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**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEMORANDUM NUMBER 6-21**

From: National Executive Director  
To: National Officers  
Regional Vice Presidents  
Chairmen, Members and Advisors Standing National and Special Committees  
Branch Secretaries

Subj: Resolutions for Consideration at the 93<sup>rd</sup> National Convention

Ref: (a) Section 611, C&BL, FRA

Encls: (1) National Board Resolutions (25-NBR)  
(2) Nominating Resolutions for National Offices (NR: 1-NP, 1-NVP)  
(3) Honorary Membership Resolutions (2-HM)  
(4) Certificate of Merit Resolutions (0-CM)  
(5) General Resolutions (0-GEN)  
(6) Constitution and Bylaws Resolutions (6-C&BL)  
(7) Standing Rules Resolutions (2-SR)  
(8) Ritual Resolutions (0-R)  
(9) Standing Rule 3  
(10) 2022 Proposed Budget

1. Resolutions for consideration by the 93<sup>rd</sup> National Convention received in the proper format and content by the National Headquarters are promulgated herewith as enclosures (1) through (8), in accordance with the provisions of reference (a). A reprint of Standing Rule 3 is provided for information as enclosure (9). Also, please find a copy of the 2022 Proposed Budget as enclosure (10).

2. **NP Michael F. "Mick" Fulton has asked that all Branch Secretaries read all resolutions and report to Branch Shipmates to ensure that delegates to FRA's 93<sup>rd</sup> National Convention are aware of the resolutions and are prepared to act on same.**

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

CHRISTOPHER J. SLAWINSKI  
National Executive Director

## National Board Resolutions for 2021

**1-21: Absence of RPNE/NEng Abe Zino – RVPNE/NEng Neil Ross sitting-in on 2020 Post-Board NBOD Meeting.**

11 Affirmatives.

**2-21: Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 Pre-Board NBOD.**

11 Affirmatives.

**3-21: Special Centennial Committee with Members and Chairwoman be formed and approved by the NBOD (for FRA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary).**

11 Affirmatives.

**4-21: NBOD's approval of Gelman, Roseburg & Freeman as Auditor for 2020.**

11 Affirmatives.

**5-21: NBOD approves change to FRA C&BL to designate the JrPNP as Chairman of the National Committee on Budget & Finance.**

11 Affirmatives.

**6-21: NBOD approves of the 2020-2021 LA FRA National President's Project – Special Operations Warrior Foundation.**

11 Affirmatives.

**7-21: NBOD ratifies National President's Budget & Finance Committees appointments for the National Committee on Budget & Finance.**

11 Affirmatives.

**8-21: NBOD ratifies National President's Constitution, Bylaws & Resolutions Committees appointments for the National Committee on Constitution, Bylaws & Resolutions.**

11 Affirmatives.

**9-21: Approval of contracting with "Sparkfly Perks Affinity Program" as a new FRA member benefit.**

11 Affirmatives.

**10-21: Name Change from Pensacola Branch 022 (Pensacola, FL) to Mark A. Kilgore Branch 022 (Pensacola, FL).**

11 Affirmatives.

**11-21: Approval of Over-Expenditure to Cancel contract with Convention Hotel in Portland, Oregon.**

11 Affirmatives.

**12-21: Voluntary Surrender of Suncoast Branch 291's (New Port Richey, FL) Charter.**

11 Affirmatives.

**13-21: Approval of the Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center Contract and Convening the 93<sup>rd</sup> FRA/88<sup>th</sup> LAFRA National Convention in Spokane Valley, Washington.**

11 Affirmatives.

**14-21: Suspension of Flamingo Branch 051's (Miami, FL) Charter.**

11 Affirmatives.

**15-21: Approval of the Post NBOD Meeting Minutes (October 2020).**

11 Affirmatives.

**16-21: NBOD receives the audited financial statements for 2018.**

11 Affirmatives.

**17-21: Resolution to realign regions per Future Planning Committee recommendation.**

6 Affirmatives, 5 negatives.

**18-21: Provide the Veterans Service Foundation with a \$25,000 loan for start-up.**

11 Affirmatives.

**19-21: Revocation of Flamingo Branch 051's (Miami, FL) Charter.**

11 Affirmatives.

**20-21: Merger of Fun 'N Sun Branch 109 (Clearwater, FL) with Sunshine Branch 102 (St. Petersburg, FL).**

11 Affirmatives.

**21-21: Resolution to Amend Standing Rule 9(d).**

11 Affirmatives.

**22-21: Revocation of Pearl Harbor-Honolulu Branch 046's (Honolulu, HI) Charter.**

11 Affirmatives.

**23-21: Voluntary Surrender of Bellingham Branch 245's (Bellingham, WA) Charter.**

11 Affirmatives.

**24-21: Resolution to change “National Standing Committee on Budget and Finance” to “National Standing Committee on Budget, Finance and Audit”.**

