



TRIANGLE

Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association

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Contact NES Laurie Starkey if you need addresses of any national officer.



From the Desk of the National President

Welcome Auxiliary members to September – The summer season will be ending this month, the first day of Autumn is September 22nd, but that does not mean all the summer fun has to come to an end. Whether you prefer curling up with a good book now that the grandchildren are back in school, or anticipating the changing of the leaves right before autumn wakes, there is an activity for everyone to enjoy this month. During August I attended the conventions for the following regions: Southwest, South Central, North Central and West Coast. Those in the Northwest, East Coast, and Southeast regions are still looking forward to their convention.

If you have given thought to how the Auxiliary's Constitution and Bylaws (C&BL), Standing Rules (SR) or the Unit Instructions & Rituals (UI&R) manual can be improved, unfortunately, you have missed the cut-off date. Please, do not toss your thoughts aside, take them to your unit, get them to a resolution form. For amending the C&BL see Article 12, Section 1204(b) and Section 1206, for amending the SR, or the UI&R manual, read Article 12, Section 1204. After this year's National Convention in November for next year. Better very early than late. All three resources are available on the website la-fra.org, even if you are not thinking of improvements, give them a read you may find something that increases your knowledge about how the organization is run or even how the Unit should be run. Read the 'job descriptions,' there are seven offices, two are available annually – Regional President is one the second one rotates annually to find out which would be available, check with your Unit or Regional President, you may find your 'perfect fit.' There are more than thirty appointments available to committees or as a 'stand-alone' appointment. Please consider using your learned skills and knowledge to help the Auxiliary. If you are attending the National Convention, find the National President (me) and ask if there is any way you can help. It is not abnormal for a member to have a change of plans and be unable to be part of a committee. Most positions can be handled on the 'let me explain,' 'watch and see,' or 'when I ask you to . . .' method.

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All proposed resolutions for changes to the C&BL, SR, and UI&R should be available to you in the Triangle or from your Unit President or Secretary. By now most units should have all their delegate sheets in the mail or floating in the internet to the appropriate person. Remember no delegate sheet with either or both delegate(s) and proxies mean your unit does not have a vote at the convention. Remember 1) to appoint a chairman, so if someone shows up not on the delegate sheet, they may be added. 2) to advise your proxies how they are to vote. 3) fill in the information in the bottom right corner. 4) check your membership card to verify the expiration date is after the national convention, then tuck it into something that is going to convention so you will have it to show at the Credentials table.

My thoughts and prayers to those who are ill or have lost a loved one. To those members celebrating a special occasion, a birthday or anniversary, I wish you enough celebrating for the occasion to become a happy memory. For everyone - A wish that every day for you will be happy from the start and may you always have good luck and a song within your heart [Irish Blessing]. Have a great day.

Until next month, I remain yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
 Verilyn Thomas, LA FRA National President













September 2024 Holidays

Sept. 2	Labor Day
Sept. 11	Patriot Day
Sept. 20	POW/MIA Recognition Day
Sept. 29	Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

Membership Stats as of 7/31/2024

REGION	Members as of 4/1/2024	REI	NEW	TI	TO	RES	NP	DEC	INE	Other	Active Members Total as of 7/31/2024
	4466	70	169	91	90	10	314	18	0	0	4364
		REI - Reinstated		TI - Transfer In	TO - Transfer Out	RES - Resigned	NP - Non-Payment		INE - Ineligible		
							DEC - Deceased				

In Loving Memory of Our Departed Members

 National Presidents	 Other National/Regional Officers	 Members
 Donna Wylde, Unit 24	 Suzanne Bearden, Unit 24	 Lois Sowell, Unit 24
 Michael Brown, Unit 24	 Michele Adams, Unit 24	 Claire Tytus, Unit 61
 Lisa Vantassel, Unit 170	 Betty Angeles, Unit 197	 Esrella Bumacod, Unit 302

Help Needed



During my visit to FRA Headquarters and reviewing the LA FRA Archives I am asking for the members assistance with filling in some empty years of LA FRA National Convention minutes. I was not able to go through all the material in storage, but as a start, we are lacking the following years, if you have a copy and are willing to donate it or them to the Archives it would be appreciated. Please check with NP Veralyn for contact information before sending your copy of the National Convention minutes just in case we have multiple offers:

All years prior to and including 1950, as well as 1951 - 1955; 1965; 1978 – 1979; 1984; 2002 – 2004; 2006-2007; 2009. After the FRA Headquarters move there may be more years placed on the ‘wanted’ list.

Reminder - pursuant to C&BL Section 815(c) Donations, each Unit is privileged to send five dollars each year, prior to the 25th of April, to the National Financial Secretary, as a contribution to the Pilgrimage fund. The monies donated help to defray the cost of the Annual Pilgrimage. If your Unit has not done this yet, please submit your donation to the NFS as soon as possible. Thank you.



PNP Gale Doloway, PNP Ruth Eblen, JrPNP Nadine Fulton, PNChap Lyn Transfiguracion, PNP Bea Parco, PNP Cindy Rodham-Tuck and NP Vera Thomas



RPSW-Elect Myrna Polig Sales, Unit 302



PNP Ruth Eblen, Unit 289, receiving her 50-year service pin from NP Veralyn Thomas



PRPSW Gloria Tompkins, Unit 61, receiving her 50-year service pin from NP Veralyn Thomas

National President's Project

My National President's Project for 2023 – 2024 is the Gary Sinise Foundation Program –H.O.P.E. - Their mission is to serve the nation by honoring its defenders, veterans, first responders, their families & those in need.

At the Gary Sinise Foundation, they serve our nation's defenders, to include our most severely wounded heroes, veterans of every conflict, first responders who run into danger within our communities, active-duty service members, their families, and the families of our fallen heroes. They do this by supporting them in their darkest times of need. Their unique programs are designed to help, entertain, educate, inspire, strengthen, and build communities across the nation.

Charity Navigator has awarded the Gary Sinise Foundation four out of a possible four stars, indicating that the Gary Sinise Foundation adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way.

Their Relief & Resiliency Program includes a sub-program called H.O.P.E. this represents: Heal, Overcome, Persevere & Excel. This initiative provides support to those who have experienced trauma, illness, injury, or loss during their times of tragedy, sometimes with assistance as simple as help paying bills or buying groceries.

Our defenders and first responders are aware of the risks in their professions, but nothing can prepare them or their families for the pain of separation, trauma, and loss. When our heroes or their loved ones experience dark times, they seek to provide support and hope. Lending a hand can change the course of a life. Community - Bringing people together who have shared a common life trauma helps form a network of support. Sharing their experiences and reminding one another they are not alone; these groups can find joy in the present once again.

There are two ways to make a donation:

- (1) a check mailed to LA FRA National Financial Secretary, POB 706, Goose Creek SC, note on the memo line '2023 NP Project';
- (2) enter the following website link: <https://donate.garysinisefoundation.org/campaign/la-fra/c516768> to download and mail your donation with your enclosed check or by providing your credit card information; or

“While we can never do enough for our defenders and their loved ones, we can always do a little more.” – the Gary Sinise Foundation

National Vice President's Project

“Engage” is National Vice President Kelly Peña's project for 2023-2024. Engage current members, supporters and prospective members by organizing events within your communities. This would be a reason for a current member to keep their membership active, supporters to keep supporting the organization and identify potential members or future donor/supporters by building relationships through connection in your community.

Important Information National Convention

The dates for the FRA – LA FRA National Convention, to be held in Annapolis, MD, are listed on the FRA website with a beginning date of November 12 and end date of November 15. The LA FRA will follow the schedule set by the FRA. Please be advised that your travel and hotel plans need to consider the above dates for attendance at the National Convention.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

November 12th	Opening Ceremony and First Business Meetings
November 13th	Second and Third Business Meetings
November 14th	Fourth and, if needed, Fifth Business Meetings
November 15th	Installation and Banquet

Nominating Resolutions Received for National Office

National President:	Kelly Peña, Unit 287
National Vice President:	Ronalee Klase, Unit 22
Regional President East Coast:	Loretta Wheat Jordan, Unit 24
Regional President North Central:	Donna Lickteig, Unit 161

We have not received any Nominating Resolutions for National Treasurer. The National Treasurer is elected for a three-year term (2024-2027). If you know a qualified candidate, please encourage them to submit a nominating Resolution. Please refer to the C&BL for the duties of each office.

