA BEACH	310	288	-7.10%		13
9	162	SC	LA, NEW ORLEANS	302	280	-7.28%		12
10	163	SW	AZ, PHOENIX	247	229	-7.29%	1	10

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11	018	NW	WA, SEATTLE	219	203	-7.31%		9
12	047	SW	CA, EL CAJON	223	206	-7.62%		9
13	084	SW	CA, SAN DIEGO	205	189	-7.80%		9
14	126	SE	FL, JACKSONVILLE	363	333	-8.26%		14
15	089	SE	GA, ATLANTA	337	306	-9.20%		13
16	208	EC	NC, JACKSONVILLE	217	197	-9.22%		9
17	117	SE	FL, ORLANDO	223	200	-10.31%	1	9
18	040	EC	VA, CHESAPEAKE	326	291	-10.74%	2	13
19	053	NC	IL, GREAT LAKES	310	275	-11.29%		12
20	103	NW	JAPAN, YOKOSUKA	220	195	-11.36%		9
21	147	SE	FL, SANFORD	322	278	-13.66%		12
22	011	SC	TX, FORT WORTH	345	297	-13.91%		13
			TOTAL:	5,972	5,496	-7.97%	14	242
	GROUP IV	(88 to 187 members)						
1	031	NE/NENG	MA, PEABODY	43	132	206.98%	18	6
2	044	SE	TN, COLUMBIA	46	117	154.35%		6
3	072	NE/NENG	MA, FALL RIVER	50	96	92.00%	64	5
4	137	WC	NV, MINDEN	91	127	39.56%	2	6
5	013	NE/NENG	NJ, ATLANTIC CITY	105	130	23.81%		6
6	382	NW	ID, NAMPA	94	114	21.28%	4	6
7	247	NW	PI, DAGUPAN CITY	86	95	10.47%	1	5
8	059	NW	WY, CHEYENNE	116	124	6.90%		6
9	207	EC	VA, DALE CITY	88	93	5.68%	2	5
10	127	NW	PI, BICOL NABUA	88	93	5.68%		5
11	302	SW	CA, CARSON	103	108	4.85%	5	5
12	226	NE/NENG	NY, STATEN ISLAND	120	120	0.00%		6
13	014	NC	WI, MILWAUKEE	156	155	-0.64%	3	7
14	298	NC	MI, GRAND RAPIDS	122	120	-1.64%	1	6
15	238	NC	WI, PLOVER	107	105	-1.87%	1	5
16	307	SC	MS, GULFPORT	100	98	-2.00%	5	5
17	115	NE/NENG	PA, LEHIGH VALLEY	164	160	-2.44%		7
18	316	NC	MO, SPRINGFIELD	148	144	-2.70%		7
19	367	NW	PI, SAN MIGUEL	147	143	-2.72%		7
20	057	NE/NENG	NJ, SOUTH JERSEY	153	148	-3.27%	1	7
21	172	EC	VA, YORKTOWN	134	129	-3.73%	1	6

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22	186	SE	FL, HERNANDO	165	157	-4.85%		7
23	268	NC	OK, OKLAHOMA CITY	154	146	-5.19%		7
24	192	WC	NV, FALLON	107	101	-5.61%		5
25	156	NE/NENG	ME, BRUNSWICK	178	168	-5.62%	4	8
26	282	SC	AR, LITTLE ROCK	117	110	-5.98%		5
27	106	NE/NENG	PA, HARRISBURG	147	138	-6.12%	1	7
28	086	SE	TN, MILLINGTON	163	152	-6.75%	1	7
29	068	NW	OR, GRANTS PASS	102	95	-6.86%		5
30	293	EC	NC, ELIZABETH CITY	178	164	-7.87%	2	8
31	104	NW	WA, PUYALLUP	126	116	-7.94%		6
32	077	SW	AZ, GREEN VALLEY	122	112	-8.20%		5
33	263	SE	FL, COCOA	122	112	-8.20%		5
34	001	NE/NENG	PA, PHILADELPHIA	167	153	-8.38%		7
35	264	SC	MS, MERIDIAN	142	130	-8.45%		6
36	141	EC	NC, HAVELOCK	117	107	-8.55%		5
37	230	WC	CA, ROSEVILLE	115	105	-8.70%		5
38	038	NW	WA, SPOKANE	100	91	-9.00%	1	5
39	017	NC	OH, CLEVELAND	100	91	-9.00%		5
40	055	NW	OR, PORTLAND	132	120	-9.09%		6
41	216	NC	IA, CEDAR RAPIDS	97	88	-9.28%		5
42	346	SE	FL, PANAMA CITY BEACH	180	162	-10.00%		7
43	010	WC	CA, SAN LEANDRO	148	133	-10.14%		6
44	042	NE/NENG	RI, QUONSET POINT	188	168	-10.64%		8
45	234	SE	SC, ANDERSON	133	118	-11.28%		6
46	229	NE/NENG	NY, NEWBURGH	102	90	-11.76%		5
47	124	NE/NENG	NJ, LAKEHURST	174	153	-12.07%	1	7
48	090	SW	NV, CLARK COUNTY	122	107	-12.30%	1	5
49	049	WC	CO, DENVER	133	116	-12.78%		6
50	120	SW	CA, OXNARD	196	169	-13.78%		8
51	159	SC	TX, HOUSTON	116	100	-13.79%		5
52	182	EC	MD, BETHESDA	137	116	-15.33%		6
53	130	NC	IN, INDIANAPOLIS	116	98	-15.52%		5
54	201	SC	TX, AUSTIN	183	154	-15.85%		7
55	334	SC	AR, OSAGE	139	116	-16.55%	1	6
56	004	EC	DC, WASHINGTON	135	112	-17.04%		5

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57	101	WC	CA, SANTA CLARA	254	182	-28.35%	1	8
58	066	NE/NENG	MA, S WEYMOUTH	137				
59	110	SE	TN, NASHVILLE	94				
		TOTAL:		7,599	7,101	-6.55%	121	343
	GROUP V	(10 to 87 members)						
1	177	NC	KY, LOUISVILLE	64	86	34.38%		4
2	295	SC	TX, SAN ANGELO	20	25	25.00%	1	2
3	112	SE	AL, BIRMINGHAM	49	57	16.33%		3
4	242	NC	IA, DAVENPORT	17	19	11.76%		2
5	154	NW	PI, BAGUIO CITY	47	51	8.51%	1	3
6	232	NE/NENG	NJ, CAPE MAY	25	27	8.00%		2
7	214	NE/NENG	NY, SCHENECTADY	53	56	5.66%	1	3
8	113	WC	CA, STOCKTON	62	65	4.84%		4
9	062	SW	CA, SAN DIEGO	50	52	4.00%		3
10	294	SE	TN, CROSSVILLE	60	62	3.33%		3
11	183	SE	FL, INTERLACHEN	75	75	0.00%		4
12	258	NE/NENG	PA, ERIE	43	43	0.00%	1	3
13	025	SE	FL, ST AUGUSTINE	43	43	0.00%		3
14	073	NW	GUAM, AGANA	37	37	0.00%		2
15	187	SE	TN, CHATTANOOGA	34	34	0.00%		2
16	054	NC	OK, MCALESTER	25	25	0.00%		2
17	287	WC	CA, LIVERMORE	23	23	0.00%		2
18	021	WC	CO, FORT COLLINS	20	20	0.00%		2
19	377	NC	IN, TERRE HAUTE	20	20	0.00%		2
20	369	EC	MD, CUMBERLAND	20	20	0.00%	1	2
21	085	SW	CA, SAN GABRIEL VLY	72	71	-1.39%	1	4
22	260	SW	AZ, GOLDEN VALLEY	63	62	-1.59%		3
23	048	WC	CA, SAN FRANCISCO	62	61	-1.61%		3
24	171	NW	PI, SOUTHERN LUZON	47	46	-2.13%		3
25	309	EC	DE, NEWARK	87	85	-2.30%		4
26	023	NE/NENG	NY, BUFFALO	85	83	-2.35%		4
27	311	SC	MS, GULFPORT	82	80	-2.44%		4
28	146	NE/NENG	PA, JOHNSVILLE	72	70	-2.78%		4
29	275	WC	CA, PLACERVILLE	70	68	-2.86%		4
30	006	EC	MD, BALTIMORE	67	65	-2.99%	1	4

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31	245	NW	WA, BELLINGHAM	63	61	-3.17%		3
32	178	WC	CA, MONTEREY	58	56	-3.45%		3
33	344	NE/NENG	ME, PORTLAND	29	28	-3.45%		2
34	145	NC	NE, LINCOLN	54	52	-3.70%		3
35	197	WC	CA, MODESTO	51	49	-3.92%	1	3
36	259	EC	NC, FAYETTEVILLE	50	48	-4.00%		3
37	250	SE	FL, SARASOTA	24	23	-4.17%	1	2
38	051	SE	FL, MIAMI	67	64	-4.48%		4
39	064	NW	PI, ILOILO CITY	22	21	-4.55%		2
40	221	NC	IL, PEORIA	42	40	-4.76%		3
41	063	NW	ID, LEWISTON	40	38	-5.00%		3
42	285	NE/NENG	NY, SYRACUSE	58	55	-5.17%	1	3
43	342	NW	AK, ANCHORAGE	38	36	-5.26%		2
44	118	SE	FL, CAPE CORAL	75	71	-5.33%		4
45	244	WC	CO, GRAND JUNCTION	37	35	-5.41%		2
46	132	NE/NENG	RI, PAWTUCKET	37	35	-5.41%		2
47	280	NC	OK, TULSA	55	52	-5.45%		3
48	223	NC	KY, BENTON	35	33	-5.71%		2
49	041	EC	VA, ROANOKE	86	81	-5.81%		4
50	227	SC	AR, SPRINGDALE	32	30	-6.25%		2
51	328	NW	OR, ROSEBURG	32	30	-6.25%	1	2
52	315	NC	MO, JOPLIN	32	30	-6.25%		2
53	222	SC	LA, SLIDELL	47	44	-6.38%	2	3
54	026	SW	CA, BAKERSFIELD	60	56	-6.67%		3
55	327	NC	OH, DAYTON	45	42	-6.67%		3
56	212	EC	MD, MEADE	89	83	-6.74%		4
57	188	SE	FL, TAMPA	89	83	-6.74%		4
58	273	NC	ND, FARGO	73	68	-6.85%		4
59	364	NC	MO, HOUSTON	43	40	-6.98%		3
60	278	SE	AL, HUNTSVILLE	43	40	-6.98%		3
61	217	EC	NC, WINSTON-SALEM	68	63	-7.35%	1	4
62	219	EC	VA, RICHMOND	80	74	-7.50%		4
63	283	NC	KY, ELSMERE	38	35	-7.89%		2
64	291	SE	FL, NEW PORT RICHEY	38	35	-7.89%		2
65	215	SE	GA, SAVANNAH	25	23	-8.00%	1	2

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66	310	NW	WA, SILVERDALE	62	57	-8.06%		3
67	074	NW	PI, OLONGAPO CITY	24	22	-8.33%		2
68	105	NC	KY, OWENSBORO	95	87	-8.42%		4
69	274	WC	NV, RENO	59	54	-8.47%		3
70	202	SE	SC, COLUMBIA	69	63	-8.70%		4
71	015	SE	SC, WALHALLA	46	42	-8.70%		3
72	281	WC	CA, REDDING	68	62	-8.82%		3
73	194	SE	TN, KNOXVILLE	90	82	-8.89%		4
74	185	WC	UT, OGDEN	56	51	-8.93%		3
75	034	SE	FL, TALLAHASSEE	55	50	-9.09%		3
76	098	SC	LA, SHREVEPORT	33	30	-9.09%		2
77	339	SE	GA, ALBANY	32	29	-9.38%		2
78	071	NE/NENG	NY, RIVERHEAD	85	77	-9.41%	1	4
79	109	SE	FL, CLEARWATER	63	57	-9.52%		3
80	087	NE/NENG	PA, BEDFORD	62	56	-9.68%		3
81	184	SE	GA, WARNER ROBINS	31	28	-9.68%		2
82	037	EC	VA, PORTSMOUTH	31	28	-9.68%		2
83	324	NC	OH, AKRON	61	55	-9.84%		3
84	365	NC	IN, EVANSVILLE	80	72	-10.00%		4
85	301	EC	NC, GREENVILLE	29	26	-10.34%		2
86	092	SC	LA, NEW ORLEANS	38	34	-10.53%		2
87	358	NC	MI, OSCODA	66	59	-10.61%		3
88	335	SE	FL, PORT ORANGE	37	33	-10.81%		2
89	174	NW	WA, SEQUIM	78	69	-11.54%		4
90	179	SE	FL, GAINESVILLE	34	30	-11.76%		2
91	254	SE	SC, MYRTLE BEACH	66	58	-12.12%		3
92	257	EC	VA, PORTSMOUTH	33	29	-12.12%		2
93	248	SE	GA, CAMDEN COUNTY	73	64	-12.33%		4
94	296	WC	CA, AUBURN	55	48	-12.73%		3
95	028	NC	OH, CINCINNATI	59	51	-13.56%		3
96	123	EC	NC, MORGANTON	21	18	-14.29%		2
97	204	EC	NC, ROCKY MOUNT	38	32	-15.79%		2
98	012	NC	IL, CHICAGO	63	53	-15.87%		3
99	102	SE	FL, ST PETERSBURG	50	42	-16.00%	1	3
100	292	SE	FL, LEEHIGH ACRES	76	63	-17.11%		4

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RANKING	Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2016	MBRS IN GOOD STD	% GAIN OR LOSS	MAL TO BR	VOTING STRENGTH
101	299	EC	NC, WILMINGTON	46	38	-17.39%		3
102	371	SC	LA, BATON ROUGE	105	85	-19.05%		4
103	251	SC	AR, MT HOME	57	46	-19.30%		3
104	256	SE	FL, FT LAUDERDALE	49	39	-20.41%		3
105	083	NW	PI, SAN NARCISO	21	15	-28.57%		2
106	036	NW	PI, CAVITE CITY	17	12	-29.41%		1
107	338	NE/NENG	NH, NASHUA	70				
108	376	NC	WI, MADISON	60				
109	319	NC	OH, MANSFIELD	27				
110	284	NC	KY, LEXINGTON	27				
111	386	SE	AL, DOTHAN	26				
		TOTAL:		5,672	5,131	-9.54%	17	307
	LOWER BR	(0 to 9 members)						
1	111	NW	PI, BATANGAS	10	9	-10.00%		1
		TOTAL:		10	9	-10.00%	0	1
		TOTAL BRANCHES		33,564	31,313	-6.71%	186	1,457
	MAL							
1	000	MAL	MEMBERS AT LARGE	18,312	16,730	-8.64%		
		TOTAL MEMBER AT LARGE		18,312	16,730	-8.64%		
		GRAND TOTAL:		51,876	48,043	-7.39%	186	1,457

**PART 2 SUMMARY OF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING FOR
MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2016-2017 FOR QUARTER ENDING 03/31/2017
RECAPITULATION (BY REGIONAL DISTRICT)**

RANKING	Branch No	REGION	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2016	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2017	% GAIN OR LOSS	MAL TO BR	VOTING STRENGTH
1		EC	7,027	6,677	-4.98%	20	298
2		NC	3,573	3,230	-9.60%	8	161
3		NE/NENG	2,873	2,711	-5.64%	93	131
4		NW	4,347	4,211	-3.13%	17	199
5		SC	2,228	2,037	-8.57%	11	97
6		SE	7,165	6,594	-7.97%	20	304
7		SW	4,196	3,860	-8.01%	12	169
8		WC	2,155	1,993	-7.52%	5	98
		BRANCHES	33,564	31,313	-6.71%	186	1,457
9		MAL	18,312	16,730	-8.64%		
		MEMBER AT LARGE	18,312	16,730	-8.64%		
		GRAND TOTAL:	51,876	48,043	-7.39%	186	1,457

