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Inland Empire Branch 038, Inc.
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BRANCH BULLETIN



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 2016

- 01 Apr** CPO Grade Established (1893)
April Fools Day
- 15 Apr** FRA/LAFRA Scholarship Deadline
- 23 Apr** Branch Regular Meeting at The Onion,
7552 N. Division, Spokane, WA at Noon
- 27 Apr** Administrative Professionals' Day
- 29 Apr** Arbor Day

May 2016

- 08 May** Mother's Day
- 13 May** Navy Nurse Corps established (1908)
- 21 May** Branch Quarterly Meeting at VFW Post 51,
300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA at 10:00 AM.
Armed Forces Day / Lilac Parade at 7:30pm,
Spokane, WA
- 30 May** Memorial Day (See list of area activities on
pages 12 & 13)

June 2016

- 06 Jun** D-Day (1944)
- 11 Jun** Branch Regular Meeting at MacKenzie River
Pizza, 9225 N. Nevada, Spokane, WA
- 14 Jun** Flag Day
- 17 Jun** U.S. Navy Hospital Corps established (1898)
- 19 Jun** Father's Day
- 25 Jun** North Korea invades South Korea (1950)

The Branch Quarterly and Monthly meeting dates and locations can also be found on the Branch Website at www.frabranch38.org.

BRANCH BUSINESS NEWS

Milestone Awards for April, May, and June 2016 –

Eland Kinnick	5 yrs	April 2016
Tom Staudinger	5 Yrs	April 2016
Dale Zentis	20 yrs	April 2016
Charles Fisk	5 yrs	May 2016
James Robertson	15 yrs	May 2016

Deceased Shipmates – Shipmate Bruce Rasche passed away on December 14, 2015. Shipmate Grisham attended his services and signed the memorial book for both the FRA and the CPO organizations. Shipmate Rasche was an active member in the Navy League also. Past Regional President, Northwest Walter Hardin passed away on January 14, 2016. He was from Port Orchard, WA. RPNW Wynn passed the information on to the Past Regional President's Board to spread the word among the Northwest Region Branches.

FRA Testimony on Veteran's Issues – The Branch Secretary has received a copy of the FRA NP written testimony for a joint House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee that the FRA NP gave on March 16th. If you would like a copy, let the Secretary know.

NOSC CO and Cmd CPO Visit Branch 38 Meeting—LCDR Jake Roberts and PSC Laura McDonald attended the March 2016 Branch 38 meeting. LCDR Roberts is originally from Vancouver, WA. We are looking forward to working with him and his staff in the upcoming year.

Membership—April 2016 is the beginning of the new membership year. The National Committee on Membership has established some new awards for bringing in new and reinstated members. They are outlined in the April 2016 FRA Today magazine. Help us bring the Branch 38 membership up by bringing a prospective Shipmate to a meeting.

Nominations for National Positions – The nominating resolutions for National President, National Vice President, and National Executive Director are beginning to come in. Listed below are the ones we have received so far.

<u>National President</u>	<u>National Vice President</u>
Donald Larson	Bill Starkey
<u>National Executive Director</u>	Tom Snee

Elections for 2016-2017 Branch 38 Fiscal Year The Offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer expire this year. First nominations were made at the March 2016 meeting. April will be nominations speeches and elections. Those nominated so far are: President: - Robert Bean; Vice President-Michelle Davis; Secretary/Treasurer-Peg Burke.

If Shipmate Davis is elected Vice President, it will open a position on the Board of Directors that she now holds. Please attend the April 23, 2016 meeting to help elect your office for the upcoming year.