11 Affirmatives.

**25-21: Approval of the Application to Establish Branch 032, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri.**

11 Affirmatives.

**NOMINATING RESOLUTIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS  
FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE 93<sup>rd</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION, FRA  
OCTOBER 5-8, 2021, SPOKANE VALLEY, WASHINGTON**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

**NOMINATING RESOLUTION**

**CHESAPEAKE BRANCH 040**

Whereas, it will be the duty and responsibility of the delegates assembled at the 93<sup>rd</sup> National Convention of the Fleet Reserve Association, to elect a dedicated, experienced and qualified shipmate to serve in the office of National President for the Association Year 2021-2022; and

Whereas, the assembled delegates realize that the shipmate elected must possess the leadership, integrity, knowledge and dedication to the Fleet Reserve Association and its prerequisites of Loyalty, Protection and Service to his fellow members, their families, and the FRA; and

Whereas, Chesapeake Branch 040 has within its membership a shipmate, National Vice President James Campbell, who possesses these traits, who is qualified and who has consistently dedicated himself as a member of the FRA for 25 years, continuous for the last 17 years at Chesapeake Branch 040; and

Whereas, during his tenure at Branch 040 he has served multiple terms as a member of the Board of Directors, Secretary, First Vice President and 4 terms as President. In addition, he has served as a member and chaired numerous committees at both the Branch level and Regional level; and

Whereas, this shipmate served the FRA East Coast Region as Regional Vice President 2012-2013, Regional President 2013-2014; Served as the National Chaplain 2010-2011, was a member of the National Committee on Budget & Finance 2018-2019. Served as the Chairman of the National Americanism/Patriotism Committee 2011 2012 and Chairman of the National Membership and Retention Committee 2020-2021; and

Whereas, this shipmate served faithfully in the United States Navy for 20 years, retiring as a Senior Chief Petty Officer 1993; and

Whereas, the shipmates of FRA, Chesapeake Branch 040 know that this dedicated shipmate's extensive experience and devotion to our Association, qualifies him to serve in the office of National President. FRA; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that Chesapeake Branch 040, FRA at a regularly scheduled meeting on 17 March 2021, a quorum being present, did with great pride and pleasure, voted unanimously to place the name of James Campbell, in nomination for the Office of National President, Fleet Reserve Association for the Association Year 2021-2022; and be it further

*Resolved*, that Chesapeake Branch 040 sincerely solicits the support and endorsement of all Branches of the Fleet Reserve Association for the candidacy of National Vice President James Campbell for the office of National President, FRA.

Richard DeHaven  
President, Chesapeake Branch 040

George Smith  
Secretary, Chesapeake Branch 040

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THE ABOVE NOMINATION HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY BRANCHES: 040.  
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NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

NOMINATING RESOLUTION

ANNAPOLIS BRANCH 024

Whereas, it will be the duty and responsibility of the delegates assembled at the 93<sup>rd</sup> National Convention of the Fleet Reserve Association, to elect a dedicated, experienced, and qualified shipmate to serve in the office of National Vice President for the Association year 2021-2022; and

Whereas, the assembled delegates realize the shipmate elected must possess the leadership, integrity, knowledge and dedication to the Fleet Reserve Association and its prerequisites of Loyalty, Protection and Service to his fellow Shipmates, their families, and the FRA; and

Whereas, Annapolis Branch 024 has within its membership a shipmate, Past Region President East Coast, Donald A. Hoover, who possesses these traits, is qualified, and has consistently dedicated himself as a member of the FRA with over 30 years of continuous service at Annapolis Branch 024; and

Whereas, during is tenure at Annapolis Branch 024 he served a multitude of terms as a member of the Board of Directors, Second Vice President, First Vice President and two terms as Branch President. In addition, he served on multiple committees at the Branch and Region levels as well as chaired the Branch Youth Activities committee for over 20 years. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors, as the Bylaws Committee Chairman and Parliamentarian; and

Whereas, this shipmate served the FRA East Coast Region as Region Vice President 2011-2012, and Region President 2012-2013; and

Whereas, this shipmate served faithfully in the United States Navy for 22 years, retiring as a Senior Chief Petty Officer in 1987; and

Whereas, the shipmates of FRA, Annapolis Branch 024 know this dedicated shipmate’s extensive experience and devotion to our Association, qualifies him to serve in the office of National Vice President of the FRA; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, Annapolis Branch 024 at a regularly scheduled meeting on June 16, 2021, a quorum being present, did with great pride and pleasure, rendered a majority vote with one vote withheld to place the name of Donald A. Hoover, for nomination in the Office of National Vice President, Fleet Reserve Association for the Year 2021-2022; and be it further

*Resolved*, Annapolis Branch 024 sincerely solicits the support and endorsement of all Branches of the Fleet Reserve Association for the candidacy of Past Region President East Coast, Donald A. Hoover, for the office of National Vice President, 2021-2022.

