

# THE TRIANGLE

Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association

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## 2020-2021

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## From the Desk of the National President



I attended the Southeast Region Midyear meeting held in Jacksonville FL. It was a pleasure to see old friends and privileged to meet new members of the Auxiliary to share information and to learn of the accomplishments of the Southeast Region.



Southeast Region Midyear Meeting

## Branch 31 announces the sponsorship of new Unit of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association.

I wish to thank the Officers and members of Branch 31, for the sponsorship of a Unit. Jr. PNP Donna Jansky and RP Cindy Rodham-Tuck, PNP are coordinating the Institution and Installation to be held 16-17, April during the NE/NEng Regional Spring Meet. Peabody, MA. We look forward to welcoming the new Unit.

Unit Presidents and members of the Auxiliary, it is the time for the **Nomination and Election of Unit Officers** as required by C& BL Article 14 Section 1405. Members are requested accept these important positions and carry on the work of the Auxiliary. Unit Secretaries are requested to submit the Unit Officer Information Report to the NES, immediately after elections and mail to the NES, NFS and NT. The fillable form is located on the la-fra.org website, download to the computer prior to completing.

Just as a reminder **Resolutions** to be to be considered at the National Convention are due 120 days before 2 October 2021 as per C&BL Section 608 (a).

Every effort is being made to arrange **Pilgrimage** Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery during these difficult times. Upon confirmation of arrangements an announcement will be distributed immediately. I look forward to meeting many of you as I travel to the Midyear Meetings and Regional Conventions.

Please send pictures of all activities to the NES for publication.



Regional Membership Statistics											
Region	1-	Reinstate	New	Tran	Tran	Resigned	Non	Deceased			Active
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NE/NEng	186	12	6	12	17	0	32	14	0	0	154
EC	1565	71	105	3	4	0	295	23	0	0	1422
SE	1126	93	116	18	23	1	270	34	0	0	1024
NC	163	6	1	1	10	0	25	10	0	0	126
SC	277	13	14	4	0	0	56	4	0	0	248
WC	439	15	24	6	15	1	64	22	0	0	382
NW	497	27	17	2	3	0	209	5	0	0	326
SW	894	52	16	26	34	0	195	37	0	0	722
MAL	385	15	3	35	1	0	72	23	0	0	342
TOTAL	5532	304	302	107	107	2	1218	172	0	0	4745
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## IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

National Presidents	Other National/Regional Officers	Members
🥩 Amy Hill MAL	🧼 Elizabeth Lowery MAL	🧼 Mena Bates Unit 22
🥩 Ruby French Unit 22	🔗 Geraldine Hatcher Unit 22	🌛 Francis Persyn Unit 22
🧼 Mary Lou Ridenhower Unit 22	Image: Annie Witkiewicz Unit 22	🅩 Margaret Duemling Unit 29
🥩 Joann Spires Unit 40	🧀 Evelyn Richardson Unit 60	Alice Brown Unit 61
🧼 Gertrude Peterson Unit 85	🧀 Gertrude Peterson Unit 85	🍻 Mary Lou Siebenkas Unit 93

## **Donations**

National President Project: Unit 93 Tom Vallee; Aida Littlejohn - In memory of Marquarite Robinson, Unit 182 member and in memory of Duane Robinson PRPEC. Brenda Horton, NFS - In memory of Verne Horton. Unit 93 Kempsville

Pilgrimage: Unit 357 Kempsville, Unit 93 Tom Vallee, Unit 40 Chesapeake, and Unit 137 Sierra-Tahoe

Welfare Fund: Unit 40 Chesapeake

\*LA FRA Scholarship: Unit 99 Kempsville and Unit 137 Sierra-Tahoe

\*National President's Scholarship: Unit 93 Tom Vallee and Unit 137 Sierra-Tahoe

Regional Midyear and Convention information

North Central region FRA Mid-year conference. Location: Bloomington, MN, 09-11 April 2021.

Southeast Regional Convention. August 24-26, 2021, Ramada Jacksonville Hotel & Conf Ctr (FL)

LA FRA website has updated National Convention information click on National Convention.



