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Greetings Shipmates. This is the 4th and final edition of the NW Region Newsletter for 2020-2021.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your President for the NW Region this past year. My term has passed quickly, and I wasn't able to visit the Branches as I had hoped to. COVID pretty much threw a monkey wrench into the normal hopes and expectations this past year. Shipmates, it appears that the worst is behind us and we can now get on with our lives and some sort of normalcy. I encourage you Branch Presidents to call your Branches to order and have scheduled face-to-face meetings. Get your Shipmates together and celebrate our existence and the comradeship that we have.

We have the NW Region Convention coming up real soon, August 28 in Tacoma. I have asked each Branch to provide an item to be raffled off to help Branch 104 defray the cost of the convention. Help them out, Shipmates. If you are not planning to attend, send your item to Branch 104 early enough that it will arrive before the convention date. And, remember to get your Branch delegate form and or proxy form in by the deadline, which is August 7.

The National Convention preparations are coming together nicely. If you have not sent in your items for the delegate ditty bags, please do so; we don't want to be putting them together at the last minute. We are planning on 75 ditty bags ready to go when the first Shipmates arrive at the convention center. Let's do a good job of showcasing the NW Region. We are the host for this 93rd FRA / 88th LAFRA Convention.

If you haven't sent in your Branch Officer Reports, please, do so NOW. The deadline for submission has already passed. Even if you have the same officers as last year, you need to submit a new report for 2021. If you need help, contact the NW Region Secretary (Peg Burke, 509-385-7275) and she will walk you through the process. **If you don't turn in a report, you will NOT receive any payments from National HQ.**

Branch Presidents and Branch Secretaries, please review your Branch Alpha list as soon as you receive it from National HQ the first week of each month. Contact those Shipmates that are due for renewal of their membership and follow-up with those that are past due. A short phone call or email doesn't take all that much time or effort. We need to keep engaged with our members.

Shipmates, this is to inform you that on 24 June I received a petition from the President of Branch 245 in Bellingham, Washington, to voluntarily surrender their Branch Charter, due to not being able to put up a slate of nominees to serve as Branch Officers. I am saddened by this action, but I truly understand. The Branch members have been informed of their options, transfer to a Branch of their choice or be a Member-a-Large. This petition will be addressed at the National Board of Directors meeting in Alexandria, VA on the 28 of June. We wish our Shipmates of Branch 245 well.

I wish to reiterate that I regret not having been able to meet more of you face-to-face. That is my one big disappointment; not being able to travel and meet with you personally.

“Every kind of service necessary to the public good becomes honorable by being necessary.”
-----Nathan Hale----- (1755-1776)

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service.

Danny Hunt
Regional President Northwest

From the Desk of NW Region Secretary/Treasurer

Washington State will be fully open on June 30, 2021 from the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions except for indoor large events which will be at 75%. This gives us clearance to hold both the Regional and National conventions.

The Northwest Region Convention is being held on August 28, 2021 at the LaQuinta Hotel at 1425 East 27th St, Tacoma, WA. More information can be found on the regional website. This is a one-day business meeting on a Saturday. Each branch in the Northwest Region needs to submit a Regional Delegate Form so their branch can be represented at the convention by either a Shipmate from the Branch or a Proxy.

The “***Delegate Credentials Form for Regional Conventions***” can be found on the FRA Website under Membership/Member Resources/Branch Resources. The form works best if you open it in Adobe Acrobat. Even though you may have a delegate coming to the convention, please include a “Proxy” as a precaution to some unforeseen reason the delegate cannot make the convention. The Regional Delegate form is to be sent to the following **not later than August 7, 2021**.

Original	Credentials Chair – PRPNW Hazel Bettencourt	
Copies	Convention Chair – PNP John Johnson	RVPNW Michelle Davis
	Delegate & Proxy	Regional Sec/Treas – Peg Burke
	RPNW Danny Hunt	Branch Files

There has been one formal NW Regional Resolution submitted for this year's convention regarding the SR-2(d) (it will be included as a separate document when the newsletter is emailed out). There may be more come in prior to the convention and I will send them out as I get them.

The 93rd FRA/88th LAFRA National Convention is being held on October 2-9, 2021 at the **Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center**, 1100 N. Sullivan Road, Spokane Valley, Washington. More information can be found on the regional website. Each branch in the Northwest Region needs to submit a Regional Delegate Form so their branch can be represented at the National Convention by either a Shipmate from the Branch or a Proxy.

The Branch Secretaries can find “*Delegate Credential Form*” by logging in to the FRA Website under Membership/Officer Resources and selecting the Branch Report & Credential Form. The form works best if you open it in Adobe Acrobat. Even though you may have a delegate coming to the convention, please include a “Proxy” as a precaution to some unforeseen reason the delegate cannot make the convention. The Regional Delegate form is to be sent to the following **not later than September 2, 2021**.

Original	Credentials Chair – PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti	
Copies	NED Slawinski	RPNW Danny Hunt
	NP Mick Fulton	RVPNW Michelle Davis
	NVP James Campbell	NWR Sec/Treas Peg Burke
	Delegate and Proxy	Branch Files

Annual Report of Officers is required to be submitted National and Regional Officers even if you do not change officers. Again, this report form works best if you open it in Adobe Acrobat. It will change the size of the font as you fill in the blocks of the form. This report was due June 10, 2021 to FRA HQ. Reminders have been sent to those branches that have not submitted their reports.

Original	NED Chris Slawinski	
Copies	RPNW Danny Hunt	Regional Sec/Treas – Peg Burke
	RVPNW Michelle Davis	Branch Files

If you need help in navigating through the annual report needs, or where to find them on the FRA website, I am more than happy to be of help. This form can be found in the same location as the national delegate form.

Annual Branch Committee Reports – This year the National Veterans Service Committee revised their reporting form. It is now two different forms, one for VAVS and one for VSO. The NW Regional Chair will not accept the old form. The FRA HQ staff has finally added the two forms to the bundled reports form that can be downloaded by the Branch Secretaries from the FRA website. These forms have been sent to the NW Branch Presidents and Secretaries by email also. These reports must be sent to the Chairpersons for the NW Region which are included in this newsletter.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

Margret ‘Peg’ Burke

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