

First Coast

FRA/LAFRA Branch & Unit 91



Invite All Shipmates and Auxiliary Members to the

2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention

TO BE HELD AT

**LEXINGTON Hotel & Conference Center –
Jacksonville RiverWalk**

1515 Prudential Drive

Jacksonville, FL 32207

October 9-16, 2016

Reservations: (904) 396-5100

online by copying the link (bit.ly/20W2NbY) in your browser

code: Fleet Reserve

Room Rates: \$89.00 plus 13% tax King or Two Doubles

includes hot breakfast for two daily. (Rates are good for 3 days prior and 3 days after convention dates.)

2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention Committee

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Are you ready for some great southern hospitality? We hope so. We are looking forward to seeing many of you when you attend the 2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention here in Jacksonville, Florida and we plan on giving that to you.

The committee is pleased to report that many have already made their reservations for the 2016 National Convention. Although there have been a few minor problems for those making reservations, the hotel has resolved them quickly. Please make your reservations directly with the Lexington Hotel and Convention Center Riverwalk Jacksonville by calling **(904) 396-5100 using the code: Fleet Reserve**. Please make sure that you talk to someone who is located on property at the Lexington Hotel in Jacksonville. (Do not go to the centralized reservations call center which does not have the room block in their system.) Online reservations may also be made by copying the following link in your browser **(bit.ly/20W2NbY)**. Room rates are \$89.00 plus 13% tax. Rooms are available in either King or 2 doubles. (The room rate includes 2 free breakfast. Room rates are available 3 days prior and 3 days after convention dates.

Special Note: When making reservations you may mention you would like a Handicap room however this will not assure that you will be able to get one. Since there are only a few, Handicap rooms will be assigned according to need and only through a request made through the committee. Please call Committee Chairs, James "Robbie" Robbins or Sandra Robbins to be added to the list We will do our best to accommodate any special needs if possible.

The committee negotiated for a discounted self parking rate of \$5.00 per day for those driving. (Valet parking is available for an additional fee.) Check in time is 3:00 pm and check out is at 12:00 pm.

Warning: The Lexington Hotel and Conference Center Jacksonville Riverwalk is a Non-Smoking Hotel. (Smoking is only allowed in designated Smoking areas only. If found smoking in nonsmoking rooms, you will be charged a penalty fee)

Rooms include a work desk, expanded Cable TV (42" flat screen LED televisions) In-room Movies, Coffeemaker, Shower Massager, Hairdryer and iron with full size board. Refrigerators should be available in each room by the time of our arrival. (At this time the Lexington is undergoing a major renovation but we have been assured that most if not all will be completed prior to arrival.) However microwaves will only be available by request with a \$5.00 per day charge.

Please make your reservations now. Keep in mind that you can cancel if needed.

Important Note:

It is important for everyone to remember that the Convention Committee has the authority to control the sale of any items at and during Convention. If your group (Region, Branch, Unit) wishes to set up a table to sell something, you will need to get permission from the committee.

Please note that anyone selling personal sale type items (such as homemade scarfs, craft items etc.) will not be allowed. If we find this happening your items may be confiscated.

Outside Activities/Tours

Monday, October 10, 2016

St. Augustine Historic Tour

A professional tour guide will meet the group dressed in period costume. The tour will cover 450 years of colorful history: the Ponce de Leon discovery, the pirate days of Sir Francis Drake, the Spanish and English colonial years, and Victorian Flagler era. The tour tours most all the major sites and stops at the Castillo de San Marcos, the fort that was never captured in battle. St. Augustine was also the first winter resort for the rich and famous during the Gilded Age. You will hear how Henry Flagler built the most opulent hotels of the day and turned the city into the "Newport of the South". A stop will be the Venetian Renaissance gem of Flagler Memorial Church. The guide creates an interactive tour atmosphere which is fun for everyone. Once the tour is completed, the guides will lead you to the historic district where you will be on your own for lunch and some shopping before you will get back onto the Tour Bus for the ride back to the Lexington Hotel in Jacksonville.

