



**LADIES AUXILIARY of the  
FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION**

the *TRIANGLE* JULY Edition

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***From the Desk of the NATIONAL PRESIDENT***

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**CONVENTION CALL**

**ATTENTION ALL UNITS**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fleet Reserve Association, the National President hereby calls the Annual Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association to be held in Spartanburg, SC on 12 September to 19 September 2010 at the Marriott at Renaissance Park; to convene at 9:00 am for the following purposes.

1. To hear annual reports of National Officers and National Chairmen.
2. To consider resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Rules, Rituals, and General Policy.
3. To formulate plans for the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association.
4. To elect National Officers for the ensuing year.
5. To entertain suggestions for the Good of the Order.

Dated this day 4 June 2010

Cynthia M. Rodham  
National President

On 18 June 2010, NP Gary and I attended the award ceremony at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. It wasn't bad enough that the rainy weather caused changes to the schedule, the entire Academy campus was in darkness because a transformer had blown at 2:00 AM that morning. All the buildings were in darkness except for emergency generators. With some creative planning, everything went off without a hitch with some interesting experiences. It was disappointing that the Pass in Review of the Cadets was cancelled because of the weather. At lunch, we sat with the recipient and his family who were from Texas.

From there, we traveled to Cape May, NJ for the retirement ceremony for MCPOCG 10 Cf Change and the Change of Watch for MCPOCG Michael Leavitt. It was a very emotional ceremony. It is an honor to have been there.

The beginning of June, I flew to Denver, CO and NP Gary and I drove to Cheyenne, Wyoming to visit with Branch and Unit 59. I have my first cowboy hat (and boy do I look good????).

It was the first meeting for the Unit President Barbara Redmond and she did a great job even though she was nervous. I told her that I had been the President of Unit 42 for 17 years so she needn't worry.

The next night we were their guests at the Bunkhouse Saloon and Steakhouse. We drove for miles way outside of town (and the town ain't that big to begin with).

I had such a good time and I only had one beer. I wished I had my cowboy hat with me though.

In the last few months, there have been several questions regarding membership in the Auxiliary. Eligibility is defined in Section 301(a) of the C&BL. If at any time there is reason to doubt this, a member can be required to produce proof of eligibility which is outlined in Section 301(b) of the C&BL.



In the past, the Branch secretary would verify the sponsor's status before the application was submitted. At the 2005 Convention, the FRA changed their Bylaws allowing veterans to join and in 2006, the Auxiliary delegates voted to accept males in the Auxiliary. When an Auxiliary recruit signs the application, they are certifying that she/he meets the eligibility requirements. As an example, under the current rules, if the sponsor was a veteran and was deceased prior to 2005 and was not a member of the FRA or eligible to be a member, then the applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements.

By now all the Unit Secretaries should have received the Committee Reports. The Unit report shall be completed and sent to the Regional President and the Unit Report Chairman. These reports will be judged at Regional Conventions and the First Place Report in each group will be sent to the National Unit Report Chairman – Gini Larson. As stated before, the other reports (Publicity, Americanism, Youth, Hospital, Unit Activities etc) will be judged on the Regional Level only. The name of the old Unit President's Report was changed to Unit Report and other than minor changes, it is the same. To clarify, I would suggest that we rename the report as the Overall Unit Report.

I know I have been a nag regarding the EIN and the 990 e-postcard. We do not have a choice in this. No matter what anyone tells you, it HAS TO BE DONE and it must be filed every year. When you have successfully filed your 990N e-postcard, please send a COPY of the letter you receive from the IRS to NT Carolyn Whitaker. We are well aware that many of the Units are having a problem filing but please keep trying. If you are unsuccessful, please contact me. I will be home 6/13 from Colorado and Wyoming and will be able to help you.

**You also should have received the packets with the corrections for the C&BL that will be voted on at Convention. Please review them with the Unit. Be sure that the delegates and proxies know how you want them to vote. Also, please be sure that you give these packets to the delegate to bring to Convention. If no one is going from the Unit, please send them to the Regional President or me. We are trying to save money and not have to reprint them for Convention.**

To all that are celebrating a birthday or an important event, best wishes; to any of you that are ill or have suffered a loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

In Loyalty Protection and Service  
Cynthia Rodham Tuck

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**National Board Resolution No. 01/09-10:** Request the Use of the LA FRA logo. Approve the request of Brunswick Unit 30 for the use of the LA FRA logo on necklaces and bracelets.

