



# THE TRIANGLE

## Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association

July 2020 Edition

*From the Desk of the National President*

Auxiliary members,

### CONVENTION CALL ATTENTION ALL UNITS



Pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fleet Reserve Association, the National President hereby calls the Annual Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association, to be held in Portland, Oregon; September 30, 2020 to October 03, 2020; at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220 to convene at 9 am September 30, 2020 for the following purposes:

- 1) To hear annual reports of National Officers and National Chairmen.
- 2) To consider resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Rules, Rituals, and General Policy.
- 3) To formulate plans for the Ladies Auxiliary Fleet Reserve Association.
- 4) To elect National Officers for the ensuing year.
- 5) To entertain suggestions for the Good of the Order.

Attest:

National Executive Secretary Veralyn C Thomas

National President Beatrice Parco

Date 01 July 2020

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Since this is the year of COVID-19 many are wondering will it be safe to travel. The National Convention is being held the last week of September, by that time, the travel industry should have in place the guidelines and procedures to protect their customers. Each of us will need to be responsible for our own well-being, by carrying face mask and sanitation supplies. Fortunately, the convention room designated for LA FRA is large, the foyer outside the LA FRA convention room is spacious, the location of the hotel is isolated from the general public foot traffic and a 5-minute shuttle ride to the airport.

On the National Delegate form, be sure to designate a proxy and an alternate proxy, in the event delegates of a unit are unable to attend or a unit will not have delegates. The unit voting strength is the number of delegates a unit can elect and list on the form (left side of form), any other members attending can be listed as alternates, but are not authorized to state a unit's vote when there is a delegate available to cast the vote. If a unit needs more spaces to add names to the Delegation form, please provide those names on a separate sheet to the seven officers listed at the bottom of the national delegate form. Make sure the form is signed by both the Unit President and the Secretary. Delegates and alternates be sure to bring your membership card; for members that are new or have renewed and do not have a membership card, the Credentials Chairman at the convention can verify your status. Otherwise, you will be listed as a 'Members Registered'.

At the end of the administrative year, Unit and Regional books will need to be audited and the IRS Form 990, required of all 501(c)19 tax exempt organizations, needs to be filed, even though installation has not taken place. Installation is still required even if a unit or a region are maintaining previous officers. Installations can be done virtually (such as phone conferencing) or when there is an opportunity for a unit to meet following social distancing guidelines.

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September 29, Tuesday; (1) at 1300 The Pre-Board meeting will take place. All National Officers, Parliamentarian, Chaplain, and Regional Presidents are expected to attend. Other members of the Auxiliary who may be interested in the proceedings are invited to attend. National Board of Directors Officers please remember to check Standing Rule 30 Dress Code for the appropriate business clothing to be worn for the Pre-Board and convention meetings. (2) After Pre-Board there will be a break, then rehearsals for the Memorial Services will be done. (3) Incoming Regional Presidents will be receiving a letter from the National Vice President for the meeting schedule set after Pre-Board. (4) Also, all Incoming Regional Presidents will be performing registration duties for their region (assisting Registration Chairman) starting on Tuesday.

September 30, Wednesday; (1) The Opening Ceremonies will be at 0900 and (2) LA FRA memorial ceremony will be at 1300. Per the standing rules female members dress code shall be white dress or suit or pant suit, white shoes, white gloves and the Auxiliary uniform cap should be worn. Male members dress code shall be dark trousers, white dress shirt (business suits are optional), and appropriate dark dress shoes and the FRA uniform cover with the LA FRA emblem and Unit number.

On Thursday and Friday, business sessions may start at 9:00AM, delegates may wear appropriate business casual clothing. Saturday evening's banquet is a formal affair with incoming officers wearing formal dress as prescribed in a letter they will receive from the National Vice President. On Sunday morning, October 4 will be the Post-Board for the 2020-2021 LA FRA National Board of Directors.

