



THE TRIANGLE

Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association

June 2020 Edition

2019-2020

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From the Desk of the National President

This particular year has been a challenge. A year that things are just not going as we would have liked. There have been administrative challenges and life style challenges for everyone experiencing a different way of life. Situations can be blamed for one thing or the other when the normal is no longer the normal. Naturally there is a tendency to measure the present against the past. If we measure the present to the past, to seek out blame or fault in disappointments, we will miss the window of opportunity to be proactive, to make life better for our families, our friends and associates. Being confined and not having the ability to do things we would like to do, could cause a boiling point, bringing harm to oneself or others. We need to pay attention to our own emotions to know when the boiling point is approaching, to quiet our minds and listen to our hearts. By this time, the phases of reopening business and social distancing will be relaxed, yet we still need to be careful; this pandemic does not shut down over night. National and Regional Conventions are still being anticipated and being monitor by both the convention chairmen's and hotel managers. Units should follow the reporting protocols for Regional and National conventions as "normal". Units should use alternatives to meet, vote and install officers.

My biggest disappointment was my spring travel plans, to visit Units and attend events. I spent hours for over a year of what I was going to do, I made sure my vehicle was in prime condition, my home and lifestyle was modified to prepare for a 3-month road trip. Moving forward, I have made several bookings for August. Being confined at home, I had spent this time being with my doctors, spending time working on projects for LA FRA, being on conference calls and spent hours working with the LA FRA executive board building a good working relationship. I am grateful for our National Parliamentarian PNP Gail Doloway, her heart is truly for LA FRA and she deserves a big bottle of aspirin for her services. I am pleased with our board of directors, especially when we had a 3-hour conference call to address issues, we all got along into being proactive for what is best for the Auxiliary. Unfortunately, during this course of time, NT Linda Telly got very sick, she submitted her resignation, then the board voted and appointed our new NT, Nadine Fulton (Unit 289), and Aaron Jensen (Unit 70) is now the Regional President Southwest. I want to thank Linda for her hard work during her 18-months of service. Our NFS Pat Suckow had her own challenges with Membership Services computer system that was passed on to her. I want to thank her husband, Wayne, for being a major support to her in assisting her to generate reports manually.

Life and the Auxiliary is not the same, due to social distancing for our health safety, disappointments and anxiety are present. We are adjusting accordingly to do the best we can, we are encountering new experiences, some experiences bring mistakes, so we learn and we move forward. Look up to our American flag and remember our veterans who had to face emotional distress to be of service, they have the courage, the faith and the brotherhood to move forward to do what is best for this country. Even though it is June, remember the 4th of July, may we be able to see the rockets fly and celebrate together for the freedom of this country and to have the gratitude of our veterans who fought to protect the well-being for America.

Sending prayers to all who are having challenges on finances and health, may blessings come your way. Congratulations to those that are celebrating a special event and hopefully this month, you can hug!

Yours in Loyalty, Protection & Service

Bea Parco, National President



"A hug is always the right size." Winnie the Pooh.

Membership Statistics – April 2020

Members										Active
1-Apr	Reinstated	New	Tran In	Tran Out	Resigned	Non-Pymt	Deceased	Ineligible	Other	Members
5532	13	8	12	12	0	159	6	0	0	5388

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

 National Presidents	 Other National/Regional Officers	 Members
 PRPSE Claudia Ryan, Unit 91	 Vivian Giometti-Parr, MAL	 Elsie Dufieri, Unit 6
 Yvonne Sorenson, Unit 60	 Llewellyn Kalal, Unit 163	 Audrey Clendenen, Unit 230
 Corinne Williams, MAL	 Lorraine Smith, Unit 290	 Carol Clark, MAL
 Virginia Walters, Unit 8	 Barbara Bruski, Unit 290	 Joan Stacy, Unit 302
 Mary Kaye, Unit 40	 Alfreda Rhoades, Unit 161	 Zina M O'Meara, Unit 59
 Sandra Gedling, Unit 101	 Sherry Murphey, Unit 163	 Alfreda Bacon, Unit 216
 Georgette Pierone, Unit 230	 Betty Gray, Unit 230	 Dorothy Wedge, Unit 230
 Barbara O'Meara, Unit 61	Corrections: Mary Weigel was of Unit 8 and Doris Brown was of Unit 230	

