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HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our Shipmates here in the Northwest Region. Hopefully, this coming year will be much more enjoyable than the one we have just left behind. I trust you all had a joyous and merry Christmas. I hope that it was a safe one also.

With the new year, we need to look forward to the activities of the coming year. The 2021 Northwest Region Convention is first on the list. It is not too early to get your reservations made. The dates this year are August 24 – 26. The site is the LaQuinta Inn in Tacoma, Washington. Their phone number for reservations is 253-383-0146. Be sure and state the group name for our quoted rates: (FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION). Our host for this convention is Mt. Rainer Branch 104. We really need to have a good turnout this year as the Regional Convention is very important to our organization. You can make new friends, renew old acquaintances, and just have a good time while doing the required business of the Northwest Region. So, make your plans now for August. On the same note of conventions, the location of the National Convention in Sept/Oct is as of now undecided. The Convention Committee is meeting in the next couple of weeks (Before 1 Feb) to make that determination. This will be published on Newsbytes and in the *FRAtoday* magazine. There is a lot going on about the National convention site, so please bear with us on this and we will keep you informed.

Now is the time to get your membership going on submission of applications for the FRA Education Foundation Scholarships. There is an excellent write up in the January issue of *FRAtoday*. These scholarships can now be used at community colleges and trade schools. Did you know that these scholarships are not just for our kids and our grandchildren, we as members of the FRA can get them as well, so if any of our members are inclined to get more education, this is the way to ease the financial burden. With the release of the COVID19 vaccine, this needs to be a priority for us of the older generation. Check with your local VA medical facility and your primary care provider and get your vaccination at the earliest date. We really need to get behind this program so that everyone is safe.

I implore you Branch Officers to keep your meetings going. If not face to face, utilize one of the video programs (zoom, skype, etc.). We need to let our members know what is happening. Our interactive events may be curtailed, but we can still function and conduct our branch business. We will get beyond COVID and can return to our normal activities.

Shipmates, I am here for you. Feel free to contact me by phone or email. If you have problems or just want to chat, I may not have the answer to your questions, but I can get to the person that does. Keep in touch with me. Communication is the first step to getting things done; I can't help if I don't know.

“Don't worry about getting older, you're still going to do dumb stuff, only slower.”

Be well, Be Safe, Be HAPPY.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service.

*Danny Hunt*  
Regional President Northwest

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From the Regional Vice President

Greetings Shipmates:

As a member of the National Membership and Retention Committee, I would like to pass on a few things that have been discussed.

The committee has been working on some things to boost recruitment and retention. One of these is signing with an organization that will give members retail discounts for their memberships. The hope is that this may be a tool that can help recruit new members, as well as keep ones who may be on the fence about renewing. More about this will forthcoming in next couple of months.

The second tool that the committee would like to try, are testimonials of current members. These would be about how members joined and why they continue their membership. These testimonials can be written a in paragraph or two; or can be in video form (for those tech savvy members). These can be sent to me at [medavis@q.com](mailto:medavis@q.com), and I will forward them on.

I hope everyone is safe and well, and hope this coming year will a “normal” year.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

*Michelle Davis*  
Regional Vice President Northwest

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From the Desk of NW Region Secretary/Treasurer

Hello to all you Northwest Regional Shipmates:

I know that most of the Northwest Region's individual Branches have met as best they can either by conference call, Zoom, or in-person meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since we did not have a regional convention in 2020 because it was postponed because of the pandemic, the annual Standing Committee Ribbons for the 2018-2019 year were mailed out to the branches via the U.S. Postal Service.

I have received all but the Public Relations Committee's annual 2019-2020 reports by email that normally would be presented at the convention. These are needed to place the ribbons request for this year in time for the upcoming 2021 regional convention.

If you need help in navigating through the annual report requirements, or where to find them on the FRA website, I am more than happy to be of help. This includes the Annual Report of Officers which is required to be submitted each year, even though you do not change officers. Notice of these usually come out to the Secretaries via electronic means in the month of March each year.

I hope that since the vaccine for the coronavirus is now being distributed throughout the country, we will have a better year in 2021.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

*Margret 'Peg' Burke*  
NWR Secretary/Treasurer, PRPNW

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Regional Chaplain's Corner

Greetings Shipmates

My hope and prayer is that all is well and everyone is staying safe and healthy. As of this writing, I have sent several Get Well and Sympathy cards from the Region.

Soon after installation of National Officers 2020-2021 Administrative year, I sent an email to each Branch requesting contact information for the Branch Chaplain. So far, I have received 3 responses.

My goal is to set up a network to share your procedures and ideas so as to best serve our shipmates. I do receive a Regional list of shipmates who have transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander, but I need to rely on information from the Branches, concerning those shipmates who may need a get well or encouraging word.

Please let me know if I can be of any help to you.

"Act as if What You Do makes a Difference. It Does." - William James

In Loyalty, Protection and Service

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