Cost: \$59.00 per person (Minimum participants' needed 45)



Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Jacksonville City Tour & Lunch

Come and enjoy the history and culture of the largest city in the continental United States! A professional tour guide meets the group at the hotel for a river city experience that will entertain all your senses. You may be surprised to hear of the 1564 French colony that existed in Jacksonville before the Spanish settled La Florida. You will travel to downtown Jacksonville to hear the exploits of the city's namesake, Andrew Jackson, and the famous architects who descended upon the city after the Great Fire of 1901. From the ashes, skyscrapers were built and a banking center emerged with secret underground tunnels. Our journey then pauses outside the historic Florida Theatre made famous by Elvis Presley. You will watch a classic film clip which introduces the fun story of how the city emerged as the "First Hollywood" during the silent movie days. The St. Johns River is the perfect backdrop as we travel along the North and South river banks seeing the Everbank (Jaguar) Stadium, Veterans Memorial Wall, St. John's Cathedral, Friendship Fountain and Treaty Oak. At sites such as the Veterans Memorial Wall, you will disembark for a more personal experience by bringing the wall to life telling the stories of fallen heroes. The tour will continue in the nearby Riverside/Avondale area where you will see many historic houses with their varied architectural styles that make up the picturesque community along the river. Lunch will be at one of Jacksonville's Premier Riverfront Restaurant, River City Brewing Company which overlooks the Jacksonville skyline and the St. John's River before returning to the Lexington Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida.

Cost: \$69.00 per person (Minimum participants needed 45)



Friday, October 14, 2016

Victory Casino Cruise

You will catch the 229' Casino vessel that has three decks out of historic Mayport, Florida for a night of fun! On arrival you will receive you Victory Casino Player's Card on which you will earn points. (For our trip, once you accumulate 10 points playing your own credits, you will be credited \$20.00 in Promo Slot Play.) Wheelchair assistance is available. Dining is available in the Atlantic Café. Your cruise rate includes: Transportation, Cruise Fare, One entrée & Gratuity, Entertainment, Free Drinks while gaming and one Drink Ticket for before gambling aloud, Federal Excise Tax and Port Fees.

Policies and Guidelines:

- Minimum age allowed is 18 years old to sail and gamble. Must be 21 to consume alcoholic beverages.
- No weapons are permitted onboard, which includes guns and pocket knives.
- No food or beverages can be brought on the ship.
- All bags and personal belongings are subject to search and security check point.
- Due to Homeland Security restrictions, no wrapped or sealed packages are allowed on board.
- Dress code is casual. Shoes and Shirts are required.
- Arrive at least one hour prior to departure time.
- Valid Photo ID required to board.

Registration required: Name, Address, Date of Birth and phone number.

Cost: \$35.00 per person (minimum 30 participants)





Please Note: For those wishing to play Golf, the committee has accepted NE FL MOAA Chapter 18 invitation to join them for their Golf Outing. Those interested may contact us for the Registration Form.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR TEE TIME?

NORTHEAST FLORIDA MOAA CHAPTER 18

1st ANNUAL GOLF OUTTING

BENEFITING: NJROTC, ROTC COLLEGE, MOAA SCHOLARSHIPS, AND TOYS FOR TOTS, AND OTHER MILITARY CHARITIES.

GOLF/AUCTION/AWARDS/PRIZES/LUNCH/PLUS HOLE-IN-ONE

NAS JACKSONVILLE GOLF CLUB

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016

SHOTGUN START, 0930

STEP-ASIDE SCRAMBLE

REGISTRATION FEE: \$80/person

Total package includes:

Cart and green fees for 18 holes

- **Range balls prior to start**
- **On course gift certificates and prizes**
- **Complimentary green fees for participating players to be used within 90 days**
 - **\$5.00 per player towards certificates for golf shop merchandise**
 - **Plus more surprise gifts.**

For more information: Dick Chadwell, CWO2, USN (Ret) 904-264-5589

Email: cappo7842@att.net

CONTESTS WITHIN THE TOURNAMENT

- *Closest to the Pin* • *Fewest Putts*
- *Hole-in-One (could win Auto)*
- *Longest Drive* • *Straightest Drive*



There will be coffee and pastry in AM prior to start
Lunch will be served after golf with awards ceremony!

(Special Thanks to Shipmate Chadwell (Member of FRA Branch 126/West Jacksonville) for inviting the delegates of the 2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention to participate in this great event?)

