



Greetings Shipmates,

I would like to say again, Thank you, for giving this opportunity to serve you as Regional President. It has been six months since I was sworn in at National Convention. I have been busy between the NBOD responsibilities, Meetings, Zoom Meetings with Branches and Committees. We had a Branch that was instituted in December. We, your Regional Officers, have been busy doing some housekeeping. I am still adjusting the ECR Directory. By the way, I am still looking for Shipmates to be on some of the Committees.

This is the Centennial Year of the Fleet Reserve Association, and it will be celebrated in our Region. This allows our Branches to be involved in a Historical event for the FRA. The Centennial & National Convention Committee is still accepting volunteers for the Centennial and the National Convention. If you or someone wants to get involved, please contact me.

If you have any issues, concerns, or questions please contact NHQ staff, the National Officers, or me. We are available for support and just an email/phone call away. I just want to say thanks and hope you know how much I appreciate everyone's time and effort with your continued support of our organization. I look forward to visiting with you at Branch or Regional/National events.

The Centennial of the FRA is November 11, 2023 to November 11, 2024.

I reached out to the Branch Officers for contact information of their local newspaper. I have gotten some responses. The reason for this request is so that I can promote the Centennial and the FRA. For those that have not responded please forward me the requested information.

I am also working on sending a request for a Proclamation from the State and Local Governments in our Region. The Proclamation will be for our Centennial Celebration.

2025 ECR Mid-Year Meeting:

The 2025 ECR MYM will be hosted by Branch 99, which will be held February 2025. A flyer to follow with more information and details. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Mid-Year Symposium February 2025

Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center

5655 Greenwich Road,

Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Tel: (757) 499-4400 • Fax: (757) 226-9155

Website: www.hivabeachnorfolk.com

2024 ECR Convention:

Hosted by Special Committee:
September 10, 11, and 12, 2024
Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center
6945 Pocahontas Trail
Williamsburg, VA 23185
Phone: (757) 220-2250

** Make your Reservations Now!*

Looking for a Branch or Branches to host 2025.

Reminder; Regional Delegate forms from the Branches are **due by June 30, 2024 or sooner**. Please appoint a **proxy** if your Branch will not be sending a delegate.

96th FRA National Convention and Centennial:

As a member of The Military Coalition (TMC), the FRA is the host organization for the Veterans Day Arlington Cemetery activities. The National President will be the Master of Ceremony at the Memorial Amphitheater.

The 96th FRA/91st AFRA Convention will be held on November 10-16, 2024.

The Centennial Committee is hosting the 96th FRA/91st AFRA Convention in conjunction with the FRA Centennial Celebration. The convention itself will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, Maryland.

The theme for the convention will be “A Legacy of Loyalty, Protection, and Service”.

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Visit WWW.FRA.ORG, Events tab, for more information. **Reminder**; National Delegate forms from the Branches are **due by July 31, 2024 or sooner**. Please appoint a **proxy** if your Branch will not be sending a delegate.

Regional President’s 2024 Travel Schedule:

I have already been on some Zoom meetings with Branches. Please note that if you would like to utilize Zoom for your Branch Meetings please contact me. I have an account that the Branch can use. This will help with the participation.

Future planning: I will contact Branches to confirm they are holding meetings prior to scheduling. If Branches are holding Zoom/teleconference meetings, please add me to your email distribution. RPEC@fra.org

Americanism/Patriotism Committee:

Regional Winners:

1st Place:

- 7th Grade: Allison Shaffer Branch 093
- 8th Grade: Victoria Senyo Branch 024
- 9th Grade: Gavin Whitehurst Branch 293
- 10th Grade: Adrian Orellana Branch 208
- 11th Grade: Ava Seitz Branch 172
- 12th Grade: Kamryn Couture Branch 172

2nd Place:

- 7th Grade: Anastacia Vasquez Branch 208
- 8th Grade: JP Griffin Branch 093
- 9th Grade: Jeremiah Parker Branch 212
- 10th Grade: Elijah Silva Branch 099
- 11th Grade: Andrew Driscoll Branch 208
- 12th Grade: Naomi Ling Branch 212

3rd Place

- 7th Grade: Brendan Cochran Branch 099
- 8th Grade: Zahrah Ginna Branch 212
- 9th Grade: Lawson Watt Branch 182
- 10th Grade: Twisha Sinha Branch 172
- 11th Grade: Dulce Isaguirre Branch 099
- 12th Grade: Amos Shay Branch 208

Overall Regional Winner

Kamryn Couture, 12th Grade Branch 172

Veteran's Service Committee:

For any Shipmate desiring to become a Veteran's Service Officer (VSO) for the FRA contact PRPEC Martin at sdmartin@cox.net for required forms. This is a virtual course.

Regional Treasurer:

The Regional Treasurer has sent out the Branch Regional assessments and are due by May 15, 2024. If there is any questions please contact RTEC Stone.

Branch Officer Report:

Branch Officer Reports are coming Due! Shipmate RSEC Rauch has sent out a nice SOP to the Branch Secretaries on this topic along with Deadline. Please note that an updated ABOR was posted to the FRA website on April 11, 2024.

RVPEC Toulotte:

Start getting your Committee Reports ready. The membership number for the reports are found on the 4th QTR Membership Report. This report can be found under Official Communications on the FRA Website once you log in under your Profile.

East Coast Region Website:

I would also like to say that the ECR now has a website to provide information and news about our Region and the FRA. The website can be reached at fra-ecregion.org.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection, and Service,
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