Donations

<u>Pilgrimage:</u>	Unit 290, Unit 74
<u>NP Project:</u>	Unit 59, Unit 70

Upcoming Events

9/6-7/2024	Northwest Regional Convention	Kennewick, WA
9/10-12/2024	East Coast Regional Convention	Williamsburg, VA
9/24-26/2024	Southeast Regional Convention	North Charleston, SC
11/11/2024	Veterans Day & FRA Centennial	Arlington, VA
11/12-15/2024	FRA & LA FRA National Convention	Annapolis, MD

Everyone is invited to transfer their paper Triangle to an e-mail Triangle. Please return the below form with your e-mail address to NES Laurie Starkey (39 Fairmount Drive, Glassboro, NJ 08028-1305) or send an e-mail (that includes at least your name and your member number, if you have it handy, for a faster delivery method to lafrastarkey@outlook.com

REPORT OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND OR E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR THE TRIANGLE

Date: _____	Member No: _____
Name: _____	
Old e-mail address: _____	
New e-mail address: _____	
Old Address	
Street: _____	
City, State, ZIP: _____	
New Address	
Street: _____	
City, State, ZIP: _____	

MAIL TO: Laurie Starkey, NES, 39 Fairmount Drive, Glassboro, NJ 08028-1305
Remember to also notify Pat Suckow, NFS, of any change of address: LA FRA, PO Box 706, Goose Creek, SC 29445

Reminders

Dress for Installation – NVP Kelly Peña has chosen a dark colored floor length gown with bling for those Members being installed at the National Convention.

All members can receive the *Triangle* by e-mail at no charge. Please submit your e-mail address to the National Executive Secretary (e-mail address on the web site [la-fra.org] main page). Please encourage your fellow members to send in their e-mail address and start receiving the Triangle. Remember to send the Executive Secretary a change of e-mail address, especially if you are using a business address, so the mailing list can be kept up-to-date.

Send membership change information (physical address, telephone number, and any change of status- married or widowed) to the National Financial Secretary. Please contact NES Starkey for the e-mail address, if needed.

Read the Unit Procedure Manual, Unit Instructions and Rituals, Standing Rules and the Constitution and Bylaws, all are available on the website.

Send all Member Death Notices to the Regional Chaplain, National Chaplain, and National Financial Secretary.

For the Regions – destroy all previous forms of the ‘Newly Elected/Appointed Regional Officers’ form. Remember to send in the form after the Regional elections to the National Executive Secretary (information used to prepare the Unit Officer Roster which, after the National Convention, is provided to the Units), and to all of the offices listed on the form. Please either print clearly or fill it out on the computer.

For the Units - destroy all previous forms of the ‘Unit Officer Information’ form. Remember to send in the form you receive after Unit elections to the National Executive Secretary (information used to prepare the Unit Officer Roster which, after National Convention, is provided to the Units), and to all of the offices listed on the form. Please either print clearly or fill it out on the computer.



LA FRA Unit 287 members who work at Palo Alto VA.



Members of Unit 289 Imperial Beach in attendance at the Southwest Regional Convention

Proposed Changes to C&BL and Standing Rules

KEY: CR: Currently Reads
REC: Recommendations of the C&BL Committee
PR: Proposed Revision

CR: **Section 1301. Authorization** - The FRA authorizes an Auxiliary, known as the LA FRA, Chartered by the FRA and pursuant to its authority granted by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

REC: **C&BL committee recommends that we add dba**

PR: **Section 1301. Authorization – The FRA authorizes an Auxiliary, known as the LA FRA dba Auxiliary of the FRA, chartered by the FRA and pursuant to its authority granted by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (ratified by the FRA 9/2010)**

CR: Section 1316(b). A Unit shall petition its Branch for the voluntary surrender of its Charter. The Branch shall notify the Regional and National Presidents, FRA, and the Regional and National Presidents, LA FRA, will report in writing to the NBOD of the FRA that the Charter of said Unit has been returned.

REC: **C&BL committee recommends that this be promulgated to the Branches and the Units for compliance.**

CR: **Article 1 – Name**

Section 101. Name of Organization - The name of this organization shall be the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association and is authorized in accordance with Article 13, Section 1303, FRA, C&BL.

REC: **C&BL committee recommends adding dba. Also, that the FRA correct their C&BL per ratification by then Parliamentarian Robert Beese. 9/2010 see attached document.**

PR: **Section 101.Name of Organization – The name of this organization shall be the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association dba Auxiliary of the FRA and is authorized in accordance with Article 13, Section 1303, FRA C&BL.**

CR: **Article 3 – Membership**

Section 301(a). Membership in the LA FRA shall be limited to spouses, parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, children, stepchildren, and grandchildren not less than sixteen years of age of members of the FRA and widows, widowers, parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, children, stepchildren, and grandchildren not less than sixteen years of age of persons who were members at the time of death or eligible to be members of the FRA at the time of their death after

1924- USN, USMC enlisted male personnel that transferred to the Fleet Reserve. (retired from service after 1924).

1970 – Career designated Enlisted USCG, USN, USMC and USCG female service members.

1975 – All Active-Duty Sea Service Personnel USN, USMC, USCG from first day of enlistment.

2005 – All Former Enlisted USN, USMC, USCG service members who were not discharged under a Bad Conduct Discharge or Dishonorable Discharge as prescribed on the DD214. (An enlisted service member with a bad conduct discharge or dishonorable discharge is not eligible for membership in the FRA. Therefore, their family member is not eligible for membership in the LA FRA).

If the sponsor is still alive, they **MUST be** current members of the Fleet Reserve Association. If the sponsor is deceased, you **MUST verify the eligibility as prescribed in the above dates using the sponsors DD214. (You cannot keep a copy of the DD 214). Applications must be signed by the person in the Unit who is responsible, signifying the applicant and the sponsor have been properly vetted. The NFS will return all application forms that do not meet all of the above criteria.**

REC: **C&BL committee recommends adding the change in FRA membership eligibility that the FRA delegates voted on at the 2023 Convention allowing commissioned officers to join effective 1 January 2024.**

PR: **Article 3 – Membership**

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2024 –All personnel who have served or are now serving in the United States

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CR: **Article 4 Dues Payment**

Section 401(c). Dues of members residing in the Republic of the Philippines shall be mailed to their Unit Secretary; if a Unit member lives within the United States their U.S. check shall be mailed to the National Financial Secretary Fifty percent of the monies collected by the Unit shall be forwarded the National Financial Secretary the Unit shall retain the monies due their Unit.

REC: **The C&BL committee believes that it should be noted that even though it doesn't happen very often, if a member of a PI unit living in the US sends their dues directly to the NFS, this creates a credit. Since the PI does not receive a check/ACH, 50% is deposited in an escrow account.**

PR: **Section 401(c). Dues of members residing in the Republic of the Philippines shall be mailed to their Unit Secretary. The unit forwards fifty percent of the monies to the NFS and retains the monies due to the Unit. A Unit member who lives in the United States sends a US check directly to the NFS. The fifty percent due the unit is held in escrow for future use by the unit.**

CR: **Article 603 Convention Committee**

Section 603(a). The Unit or Units sponsoring a National Convention appoints or elects a Convention Chairman and Committee. The Convention Chairman reports the names and addresses of the Committee and the name and address of the Convention Headquarters, to the National President no later than 1 January.

REC: **C&BL committee recommends that Sections (a) & (d) be changed to reflect the FRA C&BL as there may not be a Branch/Unit "sponsoring" the convention. See FRA Article 604 Section 604(a).**

PR: **Section 603(a) Sponsors of a national convention shall appoint a chairman and committee reporting their names and addresses and the name and address the Convention Hotel to the National President no later than 1 January.**

CR: Section 603(d). The Unit or Units sponsoring a National Convention furnish, without expense, to the LA FRA, a suitable convention meeting room. The sponsoring group shall not obligate the LA FRA without prior approval of the NBOD.

PR: **Section 603(d) Sponsors of a National Convention shall furnish without expense to the LA FRA, a suitable convention meeting room. The sponsors shall not obligate the LA FRA with prior approval of the NBOD.**

CR: Section 604(b). When the FRA sponsors the National Convention or the sponsoring Branch has no Auxiliary, the rental of the Ladies Auxiliary convention meeting room shall be assumed by the LA FRA.