Menus for Meals

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Breakfast (\$23.00):

Past National Chaplain's

Quiche, Fruit and Breakfast bakeries

Luncheons (Closed) (\$30.00):

- 1. Past National President (PNP)
FRA,*
- 2. Past National President (PNP)
LA FRA,*
- 3. Regional President/Regional
President-elect/Regional
Vice President FRA,*
- 4. Regional President/Regional
President-elect/Regional
Vice President LA FRA*

**Beef Roulade, Chef's choice Salad, 3
onion risotto, Chef's choice seasonal
vegetable and Chocolate Lava Cake**

Thursday, October 13, 2016

Breakfast (Closed) (\$25.00):

Past Regional President's FRA

**Navy Breakfast: Chipped Beef,
Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled eggs,
Bacon and Breakfast Potatoes**

Luncheon (Closed) (\$30.00):

Past Regional President LA FRA

**Beef Tips over egg noodles, Chef's
choice Salad and Key Lime Crème
Brule**

Friday, October 14, 2016

Luncheon (Open) (\$30.00)

National Presidents Luncheon

**Chicken Pot Pie, Butter Bibb salad
and Lemon Poppy seed crepes**

Saturday Banquet: (Open) (\$45.00)

Inaugural Ball and Banquet

(Pick one entrée)

***Breaded Stuffed White Fish**

***Flank Steak**

***Stuffed Chicken with andouille
sausage and peppers**

**Chef's Starch, Chef's Vegetable,
Chocolate Butterflies with vanilla ice
cream**

Please Note!

Banquet Tables for the Inaugural Banquet and Ball will be rounds of 10. In order to reserve a complete table, you must submit payment for the entire table with the names of those who will seated with you. You will also need to be sure to send in their entrée selection. Otherwise you will not be guaranteed a table.

Payment Selection

*****We will also accept credit cards as long all information is submitted: Name on the card, Type of card, Card number, Phone Number.

The committee will accept checks made out to: 2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention.

Special Events/Meal Reservation Form 2016

Monday, October 10, 2016 "St. Augustine Tour" Open to all delegates

Name _____ Br/Unit _____ Cost : ____ X \$59.00 = _____ Subtotal _____

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 "City of Jacksonville Tour" Open to all delegates

Name _____ Br/Unit _____ Cost : ____ X \$69.00 = _____ Subtotal _____

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Past National Chaplain's Breakfast (Closed) (7:15am-8:45am)

FRA PNP Luncheon (Closed)

Name _____ Br/Unit _____ Cost : ____ X \$30.00 = _____

LA FRA PNP Luncheon (Closed) 11:15am-12:45pm

Name _____ Br/Unit _____ Cost : ____ X \$30.00 = _____

FRA RP, RP-elect, RVP Luncheon (Closed)

Name _____ Br/Unit _____ Cost : ____ X \$30.00 = _____

LAFRA RP, RP-elect, RVP Luncheon (Closed)

Name _____ Br/Unit _____ Cost : ____ X \$30.00 = _____ Subtotal _____

Thursday, October 13, 2016

FRA PRP Breakfast (Closed)

Name _____ Br/Unit _____ Cost : ____ X \$25.00 = _____

LA FRA PRP Luncheon (Closed)

Name _____ Br/Unit _____ Cost : ____ X \$30.00 = _____ Subtotal _____

Friday, October 14, 2016

National President's Luncheon (Open to all delegates)

Name _____ Br/Unit _____ Cost : ____ X \$30.00 = _____

Victory Casino Cruise (Open to all delegates)

Name _____ Br/Unit _____ Cost : ____ X \$35.00 = _____ Subtotal _____

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Inaugural Ball and Banquet (Open to all delegates)

Banquet Tables will be rounds of 10. In order to reserve a complete table, you must submit the list of Names, menu selected and total payment when ordering.

