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Hello Shipmates,

Just wanted to keep in touch with you and let you know what is happening in our Northwest Region.

Mid-Year—Mid -Year was held 12th through the 14th of April. Here are some of the highlights:

Congress—We were able to meet with our Congressmen and Senators to ask for their support for the following three bills: Agent Orange/Blue Water Navy, Concurrent Receipt Reform, and Exclude the Defense Department from Sequestration. We got positive feedback but still need the support of our shipmates.

Please use the Action Center in the FRA website or the FRA app and let your Congressmen and Senators that we need their sup-

port on these bills.

The highlights of the National Board of Directors meetings are:

1. Credentials for National Convention need to be in by September 11th.
2. Branch Officers Report needs to be sent just after Branch elections, Don't wait for swearing in.
3. Delegates sheets to National Convention have proxies listed on them if your Branch does not plan on sending any representatives to the convention. If you list proxies, I highly recommend that you send an email or letter to your proxies letting them know how you want them to vote on any resolutions that are brought forth.
4. PRPSE Larry Cox has withdrawn from NVP due to health reasons.

Northwest Region VSO— We have a regional VSO. His name is Joseph Jimenez. He is a shipmate from Branch 104. Joe is an accredited VSO from the VFW. If you need to contact him, his email is rajoejimenez@gmail.com. His phone number is (253) 232-0867.

Regional Convention—The Northwest Regional convention is being held on August 17th and 18th in Boise, ID. PRPNW Tom Flanik has been doing a great job on the coordination of the convention. Tours have been arranged to visit the Warhawk Museum, the Yankee Motor Museum, and the National Interagency Fire Center. We are working on confirming guest speakers The convention will be held at the Riverside Hotel in Boise. Please plan on attending. Please visit www.fra382.org for updated information.

Regional Officers— I have received interest in the positions of Regional Vice President and Regional Secretary/Treasurer. I have decided not to run again as Regional President. My work has made some big demands on my time. We will need a shipmate to volunteer.

National Convention—The 91st National Convention will be held in San Antonio, TX from September 23rd to September 30th. National conventions are a lot of fun to attend. If you are interested, please visit the national website, www.fra.org, for more information.

Regional Website - The Northwest Region's website is at <http://fra-nwregion.org>. If you have anything you want posted to the regional website, please send it to webmaster@fra-nwregion.org.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service
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