REC: **C&BL recommends that this Section be removed since the Convention Committee contracts a meeting room. Therefore, the Auxiliary is not responsible for the rental.**

PR: **Remove Section 604(b) then reletter the rest of section.**
Section 604(c) – Section 604(b)
Section 604(d) – Section 604(c)
Section 604 (c) - Section 604(d)
Section 604(e) – Section 604(d)

CR: Section 604(c). The LA FRA shall assume the following expense of the National Convention: recording, transcription, publication, and distribution of the convention minutes including the expense associated with the recorder and other necessary convention business.

REC: **The C&BL committee suggests that this should be changed or removed since we no longer have a recorder, and this is the responsibility of the NES. Therefore, there is no longer an expense. If it is removed, it would change the numbering above.**

PR: **Section 604(b). The National Executive Secretary assumes the responsibility of the National Convention, recording, transcription, publication, and distribution of the convention minutes.**

CR: Section 605. Members Access to Convention
Section 605(a). Every member of the LA FRA has access to the regular sessions of the convention but has no vote or privilege to speak unless they are an accredited delegate or proxy, except National Officers and Past National Presidents may have the privilege of the floor but no vote.

REC: **C&BL committee-Aren't National Officers supposed to be accredited delegates. If they aren't they are unable to vote, and the privilege of the floor won't apply.**

PR: **Section 605(a). Every member of the LA FRA has access to the regular session of the convention but has no vote or privilege to speak unless they are an accredited delegate or proxy, except Past National Presidents may have the privilege of the floor but no vote.**

CR: Section 606(b). Each Unit is entitled to elect one delegate to the convention, and in addition, one delegate for each twenty-five members in good standing or major fraction.

REC: **C&BL committee should be changed to 15.**

PR: **Section 606(b). Each Unit is entitled to elect one delegate to the convention, and in addition, one delegate for each fifteen (15) members in good standing or major fraction.**

CR: **Section 614. Installation & Presentation of Pins**

Section 614(b). Past National Officers pins are presented at the installation of newly elected officers, immediately following the ceremony, by the Jr. Past National President.

REC: **C&BL committee recommends this to be changed. The presentation of pins is before the installation of new officers**

PR: **Section 614(b). Past National Officers pins are presented at the installation of newly elected officers before the ceremony by the National President.**

CR: Section 703 – Residence

Section 703(b). Regional Presidents, Regional Vice Presidents, and any other Regional Officers shall be residents of their Region or be members of a Unit closest to their residence in the Region in which they hold office. In the event a Regional President, Regional Vice President, or any other Regional Officer moves to another Region, remains outside their Region or absent from residence for three consecutive months or more, the NBOD declares that office vacant.

REC: **C&BL recommends we add 703 (c) to correspond to FRA Section 703(c)**

PR: **Section 703(c). In the event a regional officer or regional president absents himself or herself from the region in which she/he holds office for more than three consecutive months, her/his office shall be declared vacant by the National Board of Directors.**

CR: Section 706(b). The Junior Past President is defined as the living person who most recently has served in the office of President and did not resign or was not involuntarily removed from that office.

REC: **C&BL committee recommends that if a member is serving as a National Officer and is also the Jr Past Regional President, that she/he retains that position. A JrPRP is not a member of the NBOD so there is no conflict of interest. Add 706(c)**

PR: **Section 706(c) If a National Officer is also the Jr Past Regional Officer of her/his region, she/he shall retain that position.**

CR: Article 8 Duties of the National Officers and Committees

Section 802(l) The NBOD may grant permission for use of the LA FRA logo to a Unit. They must petition the NBOD with details on the use of the logo. The use of the logo should be granted for specific item and/or time frame.

REC: **C&BL committee recommends we need to add Branch, Region, Convention Committee or member for use of logo.**

PR: **Section 802(l). The NBOD may grant permission for the use of the LA FRA logo to a Unit, Branch, Region, Convention Committee or member. They must petition the NBOD with details on the use of the logo. The use of the logo should be granted for specific item(s) and/or time frame.**

CR: Section 803(d). Appointments – The National President shall make the following appointments: (1) National Chaplain, (2) National Parliamentarian, (3) Archives, (4) Audit Committee – NFS, (5) Audit Committee – NT, (6) Budget & Finance Committee, (7) Color Bearers, (8) Color Guards, (9) Constitution & Bylaws Committee, (10) Constitution & Bylaws Edit Committee (11) Convention Chairman, (12) Convention Minutes Publishing Committee, (13) Courtesy Committee, (14) Credentials Committee, (15) Goodwill Ambassador, (16) Historian, (17) Honorary Member Committee, (18) Keeper of the Keys, (19) Liaison to Editor, “FRA Today” Fleet Reserve Association (20) Liaison to FRA, (21) Marshall, (22) Membership & Retention Committee, (23) Musician, (24) National Advisory Committee, (25) National VAVS/VSH Representative, (26) National VAVS/SVH Deputies, (27) National President’s Yearbook, (28) Nominating Committee, (29) Pages, (30) Pilgrimage Chairman, (31) Registration Committee, (32) Scholarship Committee, (33) Sergeant-at-arms, (34) Special Committees, (35) Tally Committee, (36) Time & Place Committee, (37) Unit Report Committee, (38) USS Arizona Memorial (39) Vocalist, and (40) Web Master

REC: **C&BL committee removes 802(d) #11 Convention Chairman #24 Advisory Committee and #38 USS Arizona Memorial.**

PR: **Section 803(d). Appointments – The National President shall make the following appointments: (1) National Chaplain, (2) National Parliamentarian, (3) Archives, (4) Audit Committee – NFS, (5) Audit Committee – NT, (6) Budget & Finance Committee, (7) Color Bearers, (8) Color Guards, (9) Constitution & Bylaws Committee, (10) Constitution & Bylaws Edit Committee (11) Convention Minutes Publishing Committee, (12) Courtesy Committee, (13) Credentials Committee, (14) Goodwill Ambassador, (15) Historian, (16) Honorary Member Committee, (17) Keeper of the Keys, (18) Liaison to Editor, “FRA Today” Fleet Reserve Association (19) Liaison to FRA, (20) Marshall, (21) Membership & Retention Committee, (22) Musician, (23) National VAVS/VSH Representative, (24) National VAVS/SVH Deputies, (26) National President’s Yearbook, (27) Nominating Committee, (28) Pages, (29) Pilgrimage Chairman, (30) Registration Committee, (31) Scholarship Committee, (32) Sergeant-at-arms, (33) Special Committees, (34) Tally Committee, (35) Time & Place Committee, (36) Unit Report Committee, (37) Vocalist, and (38) Web Master.**

CR: Section 803(m). The National President receives an allowance and travel expense as authorized by the National Convention to enable visits to Regions and Units.

REC: **C&BL recommends Section 803(m) to add monthly to be consistent with NFS, NES & NT.**

PR: **Section 803(m). The National President receives monthly allowance and travel expense as authorized by the National Convention to enable visits to Regions and Units.**

CR: **Section 808 Duties of the National Executive Secretary**
Section 808(e). Stationery, with the official insignia, shall be furnished in reasonable amounts to National Officers, Chairmen and Appointees.

REC: **C&BL committee recommends that this be removed as the NES no longer does this and most officers have their own.**

PR: **The numbering for the rest of the section would change.**

- Section 808(f) = Section 808(e)
 - Section 808(g) – Section 808(f)
 - Section 808(h) – Section 808(g)
 - Section 808(i) - Section 808(h)
 - Section 808(j) – Section 808(i)
 - Section 808(k) – Section 808(j)
 - Section 808(l) - Section 808(k)
 - Section 808(m) - Section 808(l)
 - Section 808(n) – Section 808(m)
 - Section 808(o) – Section 808(n)
 - Section 808(p) – Section 808(o)
 - Section 808(q) – Section 808(p)
 - Section 808(r) - Section 808(q)
 - Section 808(s) – Section 808(r)
 - Section 808(t) – Section 808(s)
 - Section 808(u) – Section 808(t)
 - Section 808(v) – Section 808(u)
 - Section 808(w) – Section 808(v)
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CR: Section 808(h). The National Executive Secretary mails the quarterly Audit Reports, to the National President and the National Executive Director of the FRA and distribute to all on the national mailing list.

