

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION  
NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONVENTION  
Ramada Inn at the Airport, Spokane, WA  
August 20, 2022

FRA Master of Ceremonies (MC) Shipmate Anna Martin, FRA Convention Chair and LAFRA MC, RVPNW Jena Shadwick called the Joint Opening of the Northwest Regional Convention to order at 0900 on 20 August 2022 at the Ramada Inn at the Airport, Spokane, Washington.

FRA MC Anna Martin then directed the Master-at-Arms (MAA) to invite shipmates and ladies to enter the meeting hall and close the doors. This was completed and the MAA announced that the shipmates and ladies were in the hall.

FRA MC Anna Martin gave three raps of the gavel and asked that everyone remain standing for the following:

- Presentation of colors by the Ft Spokane Battalion Sea Cadets
- The Blessing of God by Chaplain Bill Hall
- The Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.
- The Reciting of the FRA and Auxiliary Preambles

FRA MC Anna Martin gave three raps of the gavel and asked that everyone be seated.

The LAFRA MC Jena Shadwick introduced the Auxiliary Past Regional President Rose Hall.

FRA MC Anna Martin then introduced the FRA Regional Officers and the Past Regional Officers:

**CURRENT OFFICERS**

RPNW Michelle Davis  
RVPNW Rex Faubion  
JrPRPNW Danny Hunt  
RSTNW Peg Burke

**PAST REGIONAL OFFICERS**

RPNW Danny Hunt	2020-2021
PRPNW Bill Hall	2018-2020
PRPNW Peg Burke	2012-2013 & 2017
PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti	2011-2012
PRPNW Tom Flanik	1998-1999

FRA MC Anna Martin then introduced the guest speaker:

“Please welcome Teresa Bailey, LICSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker), Program Manager for the Caregiver Support Program at the Mann-Grandstaff VAMC, Spokane, WA.”

“She has been the Program Manager since November 2021. Prior to this she was in the mental health clinic for 14 years; providing individual and group therapy for veterans of all ages and war eras. She came to the VA from community mental health in both Whitman and Adams counties here in Washington state. She received her Master of Social Work from the University of Wyoming in 2001; and her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Washington State University prior to that.

She has lived in Spokane for the past 15 years. She enjoys hiking, swimming, running, and biking in our lovely Inland Northwest region.”

There was a question and answer session after her presentation.

FRA MC Anna Martin announced that we will now have the Two Bell Ceremony which was presented by Inland Empire Branch 038's Chaplain, Dennis McCully, and his assistant Shipmate Harold Young. There was a moment of silence dedicated to the memory of the following:

PNP Bill Starkey            PNP John Ippert            PRPNW Hazel Bettencourt

MC Anna Martin and LAFRA MC Jena Shadwick announced to Shipmate NWR President Michelle Davis and LAFRA NWR Vice President Jena Shadwick that they were ready to turn the gavels over to them. This was done and the convention was declared convened.

Shipmate President Michelle Davis then declared a recess, with the meeting to reconvene in 30 minutes. Northwest Regional Chaplain Bill Hall was requested to close the Bible.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis called the FRA Business Meeting to order at 1030 and requested the MAA to invite the Shipmates to enter the hall and close the doors.

MAA announced the Shipmates are in the hall and the doors are closed.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis requested that all cell phones be turned off or silenced during the meeting.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis requested Regional Chaplain Bill Hall to please open the Bible. Chaplain Bill Hall did so and replied that the Bible is open.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis asked the Regional Secretary to call the roll of Officers.

Shipmate Regional Secretary Peg Burke called the roll:

Regional President Michelle Davis  
Regional Vice President Rex Faubion  
Jr Past Regional President Danny Hunt  
Acting Regional Parliamentarian Tom Flanik  
Regional Secretary/Treasurer Margret "Peg" Burke

Jr Past Regional President Danny Hunt announced that he was in the Uniform of the Day.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis called for the first Credentials Report.

Credentials Chair Anna Martin gave the Credentials Report (see Attachment A)

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis stated that "you have heard the first credentials report. It has been moved and seconded to receive the report." A vote was taken and the motion was carried.

