



THE TRIANGLE

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From the Desk of the National President

Happy New Chapter!! We are starting an exciting year for 2020. A milestone has been made, thanks to LA FRA NVP Jackie Scarbro, PNP Doris Fri, PNP Cindy Rodham Tuck and to FRA NP Donna Jansky, National Executive Director Chris Slawinski, Director-Communications & Marketing William Stevenson. Drum Roll... the LA FRA Membership Application will be published in the **FRA TODAY** January 2020 issue. Also, the LA FRA Website has a 3-part wallet size membership application (see message from Doris Fri); an updated Death Notice; the new address to mail Membership documents; the 2020 National Delegate form; and the 2020 Who, What, and Where information sheet. The Unit President & Secretary roster and the Appointment list is available, contact NES Vera Thomas.



The NFS\MSA transition is encountering some hurdles that they have to conquer with the software we are using. The manufacturer of the software had performed global updates, but these updates caused our membership software major problems, even though we purchased an updated version of the software, we still have issues. The issues are related to the automatic report generator process for "pdf" reports to the units and regions. The reports are generated but will require NFS to perform the processes manually until this portion of the MSA program is fixed. We would like to thank two shipmates for providing long hours and support: SM Wayne Suckow, husband of NFS Pat Suckow, he has been assisting NFS Pat Suckow and PNP Cindy Rodham Tuck to resolve issues caused by the software manufacturer and SM PRPEC Paul Phelps for his technical services.

Even though we have hurdles, we are not giving up on doing what is best for the Auxiliary. It is a good feeling LA FRA and FRA are working together. It is important for our auxiliary to remain in compliance and to have the ability to be active in continuing traditions. These traditions can be participating and supporting veteran remembrance ceremonies performed throughout the country, annual fund-raising drives, providing fellowships in the hospitals and attending our National LA FRA Pilgrimage held at Arlington National Cemetery. This is one tradition that should to be on a bucket list to attend, a tradition in honoring veterans who gave their life for our freedom, it is a beautiful and powerful ceremony to be part of, and all members of the LA FRA could participate in these

ceremonies at the Mast of the Maine and the Tomb of the Unknown. Having annual traditions that are recognizable by the general public do have a positive impact on the purpose but also an impact of who we are. May all of us focus on our local and national traditions and to be role models that will generate new members and encourage previous members to reinstate their membership. Upholding Honor and Traditions keep us active. I hope that healing may come to those that are having physical and emotional challenges. Congratulations to those who are celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, or are blessed with a special event.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service
Bea Parco
National President
Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association

Donations to the *LA FRA Scholarship* - Kathy and Dutch Rolaf (memory of PNP Jim Scarbro)

Membership Statistics - Not available due to software difficulties

Mail all membership applications or dues payments to:

LA FRA,
104 Berkeley Square Lane,
PMB #183,
Goose Creek, SC 29445

Do Not Send Cash. Checks/Money Orders Must Be Made Out To LA FRA

From PNP (MSA) Cindy Rodham Tuck information about the NFS/MSA software 'hurdles.' The problems fortunately have not affected the dues notices or membership cards directly. We just have not figured out how they can be mailed from South Carolina since we have not been able to solve the *TEAMVIEWER* issue successfully.

NFS Pat and I were able to manually save the unit and regional reports to the hard drive the next step is to try and send them manually via email. We will also attempt to send the Officers' reports as well. By the way, I think NFS Pat has calculated that we have spent over 60 hours on this issue but it sure seems a lot more (Sunday alone was almost 9 hours – I went through 3 batteries on my home phone). We are not having fun!

Because of these "hurdles" the processing of payments etc. will be delayed (NFS Pat will be depositing the checks for the work we were able to process while we were working in South Carolina but everything else is on hold). We are unable to send out dues notices or membership cards so January renewals will be late. If a member is suspended because of this situation, they will NOT lose their longevity.

Never trust an atom. They make up everything.

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL PRESIDENT 2020-2021

CHESAPEAKE UNIT 40

NOMINATING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it will be the duty and responsibility of the delegates assembled at the 88th National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association to be held in Portland OR, to elect one of its outstanding members who is knowledgeable and dedicated to serve in the office of National President for the year 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, it will be the duty and responsibility of the delegates to elect a member who continues to demonstrate leadership, integrity, knowledge, and dedication and willingness to be of service to the three (3) cardinal principles of Loyalty, Protection and Service to her fellow members, their families and to the Fleet Reserve Association; and

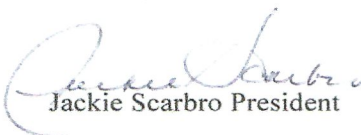
WHEREAS, UNIT 40 has within its membership a member Jackie Scarbro, who has demonstrated all the required qualifications as well as shown dedication and willingness to be of service to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association by practicing the three cardinal principles; and


