



Minutes  
Of the  
53<sup>rd</sup> Regional Convention  
Of the  
Southwest Region  
Fleet Reserve  
Association

August 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> of 2009  
Tucson, Arizona

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Southwest Region of the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) was called to order in the Arizona Room of the Clarion Hotel in Tucson, Arizona at 1830 on August 14, 2009 by the Chairman of the Convention Committee Shipmate Past Regional President Southwest (PRPSW FRA Jim Fox.

PRPSW Fox introduced the following visiting shipmates: National Vice President FRA Gary Blackburn, National Parliamentarian (NParl) / Past National President (PNP) Jim Eblen, Regional Vice President (RVPSW) Mike Frontz and Regional President (RPSW) Charles Tompkins were then escorted into the meeting hall and introduced.

Shipmate PRPSW Fox then turned the gavel over to the Chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary's (LA FRA) Southwest Regional Convention Committee, (PRPSW) LA FRA Nancy Fox who introduced the visiting dignitaries of the LA FRA.

Thanks to PNP Tom Heaney for setting up the convention.

Joint opening ceremonies in accordance with Rituals of the FRA and LA FRA were conducted.

Shipmate PRPSW Fox turn the gavel over to RPSW Tompkins, welcomed everyone to the convention.

RP Tompkins introduced NVP Blackburn who addressed the Shipmates and Auxiliary Members of the Southwest Region on: "A new FRA strategic Plan"

Shipmate Tompkins assumed the Chair and at 1918 convened the 53<sup>rd</sup> Southwest Regional Convention.

Recess until 0900 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 2009.

The bible was closed.

The Convention was called to order at 0900 on 15 August 2009.

The Chaplain opened the bible.

Shipmate Junior Past Regional PRPSW Lyons was recognized and reported to all in the hall and make sure the records show he was in the proper uniform of the day.

Shipmates lets not forget go to the Mic' introduce himself/herself

Shipmate Regional secretary introduced the following shipmates:  
Regional President: Charles Tompkins  
Regional Vice President: Michael Frontz  
Regional Parliamentarian: (PNP) Jim Eblen

Regional Treasurer: was not present as just had open-heart surgery and is doing good at home

RP Tompkins to the floor lets give PRPSW Jim Fox (Convention chairman) a round of applause.

<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> credential report</u></b> as of 1600, 14 <sup>th</sup> of August	
The authorized voting strength for this convention is:	<u>335</u>
Number of branches represented by delegates is:	<u>17</u>
Number of votes represented by delegates is:	<u>285</u>
Number of branches registered by proxy is:	<u>4</u>
Number of votes registered by proxy is:	<u>27</u>
Number of branches not registered is:	<u>2</u>
Number of delegates registered is:	<u>32</u>
Registered voting strength is:	<u>312</u>
Number of votes not registered is:	<u>23</u>
2/3 votes is:	<u>208</u>
Majority vote is:	<u>157</u>
Branches not represented are:	<u>2</u> (85,120)

Shipmate Ski (289) moves we accept credential report, seconded and passed

RP called on all region committees and location:

- Youth / Activities: Stan Lewandowski (289) – Room #108 be my quest
- Public Relations: Russell Hrouda (163) – back table in corner
- Hospital, Welfare & Rehabilitation: Eric McGregor (289) – lost list due to virus meeting in Arizona room
- Americanism / Patriotism: Glenn Holts (77) – Lounge area
- Audit: PNC Hugh Thomason, Jr. (289) – no meeting
- Budget and Finance: PNP Dick Smith (70) – no meeting
- By-Laws and Standing Rules: PRPSW Smedley (70) – meet @ this table
- Disaster Relief: PNC Hugh Thomason, Jr. (289) – with Leo in room
- Membership & Retention: PRPSW Katzenberger (163) – meet in this room @ this table in Arizona room
- Registration & Credentials: PRPSW Fox (289) - Room 100
- Time & Place: Gus Hermes (61) meet in lobby also need a PNP, 2 SWPRP and a few other shipmates
- Credential committed will meet in room “100”
- Thomas Heaney – no committee meeting ready to give report at this time.  
Suspend the rules to accept report of time and place to hold a place closer to San Diego; meet in Tucson (\$63.00) May 8-9, 50 rooms (100 people) Dinner \$20.95 with tax and gratitude \$26.93 round up to \$30.00 (Applause for Jr PRP)

If not on a committee please sit in

The Bible was closed and The Chair declared a recess until 1030 to allow regional committees to meet and prepare their reports.

