



LADIES AUXILIARY of the
FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

the *TRIANGLE* MARCH 2010 Edition

From the Desk of the NATIONAL PRESIDENT



The last six weeks have been a whirlwind for me. FRA NP Gary and I have traveled nearly 5000 miles throughout the Southeast Region and part of the East Coast. It has been a most enjoyable time. The hospitality and warmth has left me speechless (Can you believe that??). There was also plenty of snow and cold weather. It was amazing when I would call home to Massachusetts and Don would tell me there was no snow there. What's wrong with this picture??

Listening to the members speak at their meetings I have to echo the sentiments of the National Presidents that came before me. It is amazing the many activities and good works that the Units continue to do.

In the last TRIANGLE, you were told that the committee reports would not be judged on the Regional level even though it was voted on at National Convention. Inadvertently, the amendments had not been given to the FRA National Board at post board. After visiting many of the Units and talking with the Regional Presidents, it was apparent that many of the members were disappointed. The LA FRA National Parliamentarian and I reviewed the Convention Minutes again and decided to resubmit the amendments to the FRA National Board for ratification. A letter has been sent to FRA NP Gary Blackburn, but he would be unable to take further action on it until after Tuesday 16 February 2010 because National Headquarters had been closed due to the storms in DC.

Assuming that the FRA NBOD approves our request, the committee reports will be judged as always on the Regional level. The NES will mail the report forms to the Unit secretaries and they will be submitted to the Regional Committee Chairmen. At the Regional Convention, certificates provided by the NFS will be awarded in each category for first, second and third place in each group. All first place **UNIT** reports in each group will be judged at the National Convention. Please note: although the amendment read Unit President's Report, it is to be called **UNIT REPORT** per the original resolution.

Once again, I am asking those Units (other than the Philippines) that have not sent a voided check to the MSA, please do so as soon as possible. Because of the overwhelming response from the Units for the opportunity to receive the PCT check via direct pay, it has been decided to have total participation. This is a mandatory policy for the FRA branches and it makes a lot of sense that we should follow suit. The PCT checks are sent electronically at the end of every month and will appear on your bank statement.

Even though the membership card has always been sent with the dues notice, the new form is very confusing. The MSA and I have an appointment with the programmer to make adjustments to the dues notice to avoid this problem in the future. In the meantime, note that you cut out the membership card which is on the right side of the form. Then, make any corrections on the notice (address, phone # & email address) and return it in the enclosed envelope with your payment.

Your membership card is not active until your payment is received by the MSA.

Any Unit wishing to receive the monthly membership report by email, send Kathy a note (msakathy@live.com). The reports are automatically sent to the secretary, but it can be sent to another representative of the Unit if you wish. The Unit alpha report is only sent at the end of March and again in September. For those that need the roster of active members because they have a club, Kathy will be happy to send it every month. Send Kathy an email where it should be sent and to whom.

A few reminders:

- Please send copies of the Unit's EIN number to NT Carolyn Whitaker to place on file.

- Note cards and notepads are available from NFS Diane Hoover. The notepads are \$2.00 each and the note cards are \$3.75 for a package of 10 cards and 10 envelopes.
- If a Unit is planning to submit a resolution, it must be received by the NES no later than 120 days prior to National Convention (14 May 2010).
- Anyone considering a candidacy for National Executive Secretary should submit a resolution.
- Nominations and election of Unit officers are coming up. Be sure and send new Unit Officers reports ASAP even if the officers stay the same. National Executive Secretary (1 copy), Membership Services Administrator (1 copy), Regional President (2 copies) and retain one copy for Unit records.

My schedule for upcoming month:

11-14 March 2010	Tennessee Caucus	Millington, TN
15-19 March 2010	Carmel, CA	Visit Don's Aunt for 102 nd birthday
20 March 2010	Vallejo, CA	St Patrick's Day dinner Branch & Unit 8
21 March 2010	Grass Valley, CA	Unit 296 meeting
23 March 2010		Dinner with members
24 March 2010	Hangtown	Unit 275 meeting
26-28 March 2010		West Coast midyear

To all those that are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary, have a great day; to those that are ill, please get well; and to those who have lost a loved one, our sincere sympathies.

In Loyalty Protection and Service,
Cindy Rodham Tuck
National President

Message of the Southeast Regional President . . .