REC: **C&BL recommends removing the National Executive Director of the FRA as the NES does not do this. Also, (editing) should be distributes. Number now 808(g). Also add via the TRIANGLE.**

PR: **Section 808(g). The National Executive Secretary mails the quarterly Audit Reports, to the National President and distributes to all on the national mailing list via the TRIANGLE.**

CR: Section 8- Duties of the National Financial Secretary

Section 809(n). The National Financial Secretary submits quarterly audited reports to the NBOD and Units, reporting receipts and disbursements, budget expenditures and other reports as directed by the NBOD. Prepares and makes an annual report to the NBOD and to the National Convention, showing gross receipts, expenditures, and balances on hand at the end of the fiscal year, together with recommendations. Recommendations requiring action of the National Convention shall be in the official format with copies for the delegates.

REC: **C&BL recommends Section 809(n) add audited annual reports.**

PR: **Section 809(n). The National Financial Secretary submits quarterly audited reports to the NBOD and Units, reporting receipts and disbursements, budget expenditures and other reports as directed by the NBOD. Prepares and makes an annual report to the NBOD and to the National Convention, showing gross receipts, expenditures, and balances on hand at the end of the fiscal year, together with recommendations. The annual financial report should be audited. Recommendations requiring action of the National Convention shall be in the official format with copies for the delegates**

CR: Section 809(o). All bills are to be paid before the opening of the convention. Bills carried over are itemized as an expense of the previous administration, and a list is attached to the Convention Audit Report.

REC: **C&BL questioning Section 809(o) if there is no audit done at Convention how can there be a Convention Audit Report. What about any bills paid at Convention especially for 2024.**

PR: **Section 809(o). All bills are to be paid before the opening of the convention. Bills carried over are itemized as an expense of the previous administration, and a list is attached to the Convention Audit Report which must be audited.**

CR: Section 809(p). Membership duties, requirements and reports by the National Financial Secretary.

1. Process and maintain the membership records of the LA FRA.
2. Generate membership renewal billings.
3. Send membership cards to new members, members paying dues, members transferring to another Unit and replacement cards.
4. Update all records, physical and electronic, address changes, dues payments, terminations, etc.
5. Send second billing notices at 60 days past due.
6. Receives dues payment, accounting for the same and deposit monies into the PCT account, providing a monthly report to the National Treasurer by Unit and MAL.
7. The NFS shall provide the following membership reports:
 - a. Monthly report all transactions processed during the month by Unit, subdivided by payments, additions, deletions, changes and monthly statistical information to each Unit.
 1. Members' email addresses are confidential and will be used only to provide LA FRA correspondence, distribution of the Triangle and official notification. It will not be listed on the Monthly Unit Roster nor provided or sold to a third party. The email address will remain as part of the members' profile while the membership is in good standing.
 - b. Monthly report to each Unit which includes members whose dues expire the following month, members whose dues are in arrears 30, 60, and 90 days and any reported changes to addresses, phone numbers, e-mail, and all terminated for nonpayment, ineligibility, or resignation.
 - c. Monthly report of alpha listing including MAL to each Unit, also the NP, NVP, NES, and NT.
 - d. Annually report to the NP and NVP a list of the Life Membership until such time as all Life Members are verified deceased, or unable to locate. Upon removal from the Life Member List the members' name shall be included in the next National Convention Memorial Service.
 - e. Monthly report to each Regional President and Regional Vice President, for each Unit of the Region, changes, past due members, and Unit status report, as well as copies to the NP and NVP.

- f. Annually report of stats to include percentage of gain or loss for Unit membership, from 1 April to 31 March to the NP, the NVP, Regional Presidents, Regional Vice Presidents and to each Unit. The report is due to the Units by 15 May.
- g. Annually report the deceased members for 1 July to 30 June. This report will be sent to the NP, NC and NES and each Regional President to be received by 10 July.
- h. Monthly send a report of the deceased members to the NP, NC, and NES.
- i. Annual report of all new and reinstated members to include the members who recruited them from 1 April to 30 March copies to be sent to NP and the NVP by 30 April.

REC: C&BL committee supports Unit 269's resolution regarding the mailing of 60-day notices of past due. This should be the responsibility of the Regional Vice Presidents. The NFS mails approximately 100-125 reminder notices per month at first class postage which is too expensive since the response is less than ten percent. Therefore, we recommend removing Section 809(p) #5.

C&BL committee recommends for clarity (editing), change numbering in 7(a) which would now be 6(a) making the part regarding emails #1.

C&BL recommends Section 809(p) #7 subsection (b) which would be Section 809(p) #6 subsection (b), the word email should be removed since they are not on the reports.

C&BL recommends that Section 809(p)#7 subsection (c) which would now be 6(c) should add the National Chaplain as she/he would need the address of a member to send get well, thinking of you or sympathy cards. If not, the NFS must provide the NC with the information. The RP and RVP should also receive regional alpha report.

C&BL recommends that Section 809(p) #7 subsection (g) which would now be 6(g) should add Regional Chaplain to prepare for the Regional Memorial Service.

C&BL recommends that the Regional Chaplain also receive the report.

C&BL notes that Section 809(p) #7 subsection (i) which would now be 6(i) should be 1 April – 31 March.

C&BL recommends adding that the NFS supplies the Credentials Chairman with the Credentials report. This report is necessary to check that each delegate is a member in good standing.

PR: Section 809(p). Membership duties, requirements and reports by the National Financial Secretary.

1. Process and maintain the membership records of the LA FRA.
2. Generate membership renewal billings.
3. Send membership cards to new members, members paying dues, members transferring to another Unit and replacement cards.
4. Update all records, physical and electronic, address changes, dues payments, terminations, etc.
5. Receives dues payment, accounting for the same and deposit monies into the PCT account, providing a monthly report to the National Treasurer by Unit and MAL.
6. The NFS shall provide the following membership reports:
 - a. Monthly report all transactions processed during the month by Unit, subdivided by payments, additions, deletions, changes and monthly statistical information to each Unit.
 1. Members' email addresses are confidential and will be used only to provide LA FRA correspondence, distribution of the *TRIANGLE* and official notification. It will not be listed on the Monthly Unit Roster nor provided or sold to a third party. The email address will remain as part of the members' profile while the membership is in good standing.
 2. Monthly report to each Unit which includes members whose dues expire the following month, members whose dues are in arrears 30, 60, and 90 days and any reported changes to addresses, phone numbers, and all terminated for nonpayment, ineligibility, or resignation.
 - b. Monthly report unit alpha listing to each Unit; regional alpha listing to Regional President and Regional Vice President; and the entire alpha roster including the MALs to the NP, NVP, NES, NT and National Chaplain.
 - c. Annually report to the NP and NVP a list of the Life Membership until such time as all Life Members are verified deceased, or unable to locate. Upon removal from the Life Member List the members' name shall be included in the next National Convention Memorial Service.
 - d. Monthly report to each Regional President and Regional Vice President, for each Unit of the Region, changes, past due members, and Unit status report, as well as copies to the NP and NVP.
 - e. Annually report of stats to include percentage of gain or loss for Unit membership, from 1 April to 31 March to the NP, the NVP, Regional Presidents, Regional Vice Presidents and to each Unit. The report is due to the Units by 15 May.
 - f. Annually report the deceased members from 1 July to 30 June. This report will be sent to the NP, NC and NES and each Regional President and Regional Chaplain to be received by 10 July.
 - g. Monthly send a report of the deceased members to the NP, NC, and NES and Regional Chaplain.
 - h. Annual report of all new and reinstated members to include the members who recruited them from 1 April to 31 March copies to be sent to NP and the NVP by 30 April.

- j. **Supplies the Credentials Chairman with the Credentials report which verifies that delegates are members in good standing.**

CR: Section 810-Duties of the National Treasurer

Section 810(e). The National Treasurer submits quarterly reports, which have been audited, to the NBOD and to all Units showing receipts and disbursements and issues any other reports as directed by the NBOD. The National Treasurer prepares and makes an Annual Report to the NBOD and to the National Convention, showing gross receipts, expenditures, and balances on hand at the end of the fiscal year, together with recommendations. Recommendations requiring action of the National Convention shall be in official format with copies for the delegates.