**NW Regional President** Michelle Davis said they would proceed with our Officer Reports and gave hers first (See Attachment B).

**NW Regional Vice President** Rex Faubion presented his report (see Attachment C).

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis stated that we will now recess for lunch and reassemble at 1300. Shipmate Chaplain, will you please close the Bible.

Shipmate Chaplain Bill Hall stated the Bible is closed.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis called the FRA 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Session to order at 1330 and asked the MAA to please invite the Shipmates to enter the hall and close the doors.

MAA stated the Shipmates are in the hall and the doors are closed.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis asked that everyone turn off or silence their cell phones. Thank you.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis asked the Shipmate Chaplain Bill Hall to open the Bible.

Shipmate Chaplain Bill Hall stated the Bible is open.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis called for the second Credentials Report.

Credentials Chair RPNW Anna Martin stated there were no changes to the Credentials Report (See Attachment A).

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis stated that we would continue with the Officers Reports.

**NW Regional Secretary/Treasurer** Peg Burke presented her report (see Attachment D):

This year we have four (4) branches in our Region who have not paid their 2022 PCT Dues. They are Seattle Branch 18, Olongapo City Branch 74, Yokosuka Branch 103, and Anchorage Branch 342. Collectively these branches owe the NW Region \$110.60. Past Due notices have been sent to these branches.

Each Branch in the Region with an email is sent a PCT letter via email informing them of the amount of PCT dues to be paid to the Region. Because of the “reorganization” of how the USPS delivers mail now, sending letters via “snail mail” is no longer trustworthy. Email is what we will be using as the standard and we will only use USPS (snail mail) when there is no one in a Branch that does not have an email address.

One of the Philippine branches tried a new method of payment, i.e. electronic deposit, via our Chase Bank. They sent a copy of the front and back of their check to me via email. I took the email to Chase Bank to see how to do this. The bank had me download the Chase Deposit App on my phone and then instructed me how to process the payment through their app. We were successful and the deposit went through. This procedure could be used by our Pacific Branches to pay dues in the future if they don’t want to send it by USPS, which can be iffy at best.

Per the Budget Committee’s recommendation at last year’s convention, the Northwest Region has applied to the IRS and been granted permission to change their Fiscal Year from the July 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup> dates to a Calendar year, i.e. January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, effective April 2022. This change created a Short Fiscal Year of six months for July 1 – December 31, 2021. An IRS 990N report was made after December 31, 2021. We are currently in our first calendar fiscal year of January 1 – December 31, 2022. Another IRS 990N report will be made within three months after the end of Fiscal Year 2022. This will effectively put us on an annual calendar year as our fiscal year for the future.

A second Budget Committee recommendation at last year's convention was to have the Treasurer open an investment account with Edward Jones, using \$10,000 from the region's savings account as startup money. This account has been set up, but we need to have another NW Regional Officer or two on the account just in case something, God forbid, happens to the NW Region Treasurer. Any Volunteers?

Since depositing the \$10,000 in an investment account with Edward Jones, the market has been quite volatile, as referenced below for this fund.

The Northwest Region has as of July 31, 2022, the following in funds:

Checking:	\$ 4,802.62	
Savings:	\$ 8,803.23	
Certificate of Deposit (CD)	\$ 6,661.32	
Edward Jones Investments	<u>\$ 8,151.52</u>	A loss of <b>\$1,797.28</b> since established.
<b>Total in bank accounts:</b>	<b>\$ 28,418.69</b>	

**Note:** Of the \$28,418.69, please note that **\$3,300.29 is for Essay Contest funds.**  
That leaves \$25,118.40 in our operating cash fund.

**NW Budget Committee** Chair PRPNW Flanik gave his report. The Audit of the Northwest Region Financials was completed this date and found to be in order (See Attachment E).

#### **NW Membership & Retention Committee**

Chair Shipmate Rex Faubion stated that overall, the NW Region is down to 1,863 members in good standing as of 30 June 2022. Of the 23 branches in the Region, one, Branch 50, is new and growing; one, Branch 328, is likely to turn in their Charter; another, Branch 310, is unresponsive.