Breaded Stuffed White Fish _____ Flank Steak _____

Stuffed Chicken with andouille sausage peppers _____

Name _____ Br/Unit _____ Cost : ____ X \$45.00 = _____ Subtotal _____

Credit Card Information: Type of Card: _____ Card Number _____
Expiration Number _____ Name on Card _____ Phone # (_____
_____) _____

(Mail form along with your payment to: 2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention, 5391 Collins Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32244)

Tentative Schedule of Events

Saturday/Sunday: October 8–9, 2016

Delegates begin arriving

Monday: October 10, 2016

Delegates continue to arrive

Hospitality Room will open

St. Augustine Tour (day)

Golf Outing

Tuesday: October 11, 2016

FRA PRP Beal Scholarship Board

(Closed) Breakfast 800 (Info: Ralph Holcombe-1-757-484-7403)

Registration(9:00 am–Noon 2:00 pm–5:00 pm)

City of Jacksonville Tour

FRA Pre–Board (1:00 pm)

LAFRA Pre–Board (1:30 pm)

Hospitality Room

Wednesday: October 12, 2016

Workshops (7:30, 1130 & 4:30)

Registration: (Times TBA)

Opening Ceremonies (9:00 am)

PNP FRA/LAFRA Luncheon

FRA/LAFRA RP, RP–elect & RVP Luncheon

1st Business Session (1:00 pm)

Hospitality Room

Welcome Aboard (7:30 pm–10:00 pm)

Thursday, October 13, 2016

Workshops (7:30, 1130 & 4:30)

PRP FRA Breakfast (7:00 am)

2nd Business Sessions

(FRA/LAFRA)(9:00 am)

PRP LAFRA Luncheon

3rd Business Sessions (FRA/LAFRA) (1:00 pm)

Hospitality Room

Navy Birthday Celebration

Friday, October 14, 2016

Workshops (7:30, 1130 & 4:30)

Registration: (Times TBA)

4th Business Sessions (FRA/LAFRA)(9:00 am)

National President Luncheon (11:30 am)

5th Business Session (FRA/LAFRA) (1:00 pm)

Victory Casino Cruise (5:30 til)

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Installation Rehearsal (10:00 am)

Hospitality Room

Official Pictures (4:00 pm)

Installation Ceremonies (6:00 pm)

Installation Banquet/Dance (7:30 pm)

Sunday, October 16, 2016

FRA Pre–Board (9:00 am)

LAFRA Pre–Board (9:00 am)

*please
join us*



Port of Call – Jacksonville, Florida

You have been invited to come join in “Welcome Aboard” Jacksonville style. We plan to celebrate your arrival by hearing from you. During the evening we hope that many of you will be sharing some of your Sea Stories during our “Open Mike Sea Stories” event. (Put on your thinking cap, and plan on sharing a Sea Story with your fellow delegates and guests. There will be some great prizes awarded for some of the best presentations. Auxiliary Members do not feel left out, you have Sea Stories too. Bring it on!) We have also invited several High School NJROTC groups to come and perform their Drill Team Exhibition program.

(Please keep in mind that there will be snackies only. Please plan on having your meal prior to coming to the party.)

Convention Journal

Convention Journal/Booster rolls: Artwork needs to be camera-ready.

If submitting an Ad via email please be sure it is print-ready. **(Microsoft word or jpeg only)** Att: Todd email: fci@bellsouth.net

Booster Roll names submitted via email must be in Microsoft Word only. (We will use copy and paste so that we will not be responsible for any misspellings.)

Drop dead deadline for submission is September 10, 2016

Back Page – \$350.00

Quarter Page - \$50.00

Inside Front or Back Page - \$250.00

Eighth Page - \$30.00

Full Page - \$180.00

Business Card - \$25.00

Half Page - \$95.00

Booster Roll – Minimum \$.50 per name

(Ads are in Black & White, Color will be extra)

Please send all Ads and Booster Roll names along with payment to

Make all checks payable to: **2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention**

****The Convention Committee will accept payment via credit card as long as they have the proper information.

Address: 2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention

5391 Collins Road, Jacksonville, FL. 32244

2016 FRALAFRA National Convention Committee

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Secretary: David Schnupp

Treasurer: Frank Andrews



Dear Shipmates and Auxiliary Members,

Your hosts for the 2016 National Convention, Shipmates and Auxiliary Members of First Coast FRALAFRA Branch/Unit 91, invite you to attend the 2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention being held in Jacksonville, Florida.

