

# LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

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## *Unit Procedure Manual*

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## **UNIT PROCEDURES MANUAL**

This Procedures Manual has been prepared as a supplemental tool for the Unit President Secretary and Treasurer to use in conjunction with the Constitution and Bylaws (C&BL), Standing Rules (SR) the Unit Instruction and Ritual (UI&R) and the National Financial Secretary (NFS). All of the above cites should be read and adhered to by all Units. This Procedure Manual highlights many terms covered in the C&BL, SR and UI&R and detailed information on preparing and submitting membership reports. The NFS receives all dues payments and processes the membership information. It is hoped that your job as a Unit Officer will be easier by having this manual available for your usage.

Things to remember:

Regular meetings of the Unit shall be held no less than once a month (Section 1412, C&BL) . Each Unit defines its own quorum (Section 1413, C&BL) Notification of meetings should be done by a three (3) day written notice to all members or notice given at the previous meeting (Section 1414, C&BL).

The President should arrive early in order to arrange meeting details and to greet members, visiting members and prospective members and is assisted by the Vice-President and the Sergeant at Arms. An attendance book is maintained by the Sergeant at Arms that the members sign. A guest book is used for visiting members and guests.

Arrangements for the meeting are made before the meeting starts. The Chaplain arranges the Altar, the Color Bearers have the Flag and Banner prepared for presentation. The Secretary has organized her material according to need. The Treasurer and Chairman should have their reports available. The Secretary distributes any National Chairman's Bulletin Articles for that month, to the Unit Chairman or whoever is designated for inclusion in her report to the Unit.

Officers taking part in the initiation Ceremony have the Ritual at hand. Many Units have in individual Officer's part typed on small file cards which the Officers keep on hand for use. (UI&R Chap 1)

The diagram for the meeting hall arrangements may be found in the Rituals: (UI&R Pg. 1) Be sure the Unit Charter is displayed in a prominent place.

When parading the Colors, Color Bearers march with the National Ensign always to its own right. If Flag and Banner cross in order to post the Colors, the Flag is ahead of the Banner when they cross.

Unit Chairmen, in making their reports to the assembly, should have a copy of them to submit to the Secretary for the files.

*Unit Chairmen should also compile their monthly reports and annual reports in a turnover folder that should be given to the newly appointed chairman.*

All official letters from the Unit shall carry the signature of both the Unit President and Unit Secretary.

The bank signature card should contain the names of at least three officers of the Unit. All checks sent to the NFS for supplies or PCT should be made out to the *Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association or LA FRA*. All checks for dues shall be sent the NFS.

*Use one check for each transaction. For example, if you are purchasing pins and donating to the NP Project, use two separate checks.*

## **UNIT PRESIDENT**

### Conducting Regular Meeting

**NOTE:** In the LA FRA, three (3) raps of the gavel indicate that the entire assembly rises. Two (2) raps is for officers only to rise. One (1) rap of the gavel seats the assembly or calls the meeting to order.

**PRESIDENT:** One (1) rap of the gavel)  
THE MEETING WILL NOW COME TO ORDER, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS  
YOU WILL INVITE THE MEMBERS IN AND CLOSE THE DOOR.

**PRESIDENT:** SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE THERE ANY NATIONAL OFFICERS,  
PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS, VISITING MEMBERS OR GUESTS  
PRESENT?

(If so, the Sergeant-at-Arms will report giving the names of  
non-member guests and visiting members.

The President will instruct the Sergeant-at-Arms to present National Officers to the Altar for introduction. The National President is escorted to the Altar for separate and special presentation as an honored guest. The members rise (3 raps) of the gavel. The honored guest is seated on the right of the President and others to be presented are on the right of the honored guest. Visiting members are also introduced and will remain in the audience.

**PRESIDENT:** COLOR GUARD YOU WILL PARADE THE COLORS

Give three (3) raps of the gavel, signaling all members to rise. All members should free their hands of all articles and place the right hand over the heart as the Colors are advanced. Color Guard will parade the Colors to the Altar and stand at attention during the opening prayer. (If the meeting is small the Colors may be posted before the meeting begins, and Color Guards may unfurl them at this time)

**PRESIDENT:** THE CHAPLAIN WILL INVOKE THE BLESSING OF GOD

The Chaplain will proceed to the Altar, open the Bible, and give the opening prayer.

**CHAPLAIN:** ALMIGHTY GOD, CREATOR OF ALL THINGS, WE HUMBLY BESEECH  
THEE TO ACCEPT OUR DEVOTIONS. HAVE MERCY ON THE SOULS  
OF OUR DEPARTED, GUIDE US IN ALL OUR UNDERTAKINGS THAT WE MAY  
TRULY PLEASE THEE. AMEN .

**PRESIDENT:** COLOR GUARD, POST COLORS.

**PRESIDENT:** PLEASE SAY WITH ME THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:  
“I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE  
WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

(It is the decision of the Unit whether to sing the National Anthem or not)

**PRESIDENT:** THE MEMBERS WILL RECITE THE PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION  
OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

*HAVING A KEEN SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, BEING TRUE AMERICANS, AND  
BEARING IN MIND THE PREAMBLE OF THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION, WE THE  
MEMBERS OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY, DO BAND  
TOGETHER TO AID, ASSIST AND PROMOTE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO  
WELFARE, SOCIAL, AND PATRIOTIC WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FLEET  
RESERVE ASSOCIATION ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THUS, DO WE  
ASSOCIATE AND DECLARE THESE PRINCIPLES TO BE THE FOUNDATION AND THE  
PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE FLEET  
RESERVE ASSOCIATION*

*(If a Unit member or National Officer has died, you will perform the ceremony for draping  
the Charter. (UI&R Chapter 20)*

**PRESIDENT:** I NOW DECLARE UNIT \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE  
FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION REGULARLY CONVENED.  
*One (1) rap of the gavel seats all members.*

The following is a detailed outline for the Order of Business for the optional use by the  
President. The LA FRA uses no form of saluting in its ceremonies or meetings.

