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Governor Nikki R. Haley
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Governor Haley:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) would like to inform you of our presence in your community and would like to be added to the mailing list to support local and state Veterans activities. Our addresses are: Branch 015, 118 Hidden Cv, Six Mile, SC 29682; Branch 202, 311 Chester Avenue, Great Falls, SC 29055, Branch 234, 4324 Belton Highway, Anderson, SC 29621, Branch 254, 1913 Heritage Loop, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577; and Branch 269, 19 Wexford Lane, Goose Creek, SC 29445.

FRA is a Congressionally Chartered, non-profit organization, representing the interests of U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel with regard to pay, health care, benefits, and other quality of life programs. The FRA recently celebrated 90 years of service, and is the oldest and largest Association representing enlisted members of the Sea Services whether on active duty, in the Reserves, retired or veterans.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration. Please contact Larry L. Cox, FRA's South East Region, Regional President, at (843) 553-9025 or via e-mail at lcox486@comcast.net to discuss scheduling or for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Thomas J. Snee'.

THOMAS J. SNEE
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FRA is a congressionally chartered, non-profit organization that represents the interests of the Sea Service community before the U.S. Congress. The Association is named after the Navy's program for personnel transferring to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve after 20 or more years of active duty, but less than 30 years for retirement purposes and its membership is comprised of current and former enlisted members of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

The Association was founded by Navy Chief Yeoman George L. Carlin, and chartered in 1924 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. FRA's mission is to protect and/or enhance the pay and benefits of enlisted Sea Service members and their families on Capitol Hill. FRA also assists its members with career problems by maintaining close liaison with the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, Homeland Security, and other government agencies.

In 1998, FRA was the first organization to actively seek repeal of the Military Retirement Reform Act (REDUX) and was successful in urging members of Congress to introduce and/or sponsor legislation to repeal the law. In 2000, the Association led a successful campaign to authorize pay hikes for mid-career enlisted service members that resulted in pay increases for E-5, E-6 and E-7 personnel on July 1, 2001. And more recently, the Association was instrumental in payday lending reform, Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits for career personnel and their families, and absentee voting reform. Other major legislative accomplishments include the establishment of the CHAMPUS Health Program and Military Survivor Benefits Plan (SBP).

FRA is a member of the Veterans Day National Committee (VDNC) and is represented on the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) National Advisory Committee (NAC). It is also a charter member and leading organization in The Military Coalition (TMC), a group of 34 military and veterans' organizations which represent five and one half million uniformed services active duty, retired, reserve and National Guard personnel, veterans, their families and survivors. TMC works collectively on legislation to enhance the quality of life for military personnel.

FRA staff members present legislative seminars to inform Sea Service personnel about actions on Capitol Hill, and the importance of participating in the legislative process to protect their pay and benefits. The Association annually presents its prestigious "Pinnacle Award" to a member of Congress in recognition of outstanding support for uniformed services' personnel. FRA also hosts the U.S. Coast Guard Caucus Breakfast on Capitol Hill each year.

FRA sponsors annual programs recognizing the Navy Sailors and Recruiters of the Year (SOY and ROY), the Marine Corps Recruiters and Drill Instructors of the Year, and the Coast Guard Enlisted Persons of Year (EPOY) and Recruiters of the Year. The Association also presents the FRA "Gung Ho Award" to one member of each USMC Staff NCO Academy graduating class. The Association also sponsors patriotism essay awards and scholarship awards totaling more than \$100,000 are presented annually under the auspices of the FRA Education Foundation (2012 CFC Code 80236.)

FRA is accredited with the Board of Correction for Naval Records, the Physical Evaluation Board, the Physical Review Council, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. In addition, many FRA Branches sponsor Auxiliary Units that support the Association's mission.