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FLEET RESERVE BRANCH #104

SCUTTLEBUTT

November & December 2009

From the Branch President's Desk...

Shipmates, as the President of Mt. Rainier Branch 104 which just finished hosting the 2009 Northwest Regional convention, I have to extend some personal thoughts. It is an epilog of sorts

First and foremost, I congratulate Shipmate PNP "John" Johnson on his excellent job as the Convention Chairman. His past history as a Regional Chairman and a National Chairman notwithstanding, in these times and conditions (financial), his production was heartily endorsed and appreciated by many of our attendees. In addition, Mrs. Jan Johnson did a marvelous job of producing the items for raffles and handling the busy end of our drawings. My thanks and admiration to you both, great job.

The main business of a Regional Convention is to elect new Shipmates to the office of Regional President and Regional Vice President and a Secretary/Treasurer for the ensuing year of F.R.A. business. The Northwest Region will surely be well represented by the President-elect C.T. "Bud" Bessey and the newly installed NWRVP Shipmate Hazel Bettancourt who is currently the Vice President of Gem State Branch 382. The Regional President will be installed at National Convention in Virginia Beach on 24 October. We also combined the offices of Secretary and Treasurer and elected PRPNW Marian Dent. This year's Regional convention featured the usual group of Past Regional Presidents, both Shipmates and Ladies, plus we enjoyed the presence of National Membership Chairman Penny Collins, National VP Gary Blackburn and our National President Don Muchek. Our keynote speaker was the recently installed Commander of the National Order of the Purple Heart, Col Jim Sims, U.S.M.C. (Ret). It was great to see some of Jr. PRPNW Don Bordwell's Shipmates from Dungeness Branch 174 and his better half, Zeny.

Our local branch had the very able and welcome assistance of Walt DeRosa in the hospitality room along with Shipmate Pete Lazzaretti. The Two-Bell Ceremony was officiated by Chaplain Robbins, Shipmate LaChapelle and myself and I was ably assisted by Shipmate Jim Jones as the Master-at-Arms. Very fine effort turned in by all hands.

It is important to note that our next Northwest Regional convention will be at W.J. Bessey Branch 328 in Roseburg, OR. The dates and particulars will be put out to everyone after the next Branch 328 General Meeting. As for the Northwest Regional convention in 2011, we await an announcement from someone, I would hope that a sizeable branch from a robust community will come forward and not leave it up to a branch from membership Group 4 or 5.

It was a pleasure to have the company of the two candidates for National VP on board to tell us their stories, Shipmates Norm Combs of Kansas City Branch 161 and Jim Scarbro of Chesapeake Branch 40. Lastly, the members were treated to a wonderful exhibition of native Filipino costumes and dances which was set up by Shipmate Roland Santos.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service, Shipmate Tom Bulger, Branch President

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Membership Matters

It is our honor to recognize the following Shipmates who have reached significant years of service to the Fleet Reserve Association.

September

45 Years

Vernon R. JACKSON

40 Years

Gerald V. SPARKS

35 Years

Lloyd O. SMITH

30 Years

Wayne L. BARGER

25 Years

Robert E. BROKAW

Lawrence O. TODD

October

55 Years

Cecil E. Bruce

40 Years

Johnny L. NEWCOMER

35 Years

Robert S. ORCUTT

In Remembrance

We regret to announce the following Shipmates have joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander:

George A. Moore,

Our sympathies go out to his family and friends.

Please notify the Branch Chaplain at chaplain@frabbranch104.org in any case of illness or death of our shipmates. You should also notify the Branch Secretary as well at sectreas@frabbranch104.org.

Upcoming Events - Please send items to be included to the Newsletter Editor

November 7th	44th Annual Auburn Veterans Day Parade - Muster at 9am, parade at 11am.
November 9th	Branch #104 General Meeting - 1900 hrs @ Southend Community Center, 7802 South "L" Street, Tacoma, WA 98408
November 11th	Veterans Day FRA 85th Birthday
November 12th	Pierce County Veteran's Advisory Council (PCVAC) Meeting 1900 hrs @ American Legion Post #138 in Lakewood
December 10th	Pierce County Veteran's Advisory Council (PCVAC) Meeting 1900 hrs @ American Legion Post #138 in Lakewood
December 12th	Branch #104 Christmas Breakfast @ 9am. Check website for details
December 14th	Branch #104 General Meeting - 1900 hrs @ Southend Community Center, 7802 South "L" Street, Tacoma, WA 98408

From the Editor:

Shipmates, last newsletter we had approximately 10% of the members of our branch respond to our scuttlebutt survey. I urge any member that has not done so to please either fill out the below survey or goto the branch website and do so. We really do need to get a better idea of the BRANCHES WISHES AS A WHOLE to make this decision.

Thank you for your participation.

Shipmate P. Lazzaretti, Newsletter Editor & Webmaster

Questions? Email me at: webmaster@frabbranch104.org

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Scuttlebutt Newsletter Survey

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#3. Do you have any suggestions on how to improve the layout of the Scuttlebutt newsletter?

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#4. Do you have any requests for specific information to be added to either the Scuttlebutt or to the webpage?

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#5. Please give us an opinion on what you think of the new branch website:

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You may also take this survey online at the Branch website at <http://frabbranch104.org/news/survey.htm>.

Please mail your completed survey to:

FRA Branch 104 Scuttlebutt Survey, C/o P. Lazzaretti
 33819 36th Avenue SW
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Shipmates, we need to see more of you at our monthly meetings where we discuss the affairs of the Branch and the FRA. As Members you have a full voice and your opinions are needed.

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