



FRA Supports Veterans!

The Fleet Reserve Association's (FRA) mission is to ensure all veterans are cared for by a grateful nation and we're working to:

Monitor Implementation of VA Choice Card Program- Monitor implementation of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act (VACAA) and support improvements to ensure veterans have timely access to medical care.

No VA Claim Pending over 125 days- Congress should to pass legislation that requires VA be held accountable for achieving the VA Secretary's stated goal to achieve no claim is pending over 125 days and all claims have an accuracy rate of 98 percent or higher.

Improve Department of Veterans' Affairs Funding – Support initiatives to help ensure adequate funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), with special attention for VA health care to ensure access and care for all beneficiaries.

Support Blue Water Navy Agent Orange Disability Claims – Seek to reverse the VA's policy that prevents "blue water" military retirees and veterans from claiming disability benefits for diseases associated with exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War.

Oppose Access Fees – Oppose establishing a tiered enrollment fee structure for veterans in Priority Groups 7 and 8 within the VA Health Care System.

Improve VA Claim Processing – Work to eliminate the backlog of claims at the VA and support reform of the antiquated Veterans’ Benefits Administration (VBA) paper claims system.

Education Enhancements – Monitor the Post 9/11 GI Bill program and work to improve other education benefit programs for veterans, and survivors of disabled or deceased veterans, and preserve the military Tuition Assistance (TA) program and oppose shifting significant part of the cost to active duty beneficiaries

Women Veterans Health Care – Work to increase access to gender-specific medical and mental health care to meet unique needs of women service members and women veterans.

POW/MIA Accountability – Ensure that the DoD makes every effort for a complete accounting of all Prisoners Of War and Missing in Action service members for past and current conflicts.

Speak up!

FRA is very interested in communication from our shipmates and their families. There are several ways to share your questions, concerns and perspectives with FRA and your elected officials:

1. Use the Action Center www.fra.org. FRA has done the research and has a list of bills important to you. Go to the Action Center and see what is going on – then with a click, you can send a pre-written letter to your elected officials on the topic(s) of your choice! It’s a free, easy and effective.
2. Visit FRA on Facebook through the link www.fra.org/fb and join the conversation. While there, click the “Like” button!
3. Visit FRA website (www.fra.org) to get latest news on the Sea Services by clicking on “News & Publications” and then select “Latest News.”
4. Contact FRA Headquarters directly. Call us at 1-800-FRA-1924 (1-800-372-1924) or e-mail news-fra@fra.org.