

**LADIES AUXILIARY of the
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From the desk of the National President

It's hard to believe it is already February, 2012. The regions have been busy setting up their Mid Year meetings and Regional conventions. I plan to make as many as possible and look forward to visiting with the Unit members. The NES has updated the forms for 2011-2012 including the Price Lists Order Forms, Unit Officers Report Form, New Membership Applications and Death Notification and forms have all been put on the LA FRA website (www.la-fra.org).



Effective 01 January 2012, the new Membership Service Administrator has fully taken over the duties. Membership dues were increased to \$20.00 per year, please ensure that all payments for new members, renewals and reinstatements are mailed to:

LAFRA – MSA
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Email: laframsa@att.net

On December 7, 2011, I had the distinct honor of representing the LAFRA along with Jeffrey A. Gilmartin, FRA National President at the USS Arizona during the Pearl Harbor Memorial Service in Honolulu, HI. It was a moving experience that will forever live in my memory. A special thank you to Branch and Unit 46 for making the arrangements and for the Hospitality they showed us.

Our annual Pilgrimage to the Mast of the Maine and the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery will be held on April 28, 2012. The Westin Hotel is again our host hotel and the room rates are \$104.00 plus tax. For reservations call 1-800-937-8461 and mention the LAFRA.

To all the members of the Auxiliary: On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors, we thank you for your continued support. We could accomplish very little without the members (the backbone of the organization) supporting us. I am constantly reminding myself of the big picture of what we are here for an what cause we are supporting.

Our prayers and condolences go out to the many families who have lost a loved one this past year. If you or a member of your family has been ill may you have a speedy recovery, and if you are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary our best wishes are sent your way.

In Loyalty, Protection & Service,
Gini C. Larson
National President

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| February 2 – Ground Hog Day | February 4 – USO Birthday (1941) |
| February 12 – Lincoln's Birthday | February 12 – Women's Marines Birthday (1943) |
| February 14 – Valentine's Day | February 19 – USCG Reserves B'day (1941) |
| February 20 – President's Day (Holiday) | February 22 – Washington's Birthday |

Women In Military Service for America Memorial

The Memorial is located at Arlington, VA
The Women in Military Service for America Memorial pays tribute to the 2.5 million women who have served or are serving in or with the U. S. Armed Forces. The memorial honors servicewomen – past, present and future – from all branches of service, during all eras since the American Revolution.

Happy Valentine's Day



Membership Statistics as of 12/31/2011

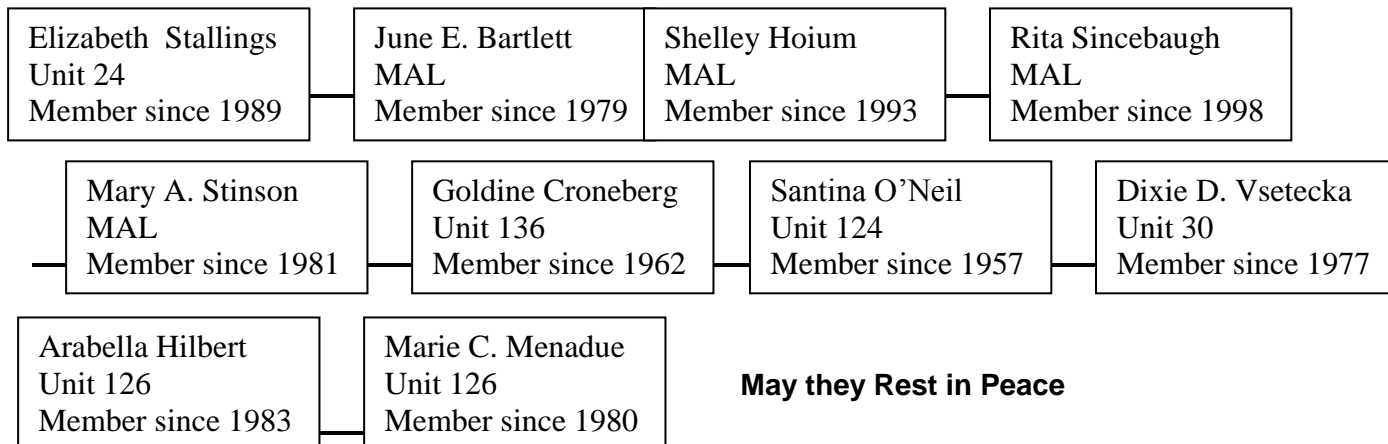
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MAKE RECRUITING THE NUMBER ONE (#1) PRIORITY, CARRY APPLICATIONS AT ALL TIMES.

