



THE TRIANGLE

Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association

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From the Desk of the National President

As we approach the month of December, we see the importance of the Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association's family and the ongoing dedication, generosity, and patriotism demonstrated by the members. Members come together to aid, assist, and promote all matters pertaining to welfare, social and patriotic work. They are generous, caring, and patriotic members always serving their communities and supporting personnel serving with the U.S. Armed Forces. Members attend Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day wreath ceremonies December 7, to remember, and honor the 2,403 United States citizens who were killed in the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941. These occasions must be remembered so we do not forget.



The Wreaths Across America program is well supported annually as members participate in placing wreaths on Veterans graves to remember those who have served our Country to keep us free.

The month of December is when the members of the Auxiliary spring into action and demonstrate their kindness and generosity sharing their joy, generous blessings, and traditions. Community Holiday Out-Reach Programs will be initiated to collect and deliver toys and clothing for disadvantaged children, gifts will be delivered to Veteran Hospitals and to residents in care facilities, Holiday Cards or gifts are sent to forgotten members and the military overseas, and when all projects are completed, Branch and Unit members will prepare a bounty of food and enjoy fellowship during the annual Christmas Parties.

As you are working on these special projects and attending holiday events please share the joy of doing for others by sending photos of members busy preparing for or attending the events, to be published in the Triangle or on the Website. Forward (email) a picture(s) of Unit member's holiday activities to NES Vera Thomas and Communication and Publicity Chairman Doris Fri to ensure the members are recognized for the outstanding contributions and participation in the many Auxiliary projects.

I wish to thank the Members for their contributions, hard work, generous donations, continuing support, and all the great work on behalf of the Auxiliary. Please be mindful of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and follow the recommended guidelines to be safe and to protect your loved ones.

















































As we approach the Holiday Season, and celebrate each in our own way, I send my wishes for a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service
Jackie Scarbro
National President
Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association dba

Membership Statistics

Jul 1	REI	NEW	TI	TO	Resigned	NonPmt	Deceased	Ineligible	Other	Active
5532	217	162	87	88	1	931	125	0	0	4853

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

 National Presidents	 Other National/Regional Officers	 Members
 Nora Abbott Unit 137	 Juanita Bautista Unit 84	 Lolita Gagne Unit 74
 Betty Gray Unit 294	 Anna Gordon Unit 230	 Marie Goss Unit 22
 Anne Harvey Unit 47	 Janet Heuer MAL	 Priscilla Hill Unit 70
 Janet Honcharuk MAL	 Melissa Hopkins MAL	 Louine Hutchins Unit 181
 Melanie Jeffery MAL	 Helen Jones Unit 162	 Agnes Keller Unit 22
 Ethel Magyari MAL	 Georgia McCall Unit 274	 Ruby McConnell Unit 67
 Lola McClung Unit 60	 Loraine McNabb MAL	 Frieda McNair Unit 124
 Mary Francis McLain Unit 40	 Dorothy Pursglove Unit 85	 Susan Trudel MAL
 Clara Visico Unit 74	 Eleanor Williams MAL	 Helen Armstrong-Moebus, Unit 47
 Glory Desotle Unit 47	 Mildred Dittman Unit 126	 Marlene Early Unit 47
 Mavis Goemann Unit 47	 Jane Reinmuth Unit 47	 Frances Schmidt Unit 47
 Jeraldine Stewart Unit 47	 Ida Windress Unit 47	 Leona Trudy King Unit 22
 Josephine Graun Unit 61	 Helen Sanders Unit 91	 Mildred Nessel Unit 126
 Jacklyn McKown Unit 230	 Lois Baldwin Unit 290	 Leona Trudy King Unit 22
 Umeno Noeller MAL	 Marion Phillips MAL	 Corinne Williams MAL

Donations

National President Project-2019-20 - Units 47 and 289, Joan Ellis PRPWC, and SWR PRP Club

National President Project-2020-21 - Units 61, 99, and 382; Branch 94 and 201; PNP Club; Arlene Hemmingway PNP; PNP Christina & Chris Murray, and Pat Suckow NVP.

National President Scholarship - Unit 275, SWR PRP Club in memory of Eileen Morgan, and Unit 124 in memory of Susan Hershburger.

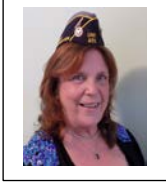
Do not send cash. Checks and money orders must be made out to LA FRA -- All Donations, membership applications, PCTs, supply orders, etc. need to be mailed to the address on this Triangle's front page under the heading of **'For membership and orders'** as of 10/01/2020. If you have any questions please contact NFS Brenda Horton either by email at lafranfbrenda@gmail, or call or text 775-881-8731.

