



The Triangle

Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association

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From the Desk of the National President

Auxiliary Members,

Here we are at it again experiencing another unexpected dilemma regarding a National Officer. We must all keep an open mind as the newly elected National Executive Secretary has family situation regarding her parents. The caring for a family member is often overwhelming and exhausting. Which this has fallen on to Lauren. We do not have anything in our Constitution and By Laws providing for a leave of absence. After a trying month, it all boiled down to the resignation of the National Executive Secretary. We all will continue to keep Lauren and family in our thoughts and prayers.



We had to think of what is best for the Auxiliary and we commenced to putting people in place to carry on the business of the Auxiliary as we are a business and the work never stops. PNP Doris Fri, has been appointed by the National Board of Directors to be NES, and PNP Carolyn Whitaker will resume the chair as the Jr. Past National President.

The deadline to submit a resolution is fast approaching, please refer to Section 608 (a) page 22 o be informed of the time limit of 120 days as these are resolutions that will be acted upon at the annual convention. We are always looking for ways to save money in postage and with two of the resolutions submitted; National Officers who have them in time will present the resolutions at their Mid-Year Conventions/Meetings. There have been resolutions submitted asking to omit "Ladies" from the Preamble and we have gone down that road many times before and it is always the same answer. We do not have the funds to change our name; hopefully when you receive a resolution that is coming out to the Units and members you will read it, debate it and consider the option that is being proposed. We do not want to exclude our male members and if adopted to amend the Preamble we will satisfy all members in the Auxiliary.

We have received resumes for the Membership Services Administrator position and we will be conducting interviews at the annual Pilgrimage. Looking forward to seeing many members in attendance at the Pilgrimage. This is a moving experience for all who participate in the Pilgrimage to the "Tomb of the Unknowns" and the "Mast of the Maine".

Auxiliary members we need to appeal to your ambition, talents, desire, to become a National Officer as we have not had any resolutions for National Financial Secretary. When applying for these positions one must consider that the term is a five or six year commitment to the Auxiliary. What can we as national officers do to make the job more appealing and fun for members to become a national officer. We are looking for "You" to serve the Auxiliary we do have fun and remember the rewards of being a national officer are an experience that you will carry and treasure for many years to come.

I have received telephone calls from Shipmates notifying the Auxiliary that their

spouse has passed on. It is a trying time for them and we all must do a better job letting the Shipmates in each region know who is the Regional Chaplain for the LA FRA. Remember that the Shipmate is often just wanting to talk about his better half and we need to take the time and listen. If you know that your FRA Region puts out a newsletter perhaps the LA FRA Regional President should ask that the information is published in their newsletter. Just a thought.

Our condolences to our members in the loss of their loved ones, may you find peace. If you or a family member has been ill or lost a loved one, please accept our best wishes and condolences. Celebrating a Birthday – Happy Birthday! Wedding Anniversary – Congratulations! To All “Best Wishes” for continued good health.

I remain in,

Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

Helen A Courneya, National President.

National President’s Travel Schedule

April 18-23, 2017 Annual Pilgrimage, Washington D.C



In Loving Memory

We pay tribute to our departed members

Anna N Harris MAL	Nina Hart MAL	Margaret W Lightfoot MAL	Olga C Strickland MAL
Mary A Burke Unit 105	Patricia R Brown Unit 161	Ann M Garn Unit 124	Roberta A Losch Unit 124
Flor Q Poblete Unit 74	Estella Niebres Unit 127	Eduardo Paranal Unit 127	Melba Riggan Unit 163

From the desk of the East Coast Regional President

Here in the East Coast Region we are blessed to have a member who is well versed in dealing with the IRS and the EIN. At our Mid-Year meeting in Richmond, Virginia on Saturday, February 18, 2017 we had a very good presentation done by PRPEC Antoinette “Toni” O’Neill walking us through how to get an EIN and how to renew that EIN when the time comes. The IRS recently changed the procedure and under Toni’s guidance we now have a step by step procedural handout to guide us through the intricacies of the new IRS requirements. Many ECR Unit members using a laptop, tablet or cellphone followed along and were able to bookmark necessary pages for future reference. This information will be available to all Units of LAFRA and has been passed to both NP Helen Courneya and NT Beatrice Parco.