April Dates to Remember: 4<sup>th</sup> Easter; 5<sup>th</sup> Gold Star Spouses Day - dedicated to those whose spouses gave their lives while serving in the U.S. military or as a result of service-connected injuries or illness; 12<sup>th</sup> Ramadan; 15<sup>th</sup> Tax Day; 22<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day; 30<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day



Members and Units, thank you for supporting the NP Project "Special Operations Warrior Foundation". Your generosity contributes to the education of children of Special Operations Personnel that lost their lives or were severely injured in the line of duty. Please make checks payable to the LA FRA and mail to NFS, P.O. Box 3037, Carson City NV 89702.

I hope you are well, happy, enjoying life to the fullest ! Thank you for supporting the FRA and the Auxiliary of the FRA

Jackie Scarbro, National President

## A note from the Regional President East Coast Virginia Jorden



Happy Easter Everyone!

By the time you are reading this I will be about a week away from my due date for baby Jorden/Rosser.

Spring is here! The frost has melted and everyone is getting warmer, with hope that COVID will go into hibernation. Hopefully most people are getting their second round of shots or moving forward with getting vaccinated.

Pilgrimage at Arlington is rightaround the corner and hopefully everything will still be able to happen, with proper social distancing. Being able to see each other even at a distance and knowing everyone is well would be a blessing.

Since most Units are conducting their meetings virtually, due to gathering restrictions and to lessen the chance to spread the virus. I have been attending as many meetings via videoconference as I can, which is also helping to limit my travel exposure.

I know our membership numbers are down due to nonpayment of dues this year. However, the Units I have talked with have been doing more to keep in touch with everyone by checking in, either by cards, phone calls or letters. I know some people are working less or not at all due to the pandemic, and this may be impacting people keeping their membership active as they are tightening their budgets. If Units are able to assist these members in anyway, then I would recommend doing what they can.

We are once again unsure if we will be able to hold our Regional Convention in Annapolis this year due to the restrictions in Maryland for large gatherings. I am hopeful that with the vaccine roll-out, and the protective measures that are in place, conditions will improve by July and we can proceed.

I want to thank everyone for their support as I continue my first year as Regional President. I still feel like I'm learning every day, especially with the changes we have had to make during COVID to keep this organization running.

I thoroughly miss everyone.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service Virginia Jorden, RPEC



Welcome to April 2021, what can I say, it looks like 2020 did not want to give up and has carried into 2021. With that said, however, it is nice to see that our California governor has been slowly lifting the lockdowns. It does look like April meetings should begin to start happening again. I really cannot wait to get out and visit the Southwest Region units. I so miss everyone!

Because of how hard the restrictions have been here in the Southwest Region I really do not have a whole lot to report on. The Southwest Region has been hit hard with our membership numbers declining fast

due to COVID-19 Restrictions/lockdowns. I want to give advice to all the other Units and Regions to make those phone calls and remind them it is essential to continue to support us, even though they may not have a club to go to and/or a place to meet up at this time. I do know of at least one unit in my region that has been able to set up zoom meetings. If any other Unit Presidents are interested in setting up a zoom meeting and needs help, please reach out. So far this year my region has, unfortunately, had two units that have turned in their charters. Any time I hear this, it breaks my heart. So, Regional Presidents, stay alert. I do not wish this on any Region. For this too shall pass. We all should stand firm and take hold. For we, and this GREAT organization, will stand firm.

I would like to come up with new ways to reach the younger crowd. With this generation it is hard to pull them away from their phones. If we are unable to reach the younger crowds, we will slowly dwindle down to nothing. Any ideas are most welcome.

I leave you with this, Luke 19 verse 10 reads; For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service Aaron Jensen. RPSW



## FROM THE DESK OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN, PNP DORIS FRI

The Members of the LA FRA are fully aware that "Communication" and "Publicity" have not been one of the Auxiliary's greatest achievement in the past several years. To continue to maintain the Auxiliary for the future, we must, do our best and do a better job of "Communicating" and getting the Auxiliary recognized beyond our Membership.