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RANKING	Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2016	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2017	% GAIN OR LOSS	MAL TO BR	VOTING STRENGTH
1	031	NE/NENG	MA, PEABODY	43	132	206.98%	18	6
2	072	NE/NENG	MA, FALL RIVER	50	96	92.00%	64	5
3	013	NE/NENG	NJ, ATLANTIC CITY	105	130	23.81%		6
4	232	NE/NENG	NJ, CAPE MAY	25	27	8.00%		2
5	214	NE/NENG	NY, SCHENECTADY	53	56	5.66%	1	3
6	226	NE/NENG	NY, STATEN ISLAND	120	120	0.00%		6
7	258	NE/NENG	PA, ERIE	43	43	0.00%	1	3
8	020	NE/NENG	CT, GROTON	526	525	-0.19%		22
9	023	NE/NENG	NY, BUFFALO	85	83	-2.35%		4
10	115	NE/NENG	PA, LEHIGH VALLEY	164	160	-2.44%		7
11	146	NE/NENG	PA, JOHNSVILLE	72	70	-2.78%		4
12	057	NE/NENG	NJ, SOUTH JERSEY	153	148	-3.27%	1	7
13	344	NE/NENG	ME, PORTLAND	29	28	-3.45%		2
14	285	NE/NENG	NY, SYRACUSE	58	55	-5.17%	1	3
15	132	NE/NENG	RI, PAWTUCKET	37	35	-5.41%		2
16	156	NE/NENG	ME, BRUNSWICK	178	168	-5.62%	4	8
17	106	NE/NENG	PA, HARRISBURG	147	138	-6.12%	1	7
18	001	NE/NENG	PA, PHILADELPHIA	167	153	-8.38%		7
19	071	NE/NENG	NY, RIVERHEAD	85	77	-9.41%	1	4
20	087	NE/NENG	PA, BEDFORD	62	56	-9.68%		3
21	042	NE/NENG	RI, QUONSET POINT	188	168	-10.64%		8
22	229	NE/NENG	NY, NEWBURGH	102	90	-11.76%		5
23	124	NE/NENG	NJ, LAKEHURST	174	153	-12.07%	1	7
24	066	NE/NENG	MA, S WEYMOUTH	137				
25	338	NE/NENG	NH, NASHUA	70				
			TOTAL:	2,873	2,711	-5.64%	93	131

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RANKING	Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2016	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2017	% GAIN OR LOSS	MAL TO BR	VOTING STRENGTH
1	207	EC	VA, DALE CITY	88	93	5.68%	2	5
2	369	EC	MD, CUMBERLAND	20	20	0.00%	1	2
3	024	EC	MD, ANNAPOLIS	1,932	1,931	-0.05%	6	78
4	309	EC	DE, NEWARK	87	85	-2.30%		4
5	006	EC	MD, BALTIMORE	67	65	-2.99%	1	4
6	067	EC	MD, SUITLAND	222	215	-3.15%	1	10
7	181	EC	VA, ARLINGTON	307	297	-3.26%	1	13
8	172	EC	VA, YORKTOWN	134	129	-3.73%	1	6
9	259	EC	NC, FAYETTEVILLE	50	48	-4.00%		3
10	060	EC	VA, NORFOLK	741	711	-4.05%	2	29
11	041	EC	VA, ROANOKE	86	81	-5.81%		4
12	093	EC	MD, PATUXENT RIVER	402	377	-6.22%		16
13	005	EC	VA, NORFOLK	248	232	-6.45%		10
14	212	EC	MD, MEADE	89	83	-6.74%		4
15	166	EC	VA, VIRGINIA BEACH	310	288	-7.10%		13
16	217	EC	NC, WINSTON-SALEM	68	63	-7.35%	1	4
17	219	EC	VA, RICHMOND	80	74	-7.50%		4
18	099	EC	VA, VIRGINIA BEACH	788	727	-7.74%		30
19	293	EC	NC, ELIZABETH CITY	178	164	-7.87%	2	8
20	141	EC	NC, HAVELOCK	117	107	-8.55%		5
21	208	EC	NC, JACKSONVILLE	217	197	-9.22%		9
22	037	EC	VA, PORTSMOUTH	31	28	-9.68%		2
23	301	EC	NC, GREENVILLE	29	26	-10.34%		2
24	040	EC	VA, CHESAPEAKE	326	291	-10.74%	2	13
25	257	EC	VA, PORTSMOUTH	33	29	-12.12%		2
26	123	EC	NC, MORGANTON	21	18	-14.29%		2
27	182	EC	MD, BETHESDA	137	116	-15.33%		6
28	204	EC	NC, ROCKY MOUNT	38	32	-15.79%		2
29	004	EC	DC, WASHINGTON	135	112	-17.04%		5
30	299	EC	NC, WILMINGTON	46	38	-17.39%		3
			TOTAL:	7,027	6,677	-4.98%	20	298

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RANKING	Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2016	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2017	% GAIN OR LOSS	MAL TO BR	VOTING STRENGTH
1	044	SE	TN, COLUMBIA	46	117	154.35%		6
2	112	SE	AL, BIRMINGHAM	49	57	16.33%		3
3	294	SE	TN, CROSSVILLE	60	62	3.33%		3
4	269	SE	SC, GOOSE CREEK	922	930	0.87%	5	38
5	183	SE	FL, INTERLACHEN	75	75	0.00%		4
6	025	SE	FL, ST AUGUSTINE	43	43	0.00%		3
7	187	SE	TN, CHATTANOOGA	34	34	0.00%		2
8	210	SE	FL, MILTON	252	245	-2.78%	6	11
9	250	SE	FL, SARASOTA	24	23	-4.17%	1	2
10	051	SE	FL, MIAMI	67	64	-4.48%		4
11	186	SE	FL, HERNANDO	165	157	-4.85%		7
12	118	SE	FL, CAPE CORAL	75	71	-5.33%		4
13	188	SE	FL, TAMPA	89	83	-6.74%		4
14	086	SE	TN, MILLINGTON	163	152	-6.75%	1	7
15	022	SE	FL, PENSACOLA	533	497	-6.75%	1	21
16	278	SE	AL, HUNTSVILLE	43	40	-6.98%		3
17	291	SE	FL, NEW PORT RICHEY	38	35	-7.89%		2
18	215	SE	GA, SAVANNAH	25	23	-8.00%	1	2
19	263	SE	FL, COCOA	122	112	-8.20%		5
20	126	SE	FL, JACKSONVILLE	363	333	-8.26%		14
21	202	SE	SC, COLUMBIA	69	63	-8.70%		4
22	015	SE	SC, WALHALLA	46	42	-8.70%		3
23	194	SE	TN, KNOXVILLE	90	82	-8.89%		4
24	034	SE	FL, TALLAHASSEE	55	50	-9.09%		3
25	089	SE	GA, ATLANTA	337	306	-9.20%		13
26	339	SE	GA, ALBANY	32	29	-9.38%		2
27	109	SE	FL, CLEARWATER	63	57	-9.52%		3
28	184	SE	GA, WARNER ROBINS	31	28	-9.68%		2
29	091	SE	FL, JACKSONVILLE	1,161	1,048	-9.73%		43
30	346	SE	FL, PANAMA CITY BEACH	180	162	-10.00%		7
31	117	SE	FL, ORLANDO	223	200	-10.31%	1	9
32	335	SE	FL, PORT ORANGE	37	33	-10.81%		2
33	290	SE	FL, MAYPORT	730	649	-11.10%	3	27
34	234	SE	SC, ANDERSON	133	118	-11.28%		6
35	179	SE	FL, GAINESVILLE	34	30	-11.76%		2
36	254	SE	SC, MYRTLE BEACH	66	58	-12.12%		3

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RANKING	Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2016	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2017	% GAIN OR LOSS	MAL TO BR	VOTING STRENGTH
37	248	SE	GA, CAMDEN COUNTY	73	64	-12.33%		4
38	147	SE	FL, SANFORD	322	278	-13.66%		12
39	102	SE	FL, ST PETERSBURG	50	42	-16.00%	1	3
40	292	SE	FL, LEEHIGH ACRES	76	63	-17.11%		4
41	256	SE	FL, FT LAUDERDALE	49	39	-20.41%		3
42	110	SE	TN, NASHVILLE	94				
43	386	SE	AL, DOTHAN	26				
			TOTAL:	7,165	6,594	-7.97%	20	304

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RANKING	Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2016	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2017	% GAIN OR LOSS	MAL TO BR	VOTING STRENGTH
1	177	NC	KY, LOUISVILLE	64	86	34.38%		4
2	242	NC	IA, DAVENPORT	17	19	11.76%		2
3	054	NC	OK, MCALESTER	25	25	0.00%		2
4	377	NC	IN, TERRE HAUTE	20	20	0.00%		2
5	014	NC	WI, MILWAUKEE	156	155	-0.64%	3	7
6	298	NC	MI, GRAND RAPIDS	122	120	-1.64%	1	6
7	238	NC	WI, PLOVER	107	105	-1.87%	1	5
8	316	NC	MO, SPRINGFIELD	148	144	-2.70%		7
9	145	NC	NE, LINCOLN	54	52	-3.70%		3
10	221	NC	IL, PEORIA	42	40	-4.76%		3
11	268	NC	OK, OKLAHOMA CITY	154	146	-5.19%		7
12	280	NC	OK, TULSA	55	52	-5.45%		3
13	223	NC	KY, BENTON	35	33	-5.71%		2
14	315	NC	MO, JOPLIN	32	30	-6.25%		2
15	327	NC	OH, DAYTON	45	42	-6.67%		3
16	276	NC	NE, OMAHA	279	260	-6.81%	1	11
17	273	NC	ND, FARGO	73	68	-6.85%		4
18	364	NC	MO, HOUSTON	43	40	-6.98%		3
19	136	NC	MN, MINNEAPOLIS	395	364	-7.85%	2	16
20	283	NC	KY, ELSMERE	38	35	-7.89%		2
21	105	NC	KY, OWENSBORO	95	87	-8.42%		4
22	161	NC	KS, KANSAS CITY	508	465	-8.46%		20
23	017	NC	OH, CLEVELAND	100	91	-9.00%		5
24	216	NC	IA, CEDAR RAPIDS	97	88	-9.28%		5
25	324	NC	OH, AKRON	61	55	-9.84%		3
26	365	NC	IN, EVANSVILLE	80	72	-10.00%		4
27	358	NC	MI, OSCODA	66	59	-10.61%		3
28	053	NC	IL, GREAT LAKES	310	275	-11.29%		12
29	028	NC	OH, CINCINNATI	59	51	-13.56%		3
30	130	NC	IN, INDIANAPOLIS	116	98	-15.52%		5
31	012	NC	IL, CHICAGO	63	53	-15.87%		3
32	376	NC	WI, MADISON	60				
33	319	NC	OH, MANSFIELD	27				
34	284	NC	KY, LEXINGTON	27				
TOTAL:				3,573	3,230	-9.60%	8	161

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RANKING	Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2016	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2017	% GAIN OR LOSS	MAL TO BR	VOTING STRENGTH
1	295	SC	TX, SAN ANGELO	20	25	25.00%	1	2
2	094	SC	TX, CORPUS CHRISTI	370	378	2.16%	2	16
3	307	SC	MS, GULFPORT	100	98	-2.00%	5	5
4	311	SC	MS, GULFPORT	82	80	-2.44%		4
5	282	SC	AR, LITTLE ROCK	117	110	-5.98%		5
6	227	SC	AR, SPRINGDALE	32	30	-6.25%		2
7	222	SC	LA, SLIDELL	47	44	-6.38%	2	3
8	162	SC	LA, NEW ORLEANS	302	280	-7.28%		12
9	264	SC	MS, MERIDIAN	142	130	-8.45%		6
10	098	SC	LA, SHREVEPORT	33	30	-9.09%		2
11	092	SC	LA, NEW ORLEANS	38	34	-10.53%		2
12	159	SC	TX, HOUSTON	116	100	-13.79%		5
13	011	SC	TX, FORT WORTH	345	297	-13.91%		13
14	201	SC	TX, AUSTIN	183	154	-15.85%		7
15	334	SC	AR, OSAGE	139	116	-16.55%	1	6
16	371	SC	LA, BATON ROUGE	105	85	-19.05%		4
17	251	SC	AR, MT HOME	57	46	-19.30%		3
			TOTAL:	2,228	2,037	-8.57%	11	97

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RANKING	Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2016	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2017	% GAIN OR LOSS	MAL TO BR	VOTING STRENGTH
1	302	SW	CA, CARSON	103	108	4.85%	5	5
2	062	SW	CA, SAN DIEGO	50	52	4.00%		3
3	085	SW	CA, SAN GABRIEL VLY	72	71	-1.39%	1	4
4	260	SW	AZ, GOLDEN VALLEY	63	62	-1.59%		3
5	289	SW	CA, IMPERIAL BEACH	808	766	-5.20%		32
6	026	SW	CA, BAKERSFIELD	60	56	-6.67%		3
7	163	SW	AZ, PHOENIX	247	229	-7.29%	1	10
8	047	SW	CA, EL CAJON	223	206	-7.62%		9
9	084	SW	CA, SAN DIEGO	205	189	-7.80%		9
10	077	SW	AZ, GREEN VALLEY	122	112	-8.20%		5
11	070	SW	CA, POWAY	727	666	-8.39%	1	28
12	175	SW	CA, ORANGE COUNTY	403	363	-9.93%	3	16
13	061	SW	CA, CHULA VISTA	795	704	-11.45%		29
14	090	SW	NV, CLARK COUNTY	122	107	-12.30%	1	5
15	120	SW	CA, OXNARD	196	169	-13.78%		8
			TOTAL:	4,196	3,860	-8.01%	12	169

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RANKING	Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2016	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2017	% GAIN OR LOSS	MAL TO BR	VOTING STRENGTH
1	137	WC	NV, MINDEN	91	127	39.56%	2	6
2	113	WC	CA, STOCKTON	62	65	4.84%		4
3	287	WC	CA, LIVERMORE	23	23	0.00%		2
4	021	WC	CO, FORT COLLINS	20	20	0.00%		2
5	048	WC	CA, SAN FRANCISCO	62	61	-1.61%		3
6	275	WC	CA, PLACERVILLE	70	68	-2.86%		4
7	178	WC	CA, MONTEREY	58	56	-3.45%		3
8	197	WC	CA, MODESTO	51	49	-3.92%	1	3
9	008	WC	CA, VALLEJO	261	250	-4.21%	1	11
10	244	WC	CO, GRAND JUNCTION	37	35	-5.41%		2
11	192	WC	NV, FALLON	107	101	-5.61%		5
12	274	WC	NV, RENO	59	54	-8.47%		3
13	230	WC	CA, ROSEVILLE	115	105	-8.70%		5
14	281	WC	CA, REDDING	68	62	-8.82%		3
15	185	WC	UT, OGDEN	56	51	-8.93%		3
16	261	WC	CA, LEMOORE	425	387	-8.94%		16
17	010	WC	CA, SAN LEANDRO	148	133	-10.14%		6
18	296	WC	CA, AUBURN	55	48	-12.73%		3
19	049	WC	CO, DENVER	133	116	-12.78%		6
20	101	WC	CA, SANTA CLARA	254	182	-28.35%	1	8
			TOTAL:	2,155	1,993	-7.52%	5	98

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RANKING	Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2016	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2017	% GAIN OR LOSS	MAL TO BR	VOTING STRENGTH
1	382	NW	ID, NAMPA	94	114	21.28%	4	6
2	247	NW	PI, DAGUPAN CITY	86	95	10.47%	1	5
3	154	NW	PI, BAGUIO CITY	47	51	8.51%	1	3
4	059	NW	WY, CHEYENNE	116	124	6.90%		6
5	127	NW	PI, BICOL NABUA	88	93	5.68%		5
6	073	NW	GUAM, AGANA	37	37	0.00%		2
7	046	NW	HI, HONOLULU	1,101	1,100	-0.09%	4	45
8	170	NW	WA, EVERETT	234	230	-1.71%		10
9	171	NW	PI, SOUTHERN LUZON	47	46	-2.13%		3
10	367	NW	PI, SAN MIGUEL	147	143	-2.72%		7
11	245	NW	WA, BELLINGHAM	63	61	-3.17%		3
12	097	NW	WA, WHIDBEY ISLAND	522	500	-4.21%	1	21
13	064	NW	PI, ILOILO CITY	22	21	-4.55%		2
14	063	NW	ID, LEWISTON	40	38	-5.00%		3
15	342	NW	AK, ANCHORAGE	38	36	-5.26%		2
16	328	NW	OR, ROSEBURG	32	30	-6.25%	1	2
17	029	NW	WA, BREMERTON	522	488	-6.51%	4	21
18	068	NW	OR, GRANTS PASS	102	95	-6.86%		5
19	018	NW	WA, SEATTLE	219	203	-7.31%		9
20	104	NW	WA, PUYALLUP	126	116	-7.94%		6
21	310	NW	WA, SILVERDALE	62	57	-8.06%		3
22	074	NW	PI, OLONGAPO CITY	24	22	-8.33%		2
23	038	NW	WA, SPOKANE	100	91	-9.00%	1	5
24	055	NW	OR, PORTLAND	132	120	-9.09%		6
25	111	NW	PI, BATANGAS	10	9	-10.00%		1
26	103	NW	JAPAN, YOKOSUKA	220	195	-11.36%		9
27	174	NW	WA, SEQUIM	78	69	-11.54%		4
28	083	NW	PI, SAN NARCISO	21	15	-28.57%		2
29	036	NW	PI, CAVITE CITY	17	12	-29.41%		1
			TOTAL:	4,347	4,211	-3.13%	17	199