REC: **C&BL committee recommends that the annual report be audited.**

PR: **Section 810(e). The National Treasurer submits quarterly reports, which have been audited, to the NBOD and to all Units showing receipts and disbursements and issues any other reports as directed by the NBOD. The National Treasurer prepares and makes an Annual Report to the NBOD and to the National Convention, showing gross receipts, expenditures, and balances on hand at the end of the fiscal year, together with recommendations. The annual report must be audited. Recommendations requiring action of the National Convention shall be in official format with copies for the delegates.**

CR: Section 810(i). The National Treasurer shall be the custodian of all copies of the insurance policies, deeds, title, or other evidence of lien. The Treasurer periodically reviews all insurance policies, deeds and the position fidelity bond to ascertain current coverage is up to date. A secure file of the original documents shall be kept at the FRA National Headquarters for safe keeping.

REC: **C&BL committee will wait for an answer from the list of questions before making a recommendation.**

CR: Section 811 – Duties of the National Chaplain

Section 811(c). In the event of the death of a current National Officer of the LA FRA, or FRA, their spouses and Past National Presidents of the LA FRA, the Chaplain is authorized to send a memorial donation to an appropriate fund or flowers, price not to exceed authorized budgetary limitations.

REC: **C&BL recommends that we reword for clarity. We would like to remove flowers because of the cost of flowers.**

PR: **Section 811(c). In the event of the death of a current National Officer of the LA FRA, FRA or their spouses and Past National Presidents of the LA FRA, the Chaplain is authorized to send a memorial donation to an appropriate fund, price not to exceed authorized budgetary limitations.**

CR: Section 817 – Duties of the National Audit Committee

Section 817(d). In case the office of the National Financial Secretary or the National Treasurer is vacated, the financial records of the LA FRA shall be audited to date of successor taking office.

REC: **C&BL committee strongly recommends that this be complied with to protect both parties. There should also be an accounting of all physical inventory. If the vacancy is because of death, the family should be provided with a detailed inventory of the financial records as well as equipment, supplies, computers, etc. belonging to the LA FRA.**

PR: **Section 817(d). In case the office of the National Financial Secretary or the National Treasurer is vacated, the financial records of the LA FRA shall be audited to date of successor taking office. There should also be an accounting of all physical equipment, supplies, computers, etc. belonging to the LA FRA. If the vacancy is because of death of the National Financial Secretary or the National Treasurer, the family should be provided with a detailed inventory of the financial records as well as equipment, supplies, computers, etc. belonging to the LA FRA. This must be complied with to protect the parties involved.**

CR: Section 817(f). The Convention Audit Committee audits the financial records of the LA FRA, for the period dating from the last quarterly report of the Audit Committee to the date of election of officers. All bills of the current administration, carried over by necessity to the ensuing administration and all outstanding, shall be listed.

REC: **C&BL committee strongly recommends that this be complied with. This is particularly relevant when the National Convention is scheduled after the end of the fiscal year. In the event that the audit teams of the NFS or NT are not unable to attend the National Convention, the NP shall appoint substitutes.**

CR: Section 818 – Duties of the Budget and Finance Committee

Section 818(a). This committee shall consist of six members appointed by the National President for terms of three years, two members being replaced or reappointed each year by the incoming National President.

REC: **C&BL committee recommends that we change the members to 3 as it is becoming more and more difficult to fill the positions especially members attending convention.**

PR: **Section 818(a). This committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the National President for terms of three years, two members being replaced or reappointed each year by the incoming National President.**

CR: **Section 819 Duties of the National Constitution and Bylaws Committee**

Section 819(a). This committee consists of six members appointed by the National President for terms of three years, two members being replaced or reappointed each year by the incoming National President.

REC: **C&BL committee recommends that this also be changed to 3 members for the same reasons as Budget.**

PR: **Section 819(a). This committee consists of three (3) members appointed by the National President for terms of three years, two members being replaced or reappointed each year by the incoming National President.**

CR: Section 820. Duties of the National Membership and Retention Committee

Section 820(a). The Chairman of this committee shall be the National Vice President with all Regional Vice Presidents as members. Their duties are to devise ways and means of increasing membership, retaining current members and persuading former members to return. They encourage the organization of Units in localities, which have sufficient persons eligible to sustain and support a Unit.

REC: **C&BL committee supports Unit 269 resolution regarding the mailing of the 60-day reminder notices by the NFS. Since the NVP is the Chairman of this committee, she/he would be responsible for the 90-day reminders; the RVPs will handle the 60-day; and the Unit Vice Presidents will take care of the 30-day.**

PR: **Section 820(a). The Chairman of this committee shall be the National Vice President with all Regional Vice Presidents and Unit Vice Presidents as members. They encourage the organization of Units in localities, which have sufficient persons eligible to sustain and support a Unit.**

Section 820(b). Their duties are to devise ways and means of increasing membership, retaining current members and persuading former members to return. The Unit Vice Presidents will contact Unit members that are 30-days past due; the Regional Vice Presidents – 60-day; and the NVP – 90-day.

Section 820(c). The National Membership and Retention Committee Chairman makes a report to the Annual National Convention.

CR: **Section 822. Duties of the National Web Master**

Section 822(b) The Web Master shall update the web site at the beginning of the association year with the listing of the new National Officers and Appointees, as well as the following:

- a. Membership applications
- b. LA FRA Scholarship's information and application.
- c. PCT report forms
- d. Unit Officers report
- e. The Unit report of death of a member

REC: **C&BL notes that because of the recent problems with hacking; the list of National Appointees is not on the website.**

PR: **Section 822(b) The Web Master shall update the web site at the beginning of the association year with the listing of the new National Officers, as well as the following:**

- a. **Membership applications**
- b. **LA FRA Scholarship's information and application.**
- c. **PCT report forms**
- d. **Unit Officers report**
- e. **The Unit report of death of a member**
- f. **Order forms**

- g. National and Regional Delegate forms
- h. Unit Committee reports
- i. Unit and Regional Procedure Manual
- j. Bylaws

CR: **Article 9 - Finance Policy**

Section 902. Audits

Section 902(a). The National Treasurer's and the National Financial Secretary's books shall be audited quarterly.

REC: **C&BL committee recommends that the NT and NFS annual report must also be audited. We also feel that since National Convention in recent years has been held after the end of the fiscal year, the books need to be audited before the installation of incoming officers.**

PR: **Section 902(a) Section 902(a). The National Treasurer's and the National Financial Secretary's books shall be audited quarterly. Their annual report must also be audited at the end of the fiscal year. When the National Convention is held after 30 September, the books should be audited from 30 September to the election of new officers.**

CR: **Section 903 Budget**

Section 903(b). Interim Budget – In the event the Annual National Convention fails to be held on the regularly designated date, the NBOD shall continue the budget until the convening of a National Convention, and it is authorized to make reductions as may be necessary. It is further authorized to continue the budget from the end of the fiscal year to the convening of the National Convention for the payment of allowances and for the normal operating expenses of the LA FRA.

REC: **C&BL committee asks if this was addressed for the 2024 Convention since it is being held in November. It probably should be noted that 2025 may very well be in October or November as well.**

CR: **Article 14 – Unit Organization**

Section 1401. Organization of a Unit

Section 1401(d). The National President, LA FRA notifies the Regional President of that Region that a Unit for Branch (name and number) has been approved. The National President then notifies the National Financial Secretary to send the appropriate supplies and instructions to the Branch desiring to form an Auxiliary Unit. (Ref: Article 8, Sub-Section 809(e).

REC: **C&BL committee notes that the NFS does not have the C&BLs, UPMs etc. in inventory as these are on the website. Also, that the reference applies to the NFS purchasing supplies that do not include the above. We recommend that this be reworded.**

PR: **Section 1401(d). The National President, LA FRA notifies the Regional President of that Region that a Unit for Branch (name and number) has been approved. The National President then notifies the National Financial Secretary to send membership pins to the Branch desiring to form an Auxiliary Unit. The Branch obtains copies of the C&BL, Unit Procedure Manual, and any other relevant forms from the website.**

CR: **Section 1402. Institution, Initiation, and Installation**

Section 1402(d). The Instituting Officer presents the newly installed Unit President with three copies of the Unit Procedure Manual. One copy each for the Unit President, Unit Vice President, and the Unit Secretary. Four copies of the C & BL, SR, UI, & Rituals, shall be given to the Unit for use by the Unit President, Vice President, Secretary, and Chaplain. Information contained in the Unit Procedure Manual and the C & BL, SR, UI, & Rituals shall be promulgated to other Unit Officers and Chairmen.

