

LADIES AUXILIARY of the
FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

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From the Desk of the NATIONAL PRESIDENT

I have to tell you I am beginning to feel like a gypsy. Living out of a suitcase is not all it's cracked up to be. To say that I am having fun though, is an understatement. After attending to business, I have shared some of the excerpts from my upcoming books, *TALES OF MY YEARS AT THE DMV* and *LIFE WITH CINDY*. Both will be on the bookshelves at your local bookstore in the near future. Just kidding.



Carolyn and Tom Whitaker opened their home for a couple of days. As a past NFS and MSA, I was able to provide some answers before she did the National Treasurer's Audit. As it turned out, I was the one who gained the knowledge. We joined RP SE Nancy Hunter at a meeting and dinner at Unit 290. The next day we drove to the GA/SC Caucus in Brunswick, Georgia. On Sunday Nancy, PNP Pat Garwood, RVP SE Millie Brice, Jackie Scarboro and I attended Unit 50's meeting in Charleston South Carolina. It was a pleasure to meet these members for the first time.

FRA NP Gary and I met with members of the 2010 Convention Committee for the walkthrough of the Spartanburg Marriott. It is a beautiful hotel and the meeting rooms are outstanding. Wait until you see the size of the hospitality room!!!! No one will be able to complain that it is too crowded. Great job!!!

I recently applied for an EIN# for Unit 42. Contrary to what I expected, it was a very fast and easy process. The agent asked me several questions (name of organization, address, contact person) and within 20 minutes she gave me the number. The paperwork arrived in less than 10 days.

The agent advised that the applicant should fill out form SS-4 before calling so that she/he will be prepared with the answers when asked. If you have computer access, the form can be downloaded at www.irs.org and filled out directly online and then printed but a sample form is attached (only with the Secretary's copy of the Triangle) with the important questions answered (remember this is a SAMPLE).

If you already have an EIN#, please verify that the Unit is not using the one belonging to the Branch or the Club. This has happened before. THE UNIT MUST HAVE THEIR OWN. Also be sure that you tell the IRS that it is a MILITARY NON PROFIT organization.

Some Units have had difficulty and/or were unsuccessful in obtaining the EIN#. Please contact me at: cindyrodhamtuck@comcast.net or call me.

When you have obtained the EIN#, it is necessary to send a copy to the National Treasurer so that it will be on file. Please follow the instructions on the paperwork sent from the IRS. This is no longer a suggestion from the IRS; every Unit must obtain an EIN# immediately.

Many members do not realize that there are 2 Scholarship accounts. They are the National President's Scholarship and the Scholarship Fund. Recently, I have been told that the NP Scholarship was set up by the Past National Presidents and was funded by them. Three Scholarships of \$500.00 each are awarded from the second account (Sam Rose, Allie Mae Oden, and the LA FRA Scholarship). Currently, there is only a balance of \$5500.00 in this Fund and it will be necessary to transfer money from the General Treasury. Please keep this in mind when you or the Unit is considering a donation. Make checks payable to LA FRA and send to NFS Diane Hoover. Note Scholarship Fund in the memo line.

The notepads and note cards are now available. In the last issue, it was listed that the note cards are \$3.75 for 10 cards and envelopes and the note pads are \$2.00 a piece. Send the order to NFS Diane. I will be carrying a supply with me while traveling. When setting the price, it never dawned on me that I would have to carry quarters, so please try and have exact change (of course, we would be happy to accept tips for this fundraiser).

The NT and the NFS Quarterly Reports will be delayed until the next issue. Because the Convention was so late, the transfer of the NT office took a little longer than usual.

The delegates passed the resolution to eliminate Committee reports except the Unit Report. Even though there was an amendment to judge ALL reports on a Regional level, the FRA National Board only approved the original resolution. The Unit President's report has been renamed UNIT REPORT even though it will be similar. There will be a section for the work that has been accomplished by the Unit in the areas of Unit Activities, Patriotism, Hospital, Publicity and Youth Activities. This Unit report will be judged at Regional by a committee of 7 members. The first place winners in each group will be submitted to the National Unit Report Chairman PRP SC Gini Larson by the current Regional President.

Again I would like to remind you about the LA FRA website, www.la-fra.org. It is still under construction so please submit information about your Unit.

PRP EC Aida Littlejohn is the Yearbook Chairman this year. Please be so kind as to submit any pictures taken during my visits. I would also love Aida to include other mementoes.

In closing, to those celebrating a birthday or an anniversary, best wishes; to anyone who is ill, get well soon; and to those who have experienced a loss, our prayers are with you.

In Loyalty Protection and Service,
Cindy Rodham Tuck
National President

Message from the North Central Regional President . . .



Members of the North Central Region for electing me once again to represent the Region. (This time around). The Units are once again doing all the wonderful things to help the less fortunate in their communities and the Veterans. Each Unit in the Region goes all out to help with Food Baskets, Christmas Food Baskets, donations to numerous charities, meals on wheels, transportation for Doctors appointments, meals for shut-ins, handing out food, and survival kits for the elderly on a weekly basis, donations of coloring kits for the young patients at St. Jude's, playing the instruments of Assisted Living facilities, donating blood, and platelets at the local Blood Bank.

