

## NWR Scuttlebut – June 2025

Shipmates'

I don't Remember if this made it out to everybody earlier this year so here is the scuttlebutt from then until now. Again, thank you for entrusting me with the Northwest Region for the year 2025. Initially we got off to a rocky start, however I have found again if the road gets rough, improvise, adapt, overcome.

The first thing I'd like to bring up is recruiting. I know you have heard of it all before, but sometimes all it takes is a Good Morning Shipmate, if they are wearing a hat, shirt, jacket. Don't forget to at least try to extend a hand to shake their hand. Try to have a memorandum and a pen. Invite them to the next meeting, time, place, location. Remember there is always a sea story that comes along. AND you never know when someone needs a friend. Maybe you can save a shipmate.

The National convention brought back meaning to all of us. On 11 November we went to Arlington National Cemetery. My first Commanding Officer and his wife are buried there. Apparently, he was quite a skier. They pulled into port, grabbed the van and went to the nearest slope. Welfare and rec made sure the ships van was ready to roll. I never skied. In the desert they don't have any snow-covered slopes. If you ever have a chance go to the mall in Washington DC, and Arlington National Cemetery. Every time I have been to Arlington National Cemetery I literally tear up. There are so many brothers and sisters that are buried there, it is truly unforgettable.

My intentions are to get out and about in the middle of February. Chances are I will not make it to Hawaii, Japan, Guam or the Philippines, however if I can't make it on the road then I will make it on teams or zoom. They are programs from Microsoft that allow us to discuss the good, the bad and the ugly, visually. Bring your questions. A good thing about these programs is if the weather is bad, you can attend the meeting in the comfort of your own home. We can have a discussion, or question, answer time.

There have been some issues that I have been trying to clear up. Branch 18 is probably one issue that is still pressing, so I won't go into detail about it now. Another issue is that the Northwest regions Auxiliary that has been worked on also. Again, there are not many details I can go into, but suffice it to say it is being worked on. Both will be discussed in detail at the regional convention. The regional convention will be held at branch 97. They have worked so hard on getting that branch back together after the fire. They have done an Excellent job. Branch 382 is trying to transfer to the west coast region. We will know how that is working out at the regional also.

I must inform you all that as the Northwest stands, we require new leaders. I have said that I will be the president for next year, however I need leadership. The region requires a

Vice President, Parliamentarian, Chaplin, Time and place Cmte, webmaster, Youth Activities Cmte. If you consider any of these positions, I'd love for you to be on the team. I have been informed that if we can't get to our region working with the required officers then we will be placed in suspension. As most of you know there has been many times that we have wanted to

combine the Northwest and the West Coast before. I believe that the region should be the Pacific coast region, which would encompass all 3 regions on the west coast. There are a lot of advantages to the Pacific coast region. Ask me and I will tell you what they are.

If you can please attend the Northwest region convention. The newsletter #2 will be out soon. Get your rooms soon. The dates are 4 – 7 September. You can call the branch, and they will give you the motels phone number plus they could send you the newsletter, or email/ text me and I will send you the info. It's a very important time in the northwest region's history

Lastly. I received a phone call from the national President Maria Behm. At 1700, 14 June 2025 Past national and Junior Vice President Handzuk went on to be in the Fleet of the Supreme Commander unexpectedly. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. Details will be forthcoming.

Please contact me for anything that you feel I should know about. I am one man; I need your help to make us strong.

At the first of the year a challenge was sent out to all regions for their recruiting goals. Whatever region made their recruiting goals would win 1,001.01 You would never guess who won. The northwest region won. That monies will go into the northwest regions checking account and we will use it for something special

Until the next scuttlebutt, my visit or an internet conversation, I wish you a merry Christmas and Happy New Year

In loyalty, Protection and Service

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PS, I have installed officers at Sequim back in March. And I will install Officers at Branch 97 on zoom the June 19<sup>th</sup>.