**PART 3 SUMMARY OF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING FOR
MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2016-2017 FOR QUARTER ENDING 03/31/2017**

RANKING	Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2016	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2017	% GAIN OR LOSS	MAL TO BR	VOTING STRENGTH
1	000	MAL	MEMBERS AT LARGE	18,312	16,730	-8.64%		
			TOTAL:	18,312	16,730	-8.64%		

**PART 3 SUMMARY OF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING FOR
MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2016-2017 FOR QUARTER ENDING 03/31/2017**

RANKING	Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2016	MBRS IN GOOD STD 03/31/2017	% GAIN OR LOSS	MAL TO BR	VOTING STRENGTH
		GRAND TOTAL:		51,876	48,043	-7.39%	186	1,457

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MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2016-2017 FOR QUARTER ENDING 03/31/2017**

Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	VOTING STRENGTH
001	NE/NENG	PA, PHILADELPHIA	7
004	EC	DC, WASHINGTON	5
005	EC	VA, NORFOLK	10
006	EC	MD, BALTIMORE	4
008	WC	CA, VALLEJO	11
010	WC	CA, SAN LEANDRO	6
011	SC	TX, FORT WORTH	13
012	NC	IL, CHICAGO	3
013	NE/NENG	NJ, ATLANTIC CITY	6
014	NC	WI, MILWAUKEE	7
015	SE	SC, WALHALLA	3
017	NC	OH, CLEVELAND	5
018	NW	WA, SEATTLE	9
020	NE/NENG	CT, GROTON	22
021	WC	CO, FORT COLLINS	2
022	SE	FL, PENSACOLA	21
023	NE/NENG	NY, BUFFALO	4
024	EC	MD, ANNAPOLIS	78
025	SE	FL, ST AUGUSTINE	3
026	SW	CA, BAKERSFIELD	3
028	NC	OH, CINCINNATI	3
029	NW	WA, BREMERTON	21
031	NE/NENG	MA, PEABODY	6
034	SE	FL, TALLAHASSEE	3
036	NW	PI, CAVITE CITY	1
037	EC	VA, PORTSMOUTH	2
038	NW	WA, SPOKANE	5
040	EC	VA, CHESAPEAKE	13
041	EC	VA, ROANOKE	4
042	NE/NENG	RI, QUONSET POINT	8
044	SE	TN, COLUMBIA	6
046	NW	HI, HONOLULU	45
047	SW	CA, EL CAJON	9
048	WC	CA, SAN FRANCISCO	3

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MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2016-2017 FOR QUARTER ENDING 03/31/2017**

Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	VOTING STRENGTH
049	WC	CO, DENVER	6
051	SE	FL, MIAMI	4
053	NC	IL, GREAT LAKES	12
054	NC	OK, MCALESTER	2
055	NW	OR, PORTLAND	6
057	NE/NENG	NJ, SOUTH JERSEY	7
059	NW	WY, CHEYENNE	6
060	EC	VA, NORFOLK	29
061	SW	CA, CHULA VISTA	29
062	SW	CA, SAN DIEGO	3
063	NW	ID, LEWISTON	3
064	NW	PI, ILOILO CITY	2
066	NE/NENG	MA, S WEYMOUTH	
067	EC	MD, SUITLAND	10
068	NW	OR, GRANTS PASS	5
070	SW	CA, POWAY	28
071	NE/NENG	NY, RIVERHEAD	4
072	NE/NENG	MA, FALL RIVER	5
073	NW	GUAM, AGANA	2
074	NW	PI, OLONGAPO CITY	2
077	SW	AZ, GREEN VALLEY	5
083	NW	PI, SAN NARCISO	2
084	SW	CA, SAN DIEGO	9
085	SW	CA, SAN GABRIEL VLY	4
086	SE	TN, MILLINGTON	7
087	NE/NENG	PA, BEDFORD	3
089	SE	GA, ATLANTA	13
090	SW	NV, CLARK COUNTY	5
091	SE	FL, JACKSONVILLE	43
092	SC	LA, NEW ORLEANS	2
093	EC	MD, PATUXENT RIVER	16
094	SC	TX, CORPUS CHRISTI	16
097	NW	WA, WHIDBEY ISLAND	21
098	SC	LA, SHREVEPORT	2

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Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	VOTING STRENGTH
099	EC	VA, VIRGINIA BEACH	30
101	WC	CA, SANTA CLARA	8
102	SE	FL, ST PETERSBURG	3
103	NW	JAPAN, YOKOSUKA	9
104	NW	WA, PUYALLUP	6
105	NC	KY, OWENSBORO	4
106	NE/NENG	PA, HARRISBURG	7
109	SE	FL, CLEARWATER	3
110	SE	TN, NASHVILLE	
111	NW	PI, BATANGAS	1
112	SE	AL, BIRMINGHAM	3
113	WC	CA, STOCKTON	4
115	NE/NENG	PA, LEHIGH VALLEY	7
117	SE	FL, ORLANDO	9
118	SE	FL, CAPE CORAL	4
120	SW	CA, OXNARD	8
123	EC	NC, MORGANTON	2
124	NE/NENG	NJ, LAKEHURST	7
126	SE	FL, JACKSONVILLE	14
127	NW	PI, BICOL NABUA	5
130	NC	IN, INDIANAPOLIS	5
132	NE/NENG	RI, PAWTUCKET	2
136	NC	MN, MINNEAPOLIS	16
137	WC	NV, MINDEN	6
141	EC	NC, HAVELOCK	5
145	NC	NE, LINCOLN	3
146	NE/NENG	PA, JOHNSVILLE	4
147	SE	FL, SANFORD	12
154	NW	PI, BAGUIO CITY	3
156	NE/NENG	ME, BRUNSWICK	8
159	SC	TX, HOUSTON	5
161	NC	KS, KANSAS CITY	20
162	SC	LA, NEW ORLEANS	12
163	SW	AZ, PHOENIX	10

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Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	VOTING STRENGTH
166	EC	VA, VIRGINIA BEACH	13
170	NW	WA, EVERETT	10
171	NW	PI, SOUTHERN LUZON	3
172	EC	VA, YORKTOWN	6
174	NW	WA, SEQUIM	4
175	SW	CA, ORANGE COUNTY	16
177	NC	KY, LOUISVILLE	4
178	WC	CA, MONTEREY	3
179	SE	FL, GAINESVILLE	2
181	EC	VA, ARLINGTON	13
182	EC	MD, BETHESDA	6
183	SE	FL, INTERLACHEN	4
184	SE	GA, WARNER ROBINS	2
185	WC	UT, OGDEN	3
186	SE	FL, HERNANDO	7
187	SE	TN, CHATTANOOGA	2
188	SE	FL, TAMPA	4
192	WC	NV, FALLON	5
194	SE	TN, KNOXVILLE	4
197	WC	CA, MODESTO	3
201	SC	TX, AUSTIN	7
202	SE	SC, COLUMBIA	4
204	EC	NC, ROCKY MOUNT	2
207	EC	VA, DALE CITY	5
208	EC	NC, JACKSONVILLE	9
210	SE	FL, MILTON	11
212	EC	MD, MEADE	4
214	NE/NENG	NY, SCHENECTADY	3
215	SE	GA, SAVANNAH	2
216	NC	IA, CEDAR RAPIDS	5
217	EC	NC, WINSTON-SALEM	4
219	EC	VA, RICHMOND	4
221	NC	IL, PEORIA	3
222	SC	LA, SLIDELL	3

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Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	VOTING STRENGTH
223	NC	KY, BENTON	2
226	NE/NENG	NY, STATEN ISLAND	6
227	SC	AR, SPRINGDALE	2
229	NE/NENG	NY, NEWBURGH	5
230	WC	CA, ROSEVILLE	5
232	NE/NENG	NJ, CAPE MAY	2
234	SE	SC, ANDERSON	6
238	NC	WI, PLOVER	5
242	NC	IA, DAVENPORT	2
244	WC	CO, GRAND JUNCTION	2
245	NW	WA, BELLINGHAM	3
247	NW	PI, DAGUPAN CITY	5
248	SE	GA, CAMDEN COUNTY	4
250	SE	FL, SARASOTA	2
251	SC	AR, MT HOME	3
254	SE	SC, MYRTLE BEACH	3
256	SE	FL, FT LAUDERDALE	3
257	EC	VA, PORTSMOUTH	2
258	NE/NENG	PA, ERIE	3
259	EC	NC, FAYETTEVILLE	3
260	SW	AZ, GOLDEN VALLEY	3
261	WC	CA, LEMOORE	16
263	SE	FL, COCOA	5
264	SC	MS, MERIDIAN	6
268	NC	OK, OKLAHOMA CITY	7
269	SE	SC, GOOSE CREEK	38
273	NC	ND, FARGO	4
274	WC	NV, RENO	3
275	WC	CA, PLACERVILLE	4
276	NC	NE, OMAHA	11
278	SE	AL, HUNTSVILLE	3
280	NC	OK, TULSA	3
281	WC	CA, REDDING	3
282	SC	AR, LITTLE ROCK	5

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MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2016-2017 FOR QUARTER ENDING 03/31/2017**

Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	VOTING STRENGTH
283	NC	KY, ELSMERE	2
284	NC	KY, LEXINGTON	
285	NE/NENG	NY, SYRACUSE	3
287	WC	CA, LIVERMORE	2
289	SW	CA, IMPERIAL BEACH	32
290	SE	FL, MAYPORT	27
291	SE	FL, NEW PORT RICHEY	2
292	SE	FL, LEEHIGH ACRES	4
293	EC	NC, ELIZABETH CITY	8
294	SE	TN, CROSSVILLE	3
295	SC	TX, SAN ANGELO	2
296	WC	CA, AUBURN	3
298	NC	MI, GRAND RAPIDS	6
299	EC	NC, WILMINGTON	3
301	EC	NC, GREENVILLE	2
302	SW	CA, CARSON	5
307	SC	MS, GULFPORT	5
309	EC	DE, NEWARK	4
310	NW	WA, SILVERDALE	3
311	SC	MS, GULFPORT	4
315	NC	MO, JOPLIN	2
316	NC	MO, SPRINGFIELD	7
319	NC	OH, MANSFIELD	
324	NC	OH, AKRON	3
327	NC	OH, DAYTON	3
328	NW	OR, ROSEBURG	2
334	SC	AR, OSAGE	6
335	SE	FL, PORT ORANGE	2
338	NE/NENG	NH, NASHUA	
339	SE	GA, ALBANY	2
342	NW	AK, ANCHORAGE	2
344	NE/NENG	ME, PORTLAND	2
346	SE	FL, PANAMA CITY BEACH	7
358	NC	MI, OSCODA	3

**PART 4 SUMMARY OF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING FOR
MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2016-2017 FOR QUARTER ENDING 03/31/2017**

Branch No	REGION	BRANCH LOCATION	VOTING STRENGTH
364	NC	MO, HOUSTON	3
365	NC	IN, EVANSVILLE	4
367	NW	PI, SAN MIGUEL	7
369	EC	MD, CUMBERLAND	2
371	SC	LA, BATON ROUGE	4
376	NC	WI, MADISON	
377	NC	IN, TERRE HAUTE	2
382	NW	ID, NAMPA	6
386	SE	AL, DOTHAN	
	GRAND TOTAL:		1,457

**ANNUAL REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

Shipmate National President, National Officers, Past National and Regional Officers, Shipmates, and Guests.

The National Public Relations Committee for the year 2016-2017 is composed of the following Shipmates:

Chairman:	RPNW Margret "Peg" Burke	Branch 38
	RPSC Bruce R. Talbot, Jr	Branch 159
	PRPSW Agustive A. "Gus" Hermes, Jr	Branch 61
	Mary M. Rauch	Branch 57
	Curtis D. Jones	Branch 24
	Wilfred O. Bowers	Branch 324
	Nathan H. Smith	Branch 261

It has been my honor to serve the Shipmates of the Fleet Reserve Association as the Public Relations Chair for the last nine months of the Association year of 2016-2017. This is the first time as serving on a national committee and I am a bit unsure of myself as a chairman. I am able to direct my own Branch on what to submit, but being the Chair of the committee entails a broader look at things.

The committee will be meeting at the National Convention in September. The location will be determined at the Convention. All Shipmates are invited to the meeting and assist the Committee in judging the entries.

Suggestions for improving the data and reporting are welcome by the Committee. Please submit in writing your suggestions and submit prior to the meeting.

I wish to thank National President Don Larson for contacting me that when Shipmate Mark Thompson resigned that it created the vacancy of this Chairmanship and asked if I would fill it. It was my pleasure to do so.

This concludes my report and I move that it be received.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service

MARGRET "PEG" BURKE
Regional President, Northwest

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION
FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION**

September 19 - 23, 2017, Hunt Valley, MD

Shipmate National President, National Officers, Past National Officers, delegates and shipmates, as the national representative for Veterans issues for the FRA it has indeed been an honor and a privilege to work for the Shipmates and their families. This is the committee's report on veterans' issues.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Shipmates of the Association with my outstanding Committee members:

Chairman:	PRPEC Chris Slawinski, Branch 181
EC:	Kathryn Hare, Branch 181
NE/NEng:	PRPNEng Paul Loveless, Branch 156
NC:	RPNC – Elect Rosemary Posekany, Branch 298
NW:	PRPNW Tom Flanik, Branch 382
SC:	PRPSC Russ Miller, Branch 201
SE:	James Middlekauff, Branch 117
SW:	PRPSW James Katzenberger, Branch 163
WC:	RPWC Roland Shorter, Branch 8
Advisors:	PRPEC Paul Gunther, Branch 182
	PRPNW C.T. “Bud” Bessey, Branch 328

This past year the committee continued to work to expand the outreach and awareness to FRA's sea service veterans and the veterans' community as a whole. The committee met monthly via teleconference between the months of November 2016 through July 2017. Meeting dates and times were shared with leadership and participation by all Shipmates was encouraged.

It has been very fulfilling to work with the committee and the National Officers this past year and I congratulate them for their engagement and participation in the monthly meetings. The committee completed and submitted an annual committee report form for use on the Branch, Regional and National levels.

As the Regions in the Association continue to establish standing veteran service committees, the national committee continues to work on developing standards and procedures manual to assist the Branches who wish to participate in these activities. The committee hopes to complete this manual for FRA's veterans' programs, to include the standardize report for Branch/Regional use.

The committee also had discussions on the future of the Association and the understanding of the largest challenge facing FRA, membership. The committee discussed the objectives of growing FRA's Veterans Service Officer (VSO) and Voluntary Service (VAVS) programs, and to ensure that the FRA had the appropriate resources to reach the Association's goals for growth in these programs in the Branch and Regional levels.

During the 90th FRA National Convention the committee will discuss the process of providing names and contact information of FRA accredited representatives within the Regions, ensuring the service officers are prepared and equipped to assist these potential claimants.

The committee will review completed Branch committee reports and discuss grading criteria for recognizing excellence in service our community of veterans.

The following subjects were discussed and reported to the members of the committee and are presented for reference purposes:

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION ACCREDITED REPRESENTATION

FRA's Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) program was established in 1927 to provide representation to members who suffered injuries or illnesses associated with military service in filing for compensation with the federal government and the Veterans' Administration (now the Department of Veterans' Affairs or VA.) Over the years, these services expanded to include support for surviving spouses and their dependents.

I continue to receive inquiries about the FRA VSO Program, and 24 applications from Shipmates. Of these, 36 have received their accreditation with FRA to represent veterans, dependents and surviving spouses before the Department of Veterans Affairs on the matter of their claims for benefits. Congratulations!

My department responsibilities also include maintaining copies of all applications of individuals requesting to act as an Accredited Representative for the FRA on claims before the VA. All applications are processed and forwarded to NED Tom Snee, FRA's Certifying Official, for signature. The applications are then sent to Office of the General Counsel in Washington, DC for final approval.

A new VA General Counsel policy is to not issue a departmental "accreditation" card. Rational for this new policy, is that VA maintains a current listing for all current accredited representative on their web site, and access is available to the public. The site listing is at: <http://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp>

The office has listed 923 Accredited Representatives for the FRA as of August 2017. These include a number of county and state service officers who represent FRA as well as other service organizations.

REPRESENTATION BEFORE THE BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS (BVA)

Since October 2016, FRA has worked 24 cases at the Board of Veterans Appeals in Washington, DC. Cases vary with regard to the amount of time required, for example an original claim (first time) could require as little as an hour, while an older claim (established earlier) has taken weeks.