Vote: 15 Affirmative.

**National Board Resolution No. 02/09-10:** Request the Use of the LA FRA logo by Mother Lode Unit 296 on wine bottles for a fundraiser to support their various activities.

Vote: 15 Affirmative

**National Board Resolution No. 03/09/10:** Request for funds from Rehabilitation Fund in the amount of \$1000. To assist a member who lost her home destroyed by fire.

Vote: 14 Affirmative

1 No response (RP WC)



I have been visiting throughout the Region in company with DyAnna Tryon, RVPNW. From Unit 18 Thus far we have visited Unit 18 Seattle, Unit 29 Bremerton, Unit 97 Whidbey Island and Unit 363

Longview. These are all located in Washington State. I will return to Units 29 and 18 to install their new incoming Officers in June.

July will be a busy month as I will visit Unit 59 in Cheyenne Wyoming, Unit 383 in Boise, Idaho and Unit 46 in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In the last week of July, I will attend the Northwest Regional Convention in Roseburg, Oregon. Lastly is the National Convention is South Carolina in September.

*It is my hope that all Regions have had a good year. See you all at National.*  
Evelyn Hardin RPNW

Greetings from the Northeast Regional President ...



I want to thank the members of the Northeast Region for electing me president once again. It is indeed an honor to serve this great organization. I had the privilege to again take part in the Theodore Roosevelt Pilgrimage on November 1, 2009, in Oyster Bay, NY along with both the LA

FRA National President Cindy Rodham-Tuck & FRA National President Gary Blackburn. I attended the FRA's 85th Anniversary Dinner hosted by Branch 1 in Philadelphia PA; where it all began.

Our Units are all doing a wonderful job to help the less fortunate in their communities. The Units help out with Thanksgiving food baskets, gifts for children and food gift cards for several families in need at Christmas.

They also help out the Easter Bunny. Many of our members participate in Veteran's Day, Memorial Day and July 4th activities. Our members are busy driving the elderly and veterans shopping, to doctors and run errands for them. Several members volunteer many hours at local hospitals. Units made donations to the earthquake victims and send "Goody Boxes" to the military in the war zones. Our Regional membership is getting smaller and we are all getting a little older, but the list of good deeds keeps growing, God Bless all. May all of you be blessed with health and happiness.

Yours In Loyalty, Protection and Service.  
Sue Hershberger, Northeast Regional President

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### DONATIONS

#### NATIONAL PRESIDENTS PROJECT

Unit 54  
Unit 102  
Unit 234  
Unit 181  
Unit 147  
Unit 217  
Unit 187

PRPNE George & Dorothy Folk  
RPNE J.R. & Louise Smith  
RVPNE Sara Piacentino  
RPNE Sue Hershberger/  
In Memory PRPNE Sarah King

J.Bianco & Sandra Young/  
In Memory PNP N. DeLesdernier  
Nancy Hunter  
In Memory of Nita DeLesdernier

#### NATIONAL PRESIDENTS PROJECT (cont)

Hugh Thomason, Jr  
In Memory Nita DeLesdernier  
Velda Larsen  
In Memory Nita DeLesdernier  
Unit53  
In Memory Kathryn Cowfer/  
Elaine LeVrouw/Lillie Reid

#### PILGRIMAGE

Unit 120  
Unit 46  
Unit 54  
Unit 147  
Unit 290  
Unit 94  
Unit 217

#### NP SCHOLARSHIP

Unit 217

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### CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS:

**National President:** Helen A. Courneya endorsed by Unit 21, 28, 41, 50,59, 66,86,101, 102, 127, 137, 181, 215, 216, 217, 229, 230, 241, 244, 275, 291, 296, 339, 358, 361, 382