REC: **C&BL notes again that the C&BL and UPM are no longer in inventory.**

PR: **Section 1402(d). The Instituting Officer refers the newly installed Unit President to the website to obtain three copies of the Unit Procedure Manual. One copy each to be given to the Unit President, Unit Vice President, and the Unit Secretary. Four copies of the C & BL, SR, UI, & Rituals is also obtained from the website for the Unit for use by the Unit President, Vice President, Secretary, and Chaplain. Information contained in the Unit Procedure Manual and the C & BL, SR, UI, & Rituals shall be promulgated to other Unit Officers and Chairmen.**

REC: C&BL notes that recently there have been instances where a Unit Officer has relocated out of the area and is therefore not conducting the meeting in person but by Zoom. This has created problems particularly regarding signatures on paperwork and/or signing checks. It is our recommendation that much like the Regional Presidents (ref. Art. 7 Section 703 sub section 703(a). the unit officers must reside near enough to the Unit to be able to conduct the meeting in person. We recommend that we add Article 14 Section 1404 sub-section 1404(k)

PR: Section 1404(k). Unit Officers shall reside close enough to the Unit meeting place to conduct business in person.

**CR: Standing Rule 5
SR-5. Scholarships**

SR-5(a). **Scholarships** – Three Scholarships are established in the amount set by the annual budget, to be paid from the Scholarship Reserve Fund.

REC: C&BL committee notes that these scholarships are not established by the annual budget as there isn't a line item. There are three \$500. We recommend removing "set by the annual budget".

CR: SR-5(b) LA FRA Scholarship –To be awarded annually to the male or female candidate chosen from children or grandchildren of members of the FRA and LA FRA by the National President and her committee. Contributions will be accepted.

REC: C&BL committee recommends that we add stepchildren and great-grandchildren to the eligibility unless there are IRS ramifications. The FRA Scholarship Foundation allows great-grandchildren to apply.

CR: SR-5(c) Sam Rose Memorial Scholarship –To be awarded to the male or female candidate chosen from the sons, daughters, grandsons, or granddaughters of deceased LA FRA and FRA members by the National President and her committee in the name of the LA FRA. Contributions will be accepted.

REC: C&BL committee asks if this scholarship is being given to DESEASED members? Also, we would like to add great grandchildren. For uniformity, we recommend changing to children, etc. as the other two.

CR: SR-5(d) Allie Mae Oden Memorial Scholarship –To be awarded to the candidate chosen from the children or grandchildren of members of the LA FRA or FRA by the National President and her committee in the name of the Auxiliary. Contributions will be accepted.

REC: C&BL recommends the same as above.

CR: SR-5(e). Details are at the direction of the LA FRA, National President, as follows:

1. This scholarship award shall be given to an applicant on the basis of scholarship proficiency, character, and need of financial assistance for further education.
2. The applicant shall be a graduate, or prospective graduate, of an accredited high school, or its equivalent. A student currently attending an accredited school of advanced education, or university, may be considered for this award.
3. Other factors being equal, preference will be given to an applicant who is a dependent of a member of the Fleet Reserve Association and/or LA FRA.
4. These scholarships shall be used for tuition, registration or other fees at an accredited school of advanced education, or university designated by the student concerned, for the next year. If for any reason, the scholarship award cannot be used as specified, it shall be returned by the school concerned, to the LA FRA, for award to the alternate applicant. In no case is this award to be given to the applicant for other use.
5. Previous winners are eligible to apply for scholarships in subsequent years.
6. All application forms are obtained from FRA Headquarters or the FRA Website (www.FRA.org). Completed applications shall be forwarded to the National Executive Director, Fleet Reserve Association, 125 N. West Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 by 15 April of year in which applicant plans to enter the school or continue education.

REC: C&BL committee recommends that to prevent confusion or possible loss of the application, that LA FRA scholarship applications and sent to the appointed National Scholarship committee chairman. This would change #7 as they no longer will be forwarded.

7. After the applications are forwarded to the National LA FRA Scholarship Chairman and the committee will then make the final decision, according to established rules. The report is then forwarded to the National President with the names and addresses of the applicants.
8. The National President presents these awards by letter, to the schools concerned, with copy to the successful applicant.
9. Contact or correspondence with the successful applicant shall be at the discretion of the National President.
10. Units shall be notified in The **TRIANGLE** of the winners of these scholarships granted from this fund.

REC: C&BL committee recommends there should be some changes and corrections made to this Standing Rule. There are also some observations we'd like to make. These are noted in blue above. We also feel to conform with the NP Scholarship they are subject to audit.

PR: SR-5(a). Scholarships – Three Scholarships are established in the amount set by the established rules each to be paid from the Scholarship Reserve Fund.

SR-5(b) LA FRA Scholarship –To be awarded annually to the male or female candidate chosen from children, stepchildren, grandchildren, step grandchildren, great grandchildren, step great grandchildren of members of the FRA and LA FRA by the National President and her committee. Contributions will be accepted and are subject to audit.

SR-5(c) Sam Rose Memorial Scholarship –To be awarded to the male or female candidate chosen from the children, stepchildren, grandchildren, step grandchildren, great grandchildren and step great grandchildren of deceased LA FRA and FRA members by the National President and her committee in the name of the LA FRA. Contributions will be accepted and are subject to audit.

SR-5(d) Allie Mae Oden Memorial Scholarship –To be awarded to the candidate chosen from the children, stepchildren, grandchildren, step grandchildren, great grandchildren, or step great grandchildren of members of the LA FRA or FRA by the National President and her committee in the name of the Auxiliary. Contributions will be accepted and are subject to audit.

SR-5(e). Details are at the direction of the LA FRA, National President, as follows:

- (1) This scholarship award shall be given to an applicant on the basis of scholarship proficiency, character, and need of financial assistance for further education.
- (2) The applicant shall be a graduate, or prospective graduate, of an accredited high school, or its equivalent. A student currently attending an accredited school of advanced education, or university, may be considered for this award.
- (3) Other factors being equal, preference will be given to an applicant who is a dependent of a member of the Fleet Reserve Association and/or LA FRA.
- (4) These scholarships shall be used for tuition, registration or other fees at an accredited school of advanced education, or university designated by the student concerned, for the next year. If for any reason, the scholarship award cannot be used as specified, it shall be returned by the school concerned, to the LA FRA, for award to the alternate applicant. In no case is this award to be given to the applicant for other use.
- (5) Previous winners are eligible to apply for scholarships in subsequent years.
- (6) All application forms are obtained from the NES or the LA FRA website (www.la-fra.org). Completed applications shall be forwarded to the National Scholarship Committee chairman (whose name and address will be provided) by 15 April of the year in which applicant plans to enter the school or continue education.
- (7) After the applications are received by the National LA FRA Scholarship Chairman, the committee will then make the final decision, according to established rules. The report is then forwarded to the National President with the names and addresses of the applicants.
- (8) The National President presents these awards by letter, to the schools concerned, with copy to the successful applicant.
- (9) Contact or correspondence with the successful applicant shall be at the discretion of the National President.
- (10) Units shall be notified in the **TRIANGLE** of the winners of these scholarships granted from this fund.

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SR-6. National President's Scholarship Fund

SR-6(a). A Scholarship is established in the amount set by the budget annually, to be paid from the LA FRA National President's Scholarship Fund. This is to be awarded annually to the male or female candidate chosen from children and grandchildren of members of the LA FRA or FRA or deceased members of the LA FRA or the FRA by the National President and the committee, in the name of the Auxiliary, and designated as the LA FRA National President's Scholarship.

SR-6(b). The LA FRA National President's Scholarship Fund is established with donations from Units, officers, members, and friends of the Auxiliary. This fund is subject to audit.

SR-6(c). Units shall be notified in *The TRIANGLE* of the winner of the National President's Scholarship granted from this fund.

C&BL recommends, as is in the previous section, this is not a budgeted line item. We would also recommend adding the stepchildren etc. In this part, only SR-6(a) is changing.

SR-6(a). A Scholarship is established in the amount designated by the established rules to be paid from the LA FRA National President's Scholarship Fund. This is to be awarded annually to the male or female candidate chosen from children, stepchildren, grandchildren, step grandchildren, great grandchildren and step great grandchildren of members or deceased members of the LA FRA or FRA by the National President and the committee, in the name of the Auxiliary, and designated as the LA FRA National President's Scholarship.