Doors are closed and Bible was opened and the Convention reconvened at 1030.

A two-bell ceremony was conducted.

**Final Credential report was given:**

The authorized voting strength for this convention is:	<u>335</u>
Number of branches represented by delegates is:	<u>18</u>
Number of votes represented by delegates is:	<u>291</u>
Number of branches registered by proxy is:	<u>4</u>
Number of votes registered by proxy is:	<u>27</u>
Number of branches not registered is:	<u>1</u>
Number of delegates registered is:	<u>41</u>
Registered voting strength is:	<u>318</u>
Number of votes not registered is:	<u>17</u>
2/3 votes is:	<u>212</u>
Majority vote is:	<u>160</u>
Branches not represented are:	<u>1</u> (120)

PNP Heaney move we accept final credential report, no discussion

RPSW Tompkins read his report to the delegates (Attachment 1), seconded and it was accepted.

RVPSW Frontz read report to the delegates (Attachment 2), seconded and it was accepted.

Regional Treasurer (RT) Vic Miranda will email his report.

**Election of Officers:**

**Regional President** – S/M Lyons move that we elect RVP Mike Frontz by acclamation (Law) seconded.

**Regional Vice President – Nominating Resolution from branch 289 nominating S/M Glenn Holz:** S/M Ski moved that the secretary nominate one vote by acclamation, PNP Heaney (2<sup>nd</sup>) no second needed.

Master at arms escorted newly elected VP to the Podium.

**Regional Secretary** – Nominated Raymond Caston, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S/M Dan Spalding & S/M Chuck Smedley, nomination closed. Moved that the secretary nominate one vote by acclamation.

**Regional Treasurer** – PNP Heaney (77) move that we leave the office of treasurer’s position vacant until be appointed by the Regional President.

Law (90) move that we suspend the position till 1400

Katzenberger (162) 2<sup>nd</sup>

Lyons (77) 2<sup>nd</sup>

Spadling (313) 2<sup>nd</sup>

Bailey (61) 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dalrymple (70) 2<sup>nd</sup>

The election of regional treasurer will be postponed / deferred until 1400

We will now recess until 1300, “Close the bible”

1300 Master at arms closed the doors and the Chaplain “Opened the bible”

JrPRPSW is in Uniform of the “Day”

S/M Ski would like to be excused to get report from room  
(Excused)

### **Committee Reports:**

Americanism and Patriotism (S/M Glenn Holz), amended report as Ken Miller recommended as shipmate of the year. (Enclosure #3/4)

Chaplain – No Report

Budget – PNP Richard Smith would like his report to be accepted, PRPSW Katzenberger and S/M Hourda 2<sup>nd</sup> (163). S/M Law doesn’t understand why budget is now instead of last! Parliamentarian (Good Suggestion) Heaney (77) table, S/M Hrouda Article “26” in red book it is in order! (Enclosure #5)

By-Laws & Standing Rules (S/M Chuck Smedley), S/M Dalrymple made a motion to “receive” can’t receive as got recommendation. (Enclosure #6)

Disaster Relief (PNC Thomason), received by PNP Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Enclosure #7)

Hospital and Rehabilitation (S/M Gregory)(289) SOY-175 Roger Hammerlinck ask branched to submit report (No Enclosure)

No other reports at this time

PNP Heaney talked a little a bit about the new “Veterans Home” in the area

Close the bible, stand at recess until 1355

1355 Doors closed and the bible was opened

We will now reopen election of regional officers:

Received email from S/M Miranda (9) he will continue office, S/M Spalding nominated Vic. Nominations closed for regional treasurer. S/M Spalding (313) moved we elect S/M “Vic” by acclamation and he was elected.

Past Regional, National and newly elected officers went over to meet with the ladies.