**PRESIDENT:** WE WILL NOW HAVE THE ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY THE  
SECRETARY.  
(Officers answer, Secretary notes same in minutes)

**PRESIDENT:** SECRETARY, WILL YOU READ THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS  
MEETING.  
(After Secretary completes reading minutes)

**PRESIDENT:** ARE THERE ANY CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE  
MINUTES?  
IF THERE ARE NONE, THE MINUTES STAND APPROVED AS READ.  
(If there are corrections make corrections and proceed)

- PRESIDENT:** IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER CORRECTIONS, THE MINUTES STAND APPROVED AS CORRECTED. (President will sign the minutes)
- PRESIDENT:** WE WILL NOW HAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT  
The Treasurer gives the financial report. THIS REPORT WILL BE PLACED ON FILE FOR AUDIT.
- PRESIDENT:** SECRETARY WILL YOU PLEASE READ THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.  
This may be omitted if no meeting was held.
- PRESIDENT:** RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD WILL BE TAKEN UP UNDER THE PROPER ORDER OF BUSINESS.
- PRESIDENT:** WE WILL NOW HAVE THE REPORT FROM THE CHAPLAIN

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- PRESIDENT:** ACTIVITIES, AMERICANISM, AUDIT, HOSPITAL, VAVS, MEMBERSHIP, PUBLICITY, WELFARE, YOUTH ACTIVITIES
- PRESIDENT:** THE SECRETARY WILL READ THE COMMUNICATIONS.  
(After communications are read)  
COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ACTION WILL BE TAKEN UP IN THE PROPER ORDER OF BUSINESS.
- PRESIDENT:** TREASURER, ARE THERE ANY BILLS TO BE PAID AT THIS TIME?  
(The Treasurer will submit the Unit bills. A motion is in order to pay bill)  
"IT HAS BEEN MOVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ AND SECONDED BY \_\_\_\_\_ THAT BILLS BE PAID. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF PAYING THE BILLS SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE \_\_\_\_ ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY NO \_\_\_\_  
1-THE AYES HAVE IT AND THE MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS IS CARRIED, OR THE NOS HAVE IT AND THE MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS IS NOT CARRIED.
- RECESS:** (If the members desire, the recess may be omitted. If a recess is called, request the Chaplain to close the Bible, and then re-open it when meeting is resumed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

(Be sure to bring up any business deferred and not completed at the close of the previous meeting.)

**PRESIDENT:** SECRETARY, IS THERE ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continue if there is no Unfinished Business)

**PRESIDENT:** WE ARE NOW UNDER NEW BUSINESS.

(If any committee chairman has requested a special project or funds, now is the time to bring it to the floor. Any member can bring up a subject at this time which has not been discussed before)

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

(Visiting members and National Officers are invited to speak. Upon introducing National Officers, the highest ranking is the last on to speak i.e., if your guests include the National Treasurer, National President, and Regional President, they shall be called upon to speak in this order, Regional President, National Treasurer, and National President. The LA FRA order of protocol should be followed.)

(Courtesy and thanks are in order at this time. A gracious President thanks the workers and the members for their attendance. Suggestions for the good of the Unit are brought up at this point. Invite all to remain for refreshments or the social hour. Remind the members of the next meeting or other scheduled activities if it is prior to the next meeting.)

**PRESIDENT:** IF THERE IS NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THIS ASSEMBLY, WE WILL PROCEED TO ADJOURN.  
(Give (3) raps of the gavel for members to rise.)

**PRESIDENT:** WE WILL NOW GIVE THE SALUTATION TO THE DEAD.  
(Members will stand with bowed heads for 1 minute)

**PRESIDENT:** THE CHAPLAIN WILL RECITE THE CLOSING PRAYER.  
(Chaplain goes to the Altar)

**CHAPLAIN:** ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO HAD GIVEN US GRACE AT THIS TIME TO MAKE OUR COMMON SUPPLICATIONS UNTO THEE AND DOES PROMISE THAT WHEN TWO OR MORE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN THY NAME, THOU WILL GRANT THEIR REQUESTS; FULFILL NOW O' LORD THE DESIRES AND PETITIONS OF THY SERVANTS, AS MAY BE MOST EXPEDIENT FOR THEM. GRANT US IN THIS WORLD, KNOWLEDGE OF THY TRUTH, AND IN THEY WORLD TO COME LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN

**PRESIDENT:** COLOR GUARD WILL NOW RETIRE THE COLORS.



(Members will stand at attention, placing their right hand over the heart as the Colors are retired. )

**PRESIDENT:** LET US LEAVE THIS MEETING PLACE FULLY AWARE OF THE OBLIGATIONS WE OWE TO OUR COUNTRY AND TO THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION, AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, LET NOTHING SWERVE US FROM OUR PRINCIPLES

**PRESIDENT:** I NOW DECLARE THIS MEETING OF UNIT \_\_\_\_\_, LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION, REGULARLY ADJOURNED.

## **HINTS FOR THE INEXPERIENCED PRESIDENT**

When presiding the President should have at hand the National and Unit Bylaws, Standing Rules, and a copy of *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. Study them between meetings until you are familiar with them. The LA FRA National C&BL, takes precedence over *Roberts Rules*. Units must be sure that their Unit Bylaws and Standing Rules do not conflict with those of the National Bylaws.

The President should know all the business to come regularly before the assembly and call for it in its proper order. Have with you, a list of your committees to guide you in appointing new committees.

When a motion is made, do not allow anyone to discuss it until the motion has a second, and you have repeated the motion. In case there is not a second and no response to your call for a second, the motion is dead.

A competent presiding officer has responsibilities which cannot always be stated in terms of detailed duties. The President must know when to be firm, and when to relax the rigors of the law and perhaps even insert a bit of humor into the proceedings.

The President is elected to SERVE the members – not to dictate or dominate. Should always have a FAIR and IMPARTIAL, attitude on all subjects. Keep the meeting moving, seeing that there is no awkward pause and no vacant space in the program. If a discussion lags, it can be ended by saying “ARE YOU READY FOR THE VOTE?”

The President sets an example to the assembly in fairness, courtesy, and obedience to the rules. The atmosphere of a meeting is largely a reflection of the presiding officer’s personality. The definite duties entrusted to the presiding officer are:

1. To call the meeting to order at the appointed time.
2. To announce the business before the assembly in proper order.
3. To state clearly and to put properly, all motions.
4. To announce the result of each vote and the next business in order.
5. To inform the members on points of order and to answer parliamentary inquiries relating to pending business.
6. To enable members to proceed in order.
7. To prepare order and control debates.
8. To name members to serve on committees.

The President cannot afford to listen to gossip or take in personal quarrels. She is the President to the ENTIRE UNIT, not of a particular group. While exercising leadership of the assembly, she is also its obedient servant.

The President never refers to herself as “I” but as the “CHAIR”, or “YOUR PRESIDENT. Thus, “THE CHAIR DECIDES”.

DO NOT EXPECT more time and effort from others than you give.

It is very important that the exact wording of a motion be understood by all. To make this clear, the presiding officer frequently repeats the motion, asking the proposer if the wording is correct. Until a motion has been stated by the President to the assembly, it

cannot be discussed or acted upon. Although one is enough, two or more seconds can be made.

DO NOT call the officers and committee chairs “MY” officers, or “MY” committee chairs.

DO NOT use the phrase “turn over the meeting”, rather say “The Chair presents or introduce. . .”).