Thank you, to all that has contributed to the National President's project, Operation Homefront. Welcome to new members of the LA FRA; congratulations to all who are celebrating a special event in July; sending prayers for healing, strength and courage for members who are having challenges; sending prayers for safe travels for those going to meetings, events and local travels. Take time to smell the roses and enjoy these simple gifts of nature.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection & Service  
Bea Parco, National President

NP travels: My recent travels include traveling to Imperial Beach, CA with NParl Gail Doloway PNP to observe the auditing of the National Treasurer's book on June 6, 2020. **Note:** NParl Gail Doloway was unable to make the trip due to an injury before leaving the Las Vegas airport, it was a rolling walk way versus suitcase wheels that caused a fall. She is dealing with it and would probably love to receive 'thinking of you' cards. Her home address is: PNP Gail Doloway, 3897 San Andreas Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89121

*National President Bea would like to extend a special thank you to the following members for assisting with the closing of the National Treasurer's books for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of 2019-20. NParl Gail Doloway who gathered information needed prior to the audits, Committee members PRPSW Gigi Hermes and Joyce Semenza, and an extra thank you to PNP Ruth Eblen who acted as Committee Chairman and provided the hospitality of her home as the site for the audit. NT Fulton was in attendance for observation and training.*

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS








National Presidents



Other National/Regional Officers



Members

|                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  Kaja Nowicki, Unit 22 |  Vivian Northen, Unit 126         |  Hazel Talbert, Unit 275 |
|  June Kracker, Unit 40 |  Mary Francis Ridenhower, Unit 22 |                                                                                                               |

Is this one of your memories?

The feeling when you're so excited to see your sister...and you realize she's wearing your clothes. Her comment might have been – 'You left it on the floor! I thought it was abandoned! I just wanted it to have a good home!'

## *Donations*

*NP Project 2019-2020 -- Unit 275, Unit 290, and Unit 294*

*LA FRA Scholarship -- Unit 230 - in memory of Ruby Patten*

*National President Scholarship -- Unit 289*

*Welfare Fund -- Closing of Unit 315 donation*

**Do Not Send Cash. Checks and Money Orders Must Be Made Out To LA FRA**



### **From the Desk of the National Financial Secretary**

WOW 3 years—it has been a great pleasure to serve as the National Financial Secretary 2017 -2020. However, my term in this office is fast approaching the end, and the start of a new adventure. I am asking everyone to please look ahead and order supplies before 30 July. I need to inventory the retail items and complete all my duties before preparing my Annual Report in addition to preparing the items for shipment to the next NFS.

**I will not be able to process any orders received after July 30, 2020. The next NFS will need time to set up their office, so from 1 August to around 15 October no retail orders will be processed.**

I will still accept donations until September 15<sup>th</sup> my final audit will be done on September 19, 2020. Any donations received after the 15<sup>th</sup> will be recorded on the October report. A little extra reminder: The Memorial list which is for our deceased members from July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020, will be sent out by July 3rd. This report will also be sent to the Regional President's and National Chaplain. --- Another note about the Membership database health, I am able to do a few items by hand. I have created a spread sheet to track received payment checks for renewals and new members and forward the necessary papers to the National Treasurer for deposit. But as the data base is not working, all the information that would be updated or created when I receive your payment cannot be done. But my spread sheet will provided the needed information, when this problem is solved, to update whatever we will have to update.

### ***A note from National President Bea***

As of June 1, 2020, the database is not useable. No entries can be made. Nothing can be generated - no one will receive membership cards. No reports will be sent. No information will be available from the NFS. The transition team is gathering the options and will set a conference call with the NBOD to make a presentation of options for the NBOD to vote on.

“A friend is a brother who was once a bother.” – Unknown

## ***Unit Officer Information Report Form***

The 'Unit Officer Information' form should be prepared as soon as Unit elections take place. This is a function of the current Secretary and the form must be signed by both the Unit Secretary and Unit President that were in office at the time of the elections. Please do not wait for the installation of the newly elected officers. The form should be sent to the National Executive Secretary Veralyn Thomas, National Financial Secretary Pat Suckow, the National Treasurer Nadine Fulton, and to your Regional President.

**Regional Presidents**, please forward the following to your units and/or incorporate this into your newsletter: At the end of the *Unit and Regional* administrative year Unit and Regional books will need to be audited (*remember when operating under normal circumstances books are audited prior to installation*) even though installation has not taken place. The IRS Form 990, required of all 501(c)19 tax exempt organizations, needs to be filed, *taking into considering the Unit's normal filing date and IRS requirements for filing*. Installation is still required even if a unit or a region is maintaining previous officers. Installations can be done virtually (such as telephone conferencing) or when there is an opportunity for a unit to meet following social distancing guidelines. **NES note:** The IRS filing requirement is "Form 990-N is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of the Unit's tax year. You cannot file until after your tax year ends. Some units file in a month other than the month prior to installation. **Remember** after filing: **1-** a copy of the receipt notification is to be sent only to the National Treasurer, and **2-** you need to inform the Regional President that the 990-N has been filed. The Regional President does not receive a copy of the notification.