Lexington Hotel & Conference Center – Jacksonville Riverwalk

1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL. 32207

1-904-396-5100

We are asking you to please become a "Convention Booster"! Let your fellow Shipmates know how proud you are to be a member of the Fleet Reserve Association and the Ladies Auxiliary Fleet Reserve Association. Your names and those you list will appear in the National Convention "Booster Roll" under the Branch, Unit or MAL (Member -at-Large) listing. Your business card will be displayed in the Journal if you so elect. Your donation – large or small – will help defray the expense of publishing a memorable journal.

The following is the price list for an Ad in the 2016 National Convention Journal:

Full Page: \$180.00 Half Page: \$95.00 Quarter Page: \$50.00 Eighth Page: \$30.00

Business Card: \$25.00

"Booster Roll" Listing: Suggested: \$.50 per name

Enclosed is \$ _____ Name: _____ Branch _____ Unit _____

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Name: _____ Branch ____ Unit ____

Enclosed is my Business Card and \$25.00

Enclosed is my Ad for: Full Page ____ Half Page ____ Quarter Page ____ Eighth Page ____

Please send Ad, Business Card, Names to: **2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention Journal, 5391 Collins Rd., Jacksonville, FL. 32244** Make Checks payable to: **2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention**

Deadline: September 10, 2016

Transportation:



Most major airlines fly into Jacksonville International Airport (JIA) which is approximately 17 miles away from the Hotel. (14201 Pecan Park Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218)
(Shuttle service is about a 20 minute ride.)

Shuttle Services:

Airport shuttle Jacksonville- (904) 821-7800
Go Airport Shuttle-(904)353-8880
Super Shuttle-(800)258-3826



Train service via Amtrak is also available. (approx. 7 miles) (3570 Clifford Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32209)



Greyhound Bus: The Jacksonville location is approx. 1.5 miles from the hotel. (10 N. Pearl Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202)



Driving Directions:

Coming South (I-95); When you reach Jacksonville continue on I-95 toward Daytona Beach, Immediately after you cross the Fuller Warren Bridge and take first exit (350A&B) Take 2nd left off ramp onto San Marco Blvd., continue on San Marco Blvd. for approx. 2 blocks till you reach Prudential Drive, make a right on to Prudential Drive, continue for .35 mile (3 blocks), then take a left onto Riverplace Drive, Hotel entrance will be on your right in about 50 feet.

Coming west on I-10: When you arrive Jacksonville follow signs to 95 South toward Daytona Beach, Immediately after you cross the Fuller Warren Bridge and take first exit (350A&B) Take 2nd left off ramp onto San Marco Blvd., continue on San Marco Blvd. for approx. 2 blocks till you reach Prudential Drive, make a right on to Prudential Drive, continue for .35 mile (3 blocks), then take a left onto Riverplace Drive, Hotel entrance will be on your right in about 50 feet.

Coming north from South Florida via I-95 north: In Jacksonville take Exit 350 A (Main Street) to the right. Continue approx. 2 blocks to Prudential Drive. Take a left onto Prudential for .25 mile. At Riverplace Drive make a right and hotel entrance will be on the right in about 50 feet.

Information you can use:

The committee has contacted the following businesses and suggest that you contact them if you need to utilize any of their services.

Scooter Rental:

(1) MEDCO INC.:
653 Kingsley Ave.,

Orange Park, FL. 32073
www.medcoinc.com
Local (904) 264-854
Toll Free (866) 833-8314

- (2) Action Disability Resources, Inc.:
5609 Timuquana Road,
Jacksonville, FL. 32210
adriax@bellsouth.net
Local (904) 777-1979
Toll Free (888) 316-2648



Medical/Oxygen Supplies:

(Anyone using these services must have the proper paperwork/documentation/prescription with all needed information. Also, please note the expiration date!)

- (1) MEDCO INC.:
653 Kingsley Ave.,
Orange Park, FL. 32073
www.medcoinc.com
Local (904) 264-854
Toll Free (866) 833-8314

Tux Rentals: The committee has contracted with an area Tux Rental business. They will be coming to the convention site early in the week to fit those needing to rent a Tuxedo. The cost will be approx. \$70.00. They will deliver your tux on Friday and pick up it on Sunday. Those wishing to use this service need to contact the committee so that you can be placed on the rental list.

SEE YOU IN