All VA Regional Offices have the capability of conducting a hearing via video conferencing. This feature can speed up the availability for a BVA hearing, and prevent unnecessary travel to Washington DC for a hearing.

BVA handles cases by a docket number. When an appeal is placed on the Board's docket, it is assigned the next higher number than the one received before. Appeals are reviewed in the order in which they were placed on the docket. The lower the docket number, the sooner the appeal will be reviewed and when the docket number for the appeal is reached, a Board member will examine the file.

VETERANS AFFAIRS VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Established in 1946, the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) is the largest volunteer program in the Federal Government, with over 350 supporting organizations supplementing staff and resources in all areas of patient care and support plus the National Cemetery Administration in order to serve our Nation's veterans.

FRA and the LA FRA serve on the VAVS National Advisory Committee that oversees the work performed by our Shipmates and Ladies, who volunteer their time in America's VA hospitals, clinics and other VA facilities.

I serve as a member on the VAVS Parke Scholarship Board. Each year the board awards scholarships to high school students who volunteer with the VAVS program. Please contact me or visit <http://www1.va.gov/volunteer/Parke.cfm> for information related to the scholarship program.

Through the years, VAVS volunteers have contributed millions of hours of service. Without this program and those who volunteer, VA will be forced to provide funding in order to cover the costs of hiring additional employees. This, in return, would likely reduce funding for other programs needed to support our veterans.

Community Assistance programs assist veteran patients by augmenting staff, leading end of life care programs, foster care, community-based volunteer programs, hospital wards, nursing homes, and veteran outreach centers. Recently the VAVS outreach has been included in work done by volunteers at our National Cemeteries and other programs of the National Cemetery Administration.

This past year the VA has implemented a new reporting software package for their voluntary service program. With help from the Regional Presidents and committee members, FRA has certified 32 facilities with representatives. As a reminder, due to the new process our Association will only get credit for a facility if the volunteer rep “logs in” to the new system. Also, if you have received a designation letter to be a representative or deputy representative from FRA for a VA facility contact the facility’s Chief of Voluntary Service to begin the registration process.

Through the third quarter of 2017, FRA shipmates volunteered in 36 VA facilities throughout the country, and provided 15 representatives in the VAVS Advisory Committees. FRA is listed as a non-voting “Associate Service Member” status on the NAC.

To return to “*Service Member*” status, FRA must be represented on local advisory committees at a minimum of 25 VA facilities. **I am recommending that all FRA Branches which have Shipmates who volunteer at VA Medical Centers in their communities to contact me so that we can return to full voting Service Member status on the NAC.** I continue to work to educate our Shipmates on the VAVS program and how to expand outreach to these facilities.

On a positive note, **in the first nine months of FY 2017, 70 FRA volunteers contributed 9,724 total hours of service.** To all these Shipmates, we say “*Thank you and a job well done!*”

I encourage Branches to become more involved and make volunteering part of your overall community involvement and outreach efforts. We need to remember that part of the FRA credo is “Service” and what better way to demonstrate this than to help your fellow veterans. If you volunteer at a VA facility, check to see if the FRA has a local representative on the facilities VAVS advisory committee. A listing of VA facilities with VAVS programs and contacts is posted on the FRA web site.

Any Shipmates who would like to volunteer to help in one of these or any other facilities should contact the Department of Veterans Affairs facility nearest you and ask for Voluntary Service or visit their website at www.va.gov/volunteer/.

As part of FRA’s national outreach efforts to the VA medical facilities, I contacted all the VA voluntary chiefs and offered to mail copies of “*FRA Today*” to distribute in their hospitals. To date, more than 1100 copies of our magazine are distributed monthly to 30 additional VA medical facilities.

I serve as the National VAVS Representative and please contact me at 1-800-FRA-1924 extension 115 or email me at yafra@fra.org regarding new appointments; resignations or questions regarding the program.

FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS

The VA publishes a comprehensive annual guide, Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents. The 2016 handbook can be ordered for \$5.00 from the U.S. Government Printing Office by calling toll free (866) 512-1800, or in DC (202) 512-1800 or by going online at <https://bookstore.gpo.gov/products/sku/051-000-00258-0>.

For those with a computer and online access to the Internet, the electronic version may be found at http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp. The site also provides downloadable versions of the booklet for android, iphone, ipad and other devices. Answers to most questions concerning veterans’ benefits can be found within this handbook. Phone numbers for VA Regional Offices, Medical Centers, Veteran Outreach Centers, National Cemeteries and Insurance Centers are listed and I have a limited number of extra copies and if you want one contact me at FRA HQ or send an email to yafra@fra.org.

Also, veterans, survivors, dependents and other claimants can apply their initial application on-line for disability compensation, pension, education, and vocational rehabilitation and employment benefits without the additional requirement to submit a signed paper copy of the application.

VA provides veterans the opportunity to view and manage their benefits via an online venue called “eBenefits”. For more information about “eBenefits” and how to sign up visit www.ebenefits.va.gov .

Shipmates, this concludes my report.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

CHRISTOPHER J. SLAWINSKI
National Service Director
Chairman, Veterans Service Committee

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON
YOUTH ACTIVITIES
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

No annual report from the Chairman of the National Committee on Youth Activities received at FRA National Headquarters.

Loyalty, Protection and Service,

CHARLES NEUREUTHER
Past Regional President North Central
Chairman

**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE FRA EDUCATION FOUNDATION
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
Delta Hotel Baltimore Hunt Valley, MD**

The FRA Education Foundation is a separate, 501(c)3 tax-exempt charitable/education organization. The Foundation maintains separate financial accounts and is audited annually per generally accepted accounting procedures (GAAP).

Background

Administering the FRA Scholarship Program is under the purview of the FRA Education Foundation, which was authorized by delegates to FRA's 81st National Convention and formally announced at the 82nd National Convention in Virginia Beach, VA.

The State Corporation Commission, Commonwealth of Virginia, issued a certificate of incorporation authorizing the Foundation to transact business associated with soliciting scholarship donations, and the Internal Revenue Service issued a tax-exempt determination letter for the Foundation on March 3, 2009. In addition, the FRA NBOD approved resolutions (NBR 17-09 and NBR 19-09) clarifying the relationship of the Foundation and its leadership with the FRA, and approving the Foundation Bylaws. (NBR 18-09). FRA Standing Rule 14 (SR-14) addresses the relationship between the FRA and the Foundation.

Leadership, Advisors, Coordinator and Applications Review Committee

The current FRA Education Foundation Board of Directors is comprised of the following:

President – NEDE Joe Barnes
Secretary – PNP Larry Boudreaux
Treasurer – PFO Steve Cox
Members – PNP Gary Blackburn
Shipmate Richard Ruiz

Assistant Treasurer – FO Nora Graham (until August 4, 2017)

Foundation Advisors are:

NED Tom Snee
PRPWC Joe Nash
Honorary Shipmate and Financial Advisor Jim Webb

FRA Scholarships Coordinator is Alicia Landis. Marilyn Smith served in this position until January, 2017.

The 2017 FRA Education Foundation Scholarship Applications Review Committee is comprised of the following:

Shipmate Harry Kantrovich
Former Scholarship Coordinator Marilyn Smith
Former FRA Communications Director Eileen Murphy

Meetings and Annual Budget

Since meeting prior to FRA's 89th National Convention, the Foundation Board met via teleconference on December 14, 2016, March 29, 2017 and July 31, 2017. Minutes from these meetings are attached for information. Foundation President Barnes also submitted a report to the FRA NBOD on April 21, 2017 in conjunction with its mid-year meeting at FRA NHQ, and reported to the FRA Budget and Finance Committee during its meeting at FRA NHQ on July 12, 2017.

In addition, the 2017 FRA Education Foundation Budget is enclosed for information.

Annual Audit

As in past years, the Foundation audit was conducted along with FRA's by Tate & Tryon and tax returns were prepared for the year ended 12/31/16. The result was a clean audit for the Foundation.

2017 Scholarships

The Foundation awarded 21 scholarships this year totaling \$90,000. The reduced number of awards is in part due to the elimination of support from FRA to fund six awards and the 2017 contribution was reduced to zero. There were a total of 213 applications submitted of which 47 were incomplete with the remainder adjudicated by the review committee. It's noteworthy that two (2) Benn Scholarships were awarded this year, after one was awarded last year and prior to that, there was a period between 2012 and 2016 when none were awarded due to few submissions most of which were incomplete. The list of 2017 FRA scholarship recipients is being published in the September issue of FRA Today.

CFC

The FRA Education Foundation is awaiting final approval to participate in the annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) which is administered by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The delay is due to significant changes being implemented this which will expand the program to include federal and military retirees. The campaign commences in mid-September and continues to early December, and we anticipate our participation code will again be **#80236**. This Foundation was also authorized to participate in the National/International Part of the 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016 Combined Federal Campaigns. In addition, the Foundation has received tentative approval to join a CFC related federation of Military Support Organizations, pending final participation approval via OPM.

AmazonSmile Program

The Foundation continues to participate in the AmazonSmile program whereby purchases by individuals shopping on Amazon.com who've registered via the AmazonSmile portal (smile.amazon.com), generate 0.5% of the price as donations to the Fleet Reserve Association Education Foundation. A flyer for use in publicizing the program is attached and hopefully other FRA Shipmates and Auxiliary members will register to participate in the program.

2018 Scholarship Applications

Consistent with established practice, FRA Education Foundation scholarship applications for the coming year were posted on the FRA web site (www.fra.org/foundation) on September 1, 2017 after review and appropriate updates. In addition the Foundation web site landing page is being updated.

Recommendations:

The Foundation Board recommends that FRA leadership and individual Branches **continue supporting the FRA Education Foundation, and that information regarding the Foundation and its scholarship awards be disseminated** at Regional meetings and during leadership visits to Branches and other Association / Sea Service related functions.

The Foundation Board recommends that information be disseminated regularly about registering for and using the **Amazon Smile program (smile.amazon.com)** to help support the Foundation. Information is detailed on the attached flyer and should be disseminated via Regional meeting, Branch newsletters, and at Branch meetings.

The Foundation Board recommends **including detailed information on the Foundation as part of annual leadership training** to expand awareness and help support the Foundation's mission which is directly related to FRA's mission and cardinal principles.

Your continuing support is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, in Loyalty, Protection and Service,

JOSEPH L. BARNES
President, FRA Education Foundation
FRA NED Emeritus

Enclosures:

Foundation Board Meeting Minutes
2017 Education Foundation Budget
AmazonSmile Program Information

Meeting Minutes
FRA Education Foundation Board of Directors
December 14, 2016

The FRA Education Foundation Board of Directors meeting via teleconference was called to order at 1400 (EST) on December 14, 2016 by President NEDE Joe Barnes. Participants were Treasurer , PFO Steve Cox; Secretary, PNP Larry Boudreaux and Board members, PNP Gary Blackburn and Shipmate Richard Ruiz, plus advisors Assistant Treasurer and FRA FO Nora Graham, PRPWC Joe Nash and Jim Webb. Advisor NED Tom Snee was excused due to travel.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented from the October 11, 2016 meeting. Motion passed and minutes approved.

Treasurer Cox and Assistant Treasurer Graham briefed on the Foundation balance sheet and income statement. Assets total \$1,412,219.64 with large portion coming from the Nunez Estate donation. Total revenue was \$134,514.24 and expenses were \$125,679.71 with net income of \$8,834.53. The largest part of the gain comes from investment returns, and another \$4,000.00 from individuals' contributions was received since the report was completed.

Treasurer Cox presented the draft 2017 Budget and noted that it would be different from previous budgets, since it will be primarily self-supporting. Investment income is projected at 3-4% return which is a conservative figure compared to realized gain. Miscellaneous income is from Foundation investment returns to offset the elimination of FRA funds to support scholarships. The draft Budget will be revisited in March for final approval. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Shipmate Ruiz was acknowledged for making a motion at the FRA National Convention to authorize use of the FRA IMIS data base, seconded by PNP Blackburn, to solicit end of your contributions from FRA members with email addresses which total just over 10,000.

Foundation solicitation letters went out including the Foundation Brochure to 225 addresses – minus those with addresses in the D.C. area due to lack of license to solicit there. About \$150.00 in postage expense is to be reimbursed to FRA for use of postage machine to process letters.

CFC is being revamped in 2017. Retirees will be allowed to participate and new fees are required for participating organizations. We have also applied to join a Federation of Military/Veterans groups which is less costly.

The Foundation was invited to write at least bimonthly articles to be published in FRA Today beginning with the January 2017 issue. This will increase the awareness of and hopefully expand support for the Foundation.

Marilyn Smith, our Scholarship Coordinator, submitted a letter of resignation effective in early 2017 due to her pending move to Massachusetts. Discussions with several individuals resulted in former FRA Admin Director Alicia Landis being nominated to replace Marilyn. Alicia indicated that she may be interested in the part-time contracted position.

Motion made and seconded that the current Foundation officers remain in their respective offices for the coming year, if they agree to do so. All agreed and a motion passed unanimously regarding same. 2017 Foundation officers are President – NEDE Joe Barnes; Treasurer – PFO Steve Cox; Secretary – PNP Larry Boudreaux. Other Board members are PNP Gary Blackburn and Shipmate Richard Ruiz.

The next meeting will be held in mid-late March by teleconference at a date to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1448.
Submitted by PNP Larry Boudreaux, Foundation Secretary

Meeting Minutes
FRA Education Foundation Board of Directors
March 29, 2017

The FRA Education Foundation Board of Directors meeting via teleconference was called to order at 1100 (EDT) on March 29, 2017 by President NEDE Joe Barnes. Participants were Treasurer, PFO Steve Cox; Secretary, PNP Larry Boudreaux, Board Members, PNP Gary Blackburn and Shipmate Richard Ruiz, plus advisors PRPWC Joe Nash, NED Tom Snee, Jim Webb, and Assistant Treasurer FO Nora Graham.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented from the December 14, 2016 meeting. Motion passed and minutes stand approved.

Treasurer Cox and FO Graham briefed on most recent Foundation Balance Sheet and Income Statement. Total assets are \$1,512,285.92 with total revenue of \$63,839.94. The largest revenue source is \$52,329.74 from interest & unrealized gains. Total Expenses are \$3,803.46 with a net income of \$60,036.48. Assistant Treasurer Graham reported receipt of an additional \$11,497.80 from the Nunez Estate, which completes the estate contribution. Estimated Income from the 2017 CFC should be around \$1,200.00 to \$1,800.00, however that may increase based on pending acceptance into the Federation of Military Support Groups of America. The 2016 audit has been completed resulting in a clean audit meaning no significant issues. Income tax forms are completed and should be filed on time. Financial Advisor Jim Webb reported there was \$140,000 plus in Money Market Account Checking and \$1.3 Million plus in investments. Motion made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

The state licenses are on track and most are up for renewal around April 15th along with the tax returns. All information is given to Webster Chamberlin who coordinates filings for the state licenses. The Foundation has licenses to solicit contributions in all states except the District of Columbia.

President Barnes is submitting a column published in FRA Today monthly, frequency of publication may change depending on space available in the magazine. The original intent was to run columns at least bi-monthly to help expand Foundation awareness.

The CFC is being significantly revamped this year to include federal and military retiree participation. By applying to the Military Support Groups of America federation the new participation fees – which are based on income from the previous year – are less. Assistant Treasurer Nora Graham was congratulated for her great work preparing CFC and federation applications and the associated requirements.

Alicia Landis was selected in January to replace Marilyn Smith as the contracted part-time Scholarship Coordinator. Alicia has hit the deck running as usual and set up a new scholarship application review schedule to include issuing checks to the awardees' schools. A three-member committee reviews complete applications.

The Proposed 2017 Foundation Budget was revised to include an increase in investment income to help offset the loss of FRA financial support. On the expense side, Legal Services was increased to include the new CFC fees. The Legacy Awards was discussed and a motion was made and seconded to continue three \$5,000.00 Scholarships in honor of FRA deceased leaders Shipmates Glenn Glezen, Robert Nolan and Joseph Baranski. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made and seconded to approve the 2017 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

President Barnes is preparing a written report to the FRA NBOD which will be meeting on April 21st.