### ***Regional Dates to Remember - Regional Conventions***

East Coast Convention *cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and related travel/gathering restrictions, the East Coast Regional FRA President has made the decision to cancel the 2020 East Coast Region convention. Unit 24 plans on hosting the 2021 convention in July, if conditions permit.*

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

27-29 Aug – Northwest, Tacoma, WA – LaQuinta Hotel, East 27<sup>th</sup> St

10-13 Sep – Southeast, Sea Mist Oceanfront Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC

### ***LA FRA National Dates to Remember and one about the FRA***

30 Jun – FRA Board of Directors' midyear at Alexandria, VA

30 Aug – *National Convention Journal/Booster Roll* deadline for submission.

01 Sep – *National Convention* hotel room cut-off date.

13 Sep – *National Convention* all meals reservations close on 13 Sep 20.

The 2020 National Convention, Sep 27 - Oct 04, 2020, will be held at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220. Telephone number is 503-281-2500, when making your reservations be sure to mention "Fleet Reserve Association". The online reservation feature is as follows: Highlight link and press Ctrl on your keyboard & Click mouse to follow link <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1578520053815&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Room rates are \$112 per night (without breakfast) plus 15.3% hotel tax. Room rates apply for up to three days prior and three days following the convention dates. The cut-off date for the block of rooms will be held until Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Reservation requests received after 5:00 pm local time at the hotel on the cut-off date will be accepted based on guest room availability at the Group rate. There is on-site complimentary self-parking, also there is complimentary airport transportation to and from the hotel and within a five-mile radius of the hotel.

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

"Everyone knows that if you've got a sister and or a brother, you're going to fight.



### *July Dates To Remember*

Jul 04 – Independence Day

Jul 27 – Korean War Veterans Armistice Day (1953)

### **New Regional Nominations from the East Coast**

**Regional President** Virginia Jorden, Unit 24

**Regional Vice President** Dorothy Smiley, Unit 99

**Unit Secretaries**, if you have missed placed the *Regional Delegate form* that was sent to your units, the generic *Delegate form* is available from your *Regional President*. Forms are due from the unit 15 days prior to *Regional Convention*.

**Regional Presidents**, it is time for the Regional “Convention Call” if you would like an example of a “Convention Call” for your newsletter, please contact *NES Vera Thomas*.

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

Resolution to amend Standing Rule 22 The Triangle

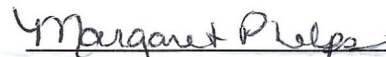
Proposed by Unit 40 Chesapeake

Add SR-22(f)

A member may submit an Email or electronic transmissible address to be included on the Triangle’s electronic distribution list.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Unit 40, held on the 20th day of May 2020, read, debated, and adopted by a unanimous vote there being a quorum present.

  
Jackie Scarbro President

  
Margaret Phelps, Unit Secretary

One little known fact about some members of the Sea Services:

USCG -- Salty became a U.S. Coast Guard mascot at the San Diego Coast Guard Air Station in California during World War II. She inadvertently found her way into the history books by becoming the first cat to take part in a rescue mission. It happened when she stowed away on an amphibian reconnaissance plane with her kitten. The two cats were on board when the plane took off on its way to rescue a pilot whose plane had come down at sea.



“I am smiling because you are my sister (or brother). I am laughing because there is nothing you can do about.” –Unknown

LA FRA Standing Rule 22(c) States:

Proposed by Unit 40 Chesapeake

Any member may subscribe to receive the "TRIANGLE" for eight dollars per year. Money or check for subscription shall be mailed to the National Financial Secretary and made out to the LA FRA;

Whereas, The present SR-22(c) as printed list an incorrect price for the "TRIANGLE" as eight dollars instead of the correct price of ten dollars; and

Whereas, Requests for subscriptions to the "TRIANGLE" have significantly decreased; and

Whereas, The cost to produce and distribute the "TRIANGLE" via U.S. Postal Service mail has increased; and

