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Greetings,

Well, Spring is here, and the weather is better for travel. I hope the white stuff is long gone. I hope in the next couple of months to make visits to many of the Branches. I have been trying to contact many of the Branch Presidents about this but have not got a lot of response. If you could let me know when you meet, with a good contact person and number, that would be a big help.

I will be flying back east to the Board of Directors Meeting towards the end of April. If anyone has anything that you want brought up, please let me know.

I am proud to announce that we have a new Branch in the region. Branch 50 in Honolulu, Hawaii, has petitioned the Board and has been accepted. So, we will, have an active branch in Hawaii again.

I want to send my congratulations to our Essay winners and to commend the hard work of those who make those essays happen.

As it gets closer to the summer, I want to remind Branch Committee chairs to get their reports done and sent to the regional chairs in a timely fashion. The regional

chairs need reports from every Branch, even if they are Negative Reports. In the past many chairs only receive a handful of reports. Every Branch is responsible to get these reports done.

Okay, enough of the soap box. I hope that I will see many of you in my travels. Keep up the good work.

With Loyalty, Protection, and Service

*Michelle Davis*

Regional President Northwest, 2021-2022

### PRPNW Hazel Bettencourt's Memorial Services

RPPNW Hazel Bettencourt passed away in November 2021. Her family has arranged a memorial service for her on **April 23, 2022 at noon** at the following location.

Calvary Chapel  
1210 N. Middleton Rd  
Nampa, Idaho 83651

A luncheon will follow at the church after the memorial.

## **NWR Vice President & A-P Committee News**

### **NW Region Americanism Patriotism Essay Contest 2021-2022 Winners**

#### **Grade Seven:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Ashlyn Quintana,	Lakewood, WA	Br 104
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Riley Jade White,	Coupeville, WA	Br 097
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Heidi Crowder,	Pocatello, ID	Br 382

#### **Grade Eight:**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Opal Johnson,	Lakewood, WA	Br 104
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Mary Crosby,	Burlington, WA	Br 382

#### **Grade Nine:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Abby Yeske,	Helena, MT	Br 382
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Jasper Johnson,	Lakewood, WA	Br 104
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Brooklyn Thayer,	Oak Harbor, WA	Br 097

#### **Grade Ten:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Parker Smith,	W. Richland, WA	Br 038
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Madelyn Clemenson,	Bellingham, WA	Br 382
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Marco Saavedra,	JBLM, WA	Br 104

#### **Grade Eleven:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Cadence Etheridge,	Meridian, ID	Br 382
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Charlotte Wallace,	Redmond, OR	Br 055
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Avery Clark,	Tacoma, WA	Br 104

#### **Grade Twelve:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Jacob Agresta,	Troutdale, OR	Br 055
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Shay Perlot,	W. Richland, WA	Br 038
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Tray Larson,	Puyallup, WA	Br 104

All first place winners' essays were sent to the National A/P Chair for consideration at that level. When we receive the notice of winners from National, results will be in the Scuttlebutt and on the NW Region Website.

**It is always the few that keep any organization up and running. Be one of the few.**

You are always at your best when helping other people. That must be a quote from someone. Volunteering is a staple of the Fleet Reserve Association. The Branches, Region, and National are always here to support you but that is a two-way street. Please do your part. Volunteer and report. Step up and do the job.

Keep your Branch active in the local community affairs. The last couple of years has really put a crimp in the way we interact and has lessened our visibility. Membership and retention should be a top priority for every member. Don't miss any opportunity to recruit members. Please do your part and recruit.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

***Rex L. Faubion***

Regional Vice President Northwest, 2021-2022  
NW Region Americanism-Patriotism Chair

## **Time & Place Committee News**

We need some of the branches to step up and consider holding a regional Convention. The way it stands right now we have the next one in Spokane Summer of 2022. To follow that we are lined up for Boise for Summer of 2023.

A regional Convention is not really that hard. Take a little planning and if you have question there are Shipmates out there that have been involved and are more than willing to give you answers to any question you may have.

If your branch would be willing to hold one let me know. Call me at 253 770 5935 and we can talk about what you may need. You can also send me an email at [mwjohn@comcast.net](mailto:mwjohn@comcast.net) with your questions, concerns.

Summer of 2024 would be an ideal time for someone to host the convention. It's the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association. So talk it over with your branch members and get the ball rolling. It will be here before we know it.

***MW "John" Johnson***

Past National President &  
**NW Region Time & Place Chair**

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### **Convention Awards**

The awards given out at the 2021 FRA / LAFRA National Convention are listed in the April 2022 issue of the FRA Today magazine on page 4.

**The Northwest Region congratulates PRPNW Tom Flanik, Branch 382 (Nampa, Idaho) for being awarded the PRPNC Rosemary Posekany Memorial Award.**

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### **2022 Conventions**

The **2022 Northwest Region Convention** will be August 19-20, 2022 at the Ramada by Wyndham Spokane Airport, 8909 Airport Drive, Spokane, WA 99224. Meeting rooms will be the Empire Room, the Inland Room, and the Washington Room.

**Room Rates:** \$114 per night plus 9% tax and \$4 Tourist Fee. Each room will have one king or 2 queen size beds. These rates are good for August 18 through 20, 2022.

**NW Regional Secretary's Desk:**

**For Reservations: Call Jean Berg, Sales Manager for the Ramada, direct at 509-777-3053 to get the above rate.** Reservations made after July 25, 2022 at this rate will be on space availability.

**Guest Amenities:**

Accessible Facilities Shuttle Service Pets  
Internet Business Center Pool and Hot Tub  
Gym Room Service Laundry/Dry Cleaning  
On Site Restaurant / Bar Some RV parking  
with **no hookups**

**Nearby Restaurants (all are within 1-3 miles):**

- Rusty Moose on Hwy 2 West (going towards Fairchild Air Force Base)
- Longhorn Barbecue on Hwy 2 West (going towards Fairchild Air Force Base)
- Northern Quest Resort & Casino on Hayford Rd (Follow the signs on Hwy 2 West)
- Various Asian and fast food restaurants are along Hwy 2 West.
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The **2022 FRA/LAFRA National Convention** will be held October 16-22, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham-The Wynfrey Hotel, 1000 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, Alabama

**Room Rates** are \$116 per night, plus a 14% room tax and \$2 to the City of Hoover (Tourist Fee). Check-in is at 4:00 p.m. and check-out is 11:00 a.m. The deadline for reservations is September 18, 2022.

**Reservations** can be made by calling **205-705-1234**. Be sure to mention the Fleet Reserve Association **Group #G-6FRA** when calling to make your reservations.

Or you can make your reservations by going online to <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/BHMHR/G-6FRA>.

**Parking:** Self-parking is \$10 per 24-hr day. Valet-Parking is \$20 per 24 hr day. If you are staying at the hotel, your parking will be part of your master bill at check-out.

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**Note to NWR Branch Secretaries:**

I checked the FRA Website for the following new forms for the 2022 Reports to see if they are now online:

- Branch Officer Report
- Branch Officer Report Form Addresses (who to send them to), but ***not the email addresses***.
- National Delegate Credential Form
- Committee Report Forms (including both forms for the Veterans Cmte, i.e. VAVS and VSO)

All were online except the one with the email addresses for the Branch Officer Report.

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**Note to NWR Chairs:**

If you would like to have something in the next regional Scuttlebutt, send it to me via email and we will include it.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service  
*Margret 'Peg' Burke*

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