Donations

National President Project
Unit 99, Unit 161

LA FRA Scholarship
Unit 99

Welfare Fund
Unit 315

National Pilgrimage
Unit 24, Unit 60, Unit 99, Unit 161

Do not send cash. Checks and money orders must be made out to LA FRA

A Reminder about reports to be presented at National Convention

Reports are due from National Officers (including Regional Presidents), National Chaplain, Committee Chairmen of: (Archives, Budget & Finance, C&BL, Convention, Convention Minutes Publishing, Courtesy, Historian, Honorary Membership, Keeper of the Keys, Liaison to FRA Today, NFS Audit, NT Audit, Pilgrimage, Scholarship, Time & Place, VAVS, Webmaster).

For the Regions: Regional Chaplains send their report to the National Chaplain, Regional Presidents - right after regional elections send a copy of the Newly Elected Regional Officers Report to the following national officers: Vice President, Executive Secretary, and Financial Secretary.

For the Units: For regional convention, prepare and send your unit committee reports (Americanism, Chaplain [sent to the regional Chaplain] Hospital, Publicity, Unit, Unit Activities, Welfare/Rehabilitation, Youth reports) VAVS deputies send their reports to the National VAVS Representative Chairman. Remember to send in the regional and national delegate forms and send your proxies a proxy letter advising them how you want them to vote. After Unit elections, send the Unit Officer Information form to the National Executive Secretary, National Financial Secretary and the National Treasurer.

“The things that make me different are the things that make me, me.” Piglet - Winnie the Pooh

Note: Change of Offices

New National Treasurer Nadine Fulton - Lafrantfulton@gmail.com, use the new Unit Officer Information form, on the website, to send your Unit's election results.

New Regional President South West Aaron Jensen, AaronJensenLAFRA@gmail.com, 14583 Scarboro Street Poway, CA 92064, 858-668-8715(c)

New National Registration Chairman is Rose Hall PRPNW, 2472 N Tangent Ave, Meridian ID 83646-7588, teter1951rh@gmail.com forms on website - Who, What, and Where Information and National Delegate Sheet.

LA FRA National Dates to Remember

29 Sep – LA FRA Pre Board Meeting

30 Sep – LA FRA 87th National Convention Opening Ceremonies [convening date], Portland, OR

03 Oct – LA FRA 87th National Convention Installation of Officers

04 Oct – LA FRA Post Board Meeting

June Dates To Remember

06 - Anniversary of the World War II Allied invasion in Normandy, France, known as D-Day (1944)

14 - Flag Day - A day to celebrate the adoption of the U.S. flag.

21 - Father's Day

23 - Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday

Father's Day

There was a range of events, which may have inspired the idea of Father's Day. One of these was the start of the Mother's Day tradition in the first decade of the 20th century. Another was a memorial service held in 1908 for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in December 1907.

A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was an influential figure in the establishment of Father's Day. Her father raised six children by himself after the death of their mother. This was uncommon at that time, as many widowers placed their children in the care of others or quickly married again.

Sonora was inspired by the work of Anna Jarvis, who had pushed for Mother's Day celebrations. Sonora felt that her father deserved recognition for what he had done. The first time Father's Day was held in June was in 1910. Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1972 by President Nixon.

What is a Dad?

A dad is someone who
wants to catch you before you fall
but instead picks you up,
brushes you off,
and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who
wants to keep you from making mistakes
but instead lets you find your own way,
even though his heart breaks in silence
when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who
holds you when you cry,
scolds you when you break the rules,
shines with pride when you succeed,
and has faith in you even when you fail.