Whereas, Electronic transmission of the "TRIANGLE" can be distributed at no cost to the membership that have or will be providing an electronic address; and

Whereas, Electronic transmission of the "TRIANGLE" will increase distribution, improve communication, inform membership of activities and events, and provide important information to the membership; and

Whereas, Electronic transmission of the "TRIANGLE" can reduce cost of paper, printing, and mailing; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That LA FRA SR-22(c) shall be:

Any member may subscribe to receive a printed copy of the Triangle for ten dollars per year. Money order or check paid for a subscription to receive a printed copy of the TRIANGLE shall be mailed to the National Financial Secretary payable to the LA FRA or any member may receive an e-mail version at no cost by submitting to the National Financial Secretary and National Executive Secretary a correct e-mail or electronic transmissible address.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Unit 40, held on the 20th day of May 2020, read, debated, and adopted by a unanimous vote there being a quorum present.



Jackie Scarbro, President Unit 40



Margaret Phelps, Secretary Unit 40

A second little known fact about some members of the Sea Services:



Pooli is short for Princess Papule, and she was born on the Fourth of July in 1944 in the Navy yard at Pearl Harbor. She was taken aboard the USS Fremont, an attack transport, where she saw plenty of action. Her ship was in battle at the Marianas, the Palau group, the Philippines, and Iwo Jima.

Pooli would head for the mail room and curl up in a mail sack whenever she heard the battle stations ring, and the main danger she faced was when some of the sailors aboard her ship were heading for home. They considered throwing the cat overboard for fear that they would be quarantined in San Francisco because of her. But those who loved the cat wouldn't have it, and they put a round-the-clock guard on the cat for three days until the ship docked without any problems. Pooli lived a long and happy life after the war and earned three service ribbons and four battle stars.

Siblings are usually pretty normal people when they are by themselves, but turn crazy when they are together. Unknown



Unit 137 Members taking the 'Oath of Office'

Members left to right - Brenda Horton, RPWC, Judy Dunn-Chaplain, Kathy Goheen, PRPWC-BOD, Cherlita Dagang-President, Sue Higgins-Treasurer (in wheelchair), Joyce Jackson-Past President, Maggie Smith-Secretary, Peggy Hannah-BOD, Jan Solberg-Vice President.

A third little known fact about some members of the Sea Services

### **USMC -- A little-known hero of the Korean War, known as "Sgt. Reckless."**

Sergeant Reckless was born in South Korea as a chestnut color mare and when about 3-4 years old was purchased by Lieutenant Eric Pedersen, USMC in October 1952. Based in mountainous terrain, Pederson needed a pack animal capable of carrying up to nine of the heavy 24-pound shells needed to supply the recoilless rifles used by his unit, the Recoilless Rifle Platoon of the 5th Marine Regiment. The platoon HN1 "Doc" provided her medical care and one member's wife sent a pack saddle to make caring loads easier. She was taught battlefield survival skills such as how not to become entangled in barbed wire and to lie down when under fire. She learned to run for a bunker upon hearing the cry, "incoming!" The platoon called it her "hoof training" and "hoof camp". When learning a new delivery route, Reckless would only need someone to lead her a few times. Afterwards she would make the trips on her own.

Her most significant accomplishment came during what was known as the Battle of Outpost Vegas/Vegas Hill, when she made 51 solo trips in a single day, carrying a total of 386 recoilless rounds covering over 35 miles a day. For her accomplishments, Reckless was promoted to corporal.

The commander of the 1st Marine Division gave Reckless a battlefield promotion from corporal to sergeant on April 10, 1954, several months after the war ended. Reckless was promoted again, to staff sergeant (E-6), on August 31, 1959, at Camp Pendleton, California. This promotion was awarded by Pate, then the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Reckless was honored with a 19-gun salute and a 1,700-man parade of Marines from her wartime unit. Reckless was awarded two Purple Hearts (for the wounds received during the Battle of Vegas), a Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, a Presidential Unit Citation with bronze star, the National Defense Service Medal, a Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Korea Medal, a Navy Unit Commendation, and a Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. She would wear these awards on her horse blanket, plus a French Fourragere that the 5th Marines earned in World War I.

“Brothers don’t hit each other, they just high-five on the other brother's face.” – Unknown



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