John Gough  
President  
Annapolis Branch 024

Pleasala J. Collins  
Secretary and Treasurer  
Annapolis Branch 024

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THE ABOVE NOMINATION HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY BRANCHES: 024.  
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**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION NO. 1**

**PENSACOLA BRANCH 22**

Whereas, The Constitution and Bylaws of the FRA, Article 3, section 307 & 308 provide for the election to honorary membership of persons not otherwise eligible for membership, but who have rendered distinguished service to the FRA; and

Whereas, The Shipmates of Pensacola Branch 22 are personally aware of a highly dedicated individual who by thought, word, and deed epitomizes Loyalty, Protection, and Service; and

Whereas, She has and continues selflessly to provide ongoing support and assistance to all Branch Officers and Shipmates, unselfishly giving her time and resources working to assist the FRA wherever assistance is needed; and

Whereas, All members of Pensacola Branch 22 unanimously agree that Christina Hitchcock shall be nominated for Honorary Membership; now therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the shipmates of Pensacola Branch 22, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on 18 January 2020, with a quorum present, did unanimously and without reservation, vote to recommend Christina Hitchcock for Honorary Membership in the FRA; and be it further

*Resolved*, That all Branches of the FRA are earnestly solicited to support the nomination of Christina Hitchcock for Honorary Membership in the Fleet Reserve Association.

Carl G. Kirtley  
President, Branch 22

James P. Richmond  
Secretary, Branch 22

**CERTIFICATION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

**PENSACOLA BRANCH 22**

There's not a Shipmate in the FRA that hasn't benefited from Christina Hitchcock's selfless efforts to educate every Branch Officer to fully utilize the membership data maintained at National Headquarters as well as the FRA App.

She is always willing to provide one on one training as well as group presentations on membership and retention because she truly cares about the FRA and wants to do whatever it takes to move us forward.

Her fresh and out of the box thinking coupled with her sincere desire to teach the Shipmates how they can increase membership and retention are a breath of fresh air to this organization.

Even though Christina Hitchcock does not qualify to be a member of the Fleet Reserve Association, she continuously, and non-stop promotes the benefits of the Fleet Reserve Association to all qualified personnel.

Pensacola Branch 22 certifies that this nominee for Honorary Membership, Christina Hitchcock, is not otherwise eligible for membership in the FRA in compliance with Section 306, C&BL.

Certified to be a true statement this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020 in Pensacola Florida.

Carl G. Kirtley  
President, Branch 22

James P. Richmond  
Secretary, Branch 22

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION NO. 2**

**MILTON, FL. BRANCH 210**

Whereas, Article 3, Section 306 of the Constitution and By Laws of the Fleet Reserve Association provides for the recognition of persons not otherwise eligible for membership in the Fleet Reserve Association but, who have rendered a great service to the membership of the association and who may be elected to Honorary Membership.

Whereas, the individual here consistently and without reservation assisted the membership of Branch 210 achieving our goals.

Whereas, Branch 210, Milton, Florida is personally aware of a truly dedicated individual who over the past seventeen (17) years has unselfishly given of himself to assist Branch 210 and the FRA whenever assistance was needed and who embraces our principles of Loyalty, Protection and Service and who by action and deed continues to provide a great service to the FRA and Branch 210 now therefore be it.

*Resolved*, the shipmates of Branch 210 on 04 March 2020, at a regularly scheduled meeting with a quorum, did unanimously place the Name of Bill Simons nomination of Honorary Membership into Branch 210, Milton, Florida in the Fleet Reserve Association, and be it.

*Resolved*, the Shipmates of Branch 210 to request the Support of the Shipmates of all Branches and earnestly support this nomination for Honorary Membership.

Anthony Wayne Young  
President of Branch 210 .....

Mike Martin  
Secretary & Treasury

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**CERTIFICATION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**..... **MILTON, FL. BRANCH 210**

This statement is made to document the service of Bill Simons and his nomination for Honorary Membership in Branch 210 and the Fleet Reserve Association.