The improvement of Communication goals under the direction and assistance of NP Jackie Scarbro, is to

reach out to all members, including those who are unable to attend Unit meetings, Conferences, Regional or National Convention, members that continue to pay their dues year after year.

All members, in good standing, should have access to all information that affects the LA FRA. This includes ALL members. Those who belong to a Unit or are Members-at-Large.

In the 1990's the Auxiliary began a "Life Member" program. Those members over 80 years old, that had been a member for 20+ years, would no longer be required to pay dues. It turned out to be detrimental, to the Auxiliary, Financially. Therefore, the program was discontinued by Delegate Vote at a National Convention. Those who were already in the program continued. Today we still have approximately 278 "Life Members". (45 of those members belong to Members at Large and the rest belong to Units)

The Ladies Auxiliary of the FRA Website (www.la-fra.org), provides the Bylaws, Triangle, Membership Application, National Convention News, LA FRA Scholarship Information, LA FRA Fillable Forms, and LA FRA News and information but many members do not have the technical capabilities to access the Website.

Thru daily work and membership interaction, NP Jackie, NVP Pat Suckow, NES Vera Thomas, NFS Brenda Horton, Communication and Publicity, Doris Fri, PNP and N. Parliamentarian Christina Murray, PNP have identified the break-down in communication and have started a real campaign to reach out to our members to acquire email addresses from all Auxiliary members and get them on the "Communications Train". Just think about what that would mean.

## We could send out information about:

National President's Project, National Vice President's Membership Project, The Annual Pilgrimage date and times, Nominating Resolutions (so the members know who is running for office, be it at the National or Regional level; Changes to the C&BL and SRs, that are going to be presented at the next National Convention, to be voted on by the Delegates; Holiday Greetings for all occasions; Members can receive the Triangle, at no cost, via email, reducing expenses for printing and postage. The members would receive information in a timely manner to look over and voice an opinion or offer suggestions.

Just imagine what it must be like for many members who pay their dues religiously, and other then a Membership Card, they get nothing in return. Many will not pay to renew a subscription for a Magazine if we never receive any Magazines. This lack of communication results in a loss of membership.

Publicity is a harder nut to crack. As the Chairman of the Communication and Publicity Committee I am researching methods to increase the Website to showcase the outstanding work of the Auxiliary Unit Members in each region, expand links to important information and promote FRA Legislative Initiatives for military personnel and their families, The FRA is providing assistance to achieve the plans for expansion. goals.

Regional and Unit Presidents are asked to continue to promote Who We Are and What We Do, Eligibility for Membership and pictures/success stories of the Unit's outreach programs including projects for Veterans, the Homeless, Youth programs, local Charities, Senior Citizens Projects, Toys for Tots", Wreaths across America, Veteran's Day parades etc. This favorable Publicity will help fund raising for special events and to accomplish these goals. Units are encouraged to seek recognition in community Bulletins, Newspapers, or attract the local stations to put some information on the local evening News.

I would like to encourage our Units to reach out to people, (prospective members including the families of FRA members) and let them know the Auxiliary is here and welcomes new members to join us at a meeting, to attend our fund raisers, special events or support the Mission of the Auxiliary by becoming a Member at Large.

The more email addresses we can collect the greater distribution of information, opportunity to keep in touch with every member and will reduce the mailing expense for the Triangle.

Please contribute to the expansion of Membership Communication by reaching to all members for email addresses and sending emails to the NSF lafranfsbrenda@gmail.com for record update and NES <u>aquaspacev@aol.com</u> to ensure the members receives the free Triangle and Auxiliary notices, bulletins, and other information. Publicize the work of the Auxiliary of the FRA by providing event pictures to the Communication and Publicity Chairman, Doris Fri <u>doriscfri@gmail.com</u>

Members should be entitled to all the information, not just a "Dues Notice" once a year.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service Doris Fri, PNP, Communication and Publicity Chairman



Does your Unit have someone who devotes their time to aid, assist and promote in all matters pertaining to the welfare, social and patriotic work, for the benefit of the Fleet Reserve Association, its members and their families but can't join because they aren't eligible for membership? There is a way for a Unit to honor what this person has done to help them. Nominating someone to become an Honorary Member is one way to reward them for the work they have done for the Unit.