It is not all bad news, there are 10 branches that are holding their own or are on the plus side. Branches 029, 050, 068, 154, and 170 are showing gain in membership. Branches 063, 074, 127, 247, and 342 are holding on showing no loss in members.

Of the eight Regions, Northwest's standing in membership is 5<sup>th</sup>. Nationally, FRA membership including Members at Large (MAL) is 29,928.

Everyone is looking for ways to turn this around. Some of you remember that in the late 90's we had over 140,000 members. We need to look for every opportunity to introduce sea service veterans to the Fleet Reserve Association. FRA HQ has developed a new membership application. You can download it from the FRA HQ website. (See the full Report on Attachment F.)

**NW Americanism-Patriotism Committee** Chair Shipmate Rex Faubion, Branch 104, gave the following report (Attachment G).

The First Place Essay Contest winners are:

7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ashlyn Quintana	Branch 104
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	There was no 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Winner	
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Abby Yeske	Branch 382
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Parker Smith	Branch 038
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Cadence Etheridge	Branch 382
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Jacob Agresta	Branch 055

Results for the branches:

Group I	No Award	No reports received
Group II	No Award	No reports received
Group III	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Branch 097 – Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA
Group IV	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Branch 104 – Mt. Rainier Branch, Puyallup, WA
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Branch 382 – Gem State Branch, Nampa, ID
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Branch 038 – Inland Empire Branch, Spokane, WA
Group V	No Award	One negative report received.

COVID continues to cause problems with participation or the ability of Branch personnel to make contacts. 39 students participated throughout the NW Region. Contest theme this year, “Why I am Proud to be an American.”

At the National level, entrants from the NW Region were represented by Jacob Agresta who placed Second at the 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Entry forwarded through Branch 055. Note that all winners at the National level are required to file a W-9 report for the IRS. This has slowed the award process down immensely. To date Jacob has not received his check. Phillip Reid is aware of the problem and working to get the check to him.

The theme for the coming year is “What The United States Flag Stands For.” Poster, contest rules, and cover letter are available on the National website: FRA.org

Award levels have changed per NBOD action. Grand prize has dropped from \$5,000.00 to \$1,500.00.

**NW Region Hospital, Welfare & Rehabilitation Committee** Chair Shipmate Michelle Davis presented her report (see Attachment H). There were seven reports from the region, one of which was a negative report. The awards are as follows:

Group I	No Award	
Group II	No Award	
Group III	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Branch 097 – Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA
Group IV	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Branch 104 – Mt. Rainier Branch, Puyallup, WA
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Branch 038 – Inland Empire Branch, Spokane, WA
Group V	None	Report received was a negative one.

**NW Region Public Relations** Chair PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti presented his report (see Attachment I):

Group III	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Branch 097 – Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Branch 018 – Seattle, WA
Group IV	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Branch 104 – Mt Rainier Branch, Puyallup, WA
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Branch 382 – Gem State Branch 382
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Branch 038 – Inland Empire Branch, Spokane, WA

Negative Reports were received from Branches 055 and 247.

**NW Region Youth Activities** Chair PRPNW Roger Christopher submitted his Group Branch Reports (Attachment J).

Group I	No Reports	
Group II	No Reports	
Group III	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Branch 097 – Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA
Group IV	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Branch 038 – Inland Empire Branch, Spokane, WA
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Branch 104 – Mt Rainier Branch, Puyallup, WA
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Branch 055 – City of Roses Branch, Portland, OR
Group V	Negative Report received from Branch 247.	

**NW Region Veterans Services Committee** Chair PRPNW Tom Flanik submitted the following report for branches. Only seven branches submitted reports. (Attachment K)

Group I	No Reports
Group II	No Reports
Group III	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Branch 097 – Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA
Group IV	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Branch 382 – Gem State Branch, Nampa, ID
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Branch 038 – Inland Empire Branch, Spokane, WA
	Branches 18 and 55 turned in negative reports.
	Branch 104 submitted only a VAVS Report
Group V	Negative report submitted from Branch 247

**Reminder to all Branches:** The Veterans Committee now has two reports that must be submitted, i.e. VSO and VAVS. They are two separate forms and **Branch Chairs need to submit both reports.**

**NW Regional Disaster Relief Committee** Chair Mike Batnick did not submit a report.

**NW Time and Place** Chair PRPNW Flanik stated that the Northwest Regional Convention for 2023 is scheduled as follows:

2023 Northwest Regional Convention will be hosted by Gem State Branch 382, Nampa, ID on August 18-19, 2023 the Holiday Inn, Nampa, ID at a rate of \$110 per night.