Bill Simons, for seventeen years unselfishly offers his service whenever the need arises. As a certified Master Electrician he has fixed and repaired several electrical problems within Branch 210 Home as our building is old. He personally installed new equipment such as air conditioning units, exhaust systems and updated lighting with no charge of money for his time and workmanship.

Bill Simons has donated both time and money to charitable events and has on numerous occasions been the cook for Memorial and Veterans Day activities. He supports our Branch by attending the Memorial and Veterans Day celebration sponsored by the City of Milton at it's Veteran Memorial Park every year.

Bill Simons has brought his own equipment and maintained our grounds around the Home. Cutting grass, edging or weed eating, what ever the tasks Bill is there to assist the Branch.

Further, Bill Simons truly goes the extra mile in support of our veterans by personally going to their homes repairing electrical problems, giving them peace of mind at no charge.

His dedication to Branch 210 and the Fleet Reserve Association is beyond reproach. He embraces the cardinal principals of the FRA; LOYALTY, PROTECTION AND SERVICE. We at Branch 210 takes great pride in calling Bill Simons "SHIPMATE" and desire to make it a reality.

Branch 210, Milton, Florida certifies that this nominee for Honorary Membership, Bill Simons is not otherwise eligible for membership in the Fleet Reserve Association in compliance with Article 3, Section (2)c bylaws of the FRA.



Anthony Wayne Young  
President of Branch 210 .....

Mike Martin  
Secretary & Treasury

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT RESOLUTION NO.**

No Certificate of Merit resolutions received for the 93<sup>rd</sup> National Convention.

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## GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

### GENERAL RESOLUTION NO.

No General resolutions received for the 93<sup>rd</sup> National Convention.

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**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTIONS**

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 1**

**POWAY VALLEY BRANCH 070**

Whereas, Article 2, Section 201, C&BL, FRA, states that “The object of this Association is that we may take care of such members and their families who may be in urgent need of assistance, financial or otherwise; to assist in recruiting for the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; to assemble for social intercourse and keep ourselves informed on United States Naval, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard matters, whereby we may continue to loyally serve the nation and the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. These, together with the Preamble to this Constitution and Bylaws, define the object of the Fleet Reserve Association.”; and

Whereas, Article 2, Section 202, C&BL, FRA, states that “The FRA is an organization of current and former enlisted personnel who have many years of honorable service in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, including the reserve components. It is composed of the national association and its subordinate branches chartered under and pursuant to its authority, in the manner hereinafter provided”; and

Whereas, in accordance with Article 14, Amendments to the C&BL, Standing Rules and Rituals, Section 1404(a), “The resolution shall be restricted to one subject and may encompass an entire article of the C&BL.”; and

Whereas, there is a resolution submitted to amend eligibility for membership in the FRA, this resolution is to amend C&BL Article 2 which identifies by name membership eligibility to be consistent with the eligibility stated in that resolution as *all personnel to include, personnel, who are now serving or have served to be eligible for FRA membership*; now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That Article 2, Section 202, C&BL, FRA, be amended to read as follows:

Section 202. Composition of Association – The FRA is an organization of all current and all former personnel who have many years of honorable service in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, including the reserve components. It is composed of the national association and its subordinate branches chartered under and pursuant to its authority, in the manner hereinafter provided; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2021.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Branch 70, Poway Valley, held on the Twelfth of December 2019, read, debated and adopted by a two thirds majority vote at a subsequent regular meeting held on the Fifth of February 2020, a quorum being present.

Certified -----

Alice Smith  
President  
FRA Branch 070, Poway Valley

Gerald Miranda  
Secretary  
FRA Branch 070, Poway Valley

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 2**

**POWAY VALLEY BRANCH 70**

Whereas, Article 3, Section 301, C&BL, FRA, pertains to eligibility for membership in the FRA shall be restricted to personnel who have served or are now serving in an enlisted status in the United States Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, regardless of length of service, including reserve components; and

Whereas, over the last ten years the FRA members in good standing have declined from 97,776 to 45,268 and the average age of the members is 73; and

Whereas, all of the recruiting efforts including incentives to members have added new or returning members, which have been honorable but the retention efforts have not been enough to sustain the decline in membership, which includes member deaths and nonpayment of dues; and

Whereas, in order to assist with the growth of the FRA membership and to maintain the integrity of the Association to continue to be a viable veteran service organization for years to come there should be consideration of having all Naval personnel to include who are serving or have served to be eligible for FRA membership; now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That Article 3, Section 301, C&BL, FRA, be amended to read as follows:

Section 301. Eligibility for membership in the FRA shall be for *all* personnel who have served or are now serving in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, including reserve components and regardless of length of service

*Resolved*, That this amendment become effective January 1, 2021.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Poway Valley FRA branch 70 on , distributed by email, read, debated and adopted by majority vote through monthly general meeting Poway Valley FRA branch 70 held on ,

Certified -----

Alice Smith  
President  
FRA Branch 070, Poway Valley

Gerald Miranda  
Secretary  
FRA Branch 070, Poway Valley

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**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 3**

**BLACK DIAMOND BRANCH 115**

Whereas, Section 301, Eligibility – Eligibility for membership in the FRA shall be restricted to personnel who have served or are now serving in an enlisted status in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, regardless of length of service, including reserve components.

