



## TO ALL BRANCH, UNIT AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

**Board of Governors:** Tuesday Jan. 2th @ 9 AM  
**Board of Directors:** Monday Jan 8th @ 4 PM  
**Branch Meeting:** Wednesday Dec 10th @ 5 PM FRA  
**National website:** <http://www.fra.org/>  
**Club/Branch info website:** <http://www.club170.org>

Hey all, Shipmates, Unit and Club Members, I hope that this newsletter finds you all in the best of health and enjoyment of your lives!! It's January, and the weather is showing it...

Starting this past November, the military exchanges started allowing ALL veterans access to buy from online. I encourage all veterans to log onto the military exchanges website, verify eligibility and start using that benefit.

I hope all of you had a great Christmas and New Years. Always remember to be safe and kind to each other...All of you are our FRA family and we don't take that lightly.

We had a railway tragedy in December. I would like for all to take a moment of silence and pass on warm thoughts and prayers for all of those affected and to give thanks for all those first responders that gave assistance.

The National Convention for 2018 is announced and will be in San Antonio, Texas. I encourage all unit and branch members to attend. More info to follow as we know more...

We now have a **VSO (Veteran Service Officer)** in our branch. This person, Jeannie Ebert, services ALL veterans' requests for benefits. She comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and ability to get the job done. Her hours are Monday and Thursday, 11-12 and 1-2. Appointments are available and requested. Her number is 425-309-6787. Please leave one message only if you receive her VM, as she is very busy and will get back to you ASAP...

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!!

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, Unit and Governors. I want to personally thank ALL the people that step up and make our club/unit and branch the best it can be,

As I wrap up this letter I want to thank you all for reading it, coming to the Branch, Unit 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