Unknown



Piglet: "How do you spell love?" Pooh: "You don't spell it. You feel it." Winnie the Pooh

Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association dba Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association

Resolution to Amend Section 604(d)

Proposed by Chesapeake Unit 40

Section 604(d) Minutes of the convention shall be recorded with no omissions, deletions, or alterations, except as directed by the delegates assembled at the convention. The Jr. Past National President has the authority to use discretion to use a new format in publishing the National Convention Minutes.

WHEREAS: the Internal Revenue Service Manual 1 itself provides the following instruction to examining agents: The minute book of an exempt organization usually provides a **summary** of the activities conducted during the year, and

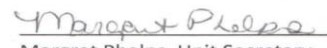
WHEREAS the IRS exempt organization guidelines further states In recording the minutes of a director's meeting, the secretary, though under an obligation to keep the minutes faithfully, is not obligated to include everything that is said in the minutes as long as the minutes accurately transcribes what has taken place. and

WHEREAS Citing Robert's Rules of Order, the Court further stated: "Generally, the minutes should contain mainly a record of what was done at the meeting, not what was said by the members. Their purpose is to reflect matters such as motions made, the movant, points of order, and appeals — not to show discussion or absence of action." and therefore be it

RESOLVED that section 604(d) state Minutes of the convention shall be presented in a **summarized** format. The Jr. Past National President has the authority to use discretion regarding the documents type set and page layout when publishing the National Convention Minutes.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Unit 40 held on 16th day of October 2019 and read, debated and adopted by a unanimous vote at a regular meeting of Unit 40 held on the 20th day of November 2019 there being a quorum present.


Jackie Scarbro, Unit President


Margret Phelps, Unit Secretary

Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association/Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association dba

Resolution to amend C&BL Article 8, Section 809(q) 7 (d)

Proposed by Unit 40 Chesapeake

C&BL Article 8, Section 809(q) 7(d) Annually report NP and NVP a list of the Life Membership until such time as all life members are verified deceased

WHEREAS: Life Members cannot be located due to absence of correct address, phone numbers or date of death is unavailable the Membership Report continues to list member's names and

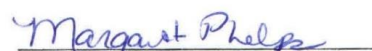
WHEREAS: the members name may not be removed or memorialized during the Annual Memorial Ceremony until such time as the member has been verified as deceased therefore be it

RESOLVED: C&BL Article 8, Section 809(q) 7(d) Annually report NP and NVP a list of the Life Membership until such time as all life members are verified as deceased or unable to locate.

Upon removal from the Life Member List the members name shall be included in the next National LA FRA Memorial Ceremony.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Unit 40, held on the 15th day of April 2020, read, debated and adopted by a unanimous vote, there being a quorum present.


Jackie Scarbro, Unit President


Margaret Phelps, Unit Secretary

A day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside.” Winnie the Pooh.

Resolution to amend Standing Rule 9

Proposed by Unit 40 Chesapeake

SR 9 Membership Dues in the LA FRA shall be twenty dollars per annum, payable in advance, not to exceed five years at any time. Any advance dues payment shall be non-refundable. Application for new or reinstated membership shall be accompanied by payment of twenty dollars.

WHEREAS: the amount of membership dues was established in 2011 to meet the operating cost of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association and

WHEREAS: the organizational operating costs continue to increase with inflation and

WHEREAS: IRS Regulations for Non-Profit Organizations requires the source of income to be limited to membership dues and donations and

WHEREAS: a significant decline in members has resulted in a loss of income from dues and donations and

WHEREAS: the investment portfolio took a sever hit in the 2020 market volatility and transfer of funds from the revenue generating investment CD's to cover expenses resulted in loss of potential income and


WHEREAS: revenue generating investments are estimated to be depleted in approximately four years, without the sale of the portfolio and

WHEREAS: Cost saving measures have not been enough to keep up with the expenses at the current rate of income therefore be it

RESOLVED: SR 9 Membership Dues in the LA FRA shall be twenty-five dollars per annum, payable in advance, not to exceed four years at any time. Any advance dues payment shall be non-refundable. Application for new, reinstated or renewal of membership shall be accompanied by payment of twenty-five dollars effective with renewals due on or after 1 January 2021.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Unit 40, held on the 15th day of April 2020, read, debated and adopted by a unanimous vote there being a quorum present.