Also at this MYM, PRP Gloria Bastian shared with attendees everything we should know about handling our Flag. She also instructed the Sergeant At Arms PRP Aida Littlejohn and PRP Laurie Starkey in the correct way to present the colors, unfurl and furl them. Then PRP Dee Kessinger showed us how to easily fold the flags to put in travel bags. Again, very informative handouts were distributed to all attendees and are available as requested by LAFRA members.

ECR Units continue to work tirelessly in their communities to improve life for our military, our veterans and others who are less fortunate by being a shining example of our motto “In Loyalty, Protection and Service”.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

RPEC Shirley “Shirl” Vatter, Unit 93



Mother's Day started as an anti-war movement. **Anna Jarvis** is most often credited with founding Mother's Day in the United States. Designated as the second Sunday in May by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914, aspects of that holiday have since spread overseas, sometimes mingling with local traditions.

From the desk of the Northeast/New England Regional President

Greetings from North East/New England,

I'm privileged to be the Regional President again,- back before the turn of the century, I was RP New England. While many things have changed, computers, smart phones, texting, tweeting.....the dedication and commitment of our members has remained as strong as ever.

We may only have 5 Units right now, they range from Maine to New Jersey, with hopes of a new Unit in Pennsylvania. These Units are active in their communities donating and helping at VA hospitals, Wreaths Across America, local food banks, donating hats, gloves, scarves and coats to local children's drives, bake less cake sales,

We're getting ready for our midyear meeting in Lakehurst, NJ, March 24 - 25. I want to thank the members of the Region for electing me their President. Although we are a small Region, We do **BIG** work.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

Eileen P. Hyland NE/NENG

From the desk of the National Financial Secretary

From the Desk of the National Financial Secretary: It has been a great pleasure to serve as the National Financial Secretary 2014-2017. However, my term in this office is fast approaching the end. In order, for all Units to receive any retail items they may need prior to the close of this administration, I am asking you to please look ahead and order supplies before **30 July**. I will need to Inventory the retail items and complete the NFS annual reports in addition to preparing the items for shipment to the next NFS. With the National Convention in Mid-September **I will not be able to process any orders received after 30 July 2017**. The next NFS will need time to set up their office, so from 1 August to @15 October no retail orders will be processed.



A few key dates for you to remember: Voting strengths for National Convention are determined by the membership in good standing on 31 March 2017. Membership reports will be sent by email (to save the organization's funds) to the Regional President, Unit President and Unit Secretary on record. If your Unit leadership has changed or you would just like to make sure I have your correct email address, please send an email to lafranfschristina@gmail.com. If a unit has no email of record a snail mail copy will be sent.

The Memorial Service report is established from those members who died between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. This report is sent to the Regional President's and National Chaplain prior to their conventions.

If anyone is interested in being the next NFS and you would like more information about the position. You can give me a call at 757-439-6135 obtain a copy of the manual from the NES, and see the C&BL's Section 809.

I remain yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service

Christina Murray, NFS 2014-2017

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Section 305. Honorary Member

Section 305(a). Persons not eligible for membership but who have rendered some distinguished service to the LA FRA, may be elected as an Honorary Member by a two-thirds vote of the delegates at the Annual National Convention.

Section 305(b). Nominations for Honorary Membership in the LA FRA shall be made by resolution and must be received by the *National Executive Secretary of the LA FRA not less than four months (120 days) before the convening date of the Annual National Convention in the association year.*

Section 305(c) A certified statement, signed by the Unit President and Unit Secretary of the Unit submitting the resolution, stating in detail what distinguished service the nominee has rendered to the LA FRA and that the nominee is not otherwise eligible for membership in the LA FRA or FRA, shall accompany each nominating resolution for Honorary Membership.

Section 305(d). Honorary Members may serve on a committee of a Unit or at the Regional or National Conventions as Chairman, Co-chairman, or member.

Section 305(e) Honorary Members shall not pay dues, hold office, or vote, except when serving on a committee at the Unit, Regional or National level, they may vote within that committee.

Section 305(f). No more than five Honorary Members shall be elected at any National Convention.

“Due to the generosity of our members, all things are possible”

National President’s Project

“Survival of the LA FRA”

There is still so much work to do to keep the organization thriving and we must now do what is necessary to help ourselves. I have decided that the LA FRA should keep our programs such as the Scholarships, Welfare Fund, etc., and we need to be able to concentrate on funds for the future. Without knowing the outcome at convention, I chose the National President’s Project to be “Survival of the LA FRA.” We all know that some of these programs would have been depleted many years ago if we didn’t seek donations. This will be a project that will allow us to do what is needed to keep these programs alive. We do so much for the community that it is time that we look at the decline of membership revenue and ensure the success of these programs for our future . All donations will go to the National President’s Project and at the end of the year will be divided into the various programs.