The next meeting will be held in mid-late June 2017 by teleconference at a date to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1153.
Submitted by PNP Larry Boudreaux, Foundation Secretary

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
FRA Education Foundation Board of Directors
July 31, 2017

The FRA Education Foundation Board of Directors meeting via teleconference was called to order at 1400 (EDT) on July 31, 2017 by President NEDE Joe Barnes. Present were: Secretary, PNP Larry Boudreaux; and board member, PNP Gary Blackburn, plus advisors PRPWC Joe Nash, NED Tom Snee, Financial Advisor Jim Webb, Assistant Treasurer and outgoing FRA Finance Officer Nora Graham, incoming FRA Finance Officer Bryan Proctor, and NP Donald Larson. Foundation Treasurer Steve Cox was excused due to an unanticipated commitment.

President Barnes advised that this meeting was scheduled in late July instead of in June as previously discussed due to travel on his part. This will be the last meeting prior to the in-person meeting at the National Convention in September.

Assistant Treasurer Graham introduced her relief, newly hired FRA Finance Officer Bryan Proctor. Barnes also thanked her for her great work with the Foundation.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented from the March 29, 2017 meeting. Motion passed and minutes stand approved.

Assistant Treasurer Graham gave the financial report stating that the most recent balance sheet has \$1.4 million, and that the income statement reflects income from the unrealized gain of investments market values. Individual contributions total \$6.7 thousand, and there are no corporate contributions from the first half of the year, since these are usually received in the second half of the year. To date, contributions have covered the expenses, with the largest expense being the scholarships being \$90,000. That leaves net income of \$17,036.01. Financial Adviser Webb, reported that since our original investments following implementation of the Foundation Investment Policy, we have gained a 12.17% return with an increase in value of \$227,000. He does not anticipate the need for movement of any funds from investment to money market account in any foreseeable future.

The budget was revised in accordance with discussions during the previous meeting. The main changes are increases in investment income and individual contributions.

President Barnes stated that he made mid-year reports to the FRA National Board of Directors in April, and the FRA National Budget and Finance Committee in July.

State contribution solicitation licenses applications are on track and President Barnes thanked Assistant Treasurer Graham for coordinating with Webster, Chamberlain and Bean on this effort.

A list of the 2017 Foundation Scholarship selectees will be published in the September, 2017 issue of FRA Today and will be posted on our web site. There are 21 students from 16 states who were awarded \$90,000. There were two Benn Scholarships this year.

Assistant Treasurer Graham reported that we're still waiting for the OMB to give their blessing to our application to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign Application. All applications and associated information has been submitted.

President Barnes is working on the annual Foundation report to upcoming FRA National Convention to include our budget and meeting minutes.

The Board's next meeting will likely be on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the FRA National Convention.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1430.

Submitted by PNP Larry Boudreaux, Foundation Secretary

**Fleet Reserve Association Education Foundation
Budget for the Fiscal Year 2012 thru 2017**

	Revised 2017 Budget	Proposed 2017	Approved 2016	Approved 2015	Approved 2014	Approved 2013	Approved 2012
Income:							
Corporate Contributions	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Individual Contributions	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 16,450.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Investment Income	\$ 82,920.00	\$ 55,280.00					
Miscellaneous Income *	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 148,920.00	\$ 127,780.00	\$ 146,450.00	\$ 157,000.00	\$ 167,000.00	\$ 157,000.00	\$ 116,000.00
Expense:							
Audit	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Consulting Fees	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -
National Office Expense	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Postage	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Advertising & Marketing	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Printing	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Telephone	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Bank Fees	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Donor Database	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Misc. Expense	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
BOD/Travel Expense	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 500.00
Legal Services	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Committee Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Scholarship Awards	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Total Expense	\$ 131,800.00	\$ 129,300.00	\$ 169,950.00	\$ 148,950.00	\$ 149,700.00	\$ 149,850.00	\$ 105,350.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 17,120.00	\$ (1,520.00)	\$ (23,500.00)	\$ 8,050.00	\$ 17,300.00	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 10,650.00

* Principal From Foundation Asset Base & Established Scholarship Funding

HELP SUPPORT
THE FRA EDUCATION FOUNDATION
via AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a program that supports non-profit charitable/education organizations by contributing 0.5% of qualified Amazon.com sales to approved organizations

To register, **go to smile.amazon.com and select Fleet Reserve Association Education Foundation** and 0.5% of your qualified Amazon.com purchases will be contributed to the Foundation. There's no additional cost to Amazon.com customers.

Thereafter, go to **[smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)** to access Amazon.com products and services to ensure that 0.5% of qualified purchases support the Fleet Reserve Association Education Foundation.

NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTIONS

NBR 1-17 OF OCTOBER 16, 2016

Resolved, Minutes approval of the pre-convention meeting.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 2-17 OF OCTOBER 16, 2016

Resolved, Pay freeze of the NED's salary. Will remain at the current salary of \$108,150.00 until budget review.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 3-17 OF OCTOBER 16, 2016

Resolved, National President request a member of the National Board of Directors to move the ratification of the referenced listing of National Standing Committee.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 4-17 OF OCTOBER 16, 2016

Resolved, Freeze pay and travel until budget discussed by budget committee.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 5-17 OF OCTOBER 16, 2016

Resolved, PNP to have access to their branch's alpha roster on a case by case basis on approval granted by NED.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 6-17 OF OCTOBER 16, 2016

Resolved, LA FRA 2016-2017 National President's Project. Soliciting from places to build up money that is currently rapidly depleting.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 7-17 OF NOVEMBER 22, 2016

Whereas, A request for financial assistance has been received from RPSC Bruce R. Talbot, Jr. on behalf of Shipmate Tommie Cook (SCR/Branch 334); and

Whereas, A copy of the request from RPSC Bruce Talbot is enclosed (supporting e-mail), which explains the reason; and

Whereas, I have directed the Finance Officer to prepare a check in the amount of \$500.00 as authorized by Article 9, Section 909(d) C&BL, FRA; and

Whereas, RPSC Bruce Talbot and I feel that Shipmate Cook's financial situation warrants additional funds, I am requesting an additional \$250.00 for Shipmate Cook from the Welfare and Rehabilitation Reserve; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the following Resolution is presented to the National Board of Directors for an e-mail vote (please respond to Teresa at adminfra@fra.org by Friday, November 25, 2016, and be sure to follow-up with an electronic-signed or mailed-in signed hard copy).

NATIONAL BOARD RESOLUTION NUMBER 7-17: *Resolved*, That the National Board of Directors authorize the expenditure of an additional \$250.00 from the Welfare and Rehabilitation Reserve for a total grant of \$750.00 as contained in the provisions of Article 9, Section 909(d), C&BL, FRA.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 8-17 OF NOVEMBER 22, 2016

Whereas, A request for financial assistance has been received from RPSC Bruce R. Talbot, Jr. on behalf of Shipmate Richard Baehr (SCR/Branch 334); and

Whereas, A copy of the request from RPSC Bruce Talbot is enclosed (supporting e-mail), which explains the reason; and

Whereas, I have directed the Finance Officer to prepare a check in the amount of \$500.00 as authorized by Article 9, Section 909(d) C&BL, FRA; and

Whereas, RPSC Bruce Talbot and I feel that Shipmate Baehr's financial situation warrants additional funds, I am requesting an additional \$1,500.00 for Shipmate Baehr from the Welfare and Rehabilitation Reserve; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the following Resolution is presented to the National Board of Directors for an e-mail vote (please respond to Teresa at adminfra@fra.org by Friday, November 25, 2016, and be sure to follow-up with an electronic-signed or mailed-in signed hard copy).

NATIONAL BOARD RESOLUTION NUMBER 8-17: *Resolved*, That the National Board of Directors authorize the expenditure of an additional \$1,500.00 from the Welfare and Rehabilitation Reserve for a total grant of \$2,000.00 as contained in the provisions of Article 9, Section 909(d), C&BL, FRA.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 9-17 OF JANUARY 26, 2017

Whereas, In accordance with FRA Standing Rule 8(b), the following FRA logo alteration is hereby submitted for use by the branch for promotional (attachment #1), and fund-raising usage (attachment #2); and

Whereas, Seattle Fleet Reserve Association Branch #018 will be celebrating their 90th anniversary on March 6th, 2017; and

Whereas, Seattle Fleet Reserve Association Branch #018 will be having challenge coins made to commemorate this rare occurrence; and

Whereas, Any profits made through the sales of this challenge coin will be used to fund Branch Youth Activities grants to be used to fund Veteran-centric Eagle Scout projects in our local area; and

Whereas, Seattle Fleet Reserve Association Branch #018 may use the logo within its membership to make polo shirts and ball caps for branch use only; and

Whereas, This logo may be used for letterhead, webpages, and other print and digital media in support of Seattle Fleet Reserve Association Branch #018; and

Whereas, Seattle Fleet Reserve Association Branch #018 is a registered Washington State non-profit corporation (UBI #601 860 767) since March 17, 1963; and, let it be

Resolved, That Seattle Fleet Reserve Association Branch #018 has permission to use the altered Association logo in celebration of its 90th anniversary in promotional, and fund raising usage; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Shipmates of Seattle Fleet Reserve Association Branch #018 at the January 14th, 2017 general meeting, with a quorum present, voted unanimously to request the Fleet Reserve Association National Board of Directors approve our request; and, be it further

Resolved, That the following Resolution is presented to the National Board of Directors for an e-mail vote (please respond to Teresa at adminfra@fra.org by Monday, January 30, 2017, or as soon as possible, and be sure to follow-up with a mailed in or electronic signed hard copy).

NATIONAL BOARD RESOLUTION NUMBER 9-17: *Resolved*, That Seattle Fleet Reserve Association Branch #018 has permission to use the altered Association logo in celebration of its 90th anniversary in promotional and fund raising usage.

Vote: 11 affirmative, 1 no vote (RPNW)

NBR 10-17 OF FEBRUARY 17, 2017

Whereas, Washington, DC Branch and Unit 004, through the 2017 National Convention Committee, are hosting the 90th FRA and 85th LA FRA National Conventions; and

Whereas, Branch and Unit 004 are considering using the FRA Emblem and the FRA and LA FRA Triangles on their marketing materials and on for-sale souvenir merchandise; and

Whereas, Branch and Unit 004 request that the 2017 FRA National Convention, Inc., FRA Branch 004 and LA FRA Unit 004 be authorized to use the FRA Emblem and the FRA and LA FRA Triangles for the purposes stated above; and

Whereas, Branch and Unit 004 further request for the following items, which will be published in the Convention Journal:

1. Digital copies of the Charters of the Fleet Reserve Association and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association;
2. Individual and group pictures of the members of the National Board of Directors.

Whereas, Branch and Unit 004 jointly certify that the 2017 FRA National Convention, Inc. was incorporated in the State of Maryland on October 22, 2015; FRA Branch 004 was incorporated in Washington, DC and was chartered on June 15, 1937; LA FRA Unit 004 was incorporated in the State of Maryland and was chartered on June 22, 2014; and

Whereas, According to Standing Rule 6(b), (c), (d) and (e), they respectfully submit this design and request (paperwork enclosed); now, therefore be it

Resolved, That Washington, DC Branch and Unit 004, through the 2017 National Convention Committee, be authorized to use the official FRA Emblem and the FRA and LA FRA Triangles on their marketing materials and on for-sale souvenir merchandise; and be it further

Resolved, That the following Resolution is presented to the National Board of Directors for an e-mail vote (please respond to Teresa at adminfra@fra.org by Friday, February 24, 2017, and be sure to follow-up with a signed electronic or mailed-in hard copy).

NATIONAL BOARD RESOLUTION NUMBER. 10-17: *Resolved*, That Washington, DC Branch and Unit 004, through the 2017 National Convention Committee, be authorized to use the official FRA Emblem and the FRA and LA FRA Triangles on their marketing materials and on for-sale souvenir merchandise.

Vote: 9 affirmative, 3 negative (RPEC, RPSE, RPWC).

NBR 11-17 OF APRIL 21, 2017

Resolved, That the minutes of the 89th Post-National Convention NBOD Meeting be approved.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 12-17 OF APRIL 21, 2017

Resolved, That Tate & Tryon be rehired as our auditors to conduct the audit for 2017.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 13-17 OF APRIL 21, 2017

Resolved, That Gainesville Branch 179's (Starke, FL) charter be voluntarily surrendered and approved.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 14-17 OF APRIL 21, 2017

Resolved, That Mother Lode Branch 296's (Auburn, CA) charter be voluntarily surrendered and approved.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 15-17 OF APRIL 21, 2017

Resolved, That Batangas Branch 111's (Batangas, Phillipines) charter be voluntarily surrendered and approved.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 16-17 OF APRIL 21, 2017

Resolved, That Cavite City Branch 036's (Cavite City, Phillipines) charter be placed under suspension due to lack of communications of branch and secretary and until found to be in good working order.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 17-17 OF APRIL 21, 2017

Resolved, That Oakland/San Leandro Branch 010's (San Leandro, CA) charter be placed under suspension due to lack of communications to RPWC requests and until found to be in good working order.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 18-17 OF APRIL 21, 2017

Resolved, That Miami Valley Branch 327's (Dayton, OH) charter be revoked.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 19-17 OF JUNE 2, 2017

Whereas, A request for financial assistance has been received from RPNW Margret “Peg” Burke on behalf of Shipmate Glenn Shaw (Northwest Region/Branch 046); and

Whereas, A copy of the request from RPNW Margret Burke is enclosed (with supporting e-mail and letters), which explains the reason; and

Whereas, I have directed the Finance Officer to prepare a check in the amount of \$500.00 as authorized by Article 9, Section 909(d) C&BL, FRA; and

Whereas, RPNW Margret Burke and I feel that Shipmate Shaw’s financial situation warrants additional funds, I am requesting an additional \$2,000.00 for Shipmate Shaw from the Welfare and Rehabilitation Reserve; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the following Resolution is presented to the National Board of Directors for an e-mail vote (please respond to Teresa at adminfra@fra.org by Thursday, June 8, 2017, and be sure to follow-up with an electronic-signed or mailed-in signed hard copy).

NATIONAL BOARD RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-17: *Resolved*, That the National Board of Directors authorize the expenditure of an additional \$2,000.00 from the Welfare and Rehabilitation Reserve for a total grant of \$2,500.00 as contained in the provisions of Article 9, Section 909(d), C&BL, FRA.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

NBR 20-17 OF JULY 28, 2017

Whereas, A petition has been received in which a merger of Norfolk Branch 005 with Virginia Beach Branch 166 is requested. Enclosures (1) provides the details on the requested merger; and

Whereas, Branch 005 originated the request and has complied with the provisions of reference (a) and Branch 166 has approved the proposed merger; and

Whereas, The Regional President East Coast Thomas Vatter and National President Donald Larson recommends approval of this merger; and

Whereas, The Chairman, Membership & Retention Committee will effect the transfer of members of Branch 005 to Branch 166; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That Norfolk Branch 005, in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 1212, C&BL, FRA, be merged with Virginia Beach Branch 166; and

Resolved, That the following Resolution is presented to the National Board of Directors for an e-mail vote (please respond to Teresa at adminfra@fra.org by Thursday, August 3, 2017 and be sure to follow-up with an electronic or mailed-in signed hard copy).

NATIONAL BOARD RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-17: *Resolved*, That Norfolk Branch 005, in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 1212, C&BL, FRA, be merged with Virginia Beach Branch 166.

Vote: 12 affirmative.

**NOMINATING RESOLUTIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS
FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE 90th NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA
SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2017, HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND**

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

SOUTH JERSEY BRANCH 57

NOMINATING RESOLUTION

Whereas, The delegates assembled at the 90th National Convention of the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) being held at the Wyndham Grand Hotel in Hunt Valley, Maryland, to be held on September 17-23, 2017, will have the duty and responsibility of electing a dedicated, experienced, and qualified shipmate to the office of National President of the FRA for the Association year 2017-2018; and

Whereas, The assembled delegates realize that the shipmate elected must possess leadership, integrity and perseverance necessary for this most important office; and, at the same time, ensure that he meets the prerequisites of Loyalty, Protection and Service; and

Whereas, This Shipmate has been a member of the FRA since 1994 and a Life Member since 2003, South Jersey Branch 57 has within its membership a shipmate who possesses these most important attributes and will provide the highest standard to the office and the Shipmates of the FRA; and

Whereas, This Shipmate has served Branch 57 in the following positions: member of the Board of Directors for twenty-three years, Branch Treasurer for thirteen years, Branch Secretary for eight years, Branch Vice President for a one year term, Branch President for a one year term, Branch Parliamentarian for fourteen years, Chairman of the Special Audit Committee for one year, and Chairman of the Bylaws revision committee for fourteen years; and

Whereas, This Shipmate has served the former Northeast Region in the following positions: Treasurer for three years, Vice President for two years (1998-1999) and (2000-2001), President for two years (1999-2000) and (2001-2002), and as Regional Parliamentarian for eight years; and

Whereas, This Shipmate has served on the Northeast/New England Region in the following positions: Bylaws Committee, Northeast/New England Regional Treasurer for two years, and Northeast/New England Regional Parliamentarian for four years; and

Whereas, This Shipmate served as the Chairman of the 75th FRA National Convention Committee 1997-1999, held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, on the C&BL Committee several times, as the Chairman of the C&BL Committee (2015-2016), on the National Board of Directors as the National Parliamentarian (2011-2012), and as National Vice President (2016-2017); and

Whereas, The shipmates of South Jersey Branch 57, FRA know that this dedicated shipmate's experience and dedication to our Association qualifies him to serve his shipmates; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That South Jersey Branch 57, FRA at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting held on 15 February 2017 a quorum being present, did by majority vote, vote to place the name of National Vice President William E. Starkey in nomination for the office of National President, FRA for the Association Year 2017-2018; and be it further

Resolved, That South Jersey Branch 57 earnestly solicits the support and endorsement of all the branches of the FRA for the candidacy of National Vice President William E. Starkey for the office of National President, FRA for the Association year 2017-2018.