Continued with reports:

Public Relations – S/M Hrouda (163) made report and S/M Bailey 2<sup>nd</sup> to be received. (Enclosure #8)

Suspended business for the ladies to be introduced.

Hrouda – changed to report

Membership & Retention – S/M PRPSW Katzenberger (163) awards come out at the national convention.

Youth Activities – S/M Lewandowski (289) gave report, JrPRPSW Lyons 2<sup>nd</sup> to be received as S/M Escobar (85) Shipmate of the year (be rec’d as amended)

Time & Place – S/M Gus Hermes (61) recommended disapproval due to the following: 16 seats in dining hall, rooms are small (50 feet of heat); lounge is small and only 2 handicap rooms. So the regional convention will be held at August 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 branch 77 will host again at the Clarion. S/M Bailey 2<sup>nd</sup> to receive.

Discussion: Heaney (77) \$55.00 for the next 100 years and \$58.00 for December also for the next 100 “years” the Chairman will be PRPSW Harry Lyons.

Lyons (delegate) Chairman (77) anyone ready to get on “310” to Yuma received report.

S/M Hrouda (163) new business as a recommendation.

Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> to receive, any more discussion.

**Unfinished/ or Deferred** – None at this time

### **New Business**

S/M PNP Heaney moves that Branch 108 (Norco) operate under Article 1216, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S/M Spalding (Passed) (Enclosure #10)

S/M Smedley (70) Chairman of SW Region By-Laws and standing rules committed resolution concerning Sr1(g)4 S/M Dalrymple 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Discussion: S/M Smith (70) don't reinvent the wheel as national already does this  
S/M Heaney arise to vote "NO"

S/M Law (90) this is already on national (revamping) by receive disapproving of Resolution. It was taken to the floor for a vote (nay's) has it! (Enclosure #11)

S/M Fox (289) read a resolution to the suspension of annual assessment may be directed, S/M Heaney 2<sup>nd</sup> need to some discussion:

Discussion: S/M Smith (70) arise to oppose resolution needs to be rewritten! It was taken to the floor for a vote (nay's) has it! (Enclosure #12)

Standing rule 16-4(I) regarding essay overall

Discussion: Should come from interest of monies that Branch 200 donated.

S/M Heaney (77) Top winner in favor of resolution

S/M Spalding (313) conceded of reserve

S/M McCann (000) – restricted funds

S/M Hrouda (163) regarding \$10,000.00 is a trust this should be added yearly financial report (GOOD SUGGESTION)

S/M called for question, went to vote aye's had it

S/M Hrouda concerning communications wants SW region to establish a web site:

S/M Heaney 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Webmaster "S/M Hrouda"**

Discussion: S/M Hermes, do we have an idea of price?

S/M Hrouda, cost of about \$130.00 per year

Roll call – hand count

S/M Ski 2/3 votes is needed, try voice again (aye's) got it

S/M Hrouda – 2 point of order for Budget

Disaster Relief and Webmaster

S/M Smith exceed by 10% of budget

Disaster Relief is budgeted by National

S/M Dalrymple (70) SR-3E(1) 3% would equal \$156.00

S/M Bailey (61) how do we run financially

Set up fees, annual fees and domain fees?

Set up is free

Domain fee is \$28.99

1st initial fee is \$170.63

Annual fee is \$142.80 every two years

Branch (43) will cover 1<sup>st</sup> year domain, round of applause.

Bible was closed recess until 1535

1535 Bible was opened

Chaplains report was given by PNC Thomason, S/M Hermes 2<sup>nd</sup> to receive. (Enclosure #13)

S/M Smith made a motion that we accept Branch 43 donation for website. (PASSED)

**Good of the Order:**

Regional President presented gifts to his past officers and chairmen

S/M Law – SHIPMATES how many remember “V-J day”

S/M Fox (289) convention chairman wants to thank everyone for all the help! A long round of applauses

S/M Spalding thank you for allowing me to be your Master @ Arms and “God Bless”

NVP thanks for good time and looking forward to committee members at National and allowing me to be part of your convention

Bible closed and recesses until 1800 for installation.

Submitted by  
Raymond Caston