DO NOT allow a member the floor the third time without asking permission from the assembly.

DO NOT allow a member to monopolize the floor to the detriment of the other members.

DO NOT allow a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. A motion is in order to accept the Audit Committee’s report after the committee audits both the Secretary’s and the Treasurer’s Report.

DO NOT allow the members to elect a new officer to fill an unexpired term. To fill a vacancy in an office, the Board of Directors appoints. In the case of a replacement for the President, the Vice President automatically fills that chair.

## **PARLIAMENTARY TERMINOLOGY**

**ACCEPT:** (Also **ADOPT or APPROVE**) The minutes are usually “approved” while a resolution is “adopted”. Whenever a report of a resolution is accepted, adopted, or approved, it becomes the statement or opinion of the assembly.

**ACCLAMATION:** A loud and general “viva voice” vote of approval, usually followed by a motion to make the election or motion unanimous.

**ADDRESS THE CHAIR:** To speak directly to the presiding officer as “Madam President” or “Madam Chairman” whichever the case may be.

**ADJOURN:** To bring the meeting to a close.

**AGENDA:** A list of items or subjects to be done; a memorandum of business to be brought up at a meeting.

**AMEND:** To alter (as a Motion), by striking out, adding, or substituting.

**ASSEMBLY:** A gathering of persons for deliberation, specifically the voting membership of a Unit, present at any meeting.

**AUDIT:** A formal or official examination and verification of Unit accounts.

**BALLOT:** A printed or written slip for voting, usually secret. Also, the total of votes cast for an election.

**CHAIR:** An officer presiding over a meeting.

**CHAIRMAN:** It is the responsibility of the Chairman to organize the Committee into a working group, and to set a time and place for members to meet.

**COMMITTEE:** A small group of people appointed or elected to consider or take action on some matter or proposal, subject to the approval of the assembly.

**DEBATE:** To discuss a question by considering arguments on both sides proceeding to a vote.

**EX-OFFICIO:** By virtue, or because of official position, such as President is an Ex-Officio member of all committees.

**LAY ON THE TABLE:** To put aside a motion or report usually for consideration at a future meeting.

**MAJORITY:** More than half the votes cast, or more than half the members present.

**MOVE:** To make a motion. A member states “I move that \*\*\*\*\*” they never say, “I make a motion that.”

**NOMINATE:** To name a candidate for election to a particular office.

**PRO TEM:** For the time being, temporary. As President, Pro Tem.

**QUORUM:** A special number of members or officers of any assembly or group, which when assembled, is legally competent to transact business. According to our C&BL a quorum for a regular meeting may be decided by the assembly. (C&BL. Sect 1413)

**SECOND:** Expressing approval and interest (at least for the purpose of discussion) by one member other than the person who proposed the motion. When moved, seconded, and stated by the Chair, a motion cannot be withdrawn or ignored except where the original maker of the motion withdraws it.

**STANDING COMMITTEE:** A committee whose status and work are defined by the C&BL, appointed by the President to serve a full term.

**STATING THE QUESTION:** When a motion is proposed, and seconded it is then stated to the assembly by the Chair, using the exact words of the motion. It is then pending and open for discussion and action.

**TWO THIRDS VOTE:** When a motion receives more than two-thirds of all votes cast.

**UNANIMOUS:** Without dissent.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Business which has been carried over from a previous meeting.

**UNIT BYLAWS:** The Bylaws of Unit must be submitted to the Board of Directors of the parent Branch for approval.

**UNIT STANDING RULES:** The Unit's Standing Rules may be amended at any meeting by proper procedure.

## **UNIT SECRETARY**

The Unit Secretary is the chief assistant to the President, the duties are varied. The following items are necessary to assist in carrying out the duties.

### **SUPPLIES PROVIDED BY THE UNIT:**

1. Brief case or attaché case.
2. Letterhead stationery and envelopes
3. Three ringed binder for preserving the Unit Minutes
4. File folders or filing permanent Unit records
5. If possible, larger Units should have a file cabinet
6. Notebook for Minutes
7. Receipt book for money received by Secretary
8. Voucher Book
9. Stapler, paper clips, pencils, scratch pads, rubber bands, etc.
10. Cash Journal to record money received, prior to turning over to Unit Treasurer.

## **ORDER FROM NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Per Capita Tax Forms, Transfer Form, Change of Address Form, Membership Application, Membership Brochure, and order form for supplies available from the National Financial Secretary's office. These forms may also be available on the website [www.la-fra.org](http://www.la-fra.org) under 'LA FRA Forms'

### **ORDERING SUPPLIES - LA FRA PRICE LIST ORDER FORM**

Supplies listed on page 1 of the LA FRA Price List Order Form are available for sale through the National Financial Secretary.

Before ordering verify the you have the most recent form. NO supplies are sent to the Units until payment has been received.

For supply orders and donations to projects. **Make all checks and money orders payable to: Ladies Auxiliary of the FRA or LA FRA.** Send check and a properly filled out form(s) to the National Financial Secretary. **Use a separate check for each transaction.**

**All dues payments and PCT reports are sent to the National Financial Secretary.**  
(Checks made payable as above)

Price lists, subject to change without notice, are sent to all Unit Secretaries each year and with each order and are also available on the website.

1. Unit Procedures Manual
2. Certificates of Appreciation
3. Past Officer pins w/guards
4. Past Officer Guards (for those who serve more than one term)
5. Service Guard (Continuous membership in LA FRA)
6. Membership Pins
7. Blue-Gold Ribbon
8. Decals and Seals

## **SECRETARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE MEETING**

Prior to the meeting the Secretary should prepare an agenda for the convenience of the President. This should list any unfinished business of previous meetings, and recommendations of the Board of Directors. The Secretary should be prepared to take notes for the minutes or use a recorder.

When reading the minutes from the previous meeting they should be read distinctly and in a clear voice.

If the Board of Directors held a meeting, those minutes should be read and recommendations taken under the proper order of business.

The Secretary reads all communications and those needing further action will be brought up later in the meeting.

The Secretary may provide copies of the Triangle to various Chairmen to read as part of their report. The Triangle is available on the website.

The Secretary enters all money received in the Cash Journal. After recording, turn all money over to the Unit Treasurer who will give a signed receipt for the money.

The Secretary will gather up all supplies and materials to guard from loss.

At the close of the Unit year, the Secretary will assist the Unit Chairmen in filling out their Annual Reports for the Regional Chairmen or as the Regional President has directed.

The duties of the Secretary are administrative, and you occupy a pivotal position which the activities and the duties of the other Unit Officers and Appointees relay upon for assistance.

In order that the Secretary may be informed, the following instructions and suggestions are provided.

