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## Article 4 – Dues

### Section 401. Dues Payments

**Section 401(a).** Membership dues in the FRA shall be forty dollars (\$40) per annum, payable in advance, except as provided in Section 401(b). No refund of membership dues is authorized subsequent to receipt by the Finance Officer, except as provided for in Article 5, Section 511.

**Section 401(b).** A membership dues discount may be obtained at the following standard rates and conditions:

- (1) For a payment of two years, a discount of six percent (6) of the total dues sum (\$75) with an annual renewal rate of forty dollars (\$40) thereafter.
- (2) For an advance payment of five years, a discount of ten percent (10) of the total dues sum (\$180) is authorized.
- (3) For a first time new members shall pay \$64 for two years.

**Section 401(c).** Only one such discount shall be in effect at any one time.

**Section 401(d).** All members shall have the option of paying membership dues by cash, check, credit card, or allotments. If paid by cash, check, or credit card, the membership effective date shall commence on the first day of the month in which payment is made and end on the last day of the month. Allotments set up prior to January 1, 2017, shall be honored in accordance with the original allotment dates.

**Section 401(e).** Disabled members may be excused from payment of dues when payment would inflict hardship. Branches shall judge for their membership. The Director, Membership Development shall make the decision for Membership-at-Large Roll members. Branch secretaries shall make an annual report in the month of March, to the Director, Membership Development, listing the names and membership numbers of all disabled members affiliated with the branch. If no report is received, members previously reported as disabled will be terminated effective 30 June unless payment of dues has been received by the Finance Officer. The Member Services Department shall notify the Branch secretary during the month of July of those terminated members.

**Section 401(f).** Membership dues collected by any member are the property of the Fleet Reserve Association until prorated and distributed.

**Section 401(g).** Dues of members, except as provided in Section 401 (h) and 40 I (i) shall be payable to the Branch Secretary, the Finance Officer, or to an approved agent of the Fleet Reserve Association as authorized by the National Board of Directors.

**Section 401(h).** Dues of members residing in the Republic of the Philippines shall be payable to the Finance Officer.

**Section 401(i).** Any member of the Fleet Reserve Association or person eligible to Fleet Reserve Association membership, who is the recipient of the Medal of Honor, and has paid one year's dues in the Association, shall be granted continuous membership without payment of dues with all privileges of a dues paying member.

**Section 401(j).** All branches shall pay to the treasury of the Fleet Reserve Association, all money collected for membership dues. These payments shall be made at least monthly, and mailed in time to reach the office of the Finance Officer, or an approved agent of the Fleet Reserve Association, by a date specified in a schedule provided by the Finance Officer in December of each year for the following calendar year. Any branch receiving dues from a member of the Membership-at-Large Roll shall immediately forward the full amount of dues to the Finance Officer. Section 401(k). Fifty percent of each branch member's dues received by the Finance Officer shall be forwarded monthly to the respective branch.

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**Section 401(l).** Members in good standing, upon attaining fifty years' continuous membership in the Fleet Reserve Association shall not be required to pay dues and shall be issued the prestigious Platinum FRA 50- Plus Continuous Member Card.

**Section 401(m).** Members in good standing, upon attaining eighty-five years of age and who have at least forty years' continuous membership, shall not be required to pay dues in the FRA and shall be issued the prestigious Red, White, and Blue Membership Card.

#### **Section 402. Arrears in Dues**

**Section 402(a).** The Director, Membership Development shall, and the branch secretary who so desires may, notify all members in writing of their approaching dues expiration date to enable members to maintain continuous membership and earn continuous membership awards.

**Section 402(b).** The Director, Membership Development shall, and branch secretaries who so desire may, notify the members arrears in dues in writing once a month during the ninety day grace period.

**Section 402(c).** Any member whose dues are in arrears for a period of three months shall be dropped from membership rolls, except those who are prisoners of war or legally declared missing in action until such time as they are freed or declared legally dead.

**Section 403. Reinstatement of Membership – Reinstatement to Membership for a former member whose membership has been suspended for nonpayment of dues or whose resignation has been accepted without prejudice, may be accomplished by complying with Section 401 of this article, provided that no person shall be reinstated to membership who fails to meet the membership eligibility requirements as stated in Article 3, Section 301.**

#### **Section 404. Reports**

**Section 404(a).** The Member Services Department will provide each branch with a comprehensive monthly report listing the members who have paid dues at the branch and national levels, the new expiration dues date for the members, and the present address and any other changes that have occurred in the branch membership.

**Section 404(b).** The Member Services Department, will provide each Regional President with a monthly membership status report for each branch in the respective region detailing all membership transactions occurring in the region.

**Section 405.** Life Membership Fee

**Section 405(a).** The fee for life membership will be based on the applicant's age at 12/31 in the year of application using the following eight tier fee structure:

<b>Active Duty</b>	<b>\$400</b>	Age 61-70	\$340
Under age 40	\$450	Age 71-80	\$260
Age 41-50	\$425	Age 81-100	\$200
Age 51-60	\$390	Over 100	Free

**Section 405(b).** The fee calculation will be based on a combination of the Internal Revenue Code, Section 72, Life Expectancy Tables and the market rate of life membership fees of similar veteran's organizations.

**Section 405(c).** Each time annual dues are revised, the Finance Officer will review the life membership fee structure to determine if the fees should be revised based on the Life Expectancy Tables and the market rate of similar veteran's organizations.

**Section 405(d).** Life Membership fees may be made to the Finance Officer or via the FRA Website using the following plans:

- (1) Payment in full at the time of submitting the life membership
- (2) Initial payment of \$50 followed by 11 equal monthly payments

**Section 405(e).** All installment payments will be made via credit card and will be completed within 12 months from the date the initial \$50 payment is made. If using the installment payment plan, the initial payment will be counted towards paying the regular annual dues, which will entitle the member to be a regular member in the FRA but not a life member until all payments have been received. Once an installment plan is initiated, money held in escrow will not be returned or prorated for further dues payment.

**Section 405(f).** Full or partial payment of the life membership fee will be submitted with the membership application. The effective date of life membership will be when the full amount of the fee is received by the Finance Officer.

**Section 405(g).** A member who elects to become a life member prior to month-end closeout (the first of the following month or next business day thereafter) of processing regular membership dues for that month may have the regular dues payment applied to the amount of life membership dues based on the fee schedule for age. The member will pay the difference upon immediate submission of the full balance of the applicable life membership dues.