WHEREAS, this member joined the LA FRA Unit 40 in 1981 and this member has served on the Unit level as President, Vice President, Jr Past President and BOD for over 36 years and on the Regional and National levels has served as National Vice President, National Chaplain, Regional President, Regional Vice President, Mid-Year and Regional Convention Co-Chair multiple times, National Convention Committee Virginia Beach, Goodwill Ambassador during her spouses tour as National President, 2010-2011 Archives Chairman, 2012-2013 Tally Committee, 2015-2016 Budget Committee, 2017-2018 Unit Report Chairman, 2015-2018 Audit Chairman for the National Financial Secretary. She is currently serving as; National Vice President and

WHEREAS, this member's work history is as follows; she retired from Civil Service as a GM 13 as Head of Financial Management/Deputy Comptroller, Naval Hospital Portsmouth VA. The financial Management Department included the Accounting Branch, Budget Branch, MIPRS Branch Travel Branch and Collection Agency. She received the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award and Medal upon retirement; and therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Chesapeake Unit 40 at a regularly scheduled business meeting held on November 20, 2019, a quorum being present, by unanimous vote, did vote to place the name of Jackie Scarbro for the office of National President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association for the association year 2020-2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of Chesapeake Unit 40 do earnestly solicit the endorsement and support of each Unit in the Auxiliary for the candidacy of Jackie Scarbro for the office of National President Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association for the association year 2020-2021.


Jackie Scarbro President


Margaret Phelps Secretary



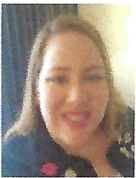
Members of the Ladies Auxiliary, I am the National Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representative for 2019-2020. The Auxiliary is looking for volunteers to be VAVS Representatives. Presently we are a honorary member with twelve (12) VA facilities represented but the VA's requirements are a minimum of twenty five (25) volunteers before an organization would be considered a member of the National Advisory Committee.

The duty of the VAVS Representative or Deputy Representative is to be the liaison between the LA FRA unit(s) in their area and the VA facilities such as a VA Medical center, independent outpatient clinics, or the Fisher House. There is a requirement that a representative or a deputy representative attends at least 3 consecutive quarterly meetings of the VAVS National Advisory Committee or the LA FRA's membership can be terminated. At the meetings you will be informed of what the facilities need for the Veterans such as gift cards, gas cards, bus passes, and clothes. You don't have to be a volunteer at a facility to be a representative but any member can be a volunteer. There is always a need for volunteers, you may assist Veterans by augmenting VA Staff in such settings as hospital wards, nursing homes, ambulatory care, domiciliary, community-based volunteer programs, end of life care programs, veterans outreach centers, national cemeteries and limited assistance in veterans' home.

If any of these facilities are near you and feel volunteering would be possible, please consider becoming a volunteer and or a representative-deputy representative.

I will be glad to answer any questions contact me by email 60grandma@live.com or by phone 843-696-5789.

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
Gail Bolz, PRPSE, VAVS Chairman



Do you know a child or grandchild of an FRA or LA FRA member who is graduating from high school and planning to attend college or a student who may already be attending post-secondary education? Maybe you are a member and thinking about getting a degree? LA FRA has 4 Scholarships to present in 2020, three for \$500 and one for \$1500. When attending a four year university, 2 year community college, private or state college, expenses can add up; Tuition, room, board, books, transportation. Please pass this information to those who may be eligible and encourage them to apply. The application and all required information are is on the www.la-fra.org website and must be received by 15 April 2019. Those who are eligible for LA FRA Scholarships may also find that they are eligible to apply for FRA Scholarships available through the FRA Education Foundation at www.fra.org. If you apply for both you will need 2 separate applications. Best of Luck and I hope you or an eligible person you know is one of the 2020 recipients.

Tips to a complete package:

- #1 - Fill out all information and do not leave anything blank, write N/A if a section does not apply to you.
- #2 - Make sure to enclose the essay, community service, scholastic activities as each are required.
- #3 - Make sure to include transcripts and the letters of recommendation. Consider providing your teacher or community leader with a self-addressed envelope with a date in the corner prior to 15 March and have them sign across the seal and return to you.
- #4 - Remember to request your high school and or college transcripts early.
- #5 - Enclose all required documentation using the check sheet provided and send a completed package.
- #6 - Most important make sure to mail in time to be received by the deadline of 15 April 2020: Mail to FRA Education Foundation, ATTN: LA FRA Scholarship, 125 N. West ST, Alexandria, VA 22314-2754.

In LP&S
Amanda Murray
Scholarship Chairperson 2019-2020

Message from the Webmaster PNP Doris Fri: about the web-site 3-part wallet size membership application.

The Membership Application is designed to print on both sides so be sure to tell your computer to duplex (back-to-back) or if your printer does not duplex, then you must print 1st side, put the form back in the printer and print the other side. This gives you 3 membership applications on one sheet. All you need to do is cut them apart and fold them to carry with you. Please share this information with as many people as you can.

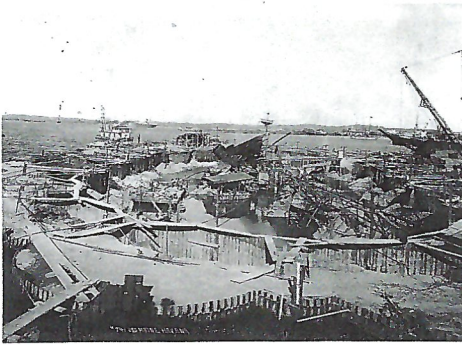
February Dates to Remember:

01 – ***National Freedom Day*** – an observance honoring the signing of a resolution that proposed the 13th amendment of the Constitution. President Lincoln signed the resolution to outlaw slavery.

