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Hello Shipmates,

I recently sent each of your branch officers an email or letter stating out the issues that the region is facing with the Auxiliary units. I need each Branch to make a good faith effort to reach out to each Branch member and find out how they feel about a possible merger with the West Coast Region. If the Northwest Region decides to merge with the West Coast Region, the process will not happen over night. The merger could take up to 2 years to complete. Please contact your members, take a vote at your Branch meetings, and let me know how your Branch feels about a possible merger. This merger affects everyone of our

Shipmates. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I will be willing to discuss this with you. PNP MW "John" Johnson will be heading up a Merger Committee to start the merger process if the region decides to merge.

Upcoming Regional Convention: Gem State Branch #382 is hosting the 2018 Northwest Regional Convention. The convention is scheduled for August 17th and 18th. Shipmate Tom Flanik has sent fliers to each of your Branches. Updated information will be posted on the Northwest Regional website.

Regional Officers: The Region has a need for two Regional officers. The Region needs the Veterans Service Officer and the Membership and Retention Chair filled. RVPNW Tarkington has decided not to run for RPNW yet year. PRPNW Hazel Bettencourt's time as Secretary/Treasurer is also coming to an end. The Region needs shipmates to fill these positions. Please ask your shipmates if any are interested.

National Convention: The FRA National Convention is scheduled to be held September 23rd through the 30th in San Antonio, TX. Please consult the National website for further information.

Travel: My work schedule has slowed down enough that I am looking to do some visits to Branches in the February time frame. I am looking at initially visiting the Seattle, Puyallup, Bremerton, Everett, and Oak Harbor Branches. I would like to visit other branches in the April/May time frame if possible.

Please contact your branch members about the possible merger and the leadership positions in the region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

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