



## **TO ALL BRANCH, AUXILIARY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

**Board of Governors:** Tues Jun 6 @ 9AM

**Branch Meeting:** Wed Jun 14 @ 5 PM

**Board of Directors:** Mon Jun 12 @ 4 PM

**FRA National website:** <http://www.fra.org/>

Hey all, Shipmates, Unit and Club Members. June is here and looks like summer is starting. We just held elections for Officers and I would like to thank all the officers for stepping up and volunteering to keep our Branch and Club operating at least for another year.

We still have on the books our National convention this year, and they will be having a new proposal concerning eligibility. The FRA is looking to modify the eligibility requirements to include ALL branches of the military. Currently, Branch membership is limited to only enlisted members (served at least 1 day active enlisted and honorably discharged) for Navy, Marines and Coast Guard. The new proposal is to allow ALL branches, to include Army and Air Force. That would mean that all of you that served in any branch as enlisted (for at least 1 day) would be branch members and able to vote and participate in leadership for the FRA 170. We in the Branch believe this to be a good initiative and voted for it.

We have a few anniversaries in June for Branch members. They are:

\* Fredric Matheny-5 years

\* Calvin Carr-10 years

\* Pete Cupic-10 years

\* Harvey Lail-10 years

If you see these fine people please congratulate them for their honored and faithful service.

I am keeping the suggestion box as a note on the bulletin. Not sure if you all are aware, but we have a suggestion box in the Club. That is used to make any suggestions, criticisms or praises, all alike. Please feel free to use it to let us know how we are doing and what changes you would like to see. We take all of them to heart. ALL suggestions are handled by the Board of Governors. I explained in my last newsletter all the boards and how we are operated. Understand that all the members, Unit, Club and Branch alike handle ALL concerns and deal with them as a team, not one individual, so please give your thoughts, concerns and praises alike. We like to hear from you!!

Unfortunate news, we lost one of our esteemed officers in April, towards the end. Left a large, gaping hole within us that was felt at all levels. Kyle Greenwood was a Governor, Officer and the very best Membership Chairman (appointed position), that Branch 170 has EVER had. We are missing him very much and all our thoughts, prayers and well-wishing goes out to his family while they are grieving. Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate!!

Leadership is not something that comes easy to many people and for many it is a trait that is learned and honed over many years. I am very proud of our leaders of our Branch, Directors, Auxiliary, and Governors. One of those leaders I would like to recognize this month is Larry Ackerman. He is our Branch Treasurer. His job is to steward all of our finances, to include investments. He is a person who serves with complete trust and does this job beautifully and with distinction. He has unimpeachable integrity and does not take any of his work lightly. Kudos Larry-keep up the great work!!

We will be installing our officers in our June meeting. We look forward to serving you for the next year. Thank you for allowing us to serve you be your leaders.

As I wrap up this letter I want to thank you all for reading it, coming to the Branch, Auxiliary, and Club 170 and participating and enjoying spending your time with us. Be kind to each other and let's continue to make this year special. May God Bless all of you, our wonderful city of Everett, our Armed Forces, and the United States of America.

In Loyalty,  
Protection and Service  
Irving Salisbury  
President, Branch 170