Whereas, Section 301 (a). Personnel discharged for purpose of separation, commissioning, or enlistment into non-Sea Service components shall remain eligible.

Whereas, Section 301 (b). Personnel discharged by reason of Bad Conduct or Dishonorable discharges are not eligible for FRA membership.

*Resolved*, Section 301 (c). To read as follows: “Associate Member” is defined as a person not eligible for regular FRA membership who has served or now serving in an enlisted status in the United States Army, National Guard, Air Force, or Space Force, regardless of length of service, including reserve components, under honorable conditions.

(1) “Eligibility requirements of Associate Member”

(a) An Associate Member must have served our country in an enlisted status, active or reserve, under honorable conditions.

(b) An Associate Member must be sponsored by the FRA Branch Board of Directors.

(2) "Limitations of Associate Member"

- (a) No Associate Member shall be able to vote in the National or Regional elections and no Associate Member may hold any National or Regional Office.
- (b) Associate are permitted to vote on branch matters.
- (c) Associate members are not permitted to hold elected positions in the FRA.
- (d) Associate Members are permitted to hold a Standing Committee Chairperson or Ad Hoc Committee Chairperson position.
- (e) Associate Members are permitted to participate in all Branch sponsored events and activities including Americanism Night and including all events or activities pertaining to Americanism and Patriotism.
- (f) An Associate Member's dues will be the same as the National Dues for regular members. If that member lacks a sponsor and is asked to leave, there will be no dues refunded.
- (g) National FRA must approve the application for the Associate Membership and will limit the percentage of Associate Members that any single Branch can have in order to maintain the 501(c)19 status.

*Resolved*, the purpose of the resolution is to authorize the branches IAW state and federal requirements to recruit associate members to help the branches increase their workforce and to support their local committees.

*Resolved*, associate members will pay annual dues to the Fleet Reserve Association at the same rate as regular annual members.

*Resolved*, that this amendment become effective January 1, 2022.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Branch 115, Lehigh Valley, held on the Fourteenth of December 2020, read, debated, and adopted unanimously at a subsequent regular meeting held on the Eleventh of January 2021.

Certified -----

William Nixon  
President  
FRA Branch 115, Lehigh Valley

Roger Rehm  
Secretary  
FRA Branch 115, Lehigh Valley

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**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 4**

**NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Whereas, Article 8, Section 810, C&BL, FRA, identifies the Standing Committees of the Fleet Reserve Association;

Whereas, Article 8, Section 810, C&BL, FRA, does not specify a standing committee on audit for the Association;

Whereas, The Standing Committee on Budget and Finance is responsible for extensive survey of the financial needs and policies of the Fleet Reserve Association and shall report the findings and recommendations to the National Board of Directors;

Whereas, An independent certified public accounting firm annually audits FRA finances for the National Board of Directors;

Whereas, The CPA firm reports to the NBOD the findings and recommendations of the annual audit and potential changes to financial policy for the Association;

Whereas, The Committee assists in the completion and implementation of audit recommendations; and

Whereas, The additional duties of oversight of the annual audit by the standing committee would ensure continuity of the financial policies of the FRA; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Article 8, Section 810 (l), C&BL, FRA shall be amended by adding:

“(1) National Committee on Budget, Finance and Audit.” and be it further

*Resolved*, That Article 8, Section 811 and other appropriate sections where it reads “National Committee of Budget and Finance” to be changed to “National Committee on Budget, Finance and Audit”.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular National Board of Directors meeting held on Monday, June 28, 2021 read, debated, and adopted by a unanimous vote (NBR 24-21).