Jackie Scarbro President


Margaret Phelps, Unit Secretary

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Resolution to Amend Standing Rule SR-10(0)

Proposed by Chesapeake Unit 40

SR-10(o). **Minutes** – The minutes are distributed within one hundred and twenty days following Convention. One copy is mailed free to each Unit, who has requested the minutes forty-five days from the close of Convention. One copy will be mailed free to each National Officer (of the immediate past and current administration), and the FRA Administrative Headquarters. Members may purchase copies of the convention minutes, if ordered and paid for in advance, within forty-five days from the close of convention.

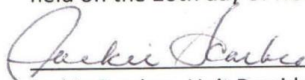
WHEREAS electronic copies are an industry acceptable standard for minutes and

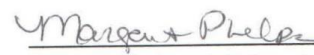
WHEREAS any Unit, officer or member that wished a printed copy could download them from any computer and

WHEREAS costs of printing continues to increase, while membership continues to decrease reducing the availability of funds to pay for administrative tasks therefore be it

RESOLVED SR-10(o). Minutes – The minutes are distributed by electronic means within one hundred and twenty days following Convention. Minutes will be posted on the LA FRA website. An email will be sent to each Unit, National Officer (of the immediate past and current administration), and the FRA Administrative Headquarters advising minutes are posted. One hardcopy is to be retained in the perpetual archive files.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Unit 40 held on the 16th day of October 2019 and read, debated and adopted by a unanimous vote at a regular meeting of Unit 40 held on the 20th day of November 2019 there being a quorum present.


Jackie Scarbro, Unit President


Margaret Phelps, Unit Secretary

I always get to where I'm going by walking away from where I have been.

Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association dba Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association

Resolution to Amend Standing RuleSR-10(n)

Proposed by Chesapeake Unit 40

SR 10 (N) states the CONVENTION RECORDER: The Convention Recorder records and transcribes the convention minutes. Printed chairman's reports, printed committee reports or information and tally sheets as voted, are supplemental minutes. They are properly assembled, labeled, numbered, and signed by the National Executive Secretary before submitting them to the publishing committee.

WHEREAS the proceedings of the Pre Board, Convention, Memorial Service and Post Board meetings are scripted short of debates from the floor and

WHEREAS: the Internal Revenue Service Manual 1 itself provides the following instruction to examining agents: The minute book of an exempt organization usually provides a **summary** of the activities conducted during the year and

WHEREAS the cost to obtain a transcriber for multiple sessions, may no longer be maintainable with the reduction in membership and

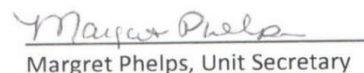
WHEREAS Robert's Rules of Order states minutes should include the following:

- a. the date, time, and place of the meeting;
- b. the fact that proper notice was given for the meeting;
- c. whether the meeting is a special meeting or a regular meeting;
- d. the names of attendees;
- e. whether or not a quorum is present;
- f. actions taken; and,
- g. upon request, a record of all voting action, a brief summary of reports given or reference to an attached written report and

WHEREAS the Jr. Past President, the National Executive Secretary and the previous Jr. Past President are the publishing committee for the National Convention Minutes therefore be it

RESOLVED that SR 10 (n) state Minutes of the convention shall be recorded by the National Executive Secretary in a **summarized** format and contain the date, time, and place of the convention; the fact that proper notice was given for the convention, states whether or not a quorum is present and Units represented by means of the credentials report, includes the name of National Board Members present, a list of members recognized during the memorial service, copies of printed officer, chairmen and committee reports, and tally sheets as voted. Includes all motions specifying who proposed the motion, whom seconded the motion and the results of the voting action. Ensures minutes are properly assembled, labeled, numbered and signed by the National Executive Secretary and the Jr. Past President before being published by electronic means with hard copies retained for the perpetual file. This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Unit 40 held on the 16th day of October 2019 and read, debated and adopted by a unanimous vote at a regular meeting of Unit 40 held on the 20th day of November 2019 there being a quorum present.


