



TO ALL BRANCH, AUXILIARY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Board of Governors: Wed Jul 5 @ 9AM
Branch Meeting: Wed Jul 12 @ 5 PM

Board of Directors: Mon Jul 10 @ 4 PM
FRA National website: <http://www.fra.org/>

Hey all, Shipmates, Unit and Club Members. July is here and wow, has this year come so quickly or is it just me?

On Wednesday June 14th, we installed our officers for another year (2 for some) and I am so proud of the members that continuously stand tall and serve. Those officers are and I will name them here have been a staple of support for ALL of us here at Club/Branch/Unit 170. Starting with our beloved departed Shipmates, Dick Craigen, Kyle Greenwood and continuing on with S/M Pat Guyot, our Vice President and Board of Governors Chairman, S/M Larry Ackerman, our Treasurer, Directors S/M Rick Burke and Samuel Schille and lastly but most importantly, the eyes and ears of the Branch, S/M Tim ("Timo") Peebler, who is serving the 2nd year of his original 2 year stint as Secretary.

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 July for Branch members. They are:

TOM CALDWELL - 5 YRS

AUGUST SLAGLE - 5 YRS

DELMAR LOFLING - 5 YRS

GEORGE CRAWFORD - 10 YRS

MICHAEL CRAWFORD - 10 YRS

JAMES LEE - 45 YRS

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!!

We will be having a Flag Exchange on 8th of July, starting at 11:00 AM (that's 1100 for you OLD SALTS and MARINES). Come and bring your old flags (3x5 size) for free exchange and disposal of old ones. This is a service we provide for the community.

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 Anna Foldesi. She is our Unit (Auxiliary) Secretary/Treasurer. Her job, as she does it so very well is being the eyes and ears of the Unit as well as the CFO (Treasurer) for the Unit and handles this with preciseness and dedication. She volunteers with many other organizations as well as running the Saturday Poker game and working a FULL time job. She is one of the most personable people I know, and she truly puts people's needs and that of the Unit, Branch and Club before her own. She is Loyalty, Protection and Service! She has an unimpeachable character and is quick witted. I can't say enough about her and I am so glad that the Unit and the Branch and Club has her on-board. Kudos Anna-keep up the great work!!

With all this turmoil in our country at this time, I ask each and every one of you to put love before everything your life touches, embracing all of our differences and respecting people, ALL people and the rights that ALL people are entitled to, which are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness, however that means to them.

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 Salsbury
President, Branch 170