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Hello Shipmates of the Northwest Region:



It is an honor and a privilege to be your Regional President for the 2015-2016 year. I want to thank Mike Archer, our new Jr. Past Regional President, for his knowledge, professional assistance and all his efforts in helping our Northwest Region remain strong. Along with all of the other Past Regional Presidents NW, I will certainly be needing his assistance from time to time as we provide support and guidance to our Shipmates. I also want to welcome our new Regional VP, Mark Thompson from Pyallup Branch #104. Mark is a very intelligent, personable, and dedicated Shipmate. He brings an

incredible commitment to serving Shipmates and has many ideas on how to keep our FRA strong. We make a great team. Welcome aboard, Mark.

Visiting Branches. I will be traveling as much as my work will allow me and before the Winter weather arrives in force so I can meet with as many of you as I can. My goal is to get us off on the right foot and discuss with you how the region and national HQ can help you recruit new members, retain members, and increase your visibility in the community and legislative effectiveness at the local level.

Foster Communication. In addition to Branch visits, the FRA Northwest website manager, PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti, is setting up discussion channels that your Branch Officers and Committee Chairmen can access. We all do great and unique things, and now we can share and talk about them. These topic-focused channels allow Branches to post questions, request help, provide advice and support to other Branches, and in general voice issues that matter to them. Some of these channels will focus on recruitment, retention, establishing a Veteran Service Office (VSO), Americanism/Patriotism, and Public Relations.

Increase Regional Convention Attendance. Attendance at the Regional Conventions has noticeably decreased. Cost can sometimes be a big issue, but a bigger issue is substance! If we don't have enough regional business to occupy the day, then we need to be conducting workshops! Workshops like Officer training, membership and retention, VSO, public relations and image projection, and legislative advocacy. Workshops also provide lessons learned and convey great ideas from national conventions, other veteran organizations, and private sector practices. It may be the Branches' duty to send delegates to the conventions, but it is also our duty to make sure that time, effort, and money is well spent!

Special Thanks. To Branch #018 for a great regional convention, and to Branches

#018 and #038, especially PRPNWs Peg Burke and Pete Lazzaretti, for a wonderful national convention. Last, to PRPNW Hazel Bettencourt for again agreeing to serve as Regional Sec/Tres — Thank you!

AWARDS from 88th National Convention. The following Shipmates received personal awards at the recent National Convention in Corpus Christi, congrats to them for their efforts in making our association great:

- RPNW Wynn was the recipient of the 2015-16 Lofgren Award for membership recruiting for all Group I Branches for recruiting 52 new members during the Association year.
- RPNW Wynn was the recipient of the esteemed Frank J. McPherson Memorial Membership Award. This marks the 2nd year in a row that a Shipmate from the NW Region has received this honor.
- Shipmate Arturo M. Mendoza, Southern Luzon Branch #171, was awarded the FRA Certificate of Merit plaque in recognition of his longtime and valued contributions to the FRA.

These branches took home the following recognition/awards, BZ Shipmates:

- Group I - Honolulu/Pearl Harbor Branch #046: 1st Place - Public Relations, 1st Place - Youth Activities, 1st Place - Americanism/Patriotism, 1st Place - Hospital, Welfare, and Rehabilitation
- Group II - Oak Harbor Branch #97: 100% Retention Gold Streamer
- Group IV - Wyoming Branch #59: 100% Retention Gold Streamer and 2nd Place - Youth Activities
- Group V - Cavite Branch #36: 100% Retention Gold Streamer
- Group V - Lewis/Clark Valley Branch #63: 100% Retention Gold Streamer
- Group V - San Narciso Branch #83: 100% Retention Gold Streamer
- Group V - Batangas Branch #111: 100% Retention Gold Streamer
- Group V - Bicol Nabua Branch #127: 100% Retention Gold Streamer
- Group V - Baguio City Branch #154: 100% Retention Gold Streamer
- Group V - Southern Luzon Branch #171: 100% Retention Gold Streamer
- Group V - Roseburg Branch #328: 100% Retention Gold Streamer

ADMIN Corner.

- Next Regional Convention is in Cheyenne, WY, August 12-13, sponsored by Wyoming Branch #059. Hotel is The Little America Hotel and Resort. More info on room rates to follow.
- Next National Convention is in Jacksonville, FL, October 9-16, sponsored by Jax Branch #091. Hotel is The Lexington Hotel and Conference Center on the Jacksonville Riverwalk. More info on room rates to follow.
- Turn in new officer reports to me, RVPNW, and National on time.
- Make sure all reports are turned in and properly completed on time, signed, dated, etc.
- PCT dues are turned in on time so no problems arise.
- Make sure all correspondence gets to the proper chairmen on time.
- Ensure on the Branch Delegate forms you list two proxies, just in case your delegate(s) get sick or cannot make it at the last minute.

In Loyalty, Protection & Service,

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