**National Vice President:** Gini C. Larson endorsed by Unit 11, 181, 382

**National Vice President:** Terry Farr endorsed by Unit 5, 28, 92, 147, 229, 244. 324, 339, 361,

**National Executive Secretary:** Doris Fri endorsed by Unit 66, 300, 382

**East Coast Regional President:** Karen Snee

**South East Regional President:** Mildred B. Brice

**North Central Regional President:** Lisa Barton

**South Central Regional President:** Karen Smith

**West Coast Regional President:** Kathy Goheen

**Southwest Regional President :** Beatrice Demmel

## IN MEMORIAM – LEST WE FORGET

Deceased members for the month ending May 31, 2010

*(The new Post Office regulations requiring "Address Service Requested" to be printed on bulk mail items at least quarterly, has resulted in many Triangles being returned. VP Helen has been working on the huge task of verifying life membership – first with unit life members. She has found many are deceased, some for many years. For that reason, we have a large number of deceased members this month.)*

8	Barnhill, Clarissa	24	Morton, Margaret V	101	Schonholtz, Edna M
8	Brown, Gladys R	24	Noyce, Anna R	124	Carscallen, Louise
8	Burns, Ruth A	24	Price, Anna M	124	Julian, Estelle M
8	Dedmon, Louise L	24	Przylepa, Doris E	126	Crider, Gladys E
8	Jones, Hilda A	24	Steinke, Mary E	156	Clardy, Gertrude S
8	Mason, Lida G	24	Weeks, Evelyn G	159	Orr, Ava L
8	Remphrey, Esther A	40	Speers, Audrey D	162	Wickman, Frances L
8	Riley, Evalyn G	42	Chasse, Dorothy E	194	Irick, Alice B
8	Rivett, Frances V	42	Hartman, Mary E	197	Nelson, Wilma J
8	Walbrecht, Hazel	42	Kuzman, Eleanor M	208	Tucker, Helen A
8	Wilson, Blanche E	42	Moulton, Barbara E	210	Miller, Jacqueline A
18	Blood, Zaida P	42	Wadman, Theresa A	210	Mrozek, Shirley J
18	Cromwell, Martha	48	Briggs, Viola M	226	Roberts, Lucille T
18	Fleck, Evelynne V	48	Merwin, Ruth S	229	Ryder, Elizabeth L
18	Gant, Willie M	53	LeVrouw, Elaine M	229	Soika, Antonia J
18	Gross, Ramona	70	Zerr, Evelyn B	230	Pike, Fern O
18	Parker, Jeanette M	89	Dube, Lois W	230	Powell, Faye E
18	Piper, Virginia B	89	Rehmel, Kathryn V	261	Novak, Kae K
20	Capozzoli, Mary A	89	Roberts, Marion B	261	Ricci, Ruth M
20	Mansfield, Mary E	91	Callahan, Mildred E	261	Taylor, Inez
22	Wilson, Louise	91	Corbin, Madelyn J	282	Borgen, Bobbie E
24	Carlson, Emma	91	Feaster, Louise A	290	Sterling, Merlin
24	Cullen, Jessie M	91	Fox, Geraldine D	298	Smiley, Margene B
24	Dwyer, Alice C	91	Howie, Alice E	298	Thurber, Elizabeth L
24	Fink, Frieda W	91	Lancaster, Alice M	302	Querido, Julita R
24	Hedges, Emma L	92	Sturtz, Frances N	313	Lampman, Helga K
24	Larmore, Katherine I	94	Hinds, Ruby P	MAL	Clark, Dorothy H
24	Logan, Violet M	94	McIntyre, Harriett W		
24	Madden, Eva B	101	Behr, Ruie M		
24	Martin, Mildred M	101	Gibson, Wilma E		
24	Metcalf, Mary	101	Reed, Florence B		

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### Legislative News

By John R. Davis, FRA's Director of Legislative Programs

#### Doc Fix and Concurrent Receipt Improvements Need to Pass Senate Now!

The House passed legislation (HR 4213) that would delay the 21-percent physician reimbursement cuts that took effect on June 1, 2010 until January 1, 2012. The Senate is expected to vote on this legislation soon. TRICARE and Medicare can delay processing reimbursements until Congress acts on this issue. This is the third deadline on the so-called "doc fix" this year and FRA is concerned that many physicians will stop accepting Medicare and TRICARE patients, if the cuts take effect. The bill has also been amended to expand the concurrent receipt of military retired pay and VA disability compensation. The measure would authorize service members who are medically retired with less than 20 years of service (Chapter 61 retirees) and have a disability rating of 90 to 100 percent to receive both payments, without offset, starting on January 1, 2011. The following year concurrent receipt would be expanded to those with 70- to 80-percent disability ratings. These are high priority issues for FRA and members are urged use the FRA Action Center ([www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org)) to ask their Senators to resolve the ongoing threat to doctor reimbursement rates and support concurrent receipt improvements.