Donating clothing and toilet articles to homes for Battered Women. Many members are participating in Veteran's Day Activities, Memorial Day Activities, and other worthy causes. These are just a few of the many activities that the members participate in. The Region gained one (1) new Unit in 2009, and we have another Branch who is in the process of organizing a Unit. Our Region may be small in membership, but we are large in generosity and compassion for those less fortunate.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection, and Service: Doris C. Fri RPNC

DONATIONS

National President's Project (Safe Harbor)

Unit 47

Unit 142

Unit 96 (In memory of Opal Mason)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FROM NVP HELEN.....

As of 1/4/2010 our total count for membership is at 9835 which includes 1122 MAL members. Here is a breakdown of each Region.

North East	200
New England	313
East Coast	1494
South East	2114
North Central	781
South Central	567
North West	749
West Coast	838
South West	1657
MAL'S	<u>1122</u>

TOTAL 9835

Terminated Member Report by the MSA is as follows:

Event 50 (Resigned)	0
Event 51 (Suspended)	108
Event 53 (Deceased)	19
Event 55	0
Event 56 (Transferred out)	31

What can we do about the dwindling membership? That is the sixty-four dollar question. We must strive to keep what we have and start looking for ways to recruit new members. When we have a prospective member make him or her feel welcome and do your best to make them a member. Try not to scare them off because this is what often happens when we revert back to, "well this is the way we always have done certain things."

Times are changing and we all need to comprise with new ideas and we need to teach our younger members what we are all about. Hopefully they will want to come to the meetings and later put them in a position where they will hold an office in the Unit.

If your Unit is able to do membership drives that would be beneficial in your area we should look into the possibly. Work with the Branches and see if they could help the Unit recruit new members alongside of them when they are out recruiting new members.

Any new ideas would be welcomed and we should all try to send out information about recruiting tools that each Unit uses in their recruitment efforts. If you're Unit has seen an increase in membership by recruiting new members please let other Units know how or what method you are using to recruit new members.

Let us remember who is eligible for membership: Sections 301 (a) 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 death.

We all need to try to keep our membership going and remember that everyone on our rolls is very important to the Auxiliary.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service
Helen A Courneya
National Vice President

REPORT FROM C&BL CHAIRMAN.....

Regarding: C & BL, SR's, UI & Rituals

As you know a motion was made and passed to rewrite the C & BL, SR's, UI & Rituals, and will be printed in larger print. The changes will be presented to the delegates at the National Convention in September for ratification. If a Unit has an amendment they wish to submit it must be done 4 months prior to the National Convention being held in September this year. Please refer to Article 12 for information on submitting an amendment.

The committee members assisting me this year are PNP's Val Larsen, Dot Maurath, Gail Doloway, and Pat Boudeaux. PRP's Anita Sadowski and GiGi Hermes. Our Advisor is National Parliamentarian Virginia Schmidt, PNP. Others have volunteered to help proof read the changes and for that I say thank you.

D. Loretta Roberts, PNP, C & BL Chairman

2010 PILGRIMAGE

PILGRIMAGE DONATIONS: Section 815(a)1 (was Section 814(a)) reads "the Pilgrimage chairman has charge of the LA FRA wreaths for the Tomb of the Unknown and the Mast of the Maine at Arlington, Virginia. Each unit is privileged to send five dollars (\$5.00) each year, prior to 25 April to the National

Financial Secretary, as a contribution to the Pilgrimage Fund, This money, contributed by the Units, shall be used to purchase the wreaths for the Annual Pilgrimage and for the hotel meeting room and incidental expenses attendant to the ceremony". Make checks payable to LA FRA and in the memo box add Pilgrimage Donation. Send to Diane Hoover at 737 Dogwood Lane, Annapolis, MD 21409.

The 2010 Pilgrimage will be held Saturday, April 24, 2010 with the placing of the wreath at the Mast of the Maine at 3:15 PM followed by the procession and a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at 4:15 PM. Bus service will be available from the hotel to the cemetery. Complete details were in January 2010 Triangle.

IN MEMORIAM – LEST WE FORGET

Deceased members for the month ending December 31, 2009

Unit 8	Balot, Bernardita T	Unit 234	Wallace, Kiyoko
Unit 53	McGee, Wanda M	Unit 261	DeRondenPos, Shirley L
Unit 60	Chowaniec, Beatrice	Unit 274	Thom, Emily
	Coleman, Agnes P	Unit 290	Medelberg, Monica B
	Kilmurray, Mary M	Unit 291	Archer, Dorothy K
Unit 70	Parker, Jessie L	Unit 300	Pettersen, Electa E
Unit 161	Demi, Carol L	Unit 313	Baker, M Eileen
Unit 175	Deacon, Zelda	MAL	Dornberger, Mary J
Unit 208	Plonowski, Sophie		
Unit 210	Cotton, Reeby E		
Unit 219	Stainback, Stella W		

Closing thought: Don't knock the weather. If it didn't change once in awhile, nine out of 10 people couldn't start a conversation. (Kim Hubbard, American Cartoonist and journalist 20th century)