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Greeting Shipmates:

I want to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome to a New Decade. I hope 2020 brings a lot of "POSITIVE" to all of us and the Fleet Reserve Association.

Just a couple of business items to tough on:

- EIN's and 990's. Please check your record to make sure they are up to date. If by chance you let them lapse the state does not notify you. Depending on the length of "lapse" they can be quite expensive to get them re-instated.
- Membership dues and renewals. We have had some situations where initial dues and renewals have not been reported to head- quarters in a timely manner which has caused a break in membership which effects continuous membership.
- Reports. Check your manuals and follow the guidelines of timely reporting and who receives the reports.



*Pearl Harbor
78th Remembrance Day
USS Arizona Memorial*

Pearl Harbor 78th Remembrance Day Commemoration

This last December 7th I had the honor of attending “Glimmers of Victory” National Pearl Harbor 78th Remembrance Day Commemoration.

The FRA was well represented by FRA National President Donna Jansky and John Pelosi, LAFRA National President Bea Parco, Past National President Virgil Courneya and LAFRA Past National President Helen Courneya, LAFRA Past National President Gail Doloway, LAFRA Past Regional President NW Rose Hall and myself Regional President NW Bill Hall.

There were approximately 15 Pearl Harbor survivors in attendance. Some of their stories of heroism were told as the ceremony progressed.

Blessings and prayers from both Hawaiian and Japanese religious speakers were presented.

Pass in review of the USS William F. Lawrence (DDG-110). Fly-Over in Missing Man formation by Hawaii Air National Guard, 19th Fighter Squadron, Vintage Era Aircraft fly-over, Rifle Salute, Echo Taps, and the Tugboat Water Tribute were some of the events carried out during the ceremony,

Guest speakers included, Jacqueline Ashwell, Pearl Harbor National Memorial National Park Service; Rear Admiral Robb B. Chadwick, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific; Ambassador Harry Harris, US Ambassador to the Republic of Korea (ROK); Secretary David Berhardt, Secretary of the Interior.

This was a very solemn and heart felt ceremony. At the conclusion of the program, the Pearl Harbor survivors were ushered out through a “tunnel” of attendees to handshakes, hugs, and thankyou’s.

The next event was presentation of the wreaths on the USS Arizona Memorial. Thirty-three wreaths were presented. Presenting the wreath for the FRA & LAFRA were FRA National President Donna Jansky, LAFRA National President Bea Parco and myself.

While on the memorial we rendered honors to those lost by picking a name from a basket and dropping a fresh flower into the water above the USS Arizona in honor of the person who’s name you picked. My flower was in honor of Orville Adalbert Isham, CGMA US Navy.

You can see oil on the water still seeping from the ship, which is called “Tears of the Arizona”.

There is still one USS Arizona survivor living on the island and he has written a book. Another survivor had passed away a couple of days before and was interned in the USS Arizona later that day by US Navy divers.

This was a very emotional and educational day and I had the honor of attending.

It was really great to visit Branch #046 Pearl Harbor and meet a great group of shipmates. They have a lot of activities going on and a lot of opportunities.

There have been a lot of changes since I was stationed at Pearl and it was good to visit the island. A couple of highlights:

- Rose and I visited “Dole Pineapple Plantation, North Shore, and The Polynesian Cultural Center” with our experienced “tour guides” PNP’s Virgil and Helen Courneya. What a great time.
- We had dinner with National President Donna Jansky and John Pelosi at Michel’s at the Colony Surf. This restaurant was established in 1964 and is still one of the top places to dine.

I know it’s early, but I want to bring to your attention, *“Credentials and Resolutions”*.

- ✓ Credential Delegate forms are highly important. Without a properly filled out form your vote does not count at conventions.

A Delegate form is required for both Regional and National Conventions. Each filled out with the name(s) of your Branch delegates attending and voting or, naming a “proxy” who will be there to vote for your branch.

- ✓ As the Resolutions comes out prior to convention please discuss them at the branch and know how your branch wants to vote on each resolution so your delegates know how to vote. If your branch is unable to send a delegate and your name a “proxy” make sure your proxy knows your voting wishes on each resolutions.

You will see this again prior to conventions.

Conventions

Regional

- Host: Mt. Rainier Branch #104
- What: 2020 Northwest Regional Convention
- When: August 27-29, 2020
- Where: LaQuinta by Wyndham, 1425East 27th St, Tacoma, WA

For more information as this time, please check the NWR website. fra-nwregion.org

National

- Host: Branch #018
- What: 93rd FRA/87th LA FRA 2020 National Conventions – Portland, OR
- When: September 28 – October 3, 2020
- Where: Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR

A parting thought:

Hate has 4 letters, so does Love.
Enemies has 7 letters, so does Friends.
Lying has 5, so does Truth.
Negative has 8, so does Positive.
Under has 5, so does Above.
Cry has 3 letters, so does Joy.
Anger has 5 letters, so does Happy.
Right has 5 letters, so does Wrong.
Hurt has 4 letters, so does Heal.

*Life is like a double-edged sword -
So transform every negative into a positive.
Always choose the better side of Life!*

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

Bill Hall
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Thoughts from the NWR Vice President/Chaplain

HAPPY NEW YEAR Shipmates!

I hope you all will have a happy, healthy and productive 202. Regional President Hall has asked me to contribute a few words to this quarter's Newsletter.

As the Vice President I will address a couple of topics.

1. Membership. We all know our numbers are shrinking; that is nothing new. Those of us that have been keeping this Association afloat are not getting any younger and there isn't enough new young blood coming in to take up the slack and fill the holes that we old timers are making. We all need to be recruiters and ambassadors for the association. Keep on approaching the old vets, the young vets and active duty you meet and help them understand why the association is good for them. Wear your FRA gear when you are out and about and approach those people that are wearing vet gear. Don't be shy. Reach out a handshake and give heartfelt thanks for their service. That is a great ice breaker. And, don't forget to contact those members who have stopped coming to meetings. Give them a call let them know you care. Everyone we enroll or bring back to the group is a step in the right direction that benefits each and every one of us.
2. The youth essay contest: This past year we as a Region had very few participants in the essay contest. Most Branches had not entrants at all. We all know young people that fit into the age groups. They don't have to be associated with the Branch or the FRA. Think of your neighbors, friends, and church for candidates that could participate. Get the rules and entry forms from the National website and let's make

a real effort from the Northwest Region to get an entry from every branch. Money is a good incentive for these teenagers. I'd really like to see the NW Region be a standout with this project.

As Regional Chaplain, I want to continue with my efforts to get each branch to have a designated Chaplain. I feel that this office is important for continuity of the rituals and as an extra set of eyes and ears for the Branch President. The Chaplain can make phone calls and email our ailing and needy shipmates to see if we can render assistance. We aren't ministers, but we have eyes and ears and the ability to let our members know that we care as an organization.

In close. "May you live all the days of your life." Jonathan Swift.

Be Safe, Happy and Healthy.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

Danny Hunt
Vice President/Chaplain
NW Region