



The Triangle



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From the Desk of the National President

Dear Auxiliary Members,

As we bid the farewell to summer, I would like to extend a warm welcome to September. This month heralds the arrival of fall, bringing with it the promise of cooler weather and seasonal delights. We also commemorate Labor Day, a significant federal holiday dedicated to honoring the invaluable contributions of workers across the United States. Many of us look forward to enjoying the well-deserved extended weekend that accompanies this holiday.

I am thrilled to share the upcoming launch of our innovative membership program, set to debut in October 2026. We are currently in the development phase, and I am pleased to highlight that one of the exciting new features will be the ability to conveniently pay membership dues online. Please stay tuned for more details as we approach the launch date!

I have been fortunate to travel extensively to various regional conventions, and I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the newly elected regional officers for the 2026-2027 term. It is truly inspiring to witness new individuals stepping forward to embrace these vital roles. I am hopeful that our seasoned members, adorned in grey and red hats, will take on the important task of mentoring these newcomers. This mentorship is essential for ensuring the continued vitality and strength of the Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association.

With the elections of unit and regional officers complete, I encourage everyone to eagerly jump into the work ahead for the upcoming term. During my travels, I have heard many voices advocating for change. Although the 120-day deadline for resolutions have passed, now is an ideal time to familiarize yourselves with the Constitution and Bylaws and to begin drafting new resolutions. Collaborating with your units will foster the growth and innovation within our Auxiliary.

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I am excited to see many of you at the upcoming 98th/93rd National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the end of the month. This event promises not only a full agenda of important business but also a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends from across the nation. The convention committee had dedicated countless hours to ensure its success.

If your unit has not yet submitted the National Delegate sheet to the appropriate individual, please do so at your earliest convenience. Additionally, if your unit is unable to attend the National Convention, I encourage you to designate a proxy and provide them with a proxy letter.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all who have generously contributed to my National President's Project, "Stop Soldier Suicide". If you would like to support this initiative, please make your check payable to the Auxiliary FRA, noting "2025-2026 NP Project" in the memo line, and send to the National Financial Secretary at PO Box 706, Goose Creek, SC 29445.

In closing, my thoughts and prayers are with those members and families facing illness or mourning the loss of a loved one. I also extend my best wishes to all celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or any special occasions—may you enjoy many more joyous celebrations in the future!

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

Kelly M. Pena
National President
Auxiliary FRA

Donations

NP Project:

East Coast Grey Hat Club
FRA NVP S.D. Marton
East Coast Foxy Lady
West Coast FRA Shipmates
Northwest FRA Shipmates
Sheri Souza Unit 287

National President Scholarship

Unit 161 - memory of Quida Files

PICTURES

If your Unit is doing Installations, Presentations, or other special events, send us a couple of pictures to be posted in the Triangle. 1 or 2 would be great. 1. **WHO** (is in the picture) **WHAT** (the event is) **WHERE** (the event is being held). You may email them to **nplafra2023.24@aol.com**.

Membership Stats as of June 30, 2026

MEMBERS As of 4/1/26	REI	NEW	TI	TO	RES	NP	DEC	INE	OTHER	ACTIVE MEMBERS As of 8/31/2026
4227	84	193	58	60	0	230	18	0	0	4254
REI – Reinstated		TI – Transfer in		TO – Transfer Out		DEC – Deceased				
RES – Resigned		NP – Non-Payment								
INE – Ineligible										

In Loving Memory of Our Departed Members

 National Presidents	 Other National/Regional Officers	 Members
 Donna Prusacik, Unit 161	 Quida Fikes, Unit 161	 Julia Rivera, Unit 61
 Davey Wiggs, Unit 24		

Unit Officer Information Forms and Delegate Sheets Information

You may have heard this before, probably in school, please write legibly. Think of both forms as being a final exam for English class. If the teacher has to stop reading to try figure out what words you wrote, then an A+ may not be your final grade.

Unit Officer Information Forms - The spelling of a name is important but frequently not easily read. Thank goodness for membership numbers, when legible, as a back-up way to find a member's name. Emails are the worst to figure out; there usually is no back-up to check. Both letters and numbers are the problem. Frequently, 'a', 'o', 'e' look alike, the 'l' and 'I' or 'i' tend to be confusing. An '8', '6', '0', '3' even a '5' will cause confusion.

Delegate Sheets - also deserve your attention. Misspelling a name, may make verifying the membership difficult. So far this year I have had three, does not sound like a lot, but there is no membership number to help. In a listing of over four thousand you can guess how many members share a common first and or a last name. This is about the time required to find the right person, easy in a Unit with fifteen members but a little longer in larger units. Every Unit that has a delegate or delegates listed should list a proxy or alternate proxy. We never know when 'Mother Nature' may call at an inopportune time or has happened at several conventions a medical problem arises. Do you stay at convention or do you go with your unit member to the hospital leaving no one to vote for your unit? A reminder that in the lower right corner of the form is a small block of information needed. If you have noticed a short line following a longer line then you are seeing a request for information, that short line wants to be filled with the number of votes your Unit is authorized. Below that are more lines to fill out - your Unit's region and your Unit's number. Working with legible words and numbers will save many

recipients of these forms both time and frustration, and maybe a headache or two. I know I do not like playing a guessing game with names and numbers, the others probably would appreciate your efforts to provide a readable form.

September 2026 Dates to Remember

01 - Labor Day
11 - Patriot Day and the 25th Anniversary of September 11.
17 - Constitution Day and Citizenship Day
Fun ones --
09 - National Teddy Bear Day
28 - Ask a Stupid Question Day

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE 2026

National President	NVP Laurie A Starkey Unit 31
National Vice President	Stephen Toulotte, Unit 24
National Financial Secretary	RPNE/NEng Cindy Rodham Tuck, PNP
Regional President Heart Land Region	RPHL Joseph Neal Unit 162

Auxiliary September and October Upcoming Events - Dates are Tentative

9-27 - Hospitality Room opens - time unknown
9-28 - Registration, Auxiliary Pre-convention National Board of Directors Meeting
9-29 - Registration, Opening Ceremony, lunch (pre-paid) 1st Business session, Welcome Aboard Reception (pre-paid)
9-30 - Registration, 2nd and 3rd Business sessions, Hospitality Room open, Bowling Tournament (6-8 pm) [1800-2000]
10-1 - Registration, 4th Business session, Auxiliary NP Luncheon (pre-paid), 5th business session, Hospitality room
10-2 - Auxiliary Rehearsal for Installation, Photographs, Installation, and Banquet (pre-paid)
10-3 - Post-convention National Board of Directors Meeting