NOTE: Nominations for Unit Officers shall be opened at a meeting in either March, April or May as specified in the Bylaws of each Unit. Nominations shall remain open until a meeting in the month following the opening of nominations, then closed and officers elected. Officers-elect shall be installed by a member of the LA FRA or FRA, at a meeting in the month following election. Installing Officer, selected by the President-Elect, shall be invited by letter, bearing the signature of the Unit President and Secretary. The Officers are elected for a period of one (1) year, except that of Secretary and/or Treasurer may be elected for a period of two (2) years.

MONTH 1 – The beginning of the Fiscal Year. It is the responsibility of the Units to meet deadlines for elections of Delegates, Alternates and Proxies for the Regional Convention in July or August. The Unit will receive the official Delegate voting strength for the office of the National Financial Secretary. It is the Units responsibility to elect delegates for the Regional and National Conventions. The newly elected Secretary should obtain all records for the office of Secretary. The retiring Secretary should work with the new Secretary to make a smooth transition for the Unit. This is a good month to set goals and plans for the upcoming year and the Unit to set a budget.

*Delegates, Alternates and Proxies are elected not appointed.* Total number of delegates is not to exceed the voting strength number provided by the NFS. Each Unit is to elect delegates to the Convention, total number of delegates is not to exceed the voting strength number provided by the National Financial Secretary. It is in the best interest of the Unit to elect a Proxy and Alternate Proxy, in addition to the Delegates and Alternates. The proxies cannot be someone from your own Unit. You should verify that the delegates, alternates, and proxies will be attending the convention prior to their election. This should ensure the Unit will be represented and not lose their votes. Each Delegate, alternate, and proxy should be reminded they will need to have their paid membership cards with them. The Delegate sheets for both the Regional and National Convention must be filled out and sent to the names listed on the forms and one (1) copy for the Unit files. The forms are to be signed by the Unit President and Secretary.

MONTH 2 Before each meeting the Secretary should ensure all correspondence, reports, books, and supplies needed are available. The Secretary and President should arrive at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the meeting. The Unit will elect delegates to the National Convention. The report of the Regional Convention should be given at this meeting.

National and Regional Presidents try to visit as many Units as possible during the year in office. Make sure your Unit members are notified of the visits so members can meet and visit with them. Invite members of neighboring Units and National Officers in the area. If the National Officers cannot be in the area during a regular meeting it is requested to have as many members as possible attend any event in their honor.

MONTH 3 This is the usual month for the National Convention. The Delegates of the Regional Convention should have given a report of the Regional Convention. If not, this will be given when it is completed

MONTH 4 The Delegates who attended the National Convention should give a report of the Convention. The NES will send a Roster of the National Officers and Appointees and a list of all Units and their addresses. Any changes of the Constitution and Bylaws, Rituals and Standing Rules will be sent to all Units after the Convention, usually in the *Triangle*.

MONTH 5 Special Thanksgiving work and Christmas plans are made at this meeting. Arrangements for parties, baskets, and other charitable work in which the Unit will be involved during the upcoming year.

MONTH 6 The usual business is conducted, however, if the Unit has a Christmas party on the night of the meeting, most of the business may be deferred.

MONTH 7 The usual business is conducted.

MONTH 8 Same as other meetings. The Americanism Chairman is encouraged to have a special program. The Unit should contribute to the Pilgrimage Fund (Section 815(c)).



MONTH 9 Depending on the Bylaws of the Unit, nominations for officers shall be opened in March, April, or May.

MONTH 10 Memorial Day observances may be discussed at this meeting.

MONTH 11 Same as other meetings. Deadlines for resolutions to be sent in for action at the National Convention. The Unit may want to mail out invitations for Installation of Officers to the neighboring Units and National Officers.

MONTH 12 If this is your election month insure all nominated for office are members in good standing (Their dues are paid and up to date).

If the Secretary has received the Annual Reports forms from the NES office, or downloaded them from the website, they should be given to the Committee Chairmen. The secretary should offer to assist them in filling out the reports. Some Units have a special meeting to complete these reports.

Prior to the Installation of Officers, the books of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be audited by the Audit Committee.

The Secretary shall promptly notify the NES, Regional President, Regional Treasurer and the NFS of the names and addresses of the newly elected President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, the dates of the monthly meetings and place where the meetings are held; also, the date of their Unit Installation. The Unit Officers Information form is on the website.

The Membership Year ends on 31 March of each year. All membership reports such as PCT and dues payment *must be received by the NFS no later than the day before the March close-out date* (which will be published in the *Triangle*) in order to receive proper credit for the year. Any report and or check received by the NFS, on or after the March close-out date will be held and processed after the present year's records are finalized. These reports will be included in the following year's records.

Since the voting strength of Units is determined by the number of members in good standing at the close of the membership year, the importance of submitting reports on time cannot be over-stressed. When the voting strength figures are received from the NFS, the Unit Secretary should check to ascertain if the records are in agreement with the Unit files.

The Unit Secretary provides information to the Unit Membership Chairman as to the correct number of members in the Unit, how many are new members, suspended, deceased, and all transfers since the last meeting.

All Regular meetings shall have at least three days written notice to all members, or notice shall be given at the previous regular meetings. Many of the Unit publish a monthly bulletin, noting the time and place of the meetings

## **SIMPLE RULES FOR MINUTES**

The Secretary should keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings.

Be sure to have a person's name spelled correctly and repeat it, so you pronounce it properly.

Refer to the previous meetings minutes and give the President a list of items to be considered. This should be done prior to the meeting.

### **ALL MINUTES SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

1. Unit Name, complete date (year, month, day) time and place.
2. Name and title of the presiding officer.
3. Classification of meeting, regular, specially called, board, committee meeting.
4. Record whether or not a quorum is present.
5. Roll call of officers, those absent.
6. Record the acceptance of previous minutes with changes.
7. Record the balance announced by the Unit Treasurer.
8. Record accurately all business transacted, keep brief.
9. DO NOT record opinions or discussions.
10. Motions must be recorded exactly as made. Names of persons who made and seconded the motion and if carried or rejected.
11. Be sure that Committee Chairs and appointments to special committees are recorded in the minutes.
12. Copies of resolutions should be attached to the minutes.
13. Furnish the Unit President with a copy of the minutes as soon as possible.
14. Do not use the phrase, "respectfully submitted" simply sign you name, title and date. After approval, the President signs below the Secretary.

Write the minutes as soon as possible after the meeting, while it is still fresh in your mind. If corrections are made to the minutes they are noted in the margin.

## **SECRETARIAL DUTIES – EASY REFERENCE**

**PCT REPORTS:** It is important that these reports be sent to the NFS every month. When a member transfers to another Unit all applications on file for that member should be sent to the Unit to which the member transfers. If a member transfers to the Members-at-Large roster (MAL), all applications should be sent to the NVP.