2016 FRA/LAFRA NORTHWEST REGIONAL (NWR) CONVENTION — Wyoming Branch and Unit 59 cordially invite you to attend the 2016 Northwest Regional Convention to be held August 12-13, 2016, at Little America Hotel & Resort in Cheyenne, Wyoming. This is a great time to re-connect with your shipmates and members of the auxiliary. For more information, please visit our facebook page...2016 Fleet Reserve Association Northwest Regional Convention.
Hotel Information: Little America Hotel & Resort, 2800 West Lincolnway, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Room reservations: 800-445-6945. Group name is: Fleet Reserve Association NW Region - Reservation Deadline: **July 10, 2016**. Room rates will be offered 2 days before and 2 days after the convention. Make your reservations NOW! Room rates are as follows: Deluxe King - \$83.00; Deluxe Queens - \$93.00; Deluxe King Large - \$93.00; Preferred King - \$103.00; Deluxe 2 King Beds - \$113.00; Preferred Queens - \$123.00.

Hotel features include: Full-service restaurant; Lounge and gourmet coffee shop; 9-hole executive golf course; Oversized, heated, outdoor pool; Fitness center; Room service; Gift shop; Wireless Internet; Coin-operated laundry facilities.

The complete convention notice is posted on Branch 38's Website at www.frabranh38.org in the Conventions tab.

Branch 38 Delegates to the 2016 NWR Convention will be Shipmates Michelle Davis and James Grisham.

2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention—The Shipmates and Auxiliary members of First Coast FRA Branch and LAFRA Unit 91 proudly invite you to attend the 89th National Convention of the FRA and the 84th National Convention of the LAFRA to be held during the week of October 9-16, 2016 at the Lexington Hotel and Conference Center located in Jacksonville, FL. The hotel is located downtown Jacksonville along the Southbank of the St. Johns River in the historic San Marco area at 1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL. All rooms are nonsmoking (Smoking is only allowed in designated Smoking areas only. If found smoking in nonsmoking rooms, you will be charged a penalty fee). Rooms will be available in either king or two doubles for the rate of \$89.00 plus 13% tax which includes hot breakfast for two daily. (Rates are good for 3 days prior and 3 days after convention dates.) Parking is available in the nearby parking lot adjacent to the hotel. Those arriving by car may self-park at a discounted \$5.00 per car per day fee or use the valet parking @ the discounted price of \$12.00 per day with unlimited in and out access.

Hotel reservations may be made by calling (904) 396-5100. The Group Code is "Fleet Reserve".

If you are interested in attending the National Convention as a Branch 38 delegate, please notify the Branch President or Secretary.

Branch Birthdays April, May, and June 2016

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dale Zentzis	April 5	Larry Bachko	May 4
Jack Marlow	April 8	Harold Davis	May 7
Hubert Steel	April 13	Art Ellison	May 8
Douglas Harms	April 15	Laveen Schmidt	May 9
Ray Miner	April 20	Vernon Lozier	May 13
George Stevens	April 21	Ed Hickock Sr	May 13
Gordon Zehm	April 25	Michelle Davis	May 16
Mort Sullivan	April 26	Harold Brooks	May 26
		Ron Hemming	May 28
		Tom Staudinger	May 29
		Leo Fagan	May 30
		Alfred Nichols	June 4
		Charles Davis	June 8
		Ray Kuhn	June 11
		Joseph Nannie	June 12
		Richard Casselman	June 14
		Thomas Poindexter	June 16
		Bill Monger	June 19
		Kenneth Gallant	June 21
		Daniel Sullivan	June 27

2016 FRA Legislative Update – The Branch President and Secretary receive monthly updates of what the FRA is supporting and fighting against. If anyone wants a copy, let us know and we will send it to you or you can go to www.fra.org and the front page of the national website has a link to the latest information on what issues we are following.

2016 WA State Legislative Issues – The Secretary has received an email from the Regional Vice President Northwest, Mark Thompson with a list of the Washington State Legislative issues. This email was forwarded to our Branch President. If anyone else wants a copy, please let the Secretary know.

NWR Scuttlebutt Newsletter Regional President JJ Wynn has issued his first newsletter. It can be found on Branch website under the NWR Newsletters & Info tab.