Jackie Scarbro, Unit President


Margret Phelps, Unit Secretary

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Standing Rule SR-31 (a) 5 change

Resolution

SR-31. Uniform Caps

SR-31 (a) 5 For Honorary Members, the same as for general membership except the words "Honorary Member" shall be embroidered in gold on the left side above the name Ladies Auxiliary Fleet Reserve Association. A former member of the LA FRA, now an Honorary Member, may wear the cap that was earned in the highest office held gray for Past National Officers and red for Past National Presidents.

WHEREAS the membership voted to acknowledge the doing business as the Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association and

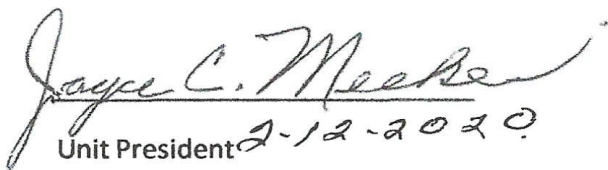
WHEREAS the membership needs to overcome the lack of perception of being less than inclusive of our male members and

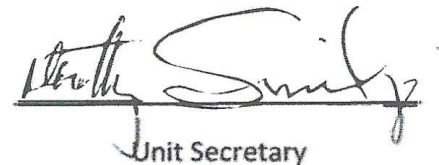
WHEREAS the membership should embrace the Doing Business As ...with all **new** caps bearing Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association be it

RESOLVED that SR 31 (a) 5 be changed to read: For Honorary Members, the same as for general membership except the words "Honorary Member" shall be embroidered in gold on the left side above the name Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association. A former member of the Auxiliary, now an Honorary Member, may wear the cap that was earned in the highest office held gray for Past National Officers and red for Past National Presidents.

Be it **Further Resolved** that all prior caps bearing the name Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association are grandfathered requiring no one to change their current cap.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Unit 99 held on 12th day of February 2020 and read, debated and adopted by a unanimous vote at a regular meeting of Unit 99 held on the 12th day of February 2020 there being a quorum present.


Unit President 2-12-2020


Unit Secretary

Regional Dates to Remember - Regional Conventions

- 16-18 Jul – East Coast, Annapolis MD - Double Tree Hotel
- 02-05 Aug – North Central, Osage Beach MO - The Inn at Grand Glaize
- 07-08 Aug – NE/NEng – Albany NY, Sure Stay by Best Western
- 17-18 Aug – Southwest, Las Vegas NV – Plaza hotel
- 21-22 Aug – West Coast, Carson City, NV – Gold Dust West Hotel Casino - 'still hopeful'
- 27-29 Aug – Northwest, Tacoma, WA
- 10-13 Sep – Southeast, Sea Mist Oceanfront Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC

People say nothing is impossible, but there are lots of people doing nothing every day.
The Foolish Almanak For Anuthur Year” by Theodor Rosyfelt. Quoted by Winnie the Pooh

July 4, 1776

www.constitutionfacts.com.



We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. Many people think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the **Declaration of Independence** and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776). It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775). And it was not the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that did not happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776). The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes. [Discussions of Jefferson's Declaration of Independence resulted in

some minor changes, but the spirit of the document was unchanged. The process of revision continued through all of July 3 and into the late afternoon of July 4, when the Declaration was officially adopted.] July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

Please go to www.constitutionfacts.com to read the Declaration of Independence.

Note about supplies, membership information

Please remember that membership dues and orders for supplies and/or donations must not be included together on one check. All membership dues payments are deposited into one account and monies for supplies and donations are deposited to a different account. Also, elections are coming up and that the unit may need to order membership, service, and officer pins, remember to consider processing and mailing time, please order early – before July 30. When you move please remember to notify the NFS/NES and your Units of a change of address. It is important so that when your membership is due you can be notified. This month alone I received back 35 membership applications, due to a change of address. That is double work and double postage.

