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Greetings to all of you Shipmates here in the Northwest Region.

As your new Regional President, let me introduce myself. I am Danny Hunt, Retired Chief Petty Officer (1961-1981) and a member of the FRA since 1986. I am currently Branch President of Gem State 382, and have served as NW Region Chaplain for the past two years and NW Region Vice President for the past year. I am a native of Idaho and make my home in Meridian, Idaho.

I am looking forward to working with all of the Branches during the coming year. I am here to help you, in whatever way that I can. If you have questions, problems, or comments, I want to hear from you. If I don't know the answer to your question, I know how to find it and will do so in an expedient manner. We all need to work together to make this Region, our Branches, and the Association a vibrant and fulfilling organization.

You all know the mantra (Recruit-Recruit-Recruit). It is true that our numbers are down and they keep falling, mainly due to attrition of our age group. The median age of an FRA member is 74 years young. There are approximately 2 million potential members walking around out there. We need to be ever watchful for these Shipmates and let's not be bashful about speaking to them. I also want to stress the need for Branches to reach out to our current members that are not active in the Branch and find out why. My feelings are that if we can get these inactive members back, it widens our exposure to potential new members.

We have to take care of the members that we have. I would ask that each Branch President set up a calling tree utilizing the Branch Officers (V/P, Chaplain, Secretary and Board of Directors) or however many it takes to make contact with your membership on a regular basis. At least every quarter. Split up your Alpha List and make contact. It is a good way to make sure the Alpha List is up to date. Current phone Numbers and e-mail addresses can be verified and updated during these contacts. Contacting both the active and inactive members lets them know they are not forgotten. I hope that the Branches that are not actively doing this now will get it

up and running. If you are currently curtailing your branch meetings due to COVID-19, think seriously about using ZOOM or some other video conferencing to conduct your meetings so you can stay in touch.

Remember the Americanism/Patriotism essay contest deadline is quickly approaching (1 Dec 2020). Be sure to contact those that are working on an essay and get them submitted. I hope that the Region will get some good entries again this year. It would be great if the Region could produce a National winner again.

Attached is a list of the Region Standing Committee Chairs with contact. I hope you find this list useful.

Quote for this issue: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." ---*Theodore Roosevelt*---

Be Safe, Be Well, BE HAPPY.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service.

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