Dates to Remember:

December 7 - National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
25th Christmas

January 1 - New Year's Day
26th Spouse's Day

*Happy 71st Wedding Anniversary to Mary and Dean Hubbard
Mary has been a member of the Auxiliary for 43 years (joined in 1977) presently a MAL.*



Completing my three years as your National Financial Secretary has been a very rewarding experience. I didn't know much going in but I have learned a lot about this organization these three years.

Yes it has been a roller coaster ride starting out with the National Financial Secretary and ending with the addition of the Membership Services position. I hope I have met all your needs and I want everyone to know how much I appreciate you, for your support and understanding. I ask that you please give the same for the incoming National Financial Secretary.

There are so many individuals to recognize that have guided me and I know will still be here for me. Jr. PNP Christina Murray, NP Bea Parco, PNP Doris Fri, NES Vera Thomas, PNP Cindy Rodham-Tuck, Board of Directors, PNPs, PRPs, and of course you the members of the Ladies Auxiliary—Thank you

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service
Pat Suckow
National Vice-President



Unit Secretaries -- Now is a good time to 'clean the files.' No need to keep previous versions of membership applications (Please pass out the new form to the members of the unit - they will have one when needed.), LA FRA Price List Order Form, Death notification form, and the Unit Officer Information form. If you want a copy of the new version, either call NES Vera Thomas or download from the web site. Go to the web site and click on the LA FRA Forms on the upper left of the screen.

☞ Remember - all orders sent to the NFS are prepaid with checks made payable to: LA FRA. Please do not make them out to: NFS Brenda Horton.

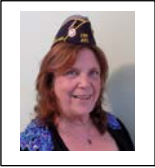
From the National Financial Secretary

I am honored to have been installed as the NFS and look forward to working with you in the upcoming years. I am committed to do my very best in performing the duties and job responsibilities of the NFS position. I appreciate your confidence in me. The new mailing address for the NFS is:

**LA FRA
National Financial Secretary
P.O. Box 3037
Carson City, NV 89702**

All membership applications, PCTs, Supply orders, etc. need to be mailed to this address. If you have any questions, please contact me either by e-mail at lafransbrenda@gmail.com or call or text me at 775 881-8731. I am here to assist YOU!

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
Brenda Horton, NFS



From the National Vice-President:

Thank you for electing me as your National Vice-President. Leaving the National Financial Secretary office has been a roller coaster ride, but I know this will be more challenging. My project will be Back to Basics, I feel that we all need to remember why we are in the Auxiliary. Today individuals want to understand what the purpose of this organization is.

The purpose is created by understanding the basic essence.

I know the biggest issue with our units is membership. This has been going on for many, many years. Ask yourself--What are the biggest challenges in membership? How do you communicate with your members? Do they expect a level of communication you just don't have time to provide? These are questions that at times are difficult to answer.

As your National Vice-President I will try to answer these questions. Also, I will be rewarding you with a gold Rooster pin for recruiting three members. By you wearing a rooster pin others will ask 'how do I get one?'

We need to work together. Remember Back to Basics, mean communication, understanding and asking questions.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection, and Service
Pat Suckow
National Vice-President 2020-2021

ATTENTION UNIT PRESIDENTS

A REMINDER AND TIPS TO HELP YOU PREPARE THE FORM 990

Know the version of the Form 990 your Unit file

**Assemble key information from Unit records
Know the Unit's deadline for filing
Ensure the Unit files the Form 990 for this year
It is suggested that the updated 990 information
be sent to the National Treasurer**

Each Region/Unit must have EIN Number

**Banks/investments must have same name as on EIN letter
Bank Accounts should have 2 signatures on transactions
Accounts should have 2 or 3 authorized signers
Checks should correspond to budgeted line item
All payments require a source document, drawn voucher and
paper check**

QUESTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT REGIONAL PRESIDENT OR NATIONAL OFFICER



From the Unit Report Chairman Brenda Horton

Unit Reports provide an excellent avenue for Units to share new ideas that they found successful during this difficult time of 'social distancing'. With the present COVID restrictions many Units are finding it difficult to conduct annual events and activities so they have thought 'outside the box' and become creative with fulfilling the Auxiliary of the FRA goals. This is the time for Units to take notes of accomplishments that can be included in their Unit Report. Many Units have fabricated face masks or conducted bake-less sales to generate some funds in order to continue monetary donations to worthy causes. Units have stayed connected to their members through transmitting information via e-mail, greeting cards or phone calls. Such efforts may be recorded in the Unit Report. At the National Convention 2021 the Unit Report Committee will collect from the all Regions 1st place awardees of Unit Reports. The Committee looks forward to hearing about your Unit and sharing your information with convention attendees. It is with this manner of communication the LA FRA can continue to be viable association.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection, and Service
Brenda Horton
Unit Report Chairman 2020-2021



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Special Operations Warrior Foundation



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College Scholarship and Grants

Every Child of a fallen special operator who dies in the line of duty can receive full funding for a degree from a college, university, technical or trade school including tuition, books, fees, room and board, tutoring and miscellaneous expenses.