Charles R. Baltozer
President, South Jersey Branch 57

Mary M. Rauch
Secretary, South Jersey Branch 57

THE ABOVE NOMINATION HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY BRANCHES: 214, 207, 115, 234, 258, 089, 182, 208, 222, 254, 269, 334, 022, 001, 040, 026, 062, 090, 202, 227, 264, 335, 014, 005, 012, 053, 146, 226, 047, 105, 276, 041, 051, 229, 087, 106, 118, 278, 369, 060, 094, 221, 084, 141, 186, 291, 124, 175, 298, 074, 292, 042, 073, 070, 013, 344, 163, 021, 244, 086, 154, 358, 285, 023, 216, 302, 301, 307, 031, 294, 006, 123, 046, 059, 212, 048, 029, 159 and 251.

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

NAVY DEPARTMENT BRANCH 181

NOMINATING RESOLUTION

Whereas, The delegates at the 90th National Convention of the Fleet Reserve Association in Hunt Valley, Maryland, to be held on 18-24 September 2017, will have the duty and responsibility of electing a dedicated, experienced, and qualified shipmate to the office of National Vice President for the Association Year 2017-2018;

Whereas, The assembled delegates realize that the shipmate elected must possess leadership, integrity and perseverance necessary for this important office, ensuring the candidate meets all the prerequisites of Loyalty, Protection and Service;

Whereas, Navy Department Branch 181 has within its membership a Shipmate who possesses these traits and qualifies and who has consistently dedicated himself to serving in the best interests and welfare of the Fleet Reserve Association and the prerequisites of Loyalty, Protection and Service;

Whereas, This Shipmate has been a member in good standing of the FRA since 1988 and has been a Life Member since 2004;

Whereas, This Shipmate served at the Branch level in the elected positions on the Board of Directors; Treasurer (6 years); Secretary (8 years); Vice President; and as President (12 years); also elected to serve as FRA North Capital Region Central Liaison Committee as Chairman,;

Whereas, This Shipmate served the FRA East Coast Region as Regional Vice President (2002-2003); President (2003-2004); also as Regional Chairman of the Membership and Retention Committee; Active Duty membership Advisor, member of the Youth Activities and Americanism Committees; and, Chaired the Regional Bylaws Committee;

Whereas, This Shipmate retired from the Navy in 1998 while serving as the Navy's Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Defense Information Systems Agency; hired by FRA National Headquarters to serve in Member Services, and after a short training period this highly motivated Shipmate displayed a high degree of initiative, innovation, resourcefulness, and was promoted to Director of Member Services; served as Director Legislative Program; also served as Director of Membership Development, and currently serves as Director of Outreach Coordination;

Whereas, This Shipmate while serving in his current position, works on health care issues for the FRA within The Military Coalition (TMC), Co-Chairing the Health Care Committee, advocating to Congress, Department of Defense Health Care, Tricare, involving issues related to the military community; he was appointed as a member of the DOD Initiative Review Panel; also appointed as Chairman DOD Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel; and

Whereas, The Shipmates of FRA Navy Department Branch 181 know that this dedicated Shipmate's extensive experience and devotion to our beloved Association eminently qualifies him to serve in the office of National Vice President, FRA; therefore be it

Resolved, that Navy Department Branch 181, at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting held on December 11, 2016, a quorum being present, did proudly and unanimously vote to place the name of Robert Washington, in nomination for the office of National Vice President, Fleet Reserve Association for the year 2017-2018; and be it further

Resolved, that Navy Department Branch 181 sincerely solicits the support and endorsement of all Branches of the Fleet Reserve Association for the candidacy of Past Regional President East Coast Robert Washington for the office of National Vice President, FRA.

Stephen M. Tassin
President, FRA Branch 181

PRPEC Christopher J. Slawinski
Secretary/Treasurer, FRA Branch 181

THE ABOVE NOMINATION HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY BRANCHES: 335, 309, 022 and 014.
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NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

FIRST COAST BRANCH 91

NOMINATING RESOLUTION

Whereas, it will be the duty and responsibility of the delegates assembled at the National Convention of the Fleet Reserve Association to be held September 17-23, 2017 in Hunt Valley, MD to elect one of its outstanding members who is knowledgeable, dedicated and qualified to serve in the office of National Vice President for the year 2017-2018: and

Whereas, it will be the duty and responsibility of the delegates assembled to elect a member who continues to demonstrate leadership, integrity, knowledge and dedication to the three cardinal principles of Loyalty, Protection and service to his fellow members, their families and to the Fleet Reserve Association, and

Whereas, First Coast Branch 91 has within its membership a member, James E. "Robbie" Robbins, who has demonstrated all the required qualifications as well as showed dedication and willingness to serve the Fleet Reserve Association by practicing the three cardinal principles: and

Whereas, he joined First Coast Branch 91 in 1987 (Life Member since 2005) and has served sixteen (16) terms as President (1996-1999, 2004-2017), seven (7) terms as Vice President (1992-1996, 2000-2002) and 2 terms as a Director (1994-1996). He served as the chairman for Americanism Essay Contest three (3) years and he served as Chairman of three (3) Florida Coordinated Council of Branches and Units: and

Whereas, he has served as a member on various committees at the regional level such as Welfare/Rehabilitation, Activities, Americanism/Patriotism, Time and Place. He has attended 17 Regional Conventions and served as Regional Chaplain (1) year, Master at Arms for seven (7) years, Regional Vice President SE 2011-2012 and Regional President SE 2012-2013 and is currently serving as Regional President Southeast 2016-2017. He was a member on the SE Regional Committee which hosted the 2002 National Conventions held in Orlando, Florida and served as Chairman of the 2016 National Conventions held in Jacksonville, Florida: and

Whereas, he has attended sixteen (16) National Conventions where he has served as a member on various committees (Welfare and Rehabilitation, Americanism, Time and Place, Youth) Chairman of Time and Place 2014, Chairman of the 2008 National Youth Committee and has served as Master at Arms for four (4) National Presidents: and

Whereas, he has worked on membership and retention receiving numerous pins representing his recruitment of members and has spoke to groups (Active Duty and/or retirees) on behalf of FRA Membership and its benefits and is currently serving on the FRA National Membership Committee: and

Whereas, he retired in 1994 after serving 22 years in the Navy as an aviation structural mechanic. After retiring from the Navy, he has worked 2 years as an auto mechanic and 12 years as a mobile Forklift mechanic; and

Whereas, the members of Branch 91, First Coast, Jacksonville, Florida believe James E. "Robbie" Robbins is knowledgeable, dedicated and qualified to serve the membership of the FRA as National Vice President;

Therefore, be it resolved, that at a regularly scheduled meeting May 9, 2017 First Coast Branch 91, Jacksonville, Florida a quorum being present, voted unanimously to place the name of James E. "Robbie" Robbins in nomination for the office of National Vice President Fleet Reserve Association for the years 2017-2018 and; be it further

Resolved, that the members of Branch 91, First Coast, Jacksonville, Florida earnestly solicit the support and endorsement of each Branch of the Fleet Reserve Association for the candidacy of RPSE James E. "Robbie" Robbins for the office of National Vice President of the Fleet Reserve Association for the year 2017-2018.

James E. Robbins
President

Todd Richter
Secretary

THE ABOVE NOMINATION HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY BRANCHES: 254 and 207.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION #1

EVERETT BRANCH 170

Whereas, The Constitution and Bylaws of the FRA, Article 3, Section 306 provides for the election to honorary membership of persons not otherwise eligible for membership, but who have rendered distinguished service to the FRA; and

Whereas, The Branch members of the Everett Branch 170 are personally aware of a highly dedicated who stands for and is a part of the FRA, encompassing all the depth of Loyalty, protection and Service; and

Whereas, She has and continues selflessly to provide ongoing support and assistance to ALL members, including members of our Sea Services; and

Whereas, Cheryl Harder, Outstanding Citizen and recognized by the FRA for her past recruiting accomplishments, does not meet the criteria for membership in the FRA; and

Whereas, ALL members of the Branch 170 unanimously agree that she, Cheryl Harder, shall be nominated for Honorary Membership; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Branch 170, do nominate Cheryl Harder for Honorary Membership in Branch 170, FRA with a unanimous vote on March 11th, 2017; and be it further

Resolved, That all Branches of the FRA are asked and encouraged to support the nomination of Cheryl Harder for Honorary Membership in the FRA.

IRVING SALSBURY
President, Branch 170

TIM PEEBLER
Secretary, Branch 170

CERTIFICATION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

EVERETT BRANCH 170

This statement is to document the service of Cheryl Harder, nominee for Honorary Membership in Branch 170, FRA, Everett, WA, provides to the Branch.

Cheryl Harder gives of herself selflessly, wherever and whatever. She has too many to quantify, however,

The current membership rules state that Cheryl is not able to qualify as she has no qualifications, she has aided in the membership of well over 25 members to date and continues to do so on a daily basis.

She has dedicated her time and efforts to all FRA sponsored holiday events, to include the annual picnic and many other events.

Recently she saw a sidewalk that needed mending and would cause a tripping hazard to many of our members. She without any supervision, took initiative and got that sidewalk fixed, and at no cost to the Branch!

She maintains the compassion ministry for the club, which sends out flowers to those in the hospital, assists with funeral arrangements, and also arrangers parties for all which does not only reach Club members or Auxiliary but Branch members, and she does this with transparency and with no partisan.

Branch 170 certifies that this nominee for Honorary Membership, Cheryl Harder, is not otherwise eligible for membership in the FRA in compliance with Section 306, C&BL, FRA.

Certified to be a true statement this 1st day of March, 2017 at Everett, Washington.

IRVING SALSBUURY
President, Branch 170

TIM PEEBLER
Secretary, Branch 170

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION #2

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 nation's 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 8th, 2017 a quorum being present did unanimously and proudly place the name of Thomas Valles in nomination for the prestigious position of Honorary Membership in the Fleet Reserve Association; and be it further

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

SERGIO M. FROST
President

W.W. "BILL" WEATHERFORD
Secretary

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CERTIFICATION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

IMPERIAL BEACH BRANCH 289

This statement is to document the service of Thomas Valles, a civilian, nominated for Honorary Membership in the Fleet Reserve Association.

For the past 4 years Thomas Valles 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. Valles has been involved follows:

Mr. Valles has continuously donated the materials and often times the food items for the meals provided in sponsoring the Annual Mexican Fiesta each year for FRA Branch 289. This alone has been over several thousands of dollars for the several years he has been a part of this event. He also routinely donates his time in assisting with the setup and disassembly for many Branch 289 events that are also attended by Auxiliary and Club members.

Mr. Valles has been extremely valuable to FRA Branch 289 as a Spanish speaking Liaison with our Spanish / Mexican speaking Service Members and prior service Veterans and active duty personnel. He has donated his time, effort and materials, to assist the Branch with recruiting efforts and getting the word out about the Fleet Reserve Associa-

tion. He has been a part of our Annual Military Appreciation Day event held in Imperial Beach, CA, which is a big part of our Recruiting efforts every year for FRA Branch 289. He is always present to lend a helping hand, whether it be supporting a local Scout Troop fund raiser the Branch is sponsoring or helping a Shipmate get home.

Through his actions and deeds Mr. Valles 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, Thomas Valles is not otherwise eligible for membership in the FRA in compliance with Article 3, section 306(a), C&BL, of the FRA.

SERGIO M. FROST
President

W.W. "BILL" WEATHERFORD
Secretary

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION #3

OGDEN BRANCH 185

Whereas, Article 3, Section 306 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Fleet Reserve Association provides for the recognition of persons not otherwise eligible for membership in the Fleet Reserve Association, but who have rendered a great service to the membership of the association, and who may be elected to Honorary Membership.

Whereas, this individual has consistently and without reservation, assisted the members of Branch 185 and strongly supports the men and women of our Sea Services, giving of his time and resources to aid Branch 185 in achieving our goals.

Whereas, Branch 185, Ogden, Utah, is personally aware of a truly dedicated individual, who over several years has unselfishly given of himself to assist Branch 185 and the FRA whenever assistance was needed, and who embraces our three basic principles of Loyalty, Protection and Service, and who by action and deed continues to provide a great service to the FRA and Branch 185, now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Shipmates of Branch 185 on August 3rd, 2016, at a regularly scheduled meeting, with a quorum present, and with the WCR President present, did unanimously place the name of Howard Schlutter in nomination of Honorary Membership into Branch 185, Ogden, Utah in the Fleet Reserve Association, and be it

Resolved, the Shipmates of Branch 185 do request the support of the Shipmates of all Branches and earnestly solicit this nomination for Honorary Membership.

ROBERT L. PORTER..... JAMES TOWERY
President Secretary

CERTIFICATION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

OGDEN BRANCH 185

This statement is made to document the service of Howard Schlutter and his nomination for Honorary Membership in Branch 185 and the FRA.

Howard unselfishly offers his services whenever the need arises. Quite often he is among the first to volunteer. Howards invaluable services are too numerous to document, however, several are listed below.

Generously donates his time and money to Branch charitable programs. He is very good at soliciting donations for our raffles and events.

He donates the use of his truck to pull trailers used as floats by the Branch and Auxiliary in local parades.

He mans our booths and hands out information flyers at recruiting events.

He volunteers to read and judge Americanism-Patriotism essays every year.

Works many hours setting up, decorating, washing dishes or whatever task is needed for Branch or Auxiliary dinners.

He is quite the handy man to have around when decorating a float for a parade.

Howard attends practically every parade, function, presentation or event that Branch or Unit 185 participates in.

Through his actions and deeds, Howard at all times exemplifies the three cardinal principals of the Fleet Reserve Association- "Loyalty, Protection and Service". Howard is a shipmate.

Branch 185 Ogden Utah certifies that this nominee for Honorary Membership, Howard Schlutter is not otherwise eligible for membership in the FRA in compliance with Article 3, Section 306(a), C & BL's of the FRA.

ROBERT L. PORTER..... JAMES TOWERY
PresidentSecretary

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT RESOLUTION

BRANCH

No certificate of merit resolutions received at this time for this national convention.

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LETTER OF INTENT

NATIONAL BOARD AUTH. NUMBER 3-17

2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Subj: Site of the 2018 FRA/LA FRA National Conventions

Whereas, The 2018 National Convention Committee, which was elected by the Delegates at the 89th National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida, to select and host the 2018 National Convention has made its selection; and

Whereas, The Committee has selected the OMNI San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade in San Antonio, Texas as the site for the 91st FRA/86th LA FRA National Conventions the week of 23 September – 29 September, 2018; and

Whereas, The OMNI Hotel requires a signed contract by 31 March 2017, since time is of the essence, it is requested that a National Board Authorization (NBA) be approved so that the Committee may finalize the contract prior to the deadline; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the National Board of Directors authorize and approve of the selection of the OMNI San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade in San Antonio, Texas for the 2018 FRA/LA FRA National Conventions site; and be it further

Resolved, That the following Resolution is presented to the National Board of Directors for an e-mail vote (please respond to Teresa at adminfra@fra.org immediately, and be sure to follow-up with a mailed-in or signed electronic hard copy).

NATIONAL BOARD AUTHORIZATION NO. 3-17: *Resolved*, That the National Board of Directors authorize and approve of the selection of the OMNI San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade in San Antonio, Texas for the 2018 FRA/LA FRA National Conventions site.

..... In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

..... DONALD E. LARSON
National President

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

GENERAL RESOLUTION NO.

BRANCH

No general resolutions received at this time for this national convention.