To "KEEP THE LAFRA LEGACY ALIVE" we have to recruit and retain members in the Auxiliary.

Carry Membership Applications/Brochures with you at all times.

IN MEMORY of OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS



FROM THE DESK OF THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL PRESIDENT

I would like to thank the members of the North Central Region for the opportunity to serve as Regional President for the Association year 2011-2012. I am very excited to be in this position. I must admit that while I really wanted to follow in my mentor's footsteps, and I just couldn't wait to wear a grey hat, I felt a little overwhelmed at first by the duties and responsibilities of being a Regional President. However, I told myself that I will get all the information I need to perform each task required of me, and that more help is just a phone call away. Other dear people reiterated this for me, and they were so right. I've had a few questions to answer, a couple problems to resolve, made an official visit, published a newsletter, and talked with many wonderful, caring people so far. I've had all the help I needed and love what I am doing. Life is great!



It's heartwarming to hear what great deeds the units in the North Central Region are doing, such as having Christmas parties and buying gifts for boys' homes, making turbans for cancer patients, visiting VA hospitals, providing necessities for needy veterans and the homeless. Raffle tickets are being sold for the President's project and special efforts are being made to contact old members that haven't been heard from for a time.

I'm so looking forward to the upcoming events: NCR Mid-Year Conference in Wichita, KS, April 12 -15, and the NCR Regional Convention in Grand Rapids, MI, August 23-26. The details are in my newsletter, and all are invited.

I have grown to love this organization as my extended family. Now I am getting to know more family members, and know them better. The relationships we form and nurture through the LAFRA are priceless. We all share a common bond that we can be very proud of and grateful for. This makes it of utmost importance that we keep membership applications with us at all times and recruit new members into our wonderful organization. The LAFRA has an honorable history and we are its future. I see a bright one on the horizon!

Yours in Loyalty, Protection & Service,
Teresa Norton, RPNC

PEN & INK CHANGES FOR THE UNIT ROSTER and the National Officer's & Appointments Roster

NES Doris Fri, has only one phone number, (as shown on the front of this Triangle), 913-406-6408. Any other phone number is no longer valid. The land line that was in my house has been disconnected, at my request, since I have not been staying there. I am still currently living with my Brother in Law, Frank since April. I am Frank's caregiver, (he is 87 years old and depends on a walker or wheelchair), he is doing very well but needs someone in the house to assist him. My address is still the same as always, and all mail is being forwarded daily. I will maintain my home in Linn Valley until such time as it is deemed necessary to make a change.

National President's Project

Susan G. Komen for the Cure
505 LBJ Freeway, Ste 250
Dallas TX 75244

Prostate Cancer Foundation
1250 Fourth Street
Santa Monica CA 90401

Units please let us know what is going on in your Unit. We want to share all the wonderful things you are doing

Unit 67: NP Gini Larson and RPEC Jackie Scarbro cutting the cake at a meeting in honor of the National President and the East Coast Regional President. (Picture submitted by RPEC Jackie)



Candidates for National Office

National President: Diane Hoover Unit 24

National Vice President: Carolyn Whitaker Unit 147 endorsed by Unit 22

National Treasurer: Bobbie Pugh Unit 371

COMING EVENTS

February 10-11, 2012 Southeast Regional Mid-Year – Huntsville AL

March 16-17, 2012 Tennessee Caucus – Nashville TN

April 13-14, 2012 New England Regional Mid-Year Hudson NH, Florida Council, Jacksonville FL, North Central Regional Mid-Year, Wichita KS, South Central Mid-Year, Fort Worth, TX.