Michael F. Fulton  
FRA National President

Christopher J. Slawinski  
FRA National Executive Director

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**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 5**

**NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Whereas, Article 8, Section 811, C&BL, FRA, provides for Duties of the National Committee on Budget and Finance;

Whereas, Article 8, Section 811(a), C&BL, FRA, does not specify a chairman for the National Committee on Budget and Finance;

Whereas, the incoming National President annually appoints the chairman for the National Committee on Budget and Finance;

Whereas, the incoming chairman may not have previous experience working with the current or previous year’s budget, bill paying and subsequent audits;

Whereas, the audit firm annually audits FRA finances for the National Board of Directors;

Whereas, the audit firm recommends a Board member with experience and working knowledge on the previous year’s finances, bill paying, and budget serve as a liaison for the Association with the auditors;

Whereas, the Junior Past National President served as the Chief Executive Officer for the Association the previous year, was primary check signer and serves as primary advisor for the current National President; and

Whereas, the Junior Past National President would provide an extra level of oversight on FRA finances as Chairman of National Committee on Budget and Finance and have independent communications with the auditors; now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That Article 8, Section 811(a), C&BL, FRA shall be amended by adding:

“Section 811(a). This Committee shall consist of the Junior Past National President as chairman, and 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. Members shall serve until relieved or replaced only with the concurrence of the National Board of Directors.”

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular National Board of Directors meeting held on Friday, October 16, 2020 read, debated, and adopted by a unanimous vote (NBR 05-21).

Michael F. Fulton  
FRA National President

Christopher J. Slawinski  
FRA National Executive Director

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**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 6..... VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE**

Whereas, Article 8, Section 820(a), C&BL, FRA, designates the members of the National Committee on Veterans Service;

Whereas, Article 8, Section 820(a), C&BL, FRA, designates the National Service Director or National Representative as permanent chairman;

Whereas, the position of National Service Director is not currently designated at FRA National Headquarters;

Whereas, there is no longer a need to designate a permanent chairman for the committee as there are qualified accredited service officers within the membership of FRA; and

Whereas, the national FRA staff can act as advisors to the standing committee to provide information to the committee related to VA programs; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Article 8, Section 820(a), C&BL, FRA shall be amended as:

“Section 821. Duties of the National Committee on Veterans Service.

“Section 821(a). The Committee shall consist of the Director, National Service or designated FRA accredited National Representative as chairman, and eight members, one from each region. A member’s term shall be for three years with a minimum of two members replaced or reappointed each year by the incoming National President.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed by the FRA National Veterans Service Standing Committee, read, debated and adopted by a unanimous vote at the regular meeting held on the Fourteenth day of April, 2021, a quorum being present.

CHRISTOPHER J. SLAWINSKI  
FRA Veterans Service Committee Chairman



## STANDING RULES RESOLUTIONS

### STANDING RULES RESOLUTION NO. 1

### CAPITOL AREA BRANCH 201

Whereas, Standing Rule 9, Americanism Essay Contest:

Section SR-9(b) Seven Themes

Section SR-9(c) (1) Suitable Themes

Section SR-9(b), Seven Themes for the essay contest shall be used on a rotating basis. Those themes shall be:

- “(1) What Freedom of Speech Means to Me.
- (2) What My Vote Will Mean to Me.
- (3) The Bill of Rights and Me.
- (4) Why I am Proud to be an American.
- (5) What the United States Stands For.
- (6) What Memorial Day Means to Me.
- (7) What Patriotism Means to Me

Section SR-9(c) (1). Duties and responsibilities of the National Committee on Americanism-Patriotism in conducting the American Essay Contest:

- “(1) Should the National Committee on Americanism-Patriotism determine a more suitable theme for a given year be more appropriate, they shall include the recommended theme in their annual report, two years in advance, for approval of the delegates to the National Convention.

Whereas, the Branch members of the Capitol Area, Branch 201, Austin, Texas feels that the Americanism-Patriotism themes should be revised and updated to the students of this the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Whereas, to assist the FRA National Committee on Americanism-Patriotism in this new endeavor, the themes should be current with the students of this the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Whereas, it is recommended that SR-9(b) (2) should be changed from; **“What My Vote Will Mean to Me”** to **“What the Vote Will Mean to Me”**. Justification, 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders observe the people of age to practice their right to VOTE, if they so choose, and still the students do not understand just how that vote effects the outcome of that issue. This form of question allows the students to research, observe and question just how their vote could affect the issues of their day.

*Resolve*, that SR-9(b) (2) remove the word **“My”** and replace with the word **“the”**.

Whereas, it is recommended that SR-9(b) (4) should be changed from; **“Why I am Proud to be an American”** to **“What it Means to be an American Citizen”**. Justification, it has been observed that the school systems are now hosting 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Americans and soon to become Nationalize American Citizens. This may also give the American students, who’s generations span 200+ years an opportunity to re-evaluate their heritage.

*Resolve*, that SR-9(b) (4) that the first phrase be removed in its entirety and replaced with the second phrase.