**NW Regional Chaplain** Bill Hall presented his report (See Attachment L).

This year I sent 54 Sympathy Cards and 3 Get Well Cards.

**NW Region C&BL Committee** Chair Peg Burke presented the C&BL report (see Attachment M for the full report).

During the 2020-2021 Northwest Regional Convention a resolution to Standing Rule 4(f) was proposed and adopted. This had to do with raising the Americanism Essay Contest regional award amount to: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$50, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$25

There were copies of all the proposed NW Region C&BL resolutions on the tables for the convention delegates. Please share with other shipmates at the table. Copies of the five resolutions were transmitted to all NW Branch Presidents and Secretaries to discuss them with their branch members. Votes were taken on these resolutions whether to adopt them, or not.

**Electronic Meetings:** This resolution is to add to the NW Region C&BL Rituals, Article 1, Section 104(a). By adding this article to the C&BL it gives the Branch, and Region, a way of conducting business in the world today; an update to if you will, to embrace a webinar/WebEx type platform for meetings for whichever reason makes it necessary not meet in person. **APPROVED**

**Life Membership Fund:** This resolution has to do with the status of the Life Membership fund being drawn down so low in the past few years, i.e., 2016 thru 2021 that were not authorized by NBRs voted on by the NBOD. This resolution is to be submitted to the 2023 FRA National Convention.

**NOT APPROVED – Already sent to National Committee**

**Budget & Finance Committee Name Change:** This resolution has to do with amending Standing Rule 2(d) of the NW Region C&BL. It would add the function of an Audit process and change the name of the Budget and Finance Committee. The new title would be Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee. The procedures for the audit are contained in the attached Annual Audit Policy & Procedures Manual (a 6-page document).

**APPROVED**

**Veterans Services Officer Training:** This resolution had to do with adding to the FRA C&BL Section 820 as subsection (f) to provide continuing training to current VSO's as mandated by OGS. Section 820(f) should be amended to incorporate the following language: *"Training shall be held on an annual basis by qualified Instructors as per OGC regulations and recognized by the FRA, Veterans Service Officers with at least one being TRIP (Training, Responsibility, Involvement and Preparation of Claims) certified" and Resolved that Gem State Branch 382 sincerely solicits the support and endorsement of all branches of the Fleet Reserve Association."*

**APPROVED**

**Delegate Identification When Speaking:** This resolution would add Standing Rule 3(j) to the NW Region C&BL to coincide with the FRA C&BL. It would also align with the Roberts Rules of Order.

"SR-3(j). When a delegate desires the privilege of the floor, he/she shall rise, face the Chair, address the presiding officers as, "Shipmate Regional President," and when recognized shall give his/her name and the name and number of his/her branch."

**RULED OUT OF ORDER**

**Already in the Roberts Rules of Order.**

The NW Region C&BL Chair, Peg Burke, will prepare the update to the NW Region C&BL for ratification by the NBOD at the 2022 National Convention.

**NW Region Legislative Chair, Jerry Fugich,** emailed his report to the NW Regional Secretary at the end of the convention (see Attachment N).

**UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED BUSINESS**

The 2022 FRA/LAFRA National Conventions will be October 16-22, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency's Wynfrey Hotel, 1000 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, Alabama. See the Northwest Region's website for all the newsletters.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers for 2022-2023**

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis announced that we now have the business of electing our 2022-2023 Regional Officer. Nominations were held and the following were nominated as shown.

**Regional President Northwest (RPNW):**

Shipmate Rex L. Faubion, Mt. Rainier Branch 104, was nominated and elected to be the new Regional President.