CR: Standing Rule – 8

SR-8. Memorial Donations

SR-8(b). USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL – Honolulu, Hawaii

Flowers for the Memorial Service on 7 December shall be purchased and paid in accordance with the budget line item.

REC: C&BL committee offers two options for this SR: (1.) Contact the National Park Service at Pearl Harbor Memorial Park and ask how and where to send an appropriate wreath to be placed on Pearl Harbor Day. At least we would continue to have some recognition. Or (2) Remove SR-8(b) as we no longer participate in these ceremonies.

CR: Standing Rule 10

SR-10. National Convention

SR-10(c). Delegates – Delegates, Alternates, and Proxies shall present credentials, prior to the opening of the convention, to the Credentials Committee

1. A member registering with the Credential Committee shall show a current paid up membership card.
2. Delegates, alternates, or proxy delegates shall be listed on standard forms provided by the National Executive Secretary.
3. The Chairman of the Delegation acts as spokesman for the delegation in casting votes. In discussions, any delegate may have access to the floor.
4. A delegate to be recognized by the Chair shall give name, Unit number, and state if delegate or proxy.
5. Alternates shall be seated for an absent delegate, at the recommendation of the Credentials Committee at the time of seating the alternates, shall be seated in the order they were elected by the Unit.
6. Each delegate shall be furnished at the Convention with a copy of all resolutions, endorsements, and additional proposed Convention rules.
7. On decision of the assembly by voice vote, any delegate may have their Unit's vote recorded if it is opposed to the assembly's decision.
8. If the Credentials Committee is unable to settle any question, it shall be decided by the Convention.

REC: C&BL notes that there is a Credential Report which is provided by the National Financial Secretary which lists all members in good standing and each delegate should be verified.

C&BL notes that these delegate forms should be properly filled out and signed by the Unit President and Secretary no later than 45 days prior to the convention.

C&BL notes that the delegates are voted for by the Unit. On the delegate form, they notate if someone can be seated or not. If the Unit does not submit a delegate form, the unit did not vote for a delegate, alternate delegate, a proxy or any other representative and therefore the Unit loses their vote. Ref Art 6, Section 606 sub section 606(e)

PR: SR-10(c). Delegates – Delegates, Alternates, and Proxies shall present credentials, prior to the opening of the convention, to the Credentials Committee

1. A member registering with the Credential Committee shall show a current paid membership card.
 - a. The National Financial Secretary will provide the Credentials report that lists all members in good standing to the Credentials Committee and each member must be verified. (The Credentials Chairman must return this report to NFS to be destroyed).
2. Delegates, alternates, or proxy delegates shall be listed on standard forms provided by the National Executive Secretary.
 - a. These forms should be properly filled out and signed by the Unit President and Secretary no later than 45 days prior to convention.
 - b. If the Unit does not submit a delegate form, the Unit will lose their vote. (Ref Art 6 Section 606, sub section 606(e))
3. The Chairman of the Delegation acts as spokesman for the delegation in casting votes. In discussions, any delegate may have access to the floor.
4. A delegate to be recognized by the Chair shall give name, Unit number, and state if delegate or proxy.
5. Alternates shall be seated for an absent delegate, at the recommendation of the Credentials Committee at the time of seating the alternates, shall be seated in the order they were elected by the Unit.
6. Each delegate shall be furnished at the Convention with a copy of all resolutions, endorsements, and additional proposed Convention rules.
7. On decision of the assembly by voice vote, any delegate may have their Unit's vote recorded if it is opposed to the assembly's decision.
8. If the Credentials Committee is unable to settle any question, it shall be decided by the Convention.

CR: SR-10(i). **Tally Committee** – Tally Committee, consisting of a chairman and two members, will tally the votes, which are announced by the National President. Tally sheets, when completed, shall be signed by the Chairman and the National Executive Secretary and filed as supplements, to be printed in the convention minutes. C&BL 620.

REC: C&BL committee recommends that if you are the Delegate Chairman or a Proxy for another Unit, you cannot serve on the tally committee. The Tally committee's duty is to verify the votes as they are taken. You cannot be 2 places at one time. Also, the reference C&BL 620 is not correct. It is 604(e)

PR: SR-10(i). **Tally Committee** – Tally Committee, consisting of a chairman and two members, will tally the votes, which are announced by the National President. If a delegate is the Delegate Chairman or a Proxy, they may not serve on this committee. Tally sheets, when completed, shall be signed by the Chairman and the National Executive Secretary and filed as supplements, to be printed in the convention minutes. C&BL 604(e).

CR: SR-10(l). The Convention Audit Committees – They audit the financial records of the National Financial Secretary and the National Treasurer, for the time elapsed since the last quarterly audit, for the records of the newly elected administration and to comply with installation requirements.

REC: C&BL notes that when the Conventions are held after the close of the fiscal year (as is now the norm), there must be an audit before the election and installation of new National Officers and therefore, this Standing Rule should be complied with.

CR: **Standing Rule 14 – Travel Expense and Per Diem**

SR-14(a). The following shall be allowed travel and per diem expenses. (No officers shall receive dual payments)

- (1) National Officers, National Parliamentarian, and the National Chaplain, attending National Convention.
- (2) National President attending Honolulu USS Arizona Memorial, 7 December. (Not to exceed 4 days)
- (3) National President attending the National Pilgrimage. (Not to exceed 3 days)

REC: C&BL recommends removing SR-14(a) subsection 2 as the NP no longer attends the ceremony in Honolulu. This will change the numbering.

PR: **SR-14(a). The following shall be allowed travel and per diem expenses. (No officers shall receive dual payments)**

- (1) **National Officers, National Parliamentarian, and the National Chaplain, attending the National Convention.**
- (2) **National President attending the National Pilgrimage (Not to exceed 3 days)**

CR: **SR-20. Archives**

SR-20(a). Archives for Auxiliary office is located in the FRA National Headquarters.

Important - Only the member designated by the National President as Archives Chairman shall have:

1. Access to the stored Auxiliary record and properties.
2. Charge of delivering and storing such material.

SR-20(b). The Archives Chairman shall be the custodian of the LA FRA records and properties in the office space.

SR-20(c). Only outdated National Auxiliary records and properties that must be retained, and the Charter of defunct Units, which must be retained according to C&BL rules, shall be stored in the office space.

SR-20(d). All materials shall be shipped to the Archives Chairman.

SR-20(e). Do not contact the FRA.

SR-20(f). Rules for the LA FRA use of the office space are at the direction of the FRA National Executive Director, and the LA FRA NBOD agrees to abide by the rules.

SR-20(g). The Archives Chairman and members may have access to the office at regular working hours of National Headquarters.

SR-20(h). The FRA assumes no responsibility in case of fire or other damage.

SR-20(i). Members of the LA FRA wishing to visit the Auxiliary office must sign in at the reception desk.

SR-20(j). In the absence of written authority by the National President of the LA FRA, no person shall have access to the records and files.

REC: C&BL recommends that this entire section be changed because the FRA building has been sold, the LA FRA no longer will have an "office area".

We are also questioning the wording in SR-20(c) regarding "outdated National Auxiliary records". This is misleading because why would we keep records that are outdated.

CR: **SR-21. Membership at Large**

(6) The National Financial Secretary furnishes alphabetical listing for the Member-at-Large members to the National Executive Secretary.

REC: C&BL recommends since the NVP is responsible for MAL, that the NFS also furnishes the NVP with an alpha listing as well as the Monthly Unit report. We also recommend noting that the NES distributes TRIANGLE.

- PR: (6) The National Financial Secretary furnishes an alphabetical listing of the Members-at-large to the National Executive Secretary for distribution of the *TRIANGLE* (ref Standing Rule 21(a) subsection (6)).
- (7) The National Financial Secretary furnishes an alphabetical listing and the Unit Report of the Members-at-large to the National Vice President as her/his duty is to communicate with these members.
- (8) Member-at-Large members may attend all functions of the LA FRA.
- (9) Members of the Membership-at-Large Roll shall not be eligible to hold office or vote, except when a member of a Regional or National Committee may vote within that committee.
- (10) A Member-at-Large may be designated as a proxy delegate by a Unit to represent that Unit at a Regional Convention or at a National Convention. They may cast the vote for that Unit at the Regional Convention or at the National Convention.
- (11) Members-at-large may purchase the gold longevity guard pins, sold in 5 Year increments for continuous directly from NFS, at the current posted price, except the 50-year pin which will be provided by the LA FRA.

