



TO ALL BRANCH, UNIT AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Board of Governors: Tuesday Mar. 6th @ 9 AM

Board of Directors: Monday Mar. 12th @ 4 PM

Branch Meeting: Wednesday Mar. 14th @ 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!! March is here and we are all moving forward into a great year.

I want to start off with the tragic, senseless loss of life in Parkland Florida. As we go forward, I feel that love will conquer any hate. Hate is so reckless that while hate is there, love cannot come out. Let's concentrate on love towards all people, regardless of color, race, orientation or anything that distracts us from the ability to LOVE....Let's also make sure that we reach out to our community and offer that love whenever someone needs. Be a steward of love and don't be selfish with 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 am hearing that Shipmate Ron Vukasin is doing better and I can't tell you how glad that makes me feel. He is and continues to be a valued asset, Officer and gentlemen. We all can learn much from him as I have since he encouraged me to seek officer ship in Branch 170.

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. The Club 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. Branch/Club 170 likes and needs 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, Auxiliary, 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, 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