

NORTHEAST/NEW ENGLAND REGION WEBSITE PAGE



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2024 REGIONAL SPRING MEET

Date: March 23, 2024
Location: Clarion Inn Toms River
815 Rt 37 West, Toms River NJ 08755
Rates:
Reservations: 732-341-2400
Mention: Fleet Reserve Association
Cutoff date:
Contact: Branch and Unit 124



2024 REGIONAL CONVENTION

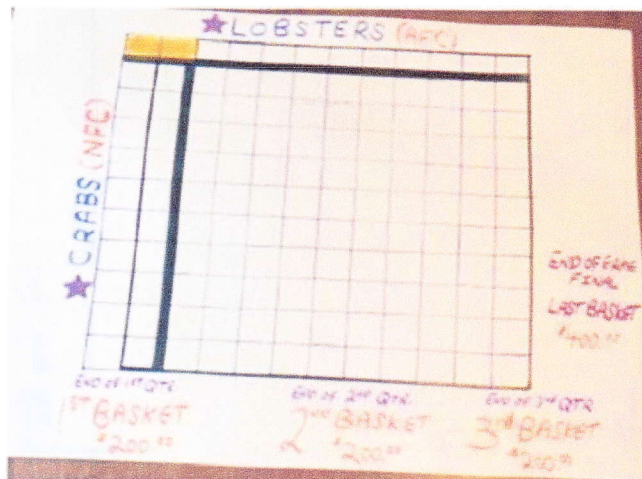
Date: July 19-20, 2024
Location: Knights of Columbus, 96 Main St, Peabody MA
Rates:
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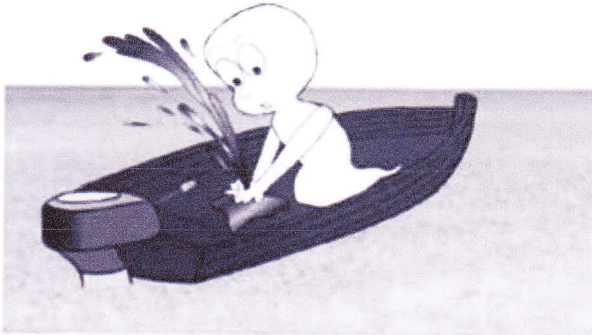
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NORTHEAST/NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL NEWSLETTER #1

January 2024

Happy New Year. I certainly hope the holidays were enjoyable and that 2024 will be healthy and happy for everyone. I want to thank the units again for electing me as the Regional President. As I have been told, I need to do this until I get it right.

The Regional Convention was held in Atlantic City hosted by Branch 103. The Auxiliary discussed potential changes to our regional bylaws, but action couldn't be taken since they had not been promulgated to the units.

The National Convention was held in Reno, Nevada at the end of September. It was a great time or at least I hope it was. Officers elected for 2023-24:

National President	Vera Thomas
National Vice President	Kelly Pena
National Financial Secretary	Pat Suckow

NP Vera Thomas' project for 2023-24 is the **Gary Sinise Foundation Program -H.O.P.E.** Please read Vera's article explaining their mission in the December 2023 TRIANGLE. In that article, Vera noted ways to send money. Send a check payable to **LA FRA** & mail to LA FRA, National Financial Secretary, POB 706, Goose Creek SC 29445. In the memo line '**2023 NP Project**'.

NVP Kelly Pena's membership project is **ENABLE**. She suggests that we "engage" current members. Her excellent article is also in the December TRIANGLE.

Please remember that all checks are to be made payable to **LA FRA** and a notation made in the memo section for what it is for. It is extremely helpful to the NFS and the NT if you would use individual checks for each item. The Auxiliary has separate accounts (NP project, scholarships, resale, welfare, and membership). When everything is lumped into one check, it makes it difficult to deposit. I have attached a copy of the "Who, What, and Where form" so you will know what officer gets what. Regardless, all monies are sent to NFS Pat Suckow. Please note: **if the unit changes banks or the bank account number, contact the National Treasurer immediately. This is extremely important as it affects the direct deposit of the PCT.**

Also, as a reminder, if you haven't done it yet, be sure and file the 990 with the IRS. It seems that the IRS is cracking down on nonprofit organizations like ours. If the unit does not file for 3 years, you run the risk of losing the nonprofit status. The process to be reinstated is very tedious and the penalty is very expensive.

Usually, I don't give lectures on membership – recruiting and retention as I've said before we all know the drill. But now, more than ever, we must be more diligent and pay better attention to the 30, 60, 90-day reports and those to be renewed. Nationally, there are 4470 members as of 11/30/2023. For the region, we started on April 1, 2023 with 140 members; there are 20 members suspended leaving us with only 134 active members. Please communicate with those that are overdue. Why is the member not renewing? Are they sick? Do they need help? Have they experienced a problem that maybe we can help? Sometimes, all it takes is a call. I'm guilty of it myself. But we MUST do better.