CR: SR-22 *The TRIANGLE*

SR-22(a). The National Executive Secretary issues monthly *The TRIANGLE*, reports, and forms as are in order for that month; also address changes; and items of instruction and information.

SR-22(b). The *TRIANGLE* shall be mailed, by bulk mail, to all Unit Presidents, Unit Secretaries, LA FRA National Officers, Regional Vice Presidents, the FRA National President, National Vice President, National Executive Director, MAL members, the VAVS/SHV and all subscribers, who have subscribed to the *TRIANGLE*. The Philippines Units shall continue to receive the *TRIANGLE* by First Class Mail, due to requirements of the US Post Office.

SR-22(c). Any member may subscribe to receive *The TRIANGLE* for ten dollars per year. Money or check for subscription shall be mailed to the National Financial Secretary and made out to the LA FRA. Any member who wishes to receive a free "No Cost" electronic version via email may submit their email address to both the National Financial Secretary and the National Executive Secretary.

REC: C&BL notes that SR-22(b) states that the *TRIANGLE* be mailed to several officers etc. as well as the PI units. We also note that there seems to be some repetition of information. We recommend that this SR be reworded.

PR: SR-22(a). The National Executive Secretary publishes the *TRIANGLE* monthly that includes reports and forms as are in order for that month; any changes of contact information of officers; and items of instruction and information.

SR22(b). The *TRIANGLE* shall be emailed to all the Unit Presidents and Secretaries; LA FRA National Officers, Regional Vice Presidents and the VAVS/SHV chairman; the FRA National President, Vice President, and National Executive Director.

SR22(c). The *TRIANGLE* shall be mailed by bulk mail to MAL members and anyone with a paid subscription to the *TRIANGLE*.

SR-22(d). Any member may subscribe to receive the *TRIANGLE* for ten dollars per year. Check or money order made out to LA FRA and mailed to the National Financial Secretary. Any member may request an electronic version via email at no cost by submitting her/his email address to the NFS and NES.

SR-22(e). The NES will forward the *TRIANGLE* to the Webmaster to post on the website.

CR: SR-23. Operating Expenses and Supplies

(a). National Expenses - Postage, miscellaneous stationery and copying, for the National President, National Vice President, National Executive Secretary, National Financial Secretary, National Treasurer. Postage and other expenses of other National Officers, National Chairmen, and National Appointees are according to budget line item.

(b). Authorized Convention expense, Convention minutes, transportation of colors, National records, etc.

(c). Travel expense and allowances

(d). Past National Officers Pins

(e). Membership awards

(f). Engraving Membership Plaque

(g). Pilgrimage

(h). Wreaths for USS Arizona Memorial Hawaii

(i). National Chaplain – flowers or donations

(j). Awards of Merit

(k). Stationery to National Officers and Chairmen

(l) Fidelity Bond

(m). Organizational supplies for Units being organized by Branches.

(n). Post Office Box Rental

(o). Forms for Membership, Transfers, Per Capita, Delegate etc.

REC: C&BL notes that this should be edited. Remove (h) Hawaii, (i) add flowers for Memorial Service; (k) Stationery (m) Organizational supplies

(n) PO Box add NFS. Again what about the Accidental Death Policy? Which will change numbering.

PR:

- (a). National Expenses - Postage, miscellaneous stationery and copying, for the National President, National Vice President, National Executive Secretary, National Financial Secretary, National Treasurer. Postage and other expenses of other National Officers, National Chairmen, and National Appointees are according to budget line item.**
- (b). Authorized Convention expenses, Convention minutes, transportation of colors, National records, etc.**
- (c). Travel expense and allowances**
- (d). Past National Officers Pins**
- (e). Membership awards**
- (f). Engraving Membership Plaque**
- (g). Pilgrimage**
- (h). National Chaplain – flowers for Memorial Service or memorial donations**
- (j). Awards of Merit**
- (k). Fidelity Bond**
- (l). Post Office Box Rental for the NFS**
- (m). Forms for Membership, Transfers, Per Capita, Delegate etc.**

CR: SR-24. Supplies – Available for Purchase

SR-24(a). The following is a list of the supplies that are sold.

A price list is available from the National Financial Secretary.

- (1) Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Rules and Unit Instruction and Rituals
- (2) Membership Pins
- (3) Past Unit President's Pin with guard
- (4) Past Unit Vice President's Pin with guard
- (5) Past Unit Secretary's Pin with guard
- (6) Past Unit Treasurer's Pin with guard
- (7) Past Unit Chaplain's Pin with guard
- (8) Past Unit Secretary/Treasurer's Pin with guard
- (9) Past Unit Director Pin or guard
- (10) Past Unit Officer pin guards
- (11) 5 – 10 – 15 year service guard pins (and each five years thereafter)
- (12) Certificate of Appreciation
- (13) Blue and Gold Ribbon (for pins)
- (14) Gold Pin, Silver Star, and Silver Anchor Replacements
- (15) Decals 4" x 4" with LA FRA Logo
- (16) Unit Procedure Manual
- (17) United States Flag and Auxiliary Banners

SR-24(b). Supplies for Purchasing – A list of supplies for Units to purchase will be furnished by the National Financial Secretary with current prices, and sent to the National Webmaster, to be published on the LA FRA Website in the list "Of Forms," also to the National Executive who will publish the list in "*The TRIANGLE*."

REC: C&BL notes that several of these supplies are no longer available for purchase as noted on the order form posted on the website. Also, we would assume that the NFS would refer anyone directly to Annin or else another vendor in their own area as it would be more cost effective.

PR: SR-24. Supplies – Available for Purchase

SR-24(a). The following is a list of the supplies that are sold.

- (1) Past Unit President's Pin with guard
- (2) Past Unit Vice President's Pin with guard
- (3) Past Unit Secretary's Pin with guard
- (4) Past Unit Treasurer's Pin with guard
- (5) Past Unit Chaplain's Pin with guard
- (6) Past Unit Secretary/Treasurer's Pin with guard
- (7) Past Unit Director Pin or guard
- (10) Past Unit Officer pin guards
- (11) Five, ten, fifteen-year service guard pins (and for each five years).
- (12) Certificate of Appreciation
- (13) Blue and Gold Ribbon (for pins)
- (14) Gold Pin, Silver Star, and Silver Anchor Replacements
- (15) Decals 4" x 4" with LA FRA Logo
- (16) United States Flag and Auxiliary Banners

(17) **Membership pins**

SR-24(b). Supplies for Purchasing – The National Financial Secretary will furnish a list of supplies with current prices for Units to purchase to the National Webmaster to be posted on the LA FRA website www.la-fra.org under “Forms” and to the National Executive to publish in the *TRIANGLE*.

CR: SR-25 Supplies – No Cost to Units

SR-25(a). Supplies – furnished at no cost to the Units. These forms are available on the LA FRA web site www.la-fra.com.

- (1) Membership Applications
- (2) Transfer forms
- (3) Change of address forms
- (4) Per Capita forms
- (5) Delegate forms
- (6) Report forms
- (7) Price list and order forms

SR-25(b). Operating Supplies for Units. Units receive at no cost operating supplies and will receive a list of supplies.

REC: C&BL recommends that this SR be changed

PR: SR-25(a). Forms are available on the website (www.la-fra.org)

- (8) **Unit Competitive Reports and the Guidelines**
 - (a) **Americanism/Patriotism**
 - (b) **Hospital**
 - (c) **Publicity**
 - (d) **Unit Report**
 - (e) **Unit Activities**
 - (f) **Youth Activities**
 - (g) **Unit Chaplain's**
 - (h) **VAVS/SHS Annual Report**
- (9) **Membership Applications**
- (10) **PCT A & B**
- (11) **National & Regional Delegate Forms**
- (12) **Report of death**
- (13) **Price list and order forms**
- (14) **C&BL, Standing Rules, Unit Instructions & Rituals**
- (15) ***TRIANGLE***
- (16) **New Unit Officers' Report**
- (17) **Unit Procedure Manual**
- (18) **Order Form**