Whereas, it is recommended that SR-9(c) (1) the National Committee on Americanism-Patriotism be presented the change on the themes set before them.

*Resolved*, that the members of the Capitol Area, Branch 201, FRA solicit and encourage the support of all Branches to change the phrasing for the Americanism-Patriotism as so to meet the standards for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century schools.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular meeting of Capitol Area Branch 201, held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020, read, debated and adopted by a unanimous vote at a subsequent regular meeting held on the same date, a quorum being present.

Edward Hudson – President  
Capitol Area Branch 201

Nancy Copeland - Secretary  
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**STANDING RULES RESOLUTION NO. 2**

**NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Whereas, Standing Rule 9, SR-9(d) C&BL, FRA provides for the rules for the Americanism Essay Contest Rules;

Whereas, Standing Rule 9(d) rules are not consistent with rules provided to contestants annually;

Whereas, The Standing Rule does not require the theme to be written on the entry;

Whereas, The Standing Rule requires the essay entry must be written or typed on one side of paper, but does not require for the essay to be on just one page of paper; and

Whereas, The changes to the Standing Rule will ensure consistency with the rules agreed upon by the committee annually and provided to contestants; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Standing Rule 9, SR-9(d) C&BL, FRA is amended by adding;

“(4) The essay theme title must appear on the essay as written

(5) The essay shall be legibly written or typed on one page and one side of the paper”, and be it further

*Resolved*, That SR-9(d) numbers (5) and (6) be renumbered to (6) and (7) respectively.

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a regular National Board of Directors meeting held on Monday, June 28, 2021 read, debated, and adopted by a unanimous vote (NBR 21-21).

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**RITUALS RESOLUTIONS**

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No Ritual resolutions received for the 93<sup>rd</sup> National Convention.



### Standing Rule 3

#### SR-3. Parliamentary Law and Procedure and Convention Rules

SR-3(a). All provisions of the C&BL shall govern, and are hereby incorporated by reference. *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority in all cases not covered by the C&BL. In cases where neither the C&BL nor the said rules covers a given situation, the convention shall decide the same.

SR-3(b). The order of business at the national convention shall be as follows:

- (1) Parading of colors
- (2) Opening prayer
- (3) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- (4) Recitation of preamble
- (5) Introduction of officers and guests
- (6) Addresses of invited guests
- (7) "Two Bell Ceremony"
- (8) Recess
- (9) Roll call of officers
- (10) Report of credentials committee
- (11) Appointment of convention committees
- (12) Reports of officers
- (13) Reports of standing committees
- (14) Submission of resolutions
- (15) Unfinished business and action on committee reports
- (16) New business
- (17) Nomination and election of officers
- (18) Good of the order
- (19) Installation of officers
- (20) "Two Bell Ceremony"
- (21) Closing prayer
- (22) Retiring of colors
- (23) Adjournment

SR-3(c). When a delegate desires the privilege of the floor, he/she shall rise, face the Chair, address the presiding officer as, "Shipmate National President," and when recognized shall give his/her name and the name and number of his/her branch.

SR-3(d). A delegate granted the privilege of the floor, shall address the chair, and confine his/her remarks to the question. In speaking, he/she shall avoid personalities and maintain public decorum. If called to order, he/she shall wait until permission to proceed is given by the presiding officer.

SR-3(e). Only duly accredited delegates or their alternates, as selected by a branch delegation from the list of eligible alternates, or an accredited proxy delegate, shall participate in the business coming before the convention, except national officers and past national presidents, who are not otherwise eligible to participate, may be granted the privilege of the floor, but without a vote. Only those delegates or proxy delegates who qualify in accordance with Section 606(c), C&BL will be recognized at the convention.

SR-3(f). Unless specifically authorized by another standing rule, no person shall be given the privilege of the floor for a second time on any question until others privileged and who desire to speak have done so, except convention committee chairmen, who may speak more than once on matters pertaining to their committees. Delegates and proxies shall be limited in speaking to three minutes and the committee chairmen and co-chairmen to five minutes. The presiding officer may, at his/her discretion, grant additional speaking time to delegates requesting such privilege.

SR-3(g). Except where the C&BL requires a two-thirds vote, action on all resolutions submitted to the convention shall be decided by a majority vote.

SR-3(h). The convention steering committee, under the direction of the presiding officer, shall be responsible for the order in which the resolutions are presented to the convention for action.

SR-3(i). When a resolution has been adopted or rejected, it shall be considered as finished business for the convention and be given no further consideration except when otherwise directed by proper majority vote of the convention.

SR-3(j). All resolutions adopted by the convention shall become effective immediately upon adjournment, unless otherwise specified by the convention.