**BULLETINS:** The NES mails or emails the *Triangle* to all Units and National Officers shortly after the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. These Bulletins contain news for all members, so please read them as communications. Any member may subscribe to the *Triangle* for a small yearly fee. The *Triangle* is also available on the website.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Secretary is to read all correspondence at the meetings. It is suggested the Secretary can shorten and give important information for each piece of correspondence. This will shorten the length of the meetings.

**LETTERS:** The Secretary should be very prompt in acknowledging gifts and donations which have been received by the Unit. The Unit President and Secretary sign all letters.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Resolutions containing proposed amendments to be acted upon by the National Convention body shall be received by the National Executive Secretary in the proper format and content and not less than four months (120 days) before the convening date of the annual convention in the association year, (Section 608(a)).

**APPLICATION FORMS:** All application forms for membership in the LA FRA are to be properly completed and signed by the applicant and the recruiter. The Secretary of the Unit verifies the applicant's eligibility (Article 3) then signs the application and forwards the application and check for the dues to the NFS.

**DECEASED MEMBERS:** The Unit Secretary shall notify the Unit President and Chaplain in case of the death of a member. Suitable Services shall be conducted if the family consents. Notification of the death of a member *must* be made to the office of the NFS on the next Per Capita Tax Report. The Unit Chaplain shall notify the Regional and National Chaplains, including the name and address of the next of kin so a card may be sent. This can be done by email if you have Internet access. The Form for "Death Notice" can be found on the website.

**MEMBERSHIP AWARDS:** For information on the awards for recruiting new or reinstated members, see Standing Rule 4

**MEMBERSHIP REPORTS:** Membership is the life-blood of the Auxiliary. To maintain and strengthen the membership, it is necessary that accurate records of each member and each Unit are kept. This is accomplished by means of reports submitted by the units to the office of the NFS, and reports from the NFS to the Units.

LA FRA C&BL Articles 3 -Membership, 4-Dues, and 14-Unit Organization; C&BL of the Auxiliary provides the authority for record keeping. In the succeeding pages, specific instructions for preparation of reports will be given.

PCT 'A' - This form is used for reporting all new and reinstated members, including their applications and dues payments. Also, for reporting renewal dues payments collected by the Unit Secretary.

PCT 'B' This form is used for reporting changes such as address, name, sponsor, transferring members, reporting death, resignations, and ineligible members.

All reports must be submitted in sufficient time to reach the NFS no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month or deadline date by notification from the NFS.

The NFS is required to submit monthly reports to each Unit and Regional President. Twice annually, in April for the close of the membership year on 31 March and in October for the close-out on 30 September, an alphabetical listing of Unit members showing available complete address for each member, membership number, dues expiration date, initial entry, telephone number and birth date. These reports are sent by email if available. An alphabetical listing will be sent each month by email. Any officer with email access may receive these reports.

### **ALPHABETICAL MEMBERSHIP LISTING (ALPHA LISTING)**

Although no sample of this report is shown, it is just as it implies. All active Unit members will be listed in alphabetical sequence. This report shall be sent to each Unit twice annually, at the close of March and September, or monthly if sent by email. This listing should be retained in the Unit files along with the Unit file copies of the PCT 'A' and 'B' reports.

### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Properly completed applications for all new and reinstated members *must* be attached to the PCT 'A' report form, with the check for dues, when reporting to the office of the NFS. (One copy per member). Once the member has completed the application, she/he may give it to the Unit Secretary or mail it directly to the NFS at the address shown on the form. Make a copy of the application and keep it for the Unit files.

Members desiring affiliation through the Member-at-large Roll, should forward their application with dues payment directly to the NFS.

# LA FRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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**WHAT WE DO:** The LA FRA plays an active role in our communities. Local units sponsor youth programs, welfare projects, social and patriotic activities to benefit the communities at large, veteran programs and the active duty community. The organization provides annual scholarships to outstanding students each year.

**WHO CAN JOIN?** All applicants must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.

Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association is limited to spouses, parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, children, stepchildren and grandchildren not less than 16 years of age of members of the Fleet Reserve Association and widows, widowers, parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, children, stepchildren and grandchildren not less than 16 years of age of persons who were members at the time of death or eligible to be members of the Fleet Reserve Association at the time of death.

**HOW CAN I JOIN?** Members fall into two categories. Members who belong to an LA FRA Unit or Members who do not but join as "Members-at-Large."

## Join the Ladies Auxiliary of the FRA (DBA Auxiliary of the FRA)

Name in Full: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) ((Zip + 4))

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



*The following service member information validates this application:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Serviceman's Full Name) (Rate/Rank) (USN/ USMC/ USCG)

☐ Certify that the information is true and accurate and that my sponsor is a member of FRA Branch \_\_\_\_\_ or is MAL

☐ Certify that the information is true and accurate and that my sponsor was eligible for membership at the time of death.

Unit Preference \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



I am the:

	Wife		Mother
	Sister		Father
	Daughter		Widow
	Stepdaughter		Widower
	Husband		Granddaughter
	Brother		Grandson
	Son		Grandmother
	Stepson		Grandfather

Annual Membership Dues:	
	\$25.00 for 1 Year
	\$50.00 for 2 Year
	\$75.00 for 3 Years
	\$100.00 for 4 Years
	\$125.00 for 5 Years

Make all checks or money orders payable to LA FRA.



**Join the Ladies Auxiliary of the FRA DBA Auxiliary of the FRA: Membership Application**



**I am the:**

Name in full \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip+4  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

The following service member information validates this application:



\_\_\_\_\_  
SERVICEMEMBERS FULL NATE RATE/RANK USN/USMC/USCG

- ☐ I certify that the information is true and accurate and that my sponsor is a member of Branch \_\_\_\_\_ or MAL  
☐ I certify that the information is true and accurate that my sponsor was eligible for membership at time of death.

Unit preference \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**This is the back of the application and may be printed from the website [www.la-fra.org](http://www.la-fra.org)**

## **TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP**

Section 306 of the Constitution and Bylaws states that it is the right of the member, in good standing, to transfer their membership, except to avoid disciplinary action. This Section contains instructions for administrative procedures to be followed in effecting transfers.

If the member applies to a Unit for transfer of her membership, the Secretary, shall: Inform the NFS by letter, PCT 'B' form or email. Be sure that the member's name, address, telephone, email address (if applicable, sponsor's name, branch of service and affiliation are *legible and correct*. This will ensure that the member's record is accurate.

NOTE: All Transfers MUST be reported on PCT "B" form and mailed to the NFS.

On transfer of membership, dues shall be credited to the Unit the member is transferring to.