Ladies, I thank you for the opportunity to serve the Southeast region. I started my New Year off by going to Birmingham for the annual Veterans Day celebration. What an impressive tribute to all our fallen heroes and Veterans. I also was in Mayport, Florida for the Pearl Harbor Memorial and the Georgia/South Carolina caucus. I visited Greenville, South Carolina to check out the hotel we will be staying in for the Southeast Regional convention. I have made my official visits to Charleston, South Carolina, Unit 50 and Anderson South Carolina Unit 234.

The units that I have visited are doing a great job filling their commitment to the community. We had the pleasure of having our National President Cindy R. Tuck visiting with us at the caucus and some of our units in the southeast. We were made welcome and had wonderful food. I look forward to visiting the other units.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our service men and women for their sacrifices in serving our country.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service.
Nancy Hunter, Southeast Regional President

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF UNIT OFFICERS

Section 1407(a). Nominations for unit officers shall be opened at a meeting in March, April, or May, as specified by the Bylaws of each unit. They remain open until a meeting in the month following opening of nominations, then closed, and officers elected for a period of one year, except that secretaries and treasurers may be elected for a period of two years.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF UNIT OFFICERS (continued)

Section 1407(d). Officers-elect shall be installed at a meeting in the month following election. The installing officer shall be a member in good standing of the LA FRA or FRA who has been designated by the unit. The incoming unit President usually selects the installing officer. A letter bearing the signature of the Unit President and Secretary invites the installing officer.

Section 1407(e). Unit Secretaries immediately after election of officers notify the Regional President of their region, member service center, and National Headquarters of the names and addresses of the officers to be installed in the unit and of all changes in Unit Officers whenever they occur.

2010 PILGRIMAGE ... will be held Saturday, April 24, 2010. It will be in conjunction with the FRA's National Board meeting. 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!! Don't forget to bring your colors and make this an awesome sunset ceremony. Remember to wear your white and LA FRA caps. Bus service will be available from the hotel to the cemetery. Hotel headquarters - Westin Hotel, 7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043.. 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. **We will host a Tea in honor of our National President at 10:30 AM on Saturday at the hotel.** . Questions - contact Doreen Huylebroeck, PNP @ 4903 Heversham Court, Fairfax, VA 22032 email: dehuyle@aol.com or 703/801-8984 (cell)

IN MEMORIAM – LEST WE FORGET

Deceased members for the month ending January 30, 2010

8	Williams, Chiyomi	210	Kidwell, Irene B
22	Ganis, Claire E	226	Lake, Elizabeth
42	Sherwood, Barbara M	263	Davis, Dorothy
49	Doyle, Sarah E	267	Tegeler, Audrey A
67	Borja, Margie L	287	Wolfe, Vera R
124	Shaffer, Anna A	289	Moore, Susan E
124	VanDuyne, Matilda	290	Hilburn, Ann
126	Blache, Dolores M	290	Knipper, Mattie E
126	Dance, Edna L	290	Tietgen, Junanita M
126	Lewis, Lillian S	296	Farr, Sarah
126	Moilanen, Martha E	324	Hughes, Lena T
126	Steele, Ann M	339	Richardson, Patricia A
186	Bailey, Dolores T	MAL	Helen E. Peterson
202	Jones, Vivian M		

There are extra copies of the 2009 Convention Minutes available. Free to units. \$15.00 to others. Please send the \$15.00 to NFS Diane Hoover. Units requesting copies may send an e-mail to NES Rozena McVey or send a request to her address on the front of this Triangle

FORMS AVAILABLE ON THE LA FRA WEBSITE:

REPORT OF DEATH OF A MEMBER

PCT Forms A and B

Membership Application form

2010-2011 UNIT OFFICER INFORMATION FORM. (this form will be sent to the unit secretaries with the April Triangle)

Who, What and Where

Order form (page 1 revised this month). Unit President's and Secretaries will receive this revised form with their copy of this Triangle. PLEASE DESTROY ALL OLD ORDER FORMS YOU NOW HAVE

The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions – the little, soon forgotten charities of a kiss or smile, a kind look, a heartfelt compliment, and the countless infinitesimals of pleasurable and genial feeling. *‘Samuel Taylor poet 19th century*

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- *There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs.*