



## TO ALL BRANCH, UNIT AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

**Board of Governors:** Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9 AM FRA  
**Board of Directors:** Monday October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 4 PM FRA  
**Branch Meeting:** Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM FRA  
**Unit Meeting:** Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM FRA  
**National website:** <http://www.fra.org/>

Ah summer has slipped away, and fall is moving in. Wonderful news, you no longer have to put up with the Branch guys attempting to serve food! It seems a cook for the kitchen has been found, Thank you Cheryl!! Let's show support for our new cooks and for your club. Come on in get a bite of food, have a drink and enjoy the company!

The FRA Regional Convention was held September 6-8, we had some members of both the Branch and Auxiliary in attendance, a lot of good information was gained by both groups. This convention was a lead up to the FRA National Convention which will be held in Tennessee the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that next year's Regional Convention will be held in Puyallup, WA. And next year's National Convention will be in Portland, OR.

As our kids, grandkids, and great grandkids will be headed back to school. The National FRA is hosting its Annual Americanism Essay Contest. This contest is for grades 7 through 12, the deadline for entry is December 1, 2019. Requirements are 350 words or less about "What My Vote Will Mean to Me". National grand prize is \$5000, along with 18 national awards and Regional and local prizes. Branch 170 will be providing local prizes (to be determined). All entries will be submitted to our club along with the cover sheet. Further information can be found at the club and on the national website. Essay cover sheets and entry forms will be available at the club.

I hope this was a wonderful summer for all, and as we move out of September and into October, I hope for a relaxing month for everyone before we move into the Holiday months. Important dates coming up to remember; Oct 4<sup>th</sup> National Taco Day, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> Navy Birthday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> National Candy Corn Day, Oct. 31 Halloween, November 10<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day.

I want to thank you for being a part of FRA Club 170, Come on in, relax and have some fun!!

**Semper Fidelis, Semper Fortis, Semper Paratus**  
**Steve Sears**  
**President, Branch 170**