When the member transfers to another Unit *all applications* on file, for that member shall be sent to the Unit to which the member is transferring.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM**

There are two (2) methods a Unit may use to report a change of address for the members.

1. By using PCT "B" Report form, Part A
2. By sending an e-mail to the NFS

Be sure that the name, address, phone number and email (if applicable) are clear and accurate.





LADIES AUXILIARY of the FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION dba AUXILIARY OF THE FLEET  
RESERVE ASSOCIATION.  
REPORT OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

From: Secretary, Unit No \_\_\_\_\_

To: Secretary, Unit No \_\_\_\_\_

Members Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Member) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Member originally joined (or last reinstated in) Unit No \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Continuous Membership record to date of transfer \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert dates and Units)

Class of membership: (circle the one that applies to member's status). Spouse, widow. Widower, parent, grandparent, sister, brother, child, stepchild, grandchild, step grandchild. (circle one)

Sponsor's name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch No \_\_\_\_\_

Mail 3 copies of this form to the National Financial Secretary who will affect the transfer. The National Financial Secretary will return 1 copy to the Unit the member is transferring from 1 copy to the Unit the member is transferring to and will retain 1 copy in the NFS files for a period of one year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary signature, Unit #, and date

\_\_\_\_\_  
National Financial Secretary signature, and date



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**REPORT OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

From: Secretary, Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

To: National Financial Secretary

PLEASE CORRECT THE BELOW MEMBER'S ADDRESS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Old Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City, State, Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Secretary Signature

(Member and Secretary must sign, send three (3) copies to NFS and keep copy for Unit files.)

## **PER CAPITA TAX PCT "A" FORM**

The report should be prepared in duplicate, with the original sent to the NFS, with appropriate enclosures and a copy retained by the Unit Secretary for the Unit files. Retaining a copy enables the Secretary to check the monthly reports from the NFS against the Unit's copy to ensure that all reported work is complete and correct. This form is available on the website.

Secretaries should *never send currency through the mail* and should discourage the members from doing so.

PCT 'A' report. The purpose of this form is to report *all new and reinstated members and renewal of membership*, with payment of dues.

Definition of a reinstated member - this is a former member who has broken membership in the Auxiliary FRA and whose dues expired more than three months ago. To be reinstated the member must meet the membership requirements.

If the member's dues expired less than three months ago, then the member is in arrears and should be reported under *REINSTATED MEMBERS*, with payment of dues.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF PCT 'A' FORM**

It is very important that the Unit number, month and year appear at the top. This report is separated for recording purposes when received by the NFS and identification is most important. This form is available on the website.

COLUMNS 1 and 10: This column should *always* be filled in with one of the following.

N – USN/USNR  
M – USMC/USMCR  
C – USCG/USCGR

COLUMNS 2 & 11: This column should *always* be filled with one of the following:

Wife – A	Widow – B	Sister – C	Mother – D
Husband – E	Daughter – F	Brother – G	Granddaughter – H
Son – I	Grandmother – J	Father – K	Grandson – L
Grandfather – O	Stepson – P	Widower – R	Stepdaughter – S
Honorary Member – Z			

COLUMNS 3, 12, and 19: This column should *always* be filled in as this determines the expiration date of the member. Use only the monetary amount that the member has paid, i.e. one, two or five years.

COLUMNS 4, 13, and 20: List the member's name. List the last name first and then the first name followed by middle initial. Avoid the use of initials for the first name. In case of initials comprising the first and middle names, place the initials in quotation marks.

COLUMNS 5, 14, and 21: List the member's email address, printing legibly.

COLUMNS 6 and 15: List the address for the member. This is the address to which their membership card and correspondence will be sent. Be sure to list the complete address including Lot, Apartment, or space numbers, and the ZIP + 4 code.

COLUMNS 7 and 16: Ensure that a prospective member has entered their telephone number on their application and that it includes the area code.

COLUMNS 8 and 17: Enter the member's birth date.

COLUMNS 9 and 18: List member's ID (membership) number.

*Please be sure that the sponsor's name is listed on the application clearly and accurately.*

*All checks are payable to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association or LA FRA.*

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*All money pertaining to membership are to be mailed to the NFS.*

**Please type or print legibly**

Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

## REPORT OF NEW MEMBERS (CODE 59)

[illegible]

## REPORT OF REINSTATED MEMBERS (CODE 52)

[illegible]

## REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

[illegible]

## **PER CAPITA TAX – PCT 'B' FORM**

This report should be prepared in duplicate with the original sent to the National Financial Secretary with appropriate enclosures and the copy retained by the Unit Secretary for the Unit files. Retaining a copy enables the secretary to check the monthly reports from the NFS against their copy, to ensure that all requested work is complete and correct. This form is available on the website.

PCT “B” report. The purpose of this form is to report changes in a member’s records that do not involve/accompany a dues payment i.e., change of address, transfer into your Unit, etc. Requirements for transfer are in Section 306 C&BL.

List only the changes to be made but include the name, even if it is not changed, in order for the NFS to verify the changes are made for the right person.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF PCT “B” FORM**

#### **PART A**

COLUMN 1 and 17: Each member’s membership number must be listed in this column. This number may be obtained from the Unit Alphabetical List of Members (Alpha Listing) which is provided to each Unit twice yearly. For members transferring into the Unit the membership number should be obtained from the member’s membership card. *Care must be exercised in ensuring the correct membership number is listed*, otherwise some other member may have the record incorrectly changed whereas the information for the member requesting the change may not be changed.

COLUMN 2: Enter the Service Code only if it is to be changed. (See List under Column 1 & 10 for PCT 'A' Form)

COLUMN 3: Enter Affiliation Code only if it is to be changed. (See List under Column 2 & 11 for PCT 'A' Form)

COLUMN 4: Enter member’s name, if it is to be changed enter both the old and the new name(s). Included the name even if it is not to be changed.

COLUMN 5: Enter members address, if it is to be changed enter both the old and the new address.

COLUMN 6: Enter member’s address only if it is to be changed.

COLUMN 7: Enter member’s telephone number only if it has changed or has never been entered previously.

COLUMN 8: Enter member’s birthday only if requested, has never been entered before, or is incorrect.

## **PART B**

- COLUMN 9: Enter member's membership number.

COLUMN 10: Enter member's complete name.

COLUMN 11: Enter member's email address

COLUMN 12: Enter one of the following codes.

- 56 – Transferred out of your Unit
- 57 – Transferred into your Unit
- 58 – Life member

COLUMN 13: Enter member's complete birth date (if requested)

COLUMN 14: Enter complete date that member's membership began.

COLUMN 15: Enter Unit number to which member is transferring to or from. Ensure that a complete transfer application, signed by the member accompanies this report.

