



The Triangle

Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association

January 2018 Edition

From the Desk of the National President

Greetings from your National President:

I wish to start this newsletter by telling you about the events of my visit to the USS Arizona Memorial. Arrived in Honolulu Wednesday afternoon and was met at the airport by Unit 46 President Marjorie Ipert, who presented Patricia and I with beautiful real flower Lai's. We proceeded to the Branch Home where I was able to meet some of the Unit 46 members and was treated to a wonderful authentic Hawaiian dance by Danielle. Arrived at Hotel to rest as we had to meet Branch President Glenn Shaw the next morning at 5:30 AM. On Thursday we arrived at the Branch Home to meet Shipmate Glenn who took us to the Aloha Stadium, where we took a shuttle to the USS Arizona Memorial. Arriving at the Memorial, Shipmate NP William Starkey and myself were seated closer to the front, as we were to be wreath presenters. The Program was very impressive with memorials from many different people and organizations, with the bell ringing between each memorial. After the program we were taken by launch to the USS Arizona, where Shipmate NP Starkey and myself had pictures made with the FRA Wreath. We were asked if we would like to join the Inner Denominational Service in the Meditation Room where seven different Faith Leaders gave a verbal tribute to the lost souls of the USS Arizona, including all the other souls that were lost that day, December 7, 1941.

Arriving back at the Branch 46 Home, we were treated with a breakfast meal and after much fellowship, we started to our car for the trip back to the Hotel. Here we were approached by Calvin Griffin, an announcer for a local TV Show "Think Tech Hawaii", who wanted to interview us on his television show on Friday at 11:00 AM and we agreed.

Out Friday morning early to have breakfast and find the TV Station. If you would like to watch the TV program that we were on, here is the link, utube.com/thinkteckhawaii. After the interview, we had a free day. Lots of shopping and a trip to the beach. We stayed on the beach till dark and saw the most amazing sunset.

Saturday morning we were back to the Branch 46 Home for Branch 46 and Unit 46 meeting. I was able to see firsthand why our young people are so adamant about the computer age. I was asked many questions that were not written down on paper with pen but were entered into their computers as I spoke the answers. I was highly impressed. After the Unit meeting adjourned, the ladies were asked to join the men for the good of the order. After explaining my Project, I received monetary gifts from the Shipmates and Ladies. Shipmate NP Starkey spoke, after which we were presented a small flag case containing a flag flown over the USS Arizona and a Plaque. The Branch proceeded to close the meeting and we enjoyed a lovely lunch and great fellowship.



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With bags packed and already in the car, as we had to check out earlier, we said our sad goodbyes. We left our friends at Branch and Unit 46 and headed to Diamond Head as our farewell sight on our way to the Airport. I want to thank all the LA FRA members for allowing me to represent you in this honorable and respectful way.

I wish to report that the Northwest Region is cooperating in getting all the Units in good working order. Special thanks to Gail Doloway for the special effort that she is making in gaining progress with the Northwest. I also want to thank the Northwest for the diligent work they are doing to be compliant. This should be an incentive for all the Units in the Organization to make sure they are in good working order so there will be no problems in the future.

Elections will be coming up soon. Nominations in March and April and elections in May. Please remember to fill out your new Officers report and send in as soon as elections are done in May, even if you have installation in June. New Officers reports must be sent to all the names on the bottom of the form as quickly as possible after elections.

You will probably receive this Triangle after Christmas, so I hope all of you had a great Holiday with Family and Friends. As an LA FRA member, I hope you did something special for someone during this joyful season.

For all those who have lost someone special, we extend our prayers and sympathy. For those having a birthday, we wish for you happiness and many more. For those with anniversaries, we congratulate you and send our warmest well wishes. For those who are ill, we send our prayers and lots of get well wishes.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,
Jean Smith NP LA FRA

DID YOU KNOW

Most of you are aware by now that every Unit in the LA FRA Organization must have an EIN #. If you do not have an EIN #, you must apply to the IRS for your number. You may go on line or you may call their toll-free number. They are very helpful in telling you how to acquire your number. You must have an EIN# for your Unit and it cannot be with or through the Branch. If you do not have this, you are not a tax-exempt organization and the IRS can charge you taxes on any money that you have. This is also true with the National LA FRA. If all Units of the organization do not have their EIN then the IRS can pull the Charter of the LA FRA, since we are organized under a non-profit organization.

When you apply for your bank account in your Units name and Number, the bank requires you to give them a copy of your EIN for them to be able to open your account as a non-profit business and therefore, not charge a fee for the account. Having an EIN# does not mean you have a number to use when you make purchases, that is a whole different form. The EIN that we are talking about here is for organizational purposes only and to avoid having to pay taxes on all money that we may accrue for charitable purposes.