Article 3, Section 305, of the Constitution of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association sets forth how you can nominate someone for Honorary Membership.

Under Section 305(b), nominations for Honorary Membership are made by resolution and must be received by the National Executive Secretary of the LA FRA not less than four months (120 days) before the convening date of the Annual National Convention in the association year.

The resolution should set forth some of the ways that the nominee has helped to aid, assist and promote in all matters pertaining to the Fleet Reserve Association, its members and their families. This may be the only way the delegates will know what an asset this nominee will be to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association.

Under Section 305(c), a certified statement, signed by the Unit President and Unit Secretary of the Unit submitting the resolution, stating in detail what distinguished service the nominee has rendered to the LA FRA and that the nominee is not otherwise eligible for membership in the LA FRA or FRA, must accompany each nominating resolution for Honorary Membership.

Once someone becomes an Honorary Member, they may serve on a committee of a Unit or at the Regional or National Convention as Chairman, Co-chairman, or member. They do not pay dues or hold office. They only vote on the committee which they are serving on at the Unit, Regional or National level, Units, please get the resolutions for Honorary Members to the National Executive Secretary in as soon as possible, because under Section .305(t), no more than five Honorary Members shall be elected at any National Convention. Members, please look within your Units and see if there is someone who meets the criteria to be nominated for Honorary Membership and submit a resolution to thank them for their service.

Thanks, In Loyalty, Protection and Service, Laurie Starkey PRPNE

Note from NES Vera - I have available sample forms available if you are unsure about creating a 'certified statement.'





## 2021-22 Unit nominations and elections should be happening during March - May, therefore the Unit Officer Information form should be filled out after elections in May -- form is on the website and is fillable.

The Secretary shall promptly notify the National Executive Secretary, National Financial Secretary, National Treasurer, and the Regional President of the names and addresses of the newly elected President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, the dates of the monthly meetings and place where the meetings are held; also, the date of their Unit Installation. The "Unit Officers Information" form is on the website.

## The WHAT - National Roster

Unit Secretaries immediately after election of officers shall notify the National Executive Secretary (NES), National Financial Secretary (NFS), the National Treasurer (NT) and the Regional President of their Region, the date of their Unit Installation and the names and addresses of the officers to be installed in the Unit and of all changes in Unit Officers whenever they occur, and give the date, time and location of their regular meeting.

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The NES maintains a list of Unit Presidents and Secretaries, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and time and place of meetings. These lists will be distributed to the national mailing list.

The NFS confers with the NT and the NES regarding all Units which have not complied with Article 14, Section 1402, and 1405(e) by 15 July. The NFS shall notate the receipt of Unit PCT funds to be placed on hold, notification to the National President (NP) and NT, until such time as the Unit complies.

The National Treasurer shall receive information from the NFS of the amount of monies deposited for Membership payments and then with the information received from the NFS as to the Units due the PCT, transmit the correct amounts to the various Units. The National Treasurer shall also withhold the PCT checks due to be mailed to the Units in July, for all Units which have not complied with Article14, Section 1405, Sub-Section 1405(e).



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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.

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Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association dba Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association Resolution to Amend Standing RuleSR-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 **ord**ered 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.

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Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association

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

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Margaret Phelps, Secretary Unit 40

Resolution to Amend SR31 Proposed by Unit 99 Kempsville

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.

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Unit Secretary

## Unit 99 Kempsville, Virginia Beach VA

## **Resolution:** Standing Rule SR-31 (a) 1 change

## SR-31 (a) 1. Uniform Caps

SR-31(a). A Uniform cap worn by members of the LA FRA shall be as follows:

(1) A silk lined overseas type of Cap of Navy blue and gold, with crown to be of gold twill, or other suitable material, the apron to be of Navy blue woolen cloth, or other suitable material. The Unit number shall be in front, and, if desired, the Unit geographic location and the highest office held, with years served, shall be on the left side, embroidered in gold. In addition, the name, Ladies Auxiliary Fleet Reserve Association shall be embroidered in gold, on the right side.