02 – ***Groundhog Day***
12 – ***Lincoln's Birthday***
14 – ***Valentine's Day***
17 – ***Presidents' Day***

Other Date to Remember:

April 25, 2020 – LA FRA Pilgrimage to the Mast of the Maine and the Tomb of the Unknown.
Old (and very small) photograph of the USS Maine in an unknown yard in Havana Cuba – 1898(?).



The USS Maine Mast Memorial is a memorial honoring those who died aboard the USS Maine (ACR-1) after a massive explosion of [then] unknown origin destroyed the ship while at anchor in Havana Harbor. An official U.S. Naval Court of Inquiry ruled in March that the ship was blown up by a mine. In 1976, a team of American naval investigators concluded that the Maine explosion was caused by a fire that ignited its ammunition stocks, not by a Spanish mine or act of sabotage. <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/the-maine-explodes>

Come to the Pilgrimage and see the Mast as it is today.

Regional Dates To Remember:

WCR Annual Regional Convention 2020 will be held on August 21-22, 2020 (Friday/Saturday) at the Gold Dust West Hotel Casino in Carson City, NV

FRA RPSE Bailey and LA FRA RPSE Nathan at the Birmingham, Al Veterans Day dinner & parade supported by FRA Branch 112.

Both pictures: left – FRA RPSE Laurie Bailey, right – LA FRA RPSE Gale Nathan



RPSE visit to Birmingham, AL - Dinner mates

Front: Linda O'Dell, U269, FRA RPSE Bailey,
LA FRA RPSE Gale Nathan, U269, Diane Cowden, U269,
NES Pat Suckow, U269
Back row: FRA SM Wayne O'Dell, Br112,
SM Tim Bailey Br269, SM Leon Cowden, Br112



Unit 269 Goose Creek also sent in pictures of their recent activity with the Low Riders Motor Cycle *Toys for Tots* ride.

23rd Annual
USMC and Law Riders MC



Sunday 17 November 2019 @ 12:00
Starts/Ends @ Low Country Harley Davidson
4707 Dorchester Rd
Registration begins @ 12:00
Escorted ride begins @ 1:00
(Rain or Shine)
\$20 or one unwrapped toy per rider
\$10 or one unwrapped toy per passenger
Music, Food
& Door Prizes

Prizes for best costume!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
www.lawriders.org
www.lowcountryharley.com



Left: Unidentified USMC
personnel with the above
pictured Unit members.

As shown: Kathy Bourgeois, NFS Pat
Pat Suckow, Trish Chilton, Kathy
Sorenson, RPSE Gale Nathan, PRP Gail
Bolz, Annie Bain, Theresa Milligan.



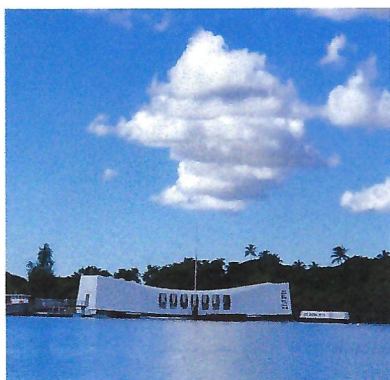
Below: Br and Unit 40 and Four O Club Associates
collected in excess of 150 toys and many generous
cash donations for Toys for Tots.



Right: Unnamed
toys soon to have
new homes.



National President Parco's travel to Pearl Harbor



USS Arizona



LA FRA wreath



LA FRA NP Parco, FRA NP Jansky, and
FRA RPNW Hill



NP Parco



RPNW Hill & NP Jansky



PNP Galloway & NP Parco



NP Jansky & NP Parco



 Blackened Canteen Ceremony - preformed on December 6th, 2019

Dr. Hiroya Sugano, Director General of the Zero Fighter Admirers' Club, comes from Japan to conduct this annual commemoration of peace and reconciliation ceremony with a silent prayer and pouring of bourbon whiskey from a World War II-blackened canteen into the hallowed waters of Pearl Harbor as an offering to the spirits of the fallen.

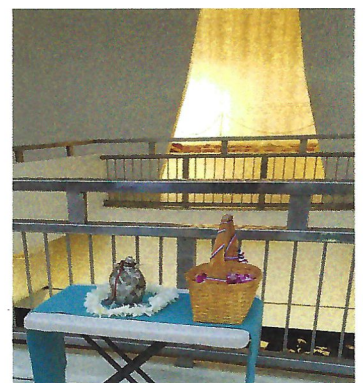
The blackened canteen is a recovered relic from a B-29 bomber that collided with another B-29 over the city of Shizuoka, Japan in 1945. Twenty-three American airmen were killed. The American dead were buried among the Japanese citizens of Shizuoka who were killed during the bombing raid.



Japanese and US Navy Officers shaking hands before the ceremony.



Ceremony pouring whiskey into ship.



Post ceremony

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