COLUMN 16: Not applicable

## **PART C**

COLUMN 17: Enter member's membership number.

COLUMN 18: Enter member's complete name and date of death if applicable.

COLUMN 19 Enter one of the following codes.

- 50 – Resign
- 53 – Deceased
- 55 – Ineligible





## **REPORTS TO UNITS**

The NFS is required to forward reports to each Unit monthly. They will be sent via email, if an officer has an email address; this will save the Auxiliary postage and printing. It is also more expeditious because the officer will receive them before the end of the month. These reports consist of the following.

*Members Past Due:* A listing of all members whose dues are 30 – 60 – 90 days in arrears.

*Unit Statistical Report:* Indicates cumulative numerical changes to the total Unit membership during the Association Year.

*Members to be Renewed:* A list of all members whose dues expire in sixty days.

*Membership Payment Report:* A listing of all members who have paid their dues during the given month.

*Deletions:* A listing of all deleted members show one of the following codes.

- 50 – Resignations
- 51 – Suspended members
- 53 – Decreased members
- 55 – Ineligible member
- 56 – Transferred out of you Unit

*Additions:* A listing of all new and reinstated members showing one of the following codes.

- 52 – Reinstated member
- 57 – Transfer into your Unit
- 58 – Life member
- 59 – New member

*Changes:* A listing of any member who has had a change in their member record. This report will indicate the change with one or more of the following codes.

LN – Last name  
FN – First name  
MN – Middle name  
AD – Address  
CI – City  
ST – State

ZI – Zip Code  
BD – Birthdate  
AC – Area Code  
SS – Sponsor's Service  
MB – Membership Begin Date  
ME – Membership Ends Date

## UNIT TREASURER

### DUTIES

It is necessary that complete cooperation exists between Unit Treasurer and Secretary. They must work together, comparing notes and making sure that each has the correct information regarding the financial transactions of the Unit.

In some Units, the duties of the Secretary and Treasurer are combined, and the officer is known as the Secretary-Treasurer. In these Units, the individual work varies from the methods used when the two (2) offices are separated.

The Unit Treasurer is responsible for pay bills promptly, receiving and banking all monies, keeping accounts of all transactions, etc. Accurate and complete records must be kept, and the Treasurer's books are open for inspection at any meeting of the Unit.

A quarterly audit of both the Secretary's cash book and the Treasurer's books shall be held by the Audit committee. A report is given in full at the next regular meeting of the Unit.

The signatures of the Unit President and Treasurer should be on all checks. Usually, the Unit have three (3) signatures at the bank so if either the President or Treasurer is unavailable, the third officer may sign.

All checks for supplies, donations etc. are to be made out to LA FRA and mailed to the National Financial Secretary, a note on the check should state the purpose of the check. Units please do not send cash. The National Financial Secretary cannot be responsible for any monies lost in the mail. It is best to write a check for each item to insure proper handling.

All checks for dues payments shall be for the full amount of the dues and be made payable to the LA FRA and mailed to the National Financial Secretary.

The Treasurer's books are balanced monthly in order to give a complete report at the regular meeting. The method of "keeping the book" is a Unit decision. The reports should be in a journal to keep in the Unit files. It is recommended that the Treasurer give the President and Secretary a copy of each monthly report.

## **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Constitution and Bylaws of the LA FRA call for the first nominations of officers during the month of March, April, and May, with further nominations and election in April, May, or June, according to your Unit's Bylaws. Some of our Units have Nominations Committees, although most use the more popular way with nominations from the floor. Nominations, elections, and installation of officers are held in three (3) consecutive months.

Nominations and elections come under New Business. The following is the order of business.

**PRESIDENT: THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS IS NOMINATION OF OFFICERS; WE WILL NOW HAVE NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT.**

A member rises and nominates a candidate. There may be more nominations. After giving the other members sufficient time to nominate for any further candidates for President the presiding officer says:

**PRESIDENT: FURTHER NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT MAY BE MADE AT THE NEXT MEETING. NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT. This should be repeated for any office(s) that is open for nominations.**

A member rises and nominates a candidate. There may be more nominations. After giving the members sufficient time to nominate any other further candidates for Vice President. This should be repeated for any office(s) that is open for nominations. The presiding officer reminds the members that nominations will be open until just prior to elections.

At the meeting where elections are held, the following format is generally used.

**PRESIDENT: THE SECRETARY WILL READ THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.**

(It is not necessary to have a nomination seconded)

**PRESIDENT: ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT?**

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**PRESIDENT: IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THE NOMINATIONS ARE CLOSED AND THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN.**

When elections are held the Secretary provides all members with enough paper to be used as ballots. The President will appoint at least 3 members to count the ballots.

**PRESIDENT: HAVE ALL VOTED WHO WISH TO DO SO?**

**PRESIDENT: THE POLLS ARE CLOSED**

When the President closes the polls, the Tally committee will collect the ballots and count them. The ballots will first be counted to determine the number of votes cast. When the count is completed, the Tally committee prepares a report, which should state the number of votes cast, the number of votes for a majority, the names candidates, and the number each has received. The Teller Chair hands the report to the President.

**PRESIDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ (name of winner) **HAVING RECEIVED A MAJORITY OF VOTES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, THE CHAIR DECLARES** \_\_\_\_\_ **ELECTED PRESIDENT FOR THE COMING YEAR.**

Elections for the rest of the Unit Officers are conducted in the above manner

Between the time of the election and installation the President-elect will be busy filling the committee appointments, as well as appointing a Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms, and Parliamentarian along with the appointments your Unit requires.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR CASTING ONE BALLOT**

**PRESIDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ (name of candidate) being the only nominee for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Office).  
The Secretary will cast one ballot for the nominee.

**SECRETARY:** "I HEREBY CAST ONE BALLOT FOR \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE OFFICE OF \_\_\_\_\_."

**PRESIDENT:** I DECLARE \_\_\_\_\_ **PRESIDENT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**

Repeat for the rest of the Unit Officers, as necessary.

## **CEREMONY FOR DRAPING CHARTER**

The Charter shall be placed in front of the rostrum

**PRESIDENT:** “The Chaplain will now drape the Charter for \_\_\_\_\_  
our departed member.” (Three raps of the gavel. Members rise and sing. (optional)

### **LEAD KINDLY LIGHT**

Lead, kindly Light, amid the' encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on;

The night is dark, and I am far from home; Lead Thou me on.

Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see

The distant scene - - one step enough for me.

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still

Will lead me on.