Donations

NP Project:

SWRRR & Club
Unit 202

Pilgrimage:

Unit 91

NP Scholarship:

Gigi Hermes in memory of PNP Val Larson & Frosty Frost
PNP Club in memory of Ralph Schmidt
PNP Club in memory of Red Maurath
Cindy Rodham-Tuck in Memory of Ralph Maurath
Cindy Rodham-Tuck

Welfare/Rehab:

LA FRA Scholarship Fund:

Unit 202

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it’s difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.



Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn’t the anniversary of any particular battle.

**Membership
April 30, 2017**

July 1 Members	6621
Reinstated	197
New	584
Transfer In	188
Transfer Out	186
Resigned	17
Non Payment	902
Deceased	126
Ineligible	6
Other	0
Active Members	6353



NOTE: For those who received the 2 Resolutions, in the mail, that had some errors on them. I apologize for that. In the process of trying to transfer a scanned document into a Word format some of the words got skewed. The Resolutions below are in the proper format. Please discard the previous ones.

**PREAMBLE
OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY
OF THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION**

Whereas, the Preamble of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association states as follows:

Having a keen sense of responsibility being true Americans, and bearing in mind the Preamble of the Fleet Reserve Association, we, the members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association, do band together to aid, assist and promote in all matters pertaining to welfare, social and patriotic work, for the benefit of the Fleet Reserve Association, its member and their families. Thus, do we associate and declare these principles to be the foundation and Preamble to the Constitution of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association; and

Whereas, we have allowed male members into Ladies Auxiliary since 2009, and

Whereas, we have passed a resolution adding to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association to where the name is also, (doing business as) dba, as the Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association due to the inability of not being able to change the corporate name, and


Whereas, several times it has come to the attention of the members and delegates that the Preamble of the Ladies Auxiliary be amended to make it gender neutral, therefore be it,


Resolve, that the C & BL Preamble to our Auxiliary be amended to read:

**PREAMBLE
OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY AND THE AUXILIARY
OF THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION**

Having a keen sense of responsibility, being true Americans, and bearing in mind the Preamble of the Fleet Reserve Association, we the members of the Ladies Auxiliary and/or the Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association, do band together to aid, assist, and promote in all matters pertaining to welfare, social and patriotic work for the benefit of the Fleet Reserve Association, its members and their families. Thus, do we associate and declare these principles to the foundation and the Preamble to the Constitution of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular business meeting of Unit 274, High Sierra, Reno, NV held on the 24th day of February of 2017 and read, debated and adopted by unanimous vote at a regular business meeting of Unit 274 held on the 24th day of February 2017, there being a quorum present.


Patricia Snider, President


Helen A Courneya, Secretary

LADIES AUXILIARY of the FLEET RESERVE ASSOICATION

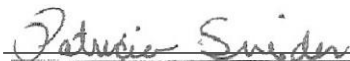
SUBSCRIPTION PRICE FOR TRIANGLE

Whereas, SR-22 (c) reads: "Any member may subscribe to receive the *TRIANGLE* for eight dollars (\$8.00) per year. Money or check for subscription shall be mailed to the National Financial Secretary and made out to the "LA FRA", and

Whereas, the cost of printing and mailing the monthly *TRIANGLE*, has risen in the years since the last raise in price, therefore let it be;

RESOLVED: That SR-22 (c) be changed to read, "Any member may subscribe to receive the *TRIANGLE* for (\$10.00) per year. Money or check for subscription shall be mailed to the National Financial Secretary and made payable to the "LA FRA".

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular business meeting of Unit 274, High Sierra, Reno, NV held on the 24th day of February, 2017 and read, debated and adopted by unanimous vote at a regular business meeting of Unit 274 held on the 24th day of February, 2017, there being a quorum present.



Patricia Snider, President



Helen A Courneya, Secretary

TRIANGLE

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

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Paola KS 66071

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

REPORT OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR TRIANGLE

Date: _____

Name: _____ Member No: _____

OLD ADDRESS

Street: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

NEW ADDRESS

Street: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

MAIL TO: DORIS FRI. NES. 510 N Silver St. Apt 2. Paola KS 66071

ALSO REMEMBER TO NOTIFY THE **MSA** OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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