**Regional Vice President Northwest (RVPNW):**

Shipmate Timothy E. Miller, Whidbey Island Branch 097, was nominated and elected to be the new Regional Vice President.

**Jr Past Regional President (JrPRPNW)**

Shipmate Michelle E. Davis, Branch 038, will be the Jr Past Regional President.

**Regional Secretary/Treasurer Northwest (NWRST):**

Shipmate PRPNW Margret “Peg” Burke will remain for the second year of her 3-year term as Regional Secretary/Treasurer.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Shipmate President Michelle Davis asked if there are anyone had anything under the Good of The Order.

PRPSE John Handzuk, a candidate for FRA National Vice President sent a letter to the Northwest Region convention delegation to be read during the convention.

Jr Past Regional President Danny Hunt proposed the following:

***“The FRA NW Regional Convention’s Silent Auction proceeds to be split in the following manner: 50% of the proceeds to go to the FRA NW Region***

***25% of the proceeds to go to the LAFRA Region***

***25% of the proceeds to go the Branch hosting the convention.***

***This division will be the standard to follow in future Northwest Regional Conventions.”***

This motion was discussed at length, with the notable agreement that this is the major fundraiser for the Region’s Auxiliary. The motion was seconded and adopted at this convention.

Shipmate President Michelle Davis presented PRPNW Bill Hall his past Regional President’s Pin for 2019 on behalf of NED Slawinski. Shipmate Hall was unable to attend the National Convention that year.

Shipmate PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti let the delegates at the NW Regional Convention that there was a possibility that he would be nominated for National Vice President from the floor of the 2022 National Convention. He just wanted everyone in the Region to know so we would not be surprised by it.

Shipmate President Michelle Davis then declared a recess at until 1630, at which time Installation of Officers would be held. Northwest Regional Chaplain Bill Hall was requested to close the Bible.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis called the FRA Business Meeting to order at 1630 and requested the MAA to invite the Shipmates to enter the hall and close the doors.

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## INSTALLATION OF NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICERS

Installation was held at 1630 for the following LAFRA Northwest Regional Officers and FRA Northwest Regional Officers for the association year 2022-2023. JrPRPNW Danny Hunt was installing Officer.

### **FRA Auxiliary Northwest Regional Officers for the year 2022-2023:**

Auxiliary Regional Vice President Northwest Jena Shadwick Gem State Unit 382, Nampa, ID  
(LAFRA RVPNW)

Auxiliary Regional Secretary/Treasurer Shanna Schmidt Gem State Unit 382. Nampa, ID  
(LAFRA NWRST)

Auxiliary Regional President-Elect (LAFRA RPNW) Rose Hall will be sworn into office during the 2022 FRA/LAFRA National Convention in October 2022.

### **FRA Northwest Regional Officers for the year 2022-2023**

Regional Vice President Northwest Timothy E. Miller Whidbey Island Branch 097,  
(RVPNW) Oak Harbor, WA  
(Branch 097's Secretary/Delegate, Brent Hundley, stood as his proxy)

Regional Secretary/Treasurer Margret Burke Inland Empire Branch 038, Spokane WA  
(NWRST)

Junior Past Regional President Michelle Davis Inland Empire Branch 038, Spokane WA  
(JrPRPNW)

Regional President-Elect (RPNW) Rex Faubion will be sworn into office during the 2022 FRA/LAFRA National Convention in October 2022.

Shipmate Jr Past President Michelle Davis was then presented with the "Hat of Knowledge" by PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti.

Shipmate Regional President Michelle Davis then stated:

"Let us leave this meeting place fully aware of the obligations We owe our Country and to the Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association, and until we meet again, let nothing swerve us from our Three Cardinal Principles, Loyalty, Protection, and Service."

Shipmate President Michelle Davis thanked everyone for coming and asked them to be careful returning home. She then asked Regional Chaplain Bill Hall to give the closing prayer and close the Bible.

Shipmate President Michelle Davis then stated "I now declare This convention of the Northwest Region of the Auxiliary and the Northwest Region of the Fleet Reserve Association regularly adjourned".



PRPNW Margret "Peg" Burke  
Regional Secretary/Treasurer Northwest

No Attachments Included