#### SBP/DIC Offset Repeal Senate Floor Amendment Expected Next Week

Although not confirmed at press time, a floor amendment is expected as early as next week in conjunction with debate on the Senate version of the Defense Authorization bill that will repeal the SBP/DIC offset. FRA believes strongly that current law is unfair in reducing military SBP annuities by the amount of any survivor benefits via the DIC program. As soon as the amendment is filed FRA will list it on the FRA Action center ([www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org))

FRA is supporting "the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act" (HR 775) sponsored by Rep. Solomon Ortiz (Tex.) and identical legislation in the Senate S. 535 sponsored by Senator Bill Nelson (Fla.) that repeals the SBP/DIC offset. Both bills have stalled in Committee. Rep. Walter Jones has circulated a discharge petition on HR 775 to bring the bill to the House floor for a vote. A majority of members of the House must sign the petition before the bill is sent to the floor. LA FRA members can express their support for the discharge motion by using the FRA Action Center ([www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org)).

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The Shipmates and Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Special National Convention Committee proudly invite you to attend the 83<sup>rd</sup> National Convention of the FRA and the 78<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the LA FRA to be held during the week of 12-19 September 2010.

**MARRIOTT SPARTANBURG**  
**AT RENAISSANCE PARK**  
299 North Church Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29306

Reservations: 1-800-327-6465 FAX 1-864-596-1219  
1-864-596-1211

Rate: \$99.00 + 10% Tax – King or Double Queen (If Double is required please make reservations early)  
Reservations must be requested under the name of FRA/LAFRA Convention in order to get the special Convention Room Rates. There are 247 Oversized Guest Rooms.

Cut Off Date is MONDAY, August 23, 2010

Guest has until 6:00 pm of the day of arrival to cancel without penalty. This room rate is available two days prior to start of Convention and two days after.

You can take a virtual tour of the Hotel by going to [www.Marriottvirtuallyhere.com/Spamc/](http://www.Marriottvirtuallyhere.com/Spamc/)

**HOTEL AMENITIES**

FREE Shuttle Bus Service to/from Airport:

AIR TRAVELERS:

Please notify the Hotel at [Jessica.Dace@marriott.com](mailto:Jessica.Dace@marriott.com) and info Chairman at [rnavavycwo4@aol.com](mailto:rnavavycwo4@aol.com) of your flight information both to and from Spartanburg, SC. **THIS IS REQUIRED TO SET UP A SHUTTLE SERVICE AT NO COST.** The hotel has a 12 passenger van which will be utilized for this purpose. The Hotel DOES NOT NORMALLY PROVIDE SHUTTLE SERVICE. If you do not make arrangements for this service prior to your arrival, it cannot be provided. If you do not have Email access, call the Hotel and ask for Jessica Dace and then notify the Chairman at (813) 752-5288.

Spartanburg, SC is served by bus, train or air. The train station is a block from the hotel.

Standard Vehicle Parking in Garage (302 spaces) Overflow for 451 vehicles in adjacent parking lot.

RV Parking (Parking only) available on site – 15 vehicles. Valet Parking available (at cost to the guests)

*(For more information on the Conventions, please go to our website)*

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Navy Safe Harbor which provides non-medical care for seriously wounded, ill, and injured Sailors, Coast Guardsmen, and their families is our National President's project this year.

To raise money for her NP Project, she is selling raffle tickets for a quilt that she made (picture included) and also a necklace made of blown glass that she found while she was in Hawaii. The tickets are 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held at the banquet in Spartanburg and you do not have to be present to win. You may purchase tickets from Pres. Cindy during her travels and she will be asking the Regional Presidents to carry them as well.

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**REGIONAL CONVENTIONS**

July 22-25 2010	Northeast Regional Convention in Harrisburg, PA East Coast Regional Convention in Richmond, VA
July 30, August 1 2010	North Central in Deerfield MI Northwest in Roseburg, OR
August 6, 7 2010	Southwest Regional Convention in Tucson, AZ
August 8, 2010	New England in Groton, CT
August 19- 22 2010	South Central – Shreveport, LA Southeast – Greenville SC West Coast – Rancho Cordova, CA

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