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From the Desk of the NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Message from the National President

This article is being brought to you from Paradise. Our trip to Hawaii is soon coming to an end, but it has been the most glorious time. Don and I were met at the Honolulu Airport by FRA PRP NW Noel Bragg and LA FRA PRP NW Laura Hood and received the most beautiful Hawaiian leis. After stopping by the Club for a "cold one", we headed through the Waikiki traffic to the Hale Koa Resort. Absolutely incredible!!!



The next day FRA NP Gary and I toured the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) whose mission is "to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of the nation's past conflicts". Later, the Branch and Unit hosted a dinner in our honor after which we attended their meetings. I initiated a new member and was asked to say a few words (yeah like that would ever happen). The following day, I was interviewed on Hawaiian television about the LA FRA. On Friday, NP Gary and I attended the birthday luncheon for members of the Branch and Unit. From there, we headed to Tripler Army Medical Center and a meeting with James Hastings MD, Director of the VA Pacific Health Care System. He made it a point to recommend that all veterans sign up for the VA even if you currently do not need the services.

On Sunday we attended a sunrise memorial service at Fort Barrett and then drove to Ewa Field for another very impressive ceremony. At sunset, there was a wreath laying at the USS Utah. One of the survivors told stories of the horrible events of that day. I was spellbound.

On December 7th, we attended the ceremonies on the Pier across from the USS Arizona Memorial. Pearl Harbor Survivors placed a wreath in memory of those who lost their lives. Many of the military escorts had served in Iraq or Afghanistan. Afterwards, we paid our respects by tossing a flower into the well on the USS Arizona. Our day ended on Ford Island at the USS Oklahoma Memorial which was dedicated in 2007. It was a very emotional week and an experience I will never forget.

At the Convention, the delegates voted to have a fundraiser selling note pads and also packages of note cards both with the LA FRA Triangle on them. The note pads are the same as we had a few years ago and come 50 pages to a pad and will sell for \$2.00 each. The note cards are ecru with the LA FRA Triangle embossed in black on the front and blank on the inside. They will cost \$3.75 for a package of 10 cards and envelopes. Orders can be sent to NFS Diane Hoover and should be available by the first of the year. As long as I have room in my suitcase, I will bring some with me during my visits.

The information about the EIN number will not be available this month as promised since I ran out of time before leaving to go to Hawaii. Please stay tuned.

Immediately after the first of the year, I will be making more Unit visits mostly in the East Coast and Southeast Regions. Also, I will be visiting the Convention Hotel in Spartanburg, SC.

I remain in Loyalty Protection and Service
Cindy Rodham Tuck
National President

UNIT PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES --- PLEASE NOTE. The zip code for the Membership Service Administrator is NOT 02148. It is 02149. Also Please use the e-mail address on the front of this Triangle

2010 PILGRIMAGE

Our annual Pilgrimage will be held Saturday, April 24, 2010. It will be in conjunction with the FRA's National Board meeting.

Our National President Cindy Rodham Tuck will place a wreath at the Mast of the Maine on **Saturday 24 April** at 3:15 PM followed by the procession and a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at 4:15 PM at Arlington National Cemetery. This will be a sunset ceremony which will be beautiful!! Bus service will be available from the hotel to the cemetery

Hotel headquarters will be the Westin Hotel (where we held the 2008 Pilgrimage) 7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043. This hotel has a Starbuck's in the lobby! Each room has a flat screen TV and a spa bathroom. Room rates are \$99.00/night +9% tax. Reservations cutoff date is **26 March 2010** and be sure to mention you are with the FRA/LA FRA. 1-800/937-8461 or 703/893-1340. Room rates are in effect from Sunday 4/18 – Sunday 4/25. Don't forget about the Tyson's Corner Shopping Mall which is very close.

We will host a Tea in honor of our National President at 10:30 AM on Saturday at the hotel.

Don't forget to bring your colors and make this an awesome sunset ceremony. Remember to wear your white and LA FRA caps.

Any questions please contact me Doreen Huylebroeck, PNP @ 4903 Heversham Court, Fairfax, VA 22032 email: dehuyle@aol.com or 703/801-8984 (cell)

78th LAFRA NATIONAL CONVENTION will be held in Spartanburg, SC during the week of 12-19 September 2010. It will be held at the Marriott Spartanburg at Renaissance Park, 299 North Church in Spartanburg, SC.