It is imperative that you let your families know that the unit will perform a memorial service or ritual at the time of your passing. Many family members may not be aware that this is available. I know this is a delicate subject but it's important to discuss with them. It is the Auxiliary's way of paying tribute to our members. At both the Regional and National conventions, there is a memorial service for all the members who passed during the year and the Regional President places a flower in memory.

The Regional Midyear meeting is scheduled for 23 March 2024 hosted by Branch and Unit 124, 204 Union Avenue, Lakehurst, NJ. Rooms have been reserved at the Clarion Inn Toms River, 815 Route 37 West, Toms River, NJ 08755. The telephone number is (732) 341-2400 press 0 for reservation desk. When making reservations mention **Fleet Reserve Association**. More information to follow later.

The Regional Convention will be hosted by Branch and Unit 31 is scheduled for 19-20 July 2024 at the Knights of Columbus, 96 Main St, Peabody, MA. More information including lodging to follow as soon as it becomes available.

The National Convention will be held at the Doubletree Annapolis, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD from 10-16 November 2024 (convention dates 12-15 November 2024). The rates are \$115.00 plus tax. The FRA will also be celebrating **100 years** and there will be many events scheduled for this celebration. A newsletter will be published very soon with much more information. Also, you will be able to find updates on both the FRA & Auxiliary websites as they become available.

If any of you have any pictures or memorabilia of events, conventions, shipmates or anything to do with the FRA history, could you possibly make them available? The Convention/Centennial committee is trying to put together a timeline of the last 100 years. They will be posted to the website, and we would like to make picture boards at the convention. It would be nice to have a collection for everyone's enjoyment. If we could make copies of these items (or give them to me and I will copy them and return the original), we might be able to put together a history book or scrapbook. There is so much history, it would be fun to reminisce.

The Auxiliary website – www.la-fra.org provides information of what is happening on the National level. As the webmaster, PNP Doris Fri is enhancing the site to make it informative. The TRIANGLE is available by clicking the link on the home page. If you wish to receive the TRIANGLE by email, contact NES Laurie Starkey. Any forms (applications, PCT A & B, order forms, etc.) are also available. These are updated and they are fillable. Please destroy any forms that you have in your files as they are obsolete.

Also, please check the FRA website www.fra.org especially the ACTION CENTER (from the FRA home page, click on the "Advocacy" link then, at the top, click on "Action Center"). Here you can send a pre-written letter to your representatives in Congress and the Senate to express your views. The FRA is fighting to protect our benefits and now more than ever the FRA needs us to show our support. If you don't have internet access, contact me and I will do my best to help you. On the FRA website, you can also read issues of the FRA TODAY, ON WATCH, and NEWSBYTES.

On both websites, you can find information and applications for the FRA Scholarship Foundation and the Auxiliary scholarship. Remember, the applications must be postmarked by **April 15, 2024.**

Please check out the Facebook page: [Fleet Reserve Association NE/NEng Region](#). It is open to anyone and is very informative. The information is not only about this Region, but also other Branches and Units. There are many very interesting and helpful articles.

We would like to hear from you and know that you are doing okay if you need help or just a hello. Please give your family members the Unit information so they can contact us if necessary. To all those who are sick, get well soon; if you are celebrating a happy occasion, all the best; and if you have experienced a loss, our prayers are with you always.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service
Cindy



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So, of course, anyone that knows me is aware that my nickname is “One More Thing” Cindy. And I do not want to disappoint anyone so ONE MORE THING!!!

The Region has a fundraiser that is set up like the Super Bowl squares. Each square is \$20. The drawing will be held on 2/6/24. I have attached the “NOR’EASTER” which is the FRA regional newsletter. You will be able to read how the fundraiser works and how to participate.

"The Nor'easter"



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"Stronger As A Team"



Shipmate Nixon (Br 115) presented the Quilt of Valor



Shipmates from Branch 20 celebrating 99 years of the FRA

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REGIONAL PRESIDENT RAYMOND RIZZO



Greetings Shipmates,

I would like to start off by saying thank you to PRP Neil Ross for his guidance and leadership within the Region the last two years! The region was well represented at the National Convention in Reno, NV with PNP's Hyland and Jansky in attendance along with PRP's Ross, Harris and Brown and myself. Our newly elected National President John Handzuk embodies the word Shipmate and that is a word we do not use enough. To be a Shipmate is to be there for the men and women within this organization and their families at anytime needed.