SR-3(k). A motion to commit, recommit, postpone indefinitely, postpone to a certain time, lay on the table, take from the table, reconsider, rescind, or move the previous question, shall require five seconds, each from a different branch, each by a different delegate. Each such motion shall require majority approval of the delegates.

SR-3(l). Unless a specific method of voting is authorized by another standing rule, a roll call vote shall be held upon the call of the presiding officer or upon a call of five delegates, each from a separate branch, but only when the results of a voice vote are in doubt.

SR-3(m). A five minute recess for a caucus prior to roll call vote shall be declared upon a call of five different branches and by five different delegates.

SR-3(n). On a roll call vote at a national convention, voting shall be conducted according to the numerical order of the branches in even years and reverse numerical order in odd number years.

SR-3(o). On a roll call vote there shall be no passing. The chairman or the acting chairman of the branch delegation shall announce the vote of the branch or relinquish the right of that branch to vote, when the branch number has been called three times.

SR-3(p). On a roll call vote, the chairman or acting chairman of the branch delegation or a proxy acting for a branch shall rise, face the chair, announce his/her name, and announce the vote of the branch he/she represents and remain standing until the convention secretary confirms recording the name and vote.

#### SR-3(q). Convention Credential Reporting

(1) The National President shall annually appoint, no later than the last day of March, a National Convention Credentials and Registration Committee comprised of a minimum of one member from each region, with a member designated as Chairman and a member designated as Vice Chairman, to serve until the adjournment of the national convention in that calendar year.

(2) It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Chairman of the National Convention Credentials and Registration Committee to ensure:

- a. That each branch delegate and branch proxy delegate who checks in at the registration desk is correctly registered and his credentials are verified at the time of registration.
- b. That an accurate and up-to-date credentials report is ready for delivery to the delegates at the commencement of the first scheduled business session.
- c. That an accurate and up-to-date credentials status is maintained throughout the national convention and is ready for delivery to the delegates when called upon by the National President or prior to all record or roll call votes.

(3) The following format will be followed when making credentials reports:

- a. Authorized voting strength - This convention:  
IAW Section 608, C&BL. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Number of branches represented by delegates: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Number of votes represented by delegates: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Number of branches registered by proxy: \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Number of votes registered by proxy: \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Number of branches not registered: \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Number of delegates registered: \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. Registered voting strength: \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Number of votes not registered: \_\_\_\_\_
  - j. Two-thirds vote is: \_\_\_\_\_
  - k. Majority vote is: \_\_\_\_\_
- Branches not represented are: \_\_\_\_\_

SR-3(r). The presentation of reports to the convention by national officers and chairmen of national and special committees shall not exceed one hour duration, except as otherwise decreed by the convention. Reports shall be in writing and specifically include the financial requirements and impacts of the recommendations therein. Furthermore, the report shall specify the responsible party to execute the recommendations, that is, the National President, the National Executive Director, the chairman of the national committee, etc. In absence of a motion on the floor, a delegate shall not be deprived of the privilege of asking a question of information on any such report as received by the presiding officer.

SR-3(s). Nominating speeches shall be limited to five minutes, seconding speeches to two minutes, and the number of seconding speeches for each candidate may not exceed three.

SR-3(t). Nominations and elections shall be held in accordance with Section 701(d), C&BL.

SR-3(u). Nominations and election of each officer shall be completed and the results announced by the presiding officer before proceeding to the nomination and election of the next officer.

SR-3(v). In the event two or more candidates are nominated for the same office, the balloting shall be by roll call.

SR-3(w). In the event three or more candidates for the same office are on the ballot and no candidate receives a majority of votes cast, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes after the second ballot will be eliminated if he/she has not shown a gain on the second ballot. This method of elimination will be followed after each subsequent ballot.

SR-3(x). If a nomination for national office, not previously disseminated by resolution from the National Headquarters, is made from the floor, a ten minute recess may be called, if requested by five different branches and by five different delegates, at the close of nominations.

SR-3(y). The "Order of the Day" shall be as contained in the official convention program unless otherwise specified by the convention.

SR-3(z). Visitors and non-accredited shipmates shall occupy seats provided for their use apart from the delegates and alternates.

SR-3(aa). Minutes of the convention shall be recorded with no omissions, deletions, or alterations, except as directed by the delegates assembled at the convention.

SR-3(bb). These rules may be suspended, rescinded, or amended by a two-thirds vote.

SR-3(cc). Unless suspended, rescinded, or amended, these rules shall remain in force throughout the convention.

SR-3(dd). No expenditure of Association funds may be voted by a national convention without prior recommendation of the Convention Budget and Finance Committee.