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTIONS

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 1

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

Whereas, Article 3, Section 301, C&BL, FRA, pertains to eligibility for membership in the FRA shall be restricted to personnel who have served or are now serving in an enlisted status in the United States Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, regardless of length of service, including reserve components; and

Whereas, over the last ten years the FRA members in good standing have declined from 97,776 to 48, 043 and 82% or approximately 39,395 of our members were born before 1955 and the average age is 73; and

Whereas, all of the recruiting efforts including incentives to FRA members have added new or returning members, which have been honorable but the retention efforts have not been enough to sustain the decline in membership, which includes member deaths and nonpayment of dues; and

Whereas, in order to assist with the growth of the FRA membership and to maintain the integrity of the Association to continue to be a viable veteran service organization for years to come there should be consideration of having enlisted veterans in all services who served honorably to be eligible for FRA membership; and

Whereas, most DoD military facilities are currently joint base, which reflects the idea of having all military personnel work together for the enhancement of our strength in numbers; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That Article 3, Section 301, C&BL, FRA, be amended to read as follows:

Section 301. Eligibility for membership in the FRA shall be for personnel who served or are now serving in an enlisted status in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard , Army or Air Force, regardless of length of service, including reserve components.

Resolved, That this amendment become effective January 1, 2018.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at the bi-monthly conference call of the National Committee on Membership and Retention on March 15, 2017, distributed, read, debated and adopted by majority vote on May 19, 2017.

PLEASALA J. COLLINS
Chairman, National Committee on Membership & Retention

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 2

NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Whereas, Article 3, Section 301(b), C&BL, FRA, pertains to personnel discharged in the general categories from any U. S. Armed Forces are not eligible to be members of FRA; and

Whereas, at the 89th FRA National Convention held in Jacksonville, FL the delegates voted on and approved C&BL Resolution #1, revising Article 3, Section 301(c) to personnel discharged by reason of Bad Conduct or Dishonorable discharges are not eligible for FRA membership, which would eliminate Article 3, Section 301(b) and

Whereas, the Membership & Retention Committee neglected to request deletion of Article 3, Section 301(b), in the C&BL Resolution #1 from the 89th FRA National Convention, which is similar to the new Article 3, Section 301(c); now, therefore be it

Resolved, That Article 3, Section 301(b), be deleted and Article 3, Section 301(c) be renumbered to Article 3, Section (b) and will read as follows:

“Section 301(b). Personnel discharged by reason of Bad Conduct or Dishonorable discharges are not eligible for FRA membership.”

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed by the National Board of Directors on the 19th day of June 2017, adopted by a two-thirds (unanimous) vote by National Board Resolution 20-17 on the 21st day of June 2017.

DONALD E. LARSON
NATIONAL PRESIDENT, FRA

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 3

INLAND EMPIRE BRANCH 038

Whereas, Article 3, Section 311(e)(1), C&BL, FRA states

“Section 311(e)(1) A continuous membership pin (gold in color) consisting of the emblem of the Fleet Reserve Association (blue in color), embedded on a shield and inscribed with the appropriate number to indicate the length of continuous membership without a lapse of dues, may be worn by those shipmates who have maintained continuous membership in the Fleet Reserve Association for five or more years.”

Whereas, The Branch members of the Inland Empire Branch 038, Spokane, Washington feel that if a member has had a lapse and then returns to being a Member In Good Standing, they should not be punished for that period of time lapsed.

Whereas, the Military Personnel Manual 7220-020 contains the provision to adjust the member’s pay entry base date (PEBD) or Active Service Date for lapses of service. Inland Empire Branch 038 feels that the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) should adopt the same method for continuous membership.

Whereas, some members that have let their membership lapse for a period of time, and have rejoined the FRA, should not lose all the time they had been a “Member in Good Standing” as there may be valid reasons for letting their membership lapse.

Whereas, ALL members of Inland Empire Branch 038 feel that FRA is punishing them forever for the lapse and that makes the member feeling as if he wasted his time that he had put in before by not having it count toward his service with the FRA. Inland Empire Branch 038 feels that they should be able to have their continuous membership date adjusted to reflect all the time they have served excluding the lapse of membership, therefore be it

Resolved, that Article 3, Section 311(e)(1) be amended to read:

“Section 311(e)(1). A continuous membership pin (gold in color) consisting of the emblem of the Fleet Reserve Association (blue in color), embedded on a shield and inscribed with the appropriate number to indicate the length of continuous membership, or recomputed length of membership, may be worn by those shipmates who have maintained continuous membership in the Fleet Reserve Association for five or more years;” therefore be it further

Resolved, that the members of Inland Empire Branch 038, FRA solicit and encourage the support of all Branches to change the computation of continuous length of membership.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Inland Empire Branch 038, held on the 22nd day of April 2017, read, debated and adopted by a unanimous vote at a subsequent regular meeting held on the 13th day of May 2017, a quorum being present.

ROBERT S. BEAN, SR. - President
Inland Empire Branch 038

MARGRET "PEG" BURKE – Secretary
Inland Empire Branch 038

CERTIFICATION FOR CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS RESOLUTION

**INLAND EMPIRE
BRANCH 038**

Exhibit 1 Copy of MILPERSMAN 7220-020, Ch-14, 6 Feb 2006 (2 pages) authorization on how to adjust
Service for Basic Pay.

Exhibit 2 Directions on how to calculate PEBD or "continuous service date"

ROBERT S. BEAN, SR. – President
Inland Empire Branch 038

MARGRET "PEG" BURKE - Secretary
Inland Empire Branch 038

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MILPERSMAN 7220-020

COMPUTATION OF SERVICE FOR BASIC PAY

Responsible Office	NAVPERSCOM (PERS-82)	Phone:	DSN	882-4207
			COM	(901) 874-4207
			FAX	882-2622

References	(a) DOD 7000.14-R, Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation, Volume 7A, Military Pay Policy and Procedures Active Duty and Reserve Pay
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1. **Policy.** The monthly longevity basic pay for naval personnel is determined by a member's pay entry base date (PEBD). The PEBD is a calculated date based on creditable service as defined in reference (a), chapter 1.

2. **Computation of Service for Personnel on the Active Duty List (ADL) and Full Time Support (FTS).** The supporting Personnel Support Activity Detachment (PERSUPP DET) or Personnel Office will calculate and enter the PEBD when a member is gained to active duty. Within 6 months upon reporting to active duty Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Officer Retirements Section (PERS-812) will complete a Statement of Service (SOS) for officer personnel to calculate service dates, to include verification or updating the existing PEBD. The SOS is forwarded to the officer's electronic service record maintained at NAVPERSCOM. The service dates are entered into the Officer Personnel Information System (OPINS) and downloaded in the Master Military Pay Account. Once OPINS is updated, the PEBD will reflect on the officer's Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) within two cycles. The SOS will not be issued solely for record purposes. If the officer has been on active duty for 6 months and the correct PEBD does not reflect on the LES, a request for correction of PEBD should be sent to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-822).

3. **Computation of Service for Reserve Officers (not on the ADL).** Computation of, or correction to, an reserve officer's PEBD is calculated by NAVPERSCOM, Reserve Officer Status Section (PERS-4911). Inquiries regarding establishment of, or correction to, a reserve officer's PEBD should be addressed to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-4911). Cumulative credit for qualifying years of reserve service is under the purview of Commanding Officer,

Naval Reserve Personnel Center (NAVRESPERSCEN) (N21). A SOS to show a reserve officer's anniversary date is provided by NAVPERSCOM (PERS-4911) when required.

4. **Broken Service for Active Duty Enlisted Personnel.** In case of broken service, the individual should provide the DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, issued at the time of discharge so that cumulative service may be computed. If the DD 214 is not in the member's possession, send a request for a SOS to NAVPERSCOM, Records Analysis Section (PERS-312D). Specify the SOS is required in the computation of service for base pay purposes. Retain a copy of DD 214, or NAVPERS 1070/878 (Rev. 3-99), Forwarding of Statement of Service in the Case of, for PEBD and active duty service date, in the new service record to substantiate cumulative service.

How to Calculate a PEBD

The U.S. Army uses a soldier's "pay entry basic date" (PEBD) to determine creditable service periods, which it uses to determine your eligibility for pay and benefits. It is essentially the day you first came on duty, minus any breaks in service, from which they count how long you've served. The Navy and Marines call it "pay entry base date," the Air Force simply calls it "pay date," and the Defense Department uses the general term "basic pay date." No matter your branch of service, Department of Defense regulations calculate the date the same way.

- Compute initial basic pay date. This is the time you've served since your most recent service entry date with no breaks. For enlisted, use date of enlistment. For officers, use date of acceptance of commission; if you attended a service academy, this is your date of graduation. Count the number of days since that date and add one to count today. For example, March 1st, 2010 to March 22, 2010 is 22 days.
- Determine creditable service for any previous service periods by counting the days between start and end dates of those service periods. Be sure to add one day to non-consecutive periods of service to account for inclusive days.
- Add the the number of days from Step 1 to the days from Step 2 to get a total of your days of service.
- Convert the days from Step 3 to years, months and days, using 30-day months for your calculations. For example, 364 days is exactly 12 months and 4 days.
- Subtract the time from Step 4 from today to get your effective PEBD. For example, Jan. 2, 2010 minus two years, four months, and one day yields a PEBD of Sept. 1, 2007.

References

- [Department of Defense: DoD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 7A, Chapter 01: Creditable Service](#)

How to Calculate BASD

Basic Active Service Date (BASD), also known as Date Initially Entered Military Service, (DIEMS) is an important date for service members of all the military branches. The BASD is the date you use to calculate your time in Active Service (AS). Once you know that figure, you can then calculate your retirement pay and date of eligibility. For new service members, it can be difficult to find out your actual BASD. In many cases, it is not the date you began training. However, with the right directions, you can quickly and accurately discover your BASD.

- Visit the Army HRC DIEMS Web site.
- Click on the link on the Army HRC Web site that fits your situation. The links will be located beneath the paragraphs on the page, in blue bold text. If you entered through an ROTC scholarship, a Delayed Entry Program (DEP), or other situation click on the appropriate link. A popup window will appear with the proper former to indicate your valid BASD. Ensure you have any popup blockers disabled, as the information will appear in a small popup after clicking the link.

- Read the form and locate the date of contract or date you signed it, this will be your BASD. If you cannot find your form contact the Department of Veteran Affairs to obtain a copy of your forms.

References

- [U.S. Army Human Resources Command: Retirement Frequently Asked Questions](#)

What Is an Active Duty Service Date?

The United States military, like all career fields, has its own language. If you are unfamiliar with military life and are on a military base listening to military-speak, you might feel as if you're in a foreign country. But, upon joining the military, it doesn't take long to learn the jargon, because you will be completely immersed in it. One of the first terms you might start with is your active duty service date.

Active Duty

- According to the Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms, active duty refers to "full-time duty in the active military service of the United States," including full-time National Guard duty. When you join any branch of the military and are actively serving, you are considered on active duty.

Service Dates

- The military has many different service dates, and a person can have different service dates for different purposes. Generally speaking, your active duty service date is the date of your original entry into the military. That date may be modified, however, if you've had any breaks in service. For example, if you were enlisted, left the military to go to college, then rejoined as an officer, your active duty service date will change. It might also be modified if you receive a commission upon graduation from college but don't enter active duty until some months later.

DIEUS

- DIEUS is the date of initial entry into the uniformed services. The uniformed services include the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Public Health Service. This is service from the date of initial acceptance of enlistment, commission, or appointment. This date is fixed, regardless of breaks in service or time lost. For example, the date you accept a commission, perhaps on graduation from college, would be your DIEUS, regardless of when you actually began on active duty.

TAFMSD

- This is the total active federal military service date and, according to Air Force Instruction 36-2604, includes "all periods of active Federal military service in commissioned, warrant, flight officer, or enlisted status." However, this date is adjusted for breaks in service. If you enlisted for four years, left the military and went to college for four years and then were commissioned, your TAFMSD would be adjusted to be four years later than the original date you went on active duty.

Service Computation Date

- Service dates stay with you upon your exit from the military if you become a civilian employee of the government. All federal employees have a service computation date that determines how much government service is credited toward eligibility for a benefit or entitlement, for example annual leave or retirement. According to Tammy Flanagan of the National Institute of Transition Planning, the SCD "establishes a 'virtual' starting date for continuous creditable service." Time in federal service, including military time and not including any breaks in service, is computed and added to your start date, so that your SCD may be several years before the actual date you began as a civilian federal employee.

References

- [AFI36-2604 Service Dates and Dates of Rank](#)
- [JP1-02 DOD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms](#)
- [Computing Your Service](#)

STANDING RULES RESOLUTIONS

STANDING RULES RESOLUTION

BRANCH

No standing rules resolutions received at this time for this national convention.

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RITUALS RESOLUTIONS

RITUALS RESOLUTION NO.

BRANCH

No ritual resolutions received at this time for this national convention.

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Standing Rule 4

SR-4. Parliamentary Law and Procedure and Convention Rules

SR-4(a). All provisions of the C&BL shall govern, and are hereby incorporated by reference. *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority in all cases not covered by the C&BL. In cases where neither the C&BL nor the said rules covers a given situation, the convention shall decide the same.

SR-4(b). The order of business at the national convention shall be as follows:

- (1) Parading of colors
- (2) Opening prayer
- (3) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- (4) Recitation of preamble
- (5) Introduction of officers and guests
- (6) Addresses of invited guests
- (7) "Two Bell Ceremony"
- (8) Recess
- (9) Roll call of officers
- (10) Report of credentials committee
- (11) Appointment of convention committees
- (12) Reports of officers
- (13) Reports of standing committees
- (14) Submission of resolutions
- (15) Unfinished business and action on committee reports
- (16) New business
- (17) Nomination and election of officers
- (18) Good of the order
- (19) Installation of officers
- (20) "Two Bell Ceremony"
- (21) Closing prayer
- (22) Retiring of colors
- (23) Adjournment

SR-4(c). When a delegate desires the privilege of the floor, he/she shall rise, face the Chair, address the presiding officer as, "Shipmate National President," and when recognized shall give his/her name and the name and number of his/her branch.

SR-4(d). A delegate granted the privilege of the floor, shall address the chair, and confine his/her remarks to the question. In speaking, he/she shall avoid personalities and maintain public decorum. If called to order, he/she shall wait until permission to proceed is given by the presiding officer.

SR-4(e). Only duly accredited delegates or their alternates, as selected by a branch delegation from the list of eligible alternates, or an accredited proxy delegate, shall participate in the business coming before the convention, except national officers and past national presidents, who are not otherwise eligible to participate, may be granted the privilege of the floor, but without a vote. Only those delegates or proxy delegates who qualify in accordance with Section 606(c), C&BL will be recognized at the convention.

SR-4(f). Unless specifically authorized by another standing rule, no person shall be given the privilege of the floor for a second time on any question until others privileged and who desire to speak have done so, except convention committee chairmen, who may speak more than once on matters pertaining to their committees. Delegates and proxies shall be limited in speaking to three minutes and the committee chairmen and co-chairmen to five minutes. The presiding officer may, at his/her discretion, grant additional speaking time to delegates requesting such privilege.

SR-4(g). Except where the C&BL requires a two-thirds vote, action on all resolutions submitted to the convention shall be decided by a majority vote.

SR-4(h). The convention steering committee, under the direction of the presiding officer, shall be responsible for the order in which the resolutions are presented to the convention for action.

SR-4(i). When a resolution has been adopted or rejected, it shall be considered as finished business for the convention and be given no further consideration except when otherwise directed by proper majority vote of the convention.

SR-4(j). All resolutions adopted by the convention shall become effective immediately upon adjournment, unless otherwise specified by the convention.

SR-4(k). A motion to commit, recommit, postpone indefinitely, postpone to a certain time, lay on the table, take from the table, reconsider, rescind, or move the previous question, shall require five seconds, each from a different branch, each by a different delegate. Each such motion shall require majority approval of the delegates.

SR-4(l). Unless a specific method of voting is authorized by another standing rule, a roll call vote shall be held upon the call of the presiding officer or upon a call of five delegates, each from a separate branch, but only when the results of a voice vote are in doubt.

SR-4(m). A five minute recess for a caucus prior to roll call vote shall be declared upon a call of five different branches and by five different delegates.

SR-4(n). On a roll call vote at a national convention, voting shall be conducted according to the numerical order of the branches in even years and reverse numerical order in odd number years.

SR-4(o). On a roll call vote there shall be no passing. The chairman or the acting chairman of the branch delegation shall announce the vote of the branch or relinquish the right of that branch to vote, when the branch number has been called three times.

SR-4(p). On a roll call vote, the chairman or acting chairman of the branch delegation or a proxy acting for a branch shall rise, face the chair, announce his/her name, and announce the vote of the branch he/she represents and remain standing until the convention secretary confirms recording the name and vote.