O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till

The night is gone;

And with the morn those angel faces smile,

Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

(Chaplain advances to Charter)

**CHAPLAIN:** “Hark to the tone of the bell chanting a funeral dirge to our departed member(s). List to the sound wafted back from above, sweet and low. Soft and clear the roll was called, and you answered, 'here.' On the day of (Date \_\_\_\_\_) (Name \_\_\_\_\_) of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association Unit No \_\_\_\_\_ (City and State) you awakened from darkness of night in the glorious sunlight of eternal day. The bell tolled in sorrow, the heavens darkened, and you slept. One more absent, the battle done, one more left us, victory won. You have crossed the bar. May you rest in peace.”

### **NEARER MY GOD TO THEE**

Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

Even though it be a cross that raiseth me;

Still all my song shall be,

Nearer, my God, to Thee.

Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

Though like the wanderer, The sun gone down,

Darkness be over me, My rest a stone;

Yet in my dreams I'd be

Nearer my God, to Thee,

Nearer my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

**PRESIDENT:** Gives one rap of the gavel.

**(Note: The Unit Charter is draped for thirty days upon the death of a member and when notified by the National or Regional President to do so upon the death of a National or Past National Officer.)**

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNIT'S VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF CHARTER. (DISBANDING)

## LA FRA C&BL

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### **STEP 1**

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Be sure to let them know the time, and place of the scheduled Unit meeting, so that they may attend and let their voice be heard.

Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope or post card, with the letter to assure receiving a reply. *All Transfer forms and Change of Address forms must be sent to the NFS. Keep copies for Unit files so there is documentation in case the Unit is reinstated within the 1st three (3) years.*

When the meeting has been held, with a quorum being present, and a vote is taken to voluntarily surrender the Unit Charter, and if the vote is yes, to surrender Charter. The vote must be a two-third vote in the affirmative.

### **STEP 2**

A unit shall petition its Branch, in writing, for the voluntary surrender of its Charter. The Branch shall notify the Regional and National Presidents, FRA, and the Regional and National Presidents, FRA Auxiliary. The National President of the FRA Auxiliary will report in writing to the National Board of Directors of the FRA that the Charter of said Unit has been returned.

### **STEP 3**

Out of a courtesy to Unit members, a letter or a post card should be sent to inform the members that the Unit is no longer operating and that they should receive a new membership card indicating their new Unit or Membership-at-Large status.

### **STEP 4**

It is the responsibility of the Unit to be sure that the Unit Charter has been returned to the LA FRA National President, by the Branch. You may send an email asking the NP to please notify you when they receive the charter.

Attachments:

Sample letter for notifying members of meeting to vote for surrendering the Charter.

Transfer Form and Change of Address Form

Sample letter to petition sponsoring Branch to allow Unit to Surrender Charter

Sample letter for notifying members that Unit has disbanded.

From: Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
To: Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Members  
Subject: Meeting to Vote to Surrender Unit Charter

Date:

Dear Member

Due to the shrinking of our membership, lack of attendance at Unit meetings, and inability to elect Officers the current Officers of the Unit have considered the Voluntary Surrender of the Unit Charter.

We will have a meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Month Date Year Time

The address is \_\_\_\_\_.

If you need directions please contact the Unit Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

The members present will vote to keep the Unit operating or vote to voluntarily surrender the Unit Charter. It will require we have a quorum and a two-thirds majority vote.

If we vote to surrender the Charter, we must then petition Branch \_\_\_\_\_ for the authority to proceed. Reference C&BL FRA 1306 (b) and C&BL LA FRA 1306 (b). The Branch will then notify Regional and National Presidents FRA and LA FRA.

We encourage each member to attend this meeting and let your voice be heard.

If the Charter is surrendered, each member has the option of transferring to another Unit in the Auxiliary or being added to the Membership-at-Large Roll. No response from the member will cause the member to be transferred to the Membership at Large Roll.

Once the Unit is closed and the transfer is complete the member will receive a new membership card from the National Financial Secretary.

We have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience, in making your wishes known.

We have also included a Transfer form for your use.

Please feel free to contact any Unit Officer if you have questions.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit President Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit President Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit President Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Secretary Signature

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Unit Secretary Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
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LADIES AUXILIARY of the FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION dba AUXILIARY OF THE FLEET  
RESERVE ASSOCIATION.  
REPORT OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

From: Secretary, Unit No \_\_\_\_\_

To: Secretary, Unit No \_\_\_\_\_

Members Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Member) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Member originally joined (or last reinstated in) Unit No \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Continuous Membership record to date of transfer \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert dates and Units)

Class of membership: (circle the one that applies to member's status). Spouse, widow. Widower, parent, grandparent, sister, brother, child, stepchild, grandchild, step grandchild. (circle one)

Sponsor's name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch No \_\_\_\_\_

Mail 3 copies of this form to the National Financial Secretary who will affect the transfer. The National Financial Secretary will return 1 copy to the Unit the member is transferring from 1 copy to the Unit the member is transferring to and will retain 1 copy in the NFS files for a period of one year.

Secretary signature, Unit #, and date \_\_\_\_\_

National Financial Secretary signature and date \_\_\_\_\_



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**REPORT OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

From: Secretary, Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

To: National Financial Secretary

PLEASE CORRECT THE BELOW MEMBER'S ADDRESS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Old Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City, State, Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Secretary signature

(Member and Secretary must sign, send three (3) copies to NFS and keep copy for Unit files)

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION UNIT \_\_\_\_

TO: BRANCH \_\_\_\_

FROM: UNIT \_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER UNIT \_\_\_\_ CHARTER

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipmates,

In accordance with LA FRA C&BL

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The entire membership of Unit \_\_\_\_ was notified, in writing, of the scheduled meeting and what would be discussed and voted on.

The members of Unit \_\_\_\_, at a regularly scheduled meeting, a quorum being present, held on \_\_\_\_\_ did unanimously vote to Voluntarily surrender the Unit \_\_\_\_ charter, effective immediately. Due to the, drop in membership, lack of attendance, and unable to elect officers.

The members have chosen to be transferred to other LA FRA Units or transfer to the Membership-at-Large Roll.

The Unit will be closing the Unit Bank Account and the members voted to disperse the funds to the following, LA FRA Unit \_\_\_\_\_ FRA Branch \_\_\_\_\_ or other 501c3 charitable organization as listed:

This is to certify no funds were disbursed to a member to pass along to their favorite charity. All funds were distributed to eligible charities. The credit union/back account at \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ has officially been closed. Notification of same sent to the National Treasurer for official record keeping. Certified by Unit President, Unit Secretary.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Secretary

From: Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
To: Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Members  
Subject: Notification of Surrender of Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Member,

This letter is to inform you that the Unit Charter was surrendered and the Unit is now closed, and to remind you that if you did not submit a Transfer slip, selecting a Unit of your choice or request for transfer to Membership-at-Large, you will automatically be transferred to MAL. You will receive a new membership card from the NFS indicating your current status.

Please feel free to contact any Unit Officer if you have questions.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title