National President Travel

June 07 - 14 - LA FRA Audit observation, Southern California (tentative due to lockdown)

Aug 02 - North Central Regional Convention, Osage Beach, MO

Aug 17 - Southwest Regional Convention, Las Vegas, NV

Aug 21 - West Coast Regional Convention, Carson City, NV

Aug 27 - Northwest Regional Convention, Tacoma, WA

Sept 10 - Southeast Regional Convention, Myrtle Beach, SC

Sept 27 - National Convention, Portland, OR

“Rivers know this: There is no hurry. We shall get there some day.” A.A. Milne

Conference Calls: While the future is just that, the future and unknown, the following information may provide some guidance on how to hold a conference call meeting.

Following the basic protocol for Opening and Closing meetings: salute to flag, open Bible-opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, recitation of the Preamble, roll call of officers, minutes of the last meeting are read, then follow the order of business for the meeting, good of the order, and closing prayer-close Bible.

On one of the National conference calls was an actual installation of an officer. We followed the basic protocol to opening and closing a meeting, since this was an installation (and general meeting and voting had already occur in a previous conference call) we moved to the Good of the Order for installation. When lockdown has been lifted, for a physical meeting a member (secretary or president) with a cell phone and speaker, could set up call, giving members that live far away or are still in quarantine the opportunity of listening to the meeting. Remember, this type of meeting is only good for the 2019-2020 administrative year due to the pandemic.



A message from the Regional President Aaron Jensen

My name is Aaron Jensen, I just want to introduce myself and let you know a little bit about me. I have been a member of the LAFRA for close to ten years and in that time, I have held the office of Vice President of Unit 70 for two years and held office of President of Unit 70 for four years. I recently have taken the position as Vice President for Unit 70 after the passing of our beloved Elaine Smith who was our Vice President. Before stepping up as Regional President South West I was elected Regional Vice President South West (RVPSW) 2019-2020 under Nadine Fulton, who was recently appointed National Treasurer.

I know we are in trying times right now and with the unforeseen future of not knowing, please rest assured that we are all in this together. If you are unable to perform meeting, a resolution was passed so units would not be breaking the rules in the Bylaws. On a happy note Rachelle Caston (Unit 70 Secretary and RVPSW 2017-2019) and I were married on April 4 of this year; even Covid-19 could not keep us from keeping this special date for us. I am currently working as my profession is essential and I have been working a lot of hours, so please be patient with me if I am unable to get back to you right away as I am still learning my new position. But if you have any questions or are in need please do not hesitate to e-mail me or give me a call. Stay safe out there and know we will come out stronger after this pandemic.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection & Service,
Aaron Jensen, RPSW

Sort of an oldie but a goodie from 1995 -- Doris Bohse of Unit 221 (The Unit closed sometime after 1995.)

An organization may spread itself over the whole world,
and may have over a hundred thousand persons as members;
But the average person will usually form her/his judgement
of it through the contact with one individual.

If this person is rude or inefficient, it will take a lot of kindness
and efficiency to overcome the bad impression.

Every member of an organization who in any capacity comes
in contact with the public, is a salesperson, and the impression
he or she makes is an advertisement, good or bad.

“Love is taking a few steps backward, maybe even more...to give way to the happiness of the person you love.” Winnie

Nominations for National Office 2020-2021

National President	Jackie Scarbro, Unit 40
National Vice President	Pat Suckow, Unit 269
National Financial Secretary	Rose Hall, Unit 382
	Brenda Horton, Unit 137

Regional President	
West Coast	Kelly Pena, Unit 287
Regional Vice President	
North West	Jena Shadwick, Unit 382

Reminder to the Units the Unit Officer Information form will need to filled out even if:

- 1- The Unit Officers are repeating for another year
- 2- The date of installation is unknown

Please print legibly, especially e-mail address and numbers.

June 06, 1944 - Anniversary of the World War II Allied invasion in Normandy, France.

On this day Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower gives the go-ahead for the largest amphibious military operation in history: Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of northern France, commonly known as D-Day. But many things happened before that date to help make it possible, two of them are below.