SR-4(q). Convention Credential Reporting

(1) The National President shall annually appoint, no later than the last day of March, a National Convention Credentials and Registration Committee comprised of a minimum of one member from each region, with a member designated as Chairman and a member designated as Vice Chairman, to serve until the adjournment of the national convention in that calendar year.

(2) It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Chairman of the National Convention Credentials and Registration Committee to ensure:

- a. That each branch delegate and branch proxy delegate who checks in at the registration desk is correctly registered and his credentials are verified at the time of registration.
- b. That an accurate and up-to-date credentials report is ready for delivery to the delegates at the commencement of the first scheduled business session.
- c. That an accurate and up-to-date credentials status is maintained throughout the national convention and is ready for delivery to the delegates when called upon by the National President or prior to all record or roll call votes.

(3) The following format will be followed when making credentials reports:

- a. Authorized voting strength - This convention:
IAW Section 608, C&BL. _____
 - b. Number of branches represented by delegates: _____
 - c. Number of votes represented by delegates: _____
 - d. Number of branches registered by proxy: _____
 - e. Number of votes registered by proxy: _____
 - f. Number of branches not registered: _____
 - g. Number of delegates registered: _____
 - h. Registered voting strength: _____
 - i. Number of votes not registered: _____
 - j. Two-thirds vote is: _____
 - k. Majority vote is: _____
- Branches not represented are: _____

SR-4(r). The presentation of reports to the convention by national officers and chairmen of national and special committees shall not exceed one hour duration, except as otherwise decreed by the convention. Reports shall be in writing and specifically include the financial requirements and impacts of the recommendations therein. Furthermore, the report shall specify the responsible party to execute the recommendations, that is, the National President, the National Executive Director, the chairman of the national committee, etc. In absence of a motion on the floor, a delegate shall not be deprived of the privilege of asking a question of information on any such report as received by the presiding officer.

SR-4(s). Nominating speeches shall be limited to five minutes, seconding speeches to two minutes, and the number of seconding speeches for each candidate may not exceed three.

SR-4(t). Nominations and elections shall be held in accordance with Section 701(d), C&BL.

SR-4(u). Nominations and election of each officer shall be completed and the results announced by the presiding officer before proceeding to the nomination and election of the next officer.

SR-4(v). In the event two or more candidates are nominated for the same office, the balloting shall be by roll call.

SR-4(w). In the event three or more candidates for the same office are on the ballot and no candidate receives a majority of votes cast, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes after the second ballot will be eliminated if he/she has not shown a gain on the second ballot. This method of elimination will be followed after each subsequent ballot.

SR-4(x). If a nomination for national office, not previously disseminated by resolution from the National Headquarters, is made from the floor, a ten minute recess may be called, if requested by five different branches and by five different delegates, at the close of nominations.

SR-4(y). The “Order of the Day” shall be as contained in the official convention program unless otherwise specified by the convention.

SR-4(z). Visitors and non-accredited shipmates shall occupy seats provided for their use apart from the delegates and alternates.

SR-4(aa). Minutes of the convention shall be recorded with no omissions, deletions, or alterations, except as directed by the delegates assembled at the convention.

SR-4(bb). These rules may be suspended, rescinded, or amended by a two-thirds vote.

SR-4(cc). Unless suspended, rescinded, or amended, these rules shall remain in force throughout the convention.

SR-4(dd). No expenditure of Association funds may be voted by a national convention without prior recommendation of the Convention Budget and Finance Committee.

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Americanism-Patriotism

Chairman	PRPEC James W. Campbell	040	EC
Members	PRPSE Bobby L. Smith	194	SE
	PRPSW Gordon C. Hewson	090	SW
	PRPSC Robert A. Holcomb	201	SC
	RPNE/NEng David W. Sharp	115	NE/NEng
	PRPNW Daniel E. Holloway	382	NW
	PRPWC Peter J. McNamara	274	WC
	Brian J. Jones	093	EC
Advisors	PRPNC Leon Zalewski	014	NC
	Richard A. Ruiz, Sr.	101	WC

Budget and Finance

Chairman	PNP Gary C. Blackburn	008	WC
Members	PRPEC W. G. "Jerry" Butler	141	EC
	PRPSE Gerald Brice	187	SE
	PRPSW Michael "Mick" F. Fulton.	289	SW
	Robert S. Bear	269	SE
	PRPWC Nathan "Joe" Nash	192	WC
Ex Officio	NP Donald E. Larson	094	SC
Advisors	NED Thomas J. Snee	181	EC
	FO Bryan M. Proctor		

Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions

Chairman	PNP F. Donald Muckeck	269	SE
Members	Nicole L. Talbot	159	SC
	PRPSE Frederick A. Hill	290	SE
	Laurie A. Bailey	269	SE
	JrPRPNW Julian "J.J." Wynn	046	NW
	PRPNE David Munday, III	124	NE/NEng
Advisors	PNP Lawrence J. Boudreaux	275	WC
	PNP Jeffrey A. Gilmartin	207	EC

Credentials and Registration

Chairman	PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti	018	NW
Vice Chairman	PRPEC Claire H. Purdy	024	EC
Members	PRPNEng Paul F. Loveless, Jr.	156	NE/NEng
	?		EC
	PRPSW Michael Frontz	047	SE
	?		NC
	C. Ursula Gruetzner	201	SC
	PRPSW Michael K. Frontz	047	SW
	William "Steve" Matthews	281	WC
	?		NW
Alternate Members	RPNE/NEng David W. Sharp	115	NE/NEng
	?		EC
	?		SE
	?		NC
	Nicole Talbot	159	SC

	?		SW
	Robert Behm	197	WC
	?		NW
Advisor	PNP Mark A. Kilgore	022	SE

Future Planning

Chairman	S. D. Martin	166	EC
Members	PNP William E. Combs	005	EC
	PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti	018	NW
	PNP Jeffrey A. Gilmartin	207	EC
	PRPNE/NEng Floyd G. Hunt	214	NE/NEng
	PRPSE Larry L. Cox	269	SE
	PRPNC Curry Sanders	161	NC
	PRPWC Larry S. Briggs, Jr.	192	WC
	Charley Randall, II	201	SC
	Cathleen Ursula Gruetzner	201	SC
Advisors	RPSW Bruce H. Davis, II	070	SW
	RPSE James E. "Robbie" Robbins, Jr.	091	SE
	RPNC Norman G. Combs	161	NC

Honorary Membership and Certificate of Merit

Chairman
Members

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Advisor

Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation

Chairman	JrPRPNE/NEng Donna M. Jansky	031	NE/NEng
Members	RPEC Thomas F. Vatter	093	EC
	Samuel G. Owens	051	SE
	PRPNC William Sallis	054	NC
	Frank Payne, Jr.	162	SC
	Justin C. Dermody	061	SW
	Garland W. Odell	112	SE
	Dale A. Wright	293	EC
Advisors	PRPEC John J. "J.J." Willis	060	EC
	PRPWC Charles R. McIntyre	101	WC
	PRPNC Marty J. Posekany	298	NC

Legislative Service

Chairman	NED Thomas J. Snee	181	EC
Members	Robert A. Pierpont	181	EC
	PRPSE Frederick Bolz	269	SE
	PRPSC Russell N. Miller	201	SC
	Robert E. McNulty	013	NE/NEng
	PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti	018	NW
Advisor	Tom Howard	172	EC
	John R. Davis	181	EC

Membership and Retention

Chairman	JrPRPEC Penny J. Collins	024	EC
Members	PRPSC Jerry D. Pugh	371	SC
	Darvin F. Dalrymple	070	SW
	Scott L. Bryan	046	NW
	JrPRPNC Marcia L. Cunningham	014	NC
	Venetta V. Charles	099	EC
	William S. Matthews	197	WC
	RPSE James E. "Robbie" Robbins, Jr.	091	SE
	Robert J. Campbell	013	NE/NEng
Advisors	Franklin C. Gates	293	EC
	Dale E. Ebersold	MAL	NC

Public Relations

Chairman Members	PRPNW Margret "Peg" Burke	038	NW
	Mary M. Rauch	057	NE/NEng
	Curtis D. Jones	024	EC
	Wilfred O. Bowers	324	NC
	RPSC Bruce R. Talbot, Jr.	159	SC
	PRPSW Agustive A. "Gus" Hermes, Jr.	061	SW
	Nathan H. Smith	261	WC
	Advisors	RPSE-E James J. "J.J." Thomas	126
PRPEC Claire H. Purdy		024	EC

Steering

**Chairman	PRPEC Christopher J. Slawinski	181	EC
Members	PRPEC Bob Washington	181	EC
	DLP John Davis	181	EC

Tally

**Chairman	Shipmate		
Members	PNP Richard B. "Dick" Smith	070	SW
	PNP Lawrence J. "Larry" Boudreaux	275	WC
	JrPRPEC Penny Collins	024	EC

Time and Place

**Chairman
Vice Chairman
Members

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Advisor

Veterans Service

Chairman	PRPEC Chris Slawinski	181	EC
Members	PRPNEng Paul F. Loveless, Jr.	156	NE/NEng
	PRPNW Thomas W. Flanik	382	NW
	RPWC Roland L. Shorter, Jr.	008	WC
	RPNC-E Rosemary Posekany	298	NC
	PRPSC Russell N. Miller	201	SC
	Kathryn L. Hare	181	EC
	PRPSW James Katzenberger	163	SW
	James L. Middlekauff	117	SE
Advisors	PRPNW C. T. "Bud" Bessey	328	NW
	PRPEC Paul R. Gunther	182	EC

Youth Activities

Chairman	PRPNC Charles "Chuck" Neureuther	298	NC
Members	Charles W. Seidel	124	NE/NEng
	JrPRPSE Dave W. Davis	290	SE
	PRPEC Darrell F. McKinley, Jr.	293	EC
	William T. Kulier	126	SE
	Roger R. Harr	055	NW
	PRPNC Robert A. Melson	130	NC
	PRPSC Mike D. Oliver	307	SC
	PRPSW Michael K. Frontz	047	SW
	Roy D. Warner	287	WC
Advisors	RVPEC Randy Phillipp	182	EC
	Walter J. Moore, Jr.	094	SC

90th NATIONAL CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2017
DELTA HOTELS BALTIMORE HUNT VALLEY
HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND

VOTING STRENGTH: 1,457

BRANCH	VOTES								
386	0								
382	6								
377	2								
376	0								
371	4								
369	2								
367	7								
365	4								
364	3								
358	3								
346	7								
344	2								
342	2								
339	2								
338	0								
335	2								
334	6								
328	2								
327	3								
324	3								
319	0								
316	7								
315	2								
311	4								
310	3								
309	4								
307	5								
302	5								
301	2								
299	3								
298	6								

BRANCH	VOTES								
296	3								
295	2								
294	3								
293	8								
292	4								
291	2								
290	27								
289	32								
287	2								
285	3								
284	0								
283	2								
282	5								
281	3								
280	3								
278	3								
276	11								
275	4								
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268	7								
264	6								
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261	16								
260	3								
259	3								
258	3								
257	2								
256	3								
254	3								
251	3								
250	2								
248	4								
247	5								

BRANCH	VOTES								
245	3								
244	2								
242	2								
238	5								
234	6								
232	2								
230	5								
229	5								
227	2								
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194	4								
192	5								
188	4								
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186	7								
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BRANCH	VOTES								
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123	2								
120	8								
118	4								
117	9								
115	7								
113	4								
112	3								
111	1								

BRANCH	VOTES								
110	0								
109	3								
106	7								
105	4								
104	6								
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083	2								
077	5								
074	2								
073	2								
072	5								
071	4								
070	28								
068	5								
067	10								
066	0								
064	2								
063	3								
062	3								
061	29								

BRANCH	VOTES								
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059	6								
057	7								
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054	2								
053	12								
051	4								
049	6								
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044	6								
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034	3								
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023	4								
022	21								
021	2								
020	22								
018	9								
017	5								
015	3								
014	7								
013	6								
012	3								

BRANCH	VOTES								
011	13								
010	6								
008	11								
006	4								
005	10								
004	5								
001	7								

**FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION
90th NATIONAL CONVENTION
HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND
SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2017**

CREDENTIALS REPORTS FORM

a. Authorized Voting Strength - This Convention:

1st REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- b. Number of branches represented by delegates: _____
- c. Number of votes represented by delegates: _____
- d. Number of branches registered by proxy: _____
- e. Number of votes registered by proxy: _____
- f. Number of branches NOT registered: _____
- g. Number of delegates registered: _____
- h. Registered voting strength: _____
- i. Number of votes not registered: _____
- j. Two-thirds vote is: _____
- k. Majority vote is: _____

2nd REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- b. Number of branches represented by delegates: _____
- c. Number of votes represented by delegates: _____
- d. Number of branches registered by proxy: _____
- e. Number of votes registered by proxy: _____
- f. Number of branches NOT registered: _____
- g. Number of delegates registered: _____
- h. Registered voting strength: _____
- i. Number of votes not registered: _____
- j. Two-thirds vote is: _____
- k. Majority vote is: _____

3rd REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- b. Number of branches represented by delegates: _____
- c. Number of votes represented by delegates: _____
- d. Number of branches registered by proxy: _____
- e. Number of votes registered by proxy: _____
- f. Number of branches NOT registered: _____
- g. Number of delegates registered: _____
- h. Registered voting strength: _____
- i. Number of votes not registered: _____
- j. Two-thirds vote is: _____
- k. Majority vote is: _____

4th REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- b. Number of branches represented by delegates: _____
- c. Number of votes represented by delegates: _____
- d. Number of branches registered by proxy: _____
- e. Number of votes registered by proxy: _____
- f. Number of branches NOT registered: _____
- g. Number of delegates registered: _____
- h. Registered voting strength: _____
- i. Number of votes not registered: _____
- j. Two-thirds vote is: _____
- k. Majority vote is: _____

5th REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- b. Number of branches represented by delegates: _____
- c. Number of votes represented by delegates: _____
- d. Number of branches registered by proxy: _____
- e. Number of votes registered by proxy: _____
- f. Number of branches NOT registered: _____
- g. Number of delegates registered: _____
- h. Registered voting strength: _____
- i. Number of votes not registered: _____
- j. Two-thirds vote is: _____
- k. Majority vote is: _____

7th REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- b. Number of branches represented by delegates: _____
- c. Number of votes represented by delegates: _____
- d. Number of branches registered by proxy: _____
- e. Number of votes registered by proxy: _____
- f. Number of branches NOT registered: _____
- g. Number of delegates registered: _____
- h. Registered voting strength: _____
- i. Number of votes not registered: _____
- j. Two-thirds vote is: _____
- k. Majority vote is: _____

6th REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- b. Number of branches represented by delegates: _____
- c. Number of votes represented by delegates: _____
- d. Number of branches registered by proxy: _____
- e. Number of votes registered by proxy: _____
- f. Number of branches NOT registered: _____
- g. Number of delegates registered: _____
- h. Registered voting strength: _____
- i. Number of votes not registered: _____
- j. Two-thirds vote is: _____
- k. Majority vote is: _____

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- b. Number of branches represented by delegates: _____
- c. Number of votes represented by delegates: _____
- d. Number of branches registered by proxy: _____
- e. Number of votes registered by proxy: _____
- f. Number of branches NOT registered: _____
- g. Number of delegates registered: _____
- h. Registered voting strength: _____
- i. Number of votes not registered: _____
- j. Two-thirds vote is: _____
- k. Majority vote is: _____

l. Branches NOT represented are: (Mark these on your Tally Sheet)

**WINNERS OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE AWARDS
 FRA 90th NATIONAL CONVENTION
 HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND
 SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2017**

Americanism-Patriotism					
	Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V
1st Place					
2nd Place					
3rd Place					
Walter C. "Step" Rowell Award:					
Leonard D. "Swede" Nelson Award:					
Robert E. Doherty Award:					

Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation					
	Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V
1st Place					
2nd Place					
3rd Place					
Shipmate of the Year:					

Membership and Retention	
Charles E. Lofgren Membership Award for Branches	
Group I	
Group II	
Group III	
Group IV	
Group V	
Charles E. Lofgren Membership Award for Individuals	
Group I	
Group II	

Group III	
Group IV	
Group V	

Membership and Retention Continued	
Abraham M. Rosenburg Membership Trophy:	
Frank J. McPherson Memorial Membership Award:	

Public Relations					
	Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V
1st Place					
2nd Place					
3rd Place					
Shipmate of the Year:					

Youth Activities					
	Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V
1st Place					
2nd Place					
3rd Place					
Shipmate of the Year:					