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Support to Severely Wounded Special Operators

Provides immediate financial assistance to special operations personnel who are severely wounded in action or training

The Special Operations Warrior Foundation supports the Navy, Marine Corps, Army and Air Force Special Operations Personnel.

Support with Donations for the National President Project 2020-2021

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Thank you to all the LA FRA & FRA members who sent special wishes to me for my “speedy recovery”. Every message has bolstered my belief in our motto “Loyalty, Protection & Service.” I am humbled by the number of wishes (prayers, phone calls, and cards) that I have received. They are lined up on my dining room table for me to continue to enjoy as well as all my local family and friends.

Love & Hugs in
Loyalty, Protection & Service,
Mary Ann Frank PRPWC

National



Presentation of Operation Homefront, the LA FRA National President’s project. On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association, we are honored to have raised \$5,951.64 for Operation Homefront. The contributors are from LA FRA Units throughout the country, individual contributors and other groups within the LA FRA, including the Fleet Reserve Association. I am proud of our organization and its efforts to support the mission of Operation Homefront.

Thank you for your support, Bea Parco, LA FRA JrPNP

PNP Bea Parco presents check to Leticia G. Pena (right), Operation Homefront Program Manager for Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada.

Southeast



Installation of Gale Nathan RPSE (ctr). SERChap Trish Chilton (left) and SM Nate Nathan, Gale's husband (right)



Unit 269 President Gail Bolz PRPSE (left) presented a 20-year pin to Annie Bain (right)



Unit 269 President Gail Bolz PRPSE (left) presented a 40-year pin to RPSE Gale Nathan (right)

East Coast



Unit 40 VA Transition Packages PNP Christina Murray, Unit Secretary Margaret Phelps, PRPEC Margaret Dumas Carter, Joann Spires Unit Chaplain, Ruby Wells and NP Jackie Scarbro.



RPEC Virginia Jordan's 2020-21 'zoom' install.



Family members in attendance for the install were Grandmother Virginia Wheat-Charter member Unit 24 (front and then (left to right), Loretta Jordan, Annie Tydings, Eimile Jordan, Irene Romero with RPEC Virginia



Roosters are loud and proud and like to let everyone know they are in the neighborhood!

But seriously, why do they crow?

There are several reasons why a rooster may crow, just because he likes too! Or, maybe because you recruited/or reinstated 3 new Auxiliary member's, for the National Vice President's Project. By doing this you will earn a Golden Rooster Pin.

Please reach out to prospective new members or former members, send emails, call or bring a friend or neighbor to a meeting.

I want to make this year the best in recruitment, so remember

Recruit 3 and Crow for the Rooster Pin!!!

LP&S,
Pat Suckow
Chairman, National Membership and Retention Committee
National Vice President 2020-2021

**As members start recruiting new members,
please take the time to think about your skills and/or the skills of fellow members.**

It is time to start thinking about the National Officer positions that will be open for nominating resolutions this year: National Treasurer, National Vice President, and National President.

Hi, my name is Gail Bolz, and I am the National Representative for the VAVS, LA FRA. I would like to explain to you about the VAVS and how it works in the LA FRA units.

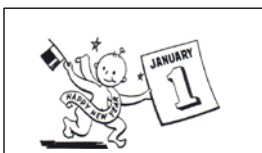
You can volunteer as a Member at Large or Unit member. As a unit member you would a representative or deputy for your unit, by finding a VAVS facility that is close enough for you to travel and attend meetings every three months. Once you find a facility, contact me and we can get you signed up, it is that easy! You can also sign up to volunteer at your VA facility, but it is not necessary to be a representative or deputy. Volunteering however does have its rewards, connecting and building relationships with our veterans.

The National Advisory Committee (NAC) which we are considered Honorary Members, instead of Service Members, because we do not meet the criteria. To meet the criteria, we must have representatives or deputies in 25 VA facilities and we only have 12 facilities covered. Our goal is to become Service members. Regional Presidents please speak to your units about becoming representatives or deputies.

Due to the COVID-19 we have been having our meetings online, and the Annual NAC meeting was canceled in San Antonio, TX. They did have a meeting in September, but I was unable to attend.

I would like to invite all members of the auxiliary to become a supporter of the committee by becoming a volunteer, representative, or deputy. You can contact me at my email 60grandma@live.com or by phone 843-696-5789.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
PRPSE Gail Bolz



As this year draws close, I hope it was filled with fun and great memories in spite of COVID-19. As the New Year draws near, I hope it's filled with the promises of a great many hopeful tomorrows.

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REPORT OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR TRIANGLE

Date: _____

Name: _____

Member No: _____

E-mail address: _____

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City, State, ZIP: _____

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Street: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

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Remember to notify the NFS of any change of address: LA FRA, P.O. Box 3037, Carson City, NV 89702