In 1941, the U.S. found itself at war with its only silk supplier, Japan. Parachutes are made of silk, and in 1942, six months into a world war, the U.S. desperately needed material for parachutes. DuPont's chemists had invented a synthetic fiber called nylon, and the company thought it might work well for parachutes. Adeline Gray volunteered to be the first live volunteer to test the new material. On June 6, 1942, she calmly stepped out of a plane over Brainard Field near Hartford, Connecticut, trusting her life to a not-entirely-proven parachute made from a material mostly used for women's stockings. She landed flawlessly in front of 50 senior military officers. The parachute worked, and the U.S. military had a replacement for Japanese silk. Exactly two years later, on June 6, 1944, nylon parachutes helped drop Allied paratroopers on the soil of France. It's likely that most of those men had never heard of Adeline Gray.

The inventor of radar chaff was a woman named Joan Curran. By the time Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941, Curran was nearly a year into painstaking experiments on using metals to reflect radar signals. In 1942, Curran finally settled on reflectors, that when dropped from a stream of bombers, once every minute, they could produce "the radar equivalent of a smokescreen. Perhaps most notably, radar chaff was used as part of a large-scale, elaborate diversion on June 5, 1944 to prevent German forces from knowing exactly where the Allied invasion into Nazi-held continental Europe would begin. Deployed on the eve of what would become known as D-Day, two radar chaff drops, Operations Taxable and Glimmer, were combined with hundreds of dummy parachutists to draw German attention towards the northernmost parts of France, and away from the beaches of Normandy.

A Little History

August 1931

1- Charters to be granted upon application of fourteen or more members where a branch of the Association exists, at a cost of \$2.50 (\$38.64 in 2020)

2- That all Units adopt an altar cloth, the colors to be Navy blue and gold, the colors of the U.S. Navy, to be used with the Bible for opening and closing services in the Unit and National meetings



Our Flag – Born Through Valor – Is A Symbol Of Freedom - research provided by the USN Recruiting Command.

Out of the travail of our nation's birth there emerged on June 14, 1777, our national emblem - the flag of the United States. It is a beautiful flag combining the blue of vigilance, perseverance and justice, with the white of purity, and the red of hardiness and valor. It is a symbol of freedom that has lifted the hearts of Americans down

It has been said that our stars and stripes is a “living” flag. It breathes vitality as it ripples in the breeze. It has exemplified vigor and endurance in proclaiming man’s freedom and his right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness through more than two centuries.

Did you know that -

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren’t fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the war for independence against the British fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army—a unified colonial fighting force—with the hopes of more organized battle against its colonial oppressors. This led to the creation of what was, essentially, the first “American” flag, the Continental Colors.

For some, this flag, which was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too similar to that of the British. George Washington soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom for the soon-to-be fledgling nation.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and that “the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

The original Flag Act of 1777 made no provision for the position of the stars and stripes. This was finally changed in 1912 when President William Howard Taft signed an executive order declaring an official flag design. The current version (50 stars) became official on July 4, 1960 and is the longest running American flag design.

In 1958, Robert Heft was a high school student. The stars of Hawaii and Alaska were being added to the flag and new design submissions were being accepted. Heft submitted his design as a class assignment. His teacher, Stanley Pratt, gave him a B- for the design, saying “it lacked imagination”. The two made a deal that if the design was accepted by Congress, Taft would change the grade to an A. Heft's design was chosen by Congress and President Dwight D. Eisenhower from over 1500 submissions, and the rest is history.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan interpreted the colors this way: “The colors of our flag signify the qualities of the human spirit we Americans cherish. Red for courage and readiness to sacrifice; white for pure intentions and high ideals; and blue for vigilance and justice.”

Our flag that flew over Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, was flown over the White House on August 14, 1945 when the Japanese accepted surrender terms.

July 20, 1969 — Our American flag is placed on the moon by Neil Armstrong.

Our Flag has been worn on the uniform and/or followed by man and women into battle too many have not come home to reunite with their families. Some have given all for our flag, all have given something and some are still giving, silently and not visibly. On June 14, please take a moment to stare at a flag (really look at it) and give up one of your minutes to think about what our flag was encountered during its lifetime and what it means to you.