April 28, 2012 Annual Pilgrimage Arlington National Cemetery

July 19-21, 2012 West Coast Regional Convention, Carson City NV

July 20-21, 2012 Northeast Regional Convention, Camp Hill, PA

July 27-28, 2012 East Coast Regional Convention, Greenville NC

August 10-11, 2012 Southwest Regional Convention, Las Vegas, NV

August 15-18, 2012 South Central Regional Convention, Fort Worth TX

August 23-25, 2012 North Central Regional Convention, Grand Rapids, MI & Southeast Regional Convention Goose Creek, SC

September 8, 2012 New England Regional Convention, Groton CT

October 15-21 2012 FRA 85th and the LA FRA 80th National Conventions

Silver Legacy Hotel, Reno Nevada

Room rates \$65 Sunday –Thursday and \$95 Friday

and Saturday plus 13.5% Tax

Call 800 687 8733 Give Code FLEET 12 for reservations

Chairman, PNP Gary Blackburn & Co Chairman, Cindy Rodham-Tuck

Plan ahead and make your reservations early, you can always cancel a reservation, but it is hard to get a room when the hotel is full.

KEEPING UP WITH OUR MEMBERS

PRP Gail Aper recently suffered a stroke, but is at home now recovering. I am sure she would love to hear from everyone. You may send cards to Gail Aper 4316 W Electra Lane, Glendale AZ 85310-3971.

PRP Dot Ginda also has been in the hospital after suffering a stroke, she is recovering at home and you may send cards to her at 2783 W. Shore Road apt 47E, Warwick RI 02889-8643.

We were saddened to hear of the death of **PRPNEng Ruth Adams.**

PNP Ralph Schmidt underwent Surgery to have a pacemaker installed and some stents inserted. He is doing well and expects to go home soon. I spoke with PNP Ginny Schmidt on Friday. You may send cards to Ralph at his home:

PRPNC Gay Smith is in the hospital as of Thursday the 12th. Gay has been ill for awhile. She is having some breathing difficulties, according to her husband PRPNC Ken Smith. You may send cards to her home at 4825 58th Street, Crystal MN 55429-2831.

SAD NEWS It is with a heavy heart that I report the death of Jim Landis, husband of Alicia Landis, after a long illness. Jim passed away on January 10, 2012. Alicia is "Director of Administration" at FRA Headquarters. Our heart goes out to the Landis family at this time. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers. If you wish to send cards, please send them to Alicia Landis at FRA Headquarters 125 N West Street, Alexandria VA 22314-2754

MEMBERSHIP

Due to the changes made at the National Convention this year, and while there has been some confusion, it is very important that we all remember that the Membership dues are now \$20.00, effective 1 January 2012. Be sure you are using the correct application and/or brochure, both can be ordered from NFS Karen Smith. Once you have recruited a new or reinstated member, be sure the check (made out to LAFRA) is sent to the new **Membership Services Administrator** PNP Pat Boudreax at the address on the front of this Triangle. Secretaries if the members pay their dues to you, please be sure everything is sent to the correct address.

Remember the only "Dumb Question" is the one you never ask! When in doubt, ask the question, "Knowledge is Power" and "Communication is Key".

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REPORT OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR TRIANGLE

Date: _____

Name: _____ Member No: _____

OLD ADDRESS

Street: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

NEW ADDRESS

Street: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

MAIL TO: DORIS C. FRI NES, PO BOX 269, LACYGNE, KS 66040

ALSO REMEMBER TO NOTIFY THE MSA OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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