So, where are heading as a Region? I firmly believe that Shipmates PRPs Zino and Ross laid a great keel for us to build on and build we will continue to do. We will continue as a Region to build our Branches through recruiting new members and bringing them into the FRA. Let me touch on recruiting and a resolution that was passed at the National Convention. Yes, starting January 2024 Officers will be allowed to join the FRA. In the past, Mustangs (Prior Enlisted Officers) were allowed to join, and I believe allowing Officers to join opens some doors to adding to our organization. Let me debunk a few things I had heard in passing concerning this. First, for years when we have stormed the Hill or the National President has testified on the Hill, we have been fighting for the pay, benefits and rights of Officers right along with Enlisted. There is no pay or benefit difference that separates Officer and Enlisted, same pay system used and same benefits. Money wise yes there is a difference but for instance a pay increase for the Navy of 3% affects both Officer and Enlisted. VA Benefits are paygrade blind meaning doesn't matter if you are a 3rd Class Petty Officer or a LCDR, the VA Benefits are the same. Second, there is concern about Officers taking over. In a Branch there is a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasure and Board of Directors, that is standard. There is no rank within our organization, there are positions though so please remember that.

Why do I believe that allowing Officers into the FRA is going to be a great thing you ask? It opens some doors to us to bring new members in and also as we know, Sailor's love to talk. The Ensign you might sign up for your Branch will be talking to his/her fellow Officers and say hey you know, come check the FRA out and think about joining.

Last point I would like to touch on before closing this out and keeping you all awake, turnover! Within the Region we have Shipmates who have held Committee Chairs for quite a while now. Some love doing what they do with that Committee, and I thank them for that. However, there is a point of burnout and needing to pass that knowledge on and it's time we start turning these Committee Chairs over. So, the challenge is this, within our Branches lets take a hard look at members who would like to step in and get them trained up.

Shipmates, I want to thank each of you for allowing me to be YOUR Regional President. We have a great Regional Team with PRP Joyce Harris as the RVP, PNP Donna Jansky as the Regional Secretary and PRP Jim Brown as the Treasure. Have a GREAT Holiday Season upcoming and please do not hesitate to reach out to the NE/NENG Regional Team as needed!

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT PRP JOYCE HARRIS

Hi Shipmates,

I would like to thank you for electing me as your Regional Vice President, it is a honor and with the team we have I know we are going to do great things. At the moment I do not have much to report as it has been a busy few months for me. In the future you will be seeing a lot from me concerning Retention and Membership which for us is very important. Let's continue to bring new members into the FRA and retain the great members we already have. Please have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday season!

Joyce Harris
RVP, NE/NENG

REGIONAL SECRETARY PNP Donna Jansky

Hello Shipmates -

It is never too early to start working on those Committee Reports that have to be turned in after June 30th. As a branch Secretary, it is easy for me to gather the information as most shipmates will talk about what they have done the past month during the meeting's Good of the Order.

The first week of April is when Branch Secretaries will start to receive the paperwork for all the reports that have to be done. If you have a question about anything, please don't hesitate to call/text me - 978-979-9629 or email me - janskyd@comcast.net.

As you know the FRA Centennial and the 2024 National Convention will be in Annapolis MD, November 10-16, 2024 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. First newsletter goes out in January. Myself, Branch 001 President Frank Dillon, and Auxiliary of the FRA NE/NEng Regional President Cindy Rodham-Tuck are on the Committee for this event. So, you know it will be a good time!! 😊

Come to the NE/NEng Regional Meeting in March in Lakehurst NJ - We'll have more information for you.

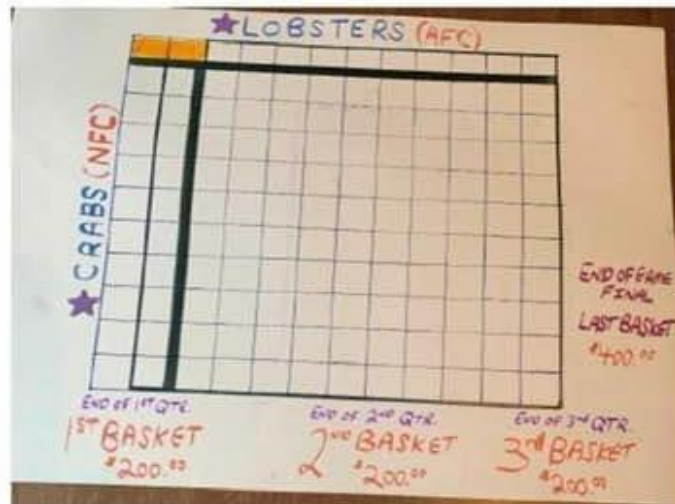
I wish you all a happy, healthy holiday season and some well-deserved rest and relaxation! Thank you for your dedication to the FRA. Looking forward to seeing what exciting adventures await us in the new year!

Donna Jansky
FRA NE/NEng Regional Secretary

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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Press 0 for Reservation Desk
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TBD – July 2024 - Northeast/New England Mid-Year Meeting

Meeting Location:
North Shore Branch 031 is hosting

* Any typo, grammatical error, or outdated material are probably the fault of the Editor!

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