When you get your number, you must send a copy to the National Treasurer. The National Treasurer must have a copy of all Unit EIN's for the National files as proof to IRS in case a requirement is made by the IRS to see them.

Your EIN must be renewed on a yearly basis. Each year you will fill out a 990 form and as soon as you receive your renewal, you must send a copy to the National Treasurer. Each Unit must comply.

If you need assistance, you may ask your Regional President, and she will find the answers for you. I want to thank all of you for your compliance in this matter.

In Loving Memory of our departed Members

Liv Bernich Unit 93	Gloria A Dudley MAL	Shirley J Young MAL	Kathryn L Potter PRPNEng
Dorothy O Folk Unit 124	Kazuko D Clark Unit18	Marilyn L Maltberger Unit 382	Rosemary Veronneau Unit 382
Mildred Barnes Unit 251	Norma L Walsh Unit 22	Clara Murphy Unit 47	Kazuko Rafferty Unit 61
Concepcion O Amaquin Unit 84	E Jean Brandsema Unit 163	Jeanette Jung Unit 163	Lucille Baran Unit 175
Virginia H Conner Unit 289	Esther O Tuliao Unit 287		

Unit, Regional or National Officers if you did not receive the 2017-2018 Rosters by email or snail mail, please let me know and I will make sure you get them ASAP. NES Doris C Fri

2018 LA FRA ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

Saturday April 14, 2018

The Pilgrimage is held in conjunction with the FRA National Board of Directors meeting earlier in the week. The Hotel will be The Westin - Tysons Corner, 7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church VA 22043 Room rates are: \$137.00 + 12% tax per night, Suites \$181.00 + 12% tax per night. Rates are effective from April 10 (Tuesday) to April 14 (Saturday) check out on Sunday April 15. The number to call for reservations is 703-893-1340 – cut off date for reservations is 20 March 2018. The Hotel requires 24 hour notice for cancellations.

Schedule of events for LA FRA Pilgrimage

Saturday April 14, 2018

National President's Tea – 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Hotel (All members are invited to attend)
Leave Hotel for Arlington National Cemetery – 2:00 pm
Ceremony at the Mast of the Maine – 3:00 pm
Wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns – 4:00 pm

Note: There is a restaurant in the Hotel and a Starbucks in the Lobby.

A Note from the NFS Pat Suckow

It gives me immense pleasure to write this note to thank you, the Auxiliary for the opportunity of serving as the National Financial Secretary. This is a great opportunity for me. I am highly grateful for the fact that you found me worthy for this position. The past few months I have certainly learned a lot about the aspects of the business side. I thank you once again for your valuable inputs and that you have shown in my capabilities. I will work to the best of my ability and toward the growth of this organization.

Yours, in Loyalty, Protection and Service
Pat Suckow NFS

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

NP PROJECT 2017-2018

Alzheimer's Foundation

Virginia Kight, Emma Ivins, Unit 70,
161

LA FRA SCHOLARSHIP

Llewellyn Kalai, Unit 230 in memory
of Lila Boatman and Emma Powers

WELFARE

Unit 194, Unit 124

PILGRIMAGE

Unit 194

Membership

April 1	6383
REI	135
NEW	400
TI	134
TO	133
Resigned	6
Non Payment	685
Deceased	85
Ineligible	1
Other	0
Active Members	6142

The Office of National Treasurer will be open at the 2018 Convention in San Antonio TX September 23-30, 2018. If any member is interested in running for this office, you must submit a Nominating Resolution, send it to the NBOD and the Units of the LA FRA. You may request a NT Manual from the NES Doris Fri and check the C&BL Section 810 a-k, for the duties of the NT.

Dates to Remember 2018

EC Mid-Year 2/16/18 – 2/17/18, SE Mid-Year 2/22/18 – 2/5/18, SC Mid-Year 3/15/18 – 3/18/18, WC Mid-Year 3/22/18 – 3/25/18, NE/NEng Spring Meet 3/24/18 – 3/24/18, NC Mid-Year 4/9/18 – 4/11/18, NBOD Mid-Year 4/11/18 – 4/14/18, LA FRA Pilgrimage 4/14/18, EC Regional Convention 7/20/18 – 7/21/18, WC Regional Convention 7/29/18 – 8/1/18, SW Regional Convention 8/3/18 – 8/4/18, NC Regional Convention 8/9/18 – 8/12/18, SC Regional Convention 8/16/18 – 8/19/18

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REPORT OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR TRIANGLE

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