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 and

WHEREAS the membership should embrace the Doing Business As ...with hats bearing Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association be it

RESOLVED that SR 31 (a) -1 be changed to read: Uniform cap worn by members of the Auxiliary shall be as follows: (1) For female members, A silk lined overseas type of Cap of Navy blue and gold, with crown to be of gold twill, or other suitable material, the apron to be of Navy blue woolen cloth, or other suitable material. The Unit number shall be in front, and, if desired, the Unit geographic location and the highest office held, with years served, shall be on the left side, embroidered in gold. In addition, the name, Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association may be embroidered in gold, on the right side. Grandfathering all prior hats bearing the name Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association.

Be it Further Resolved that all prior hats bearing the name Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association are grandfathered, thus requiring no one to change their current hat and any member who feels so strongly that any new hat they may buy also state Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association may do so.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Unit 99 held on 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020 and read, debated and adopted by a unanimous vote at a regular meeting of Unit 99 held on the 14th day of October 2020 there being a quorum present.

10-14-2020' Unit President

Unit Secretary

Roster update: Unit 261 has a change in Secretary, new: Tina Simas, 1183 Cousins Dr., Lemoore, CA 93245, 559-633-3534, e-mail - vovonvava@aol.com

Unit Secretary information: PCT "A" and PCT "B" has been updated to include email address, both are available on the website for download and both are PDF fillable. Only this version of these forms should be used.

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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: with the decrease in membership the revenue generating investments are estimated to be depleted in approximately 4 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 2022 and

Be it further resolved that those who have prepaid their dues will not see the increase until their next renewal date.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Unit 40, held on the 21st day of October 2020, read, debated and adopted by a unanimous vote there being a quorum present.

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### **Americanism and Patriotism**

As the COVID restrictions become less and less restrictive, now is a good time to look ahead of how we can uplift our members, families, communities, and the organization and begin with fresh ideas on how to inspire our members to reunite, enjoy the fellowship and continue with the always inspiring mission of the Auxiliary. Always looking to the Preamble for inspiration, it leads to

Article 2 Section 201. Objectives – The purposes of the LA FRA are to aid, assist and promote in all matters pertaining to the welfare, social, and PATRIOTIC WORK, for the benefit of the FRA, their members, and their families.

PATRIOTIC WORK was chosen from the objectives to suggest that Units and or the Unit Americanism -Patriotic Committee and members unite to support the Military, promote patriotism, enjoy socializing while preparing patriotic projects, and bring joy to those that receive the results of Unit projects. SR-37 Unit Americanism and Patriotism Committee is available for our guidance. This could be a real FEEL-GOOD program to bring us together to share and promote AMERICANISM and PATRIOTISM.

To look ahead at the important military holiday dates in the upcoming months a list a few.

### **MILITARY HOLIDAY DATES**

May 7, 2021 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day. May 13, 2021 – Children of Fallen Patriots Day. May 15, 2021 – Armed Forces Day. May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day. June 14, 2021 – Flag Day. July 4, 2021 – Independence Day Aug. 4, 2021 – Coast Guard Birthday Oct. 13, 2021 – Navy Birthday Nov. 10, 2021 – Marine Corps Birthday Nov. 11, 2021 – Veterans Day. Dec. 7, 2021 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Dec. 18, 2021 – National Wreaths Across America Day.

#### **IDEAS FOR UNIT PATRIOTIC PROJECTS:**

Make Patriotic Wreaths for distribution to Military/Veterans/ Families/schools /special care facilities. Plan a Patriotic Cake/ Cookies Bake Sale as a fund raiser for projects. Donate American Flags to youth groups, schools, Scouts etc. Decorate Patriotic Planters and use to donate plant to residents of special care facilities and those confined to home. Distribute American Flag Lapel Pins to youth groups/ other groups. Honor Military Birthdays with Cake Cutting Ceremony as appropriate for each ceremony for the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Arrange Flag Retirement Ceremonies and contact local Scout Groups to involve them or to present the program. Distribute Flag Etiquette information provided to Youth Groups.

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