Spokane Chief's Military Appreciation Nights – Those Shipmates that volunteered for our appearance at the Spokane Chief's Military Appreciation night on January 30, 2016, were Shipmates Robert Bean, Jim Grisham, Roscoe Moore, Verne Smith, and Peg Burke. We sold a few hats, gave away a few "freebies" and talked with a number of former military members.

2016 Khaki Ball – will be on Saturday afternoon, April 16, 2016. All, repeat All, USCG, USN E-7 through CWO5, as well as Commissioned Officers who served as a Chief Petty Officer are invited to attend. It will be held at the Longhorn BBQ Restaurant, 7611 W. Hwy 2, Spokane, WA 99224. Social hour begins at 1700 hours and Dining begins at 1730 hours. No tickets are being sold, the only cost to the Chief Petty Officers are the \$23 charge each that will be paid directly to the restaurant. For \$23 each person will receive buffet style sandwiches, side dishes, and non-alcoholic beverages. Each Chief Petty Officer will pay for their own alcohol. Spouses, Significant Others, and guests are welcome to attend.

- As a reminder, after the dinner, a Sea Story contest will take place.
- Commemorative T-Shirts will be available for sale. The price is estimated to be \$13 to \$15 each.

Military style ball caps with the text "Spokane Chief" and "est. 1893" across the CPO Anchor will be available for sale for \$20 each.

The point of contact is Shipmate James Grisham, (509) 327-2068 or by email at grishamgrisham@yahoo.com. Please contact James and tell him how many people will attend and if you wish to purchase either a T-Shirt or a Ball Cap.

The above information on the Khaki Ball is on Branch 38's website.

Businesses owned by Coast Guard/Navy/Marines

Chiefs Bar & Grill,

417 E. 1st St., Odessa, WA – Owned by Mike and Sherri Frederick. Both are Chief Petty Officers.

Hat ‘N Patch,

website at www.hatnpatch.com – owned by Rod Truitt. They carry military & patriotic hats, patches, pins & more.

Popular Patch

info@popularpatch.com, 101 W. Prairie Shopping Center #111, Hayden, ID – Owned by Branch Member Don McGrogan

Roi’s Furniture

1611 N. Monroe St, Spokane, WA – Owned by Roi Sigler

Taco Del Mar Restaurant,

2501 N. Division St., Spokane, WA – Owned by Master Chief Frank Schoonover.

Uncle Sam’s Flag & Gift

Northtown Shopping Mall, Spokane, WA – Owned by Chief Lance Johnson.

FY 2015 (7/2016 – 6/2016)

QUARTERLY/SOCIAL LUNCHEONS/MEETINGS

NOTE THE TIME DIFFERENCE FOR THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Quarterly meetings will be held at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA at **10:00 AM**. We are meeting a couple of hours earlier for the Quarterly Meetings to accommodate the VFW’s Saturday afternoon activities. All monthly/luncheon meetings are preceded by a **luncheon at 12:00 noon**.

April 23, 2016

The Onion, 7552 N. Division
Spokane, WA

May 21, 2016

Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM**
VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission
Spokane, WA

June 11, 2016

MacKenzie River Pizza, 9225 N.
Nevada, Spokane, WA

July 23, 2016

Timber Creek Grill & Buffet
9221 E. Montgomery Ave
Spokane Valley, WA

August 27, 2016

Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM**
VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission
Spokane, WA

September 24, 2016

Twigs Bistro, 4320 S. Regal
Spokane, WA

October 22, 2016

Longhorn BBQ, 7611 W. Hwy 2
Spokane, WA

November 5, 2016

Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM**
VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission
Spokane, WA

December 3, 2016

Christmas Party (Potluck) at
11:00 AM VFW Post 51
300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA

SECRETARY'S NOTES

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY VIA E-MAIL – If you received this newsletter by regular mail and are willing to receive future copies via email in Microsoft Word or PDF format, please email the Secretary at FRABranch38@gmail.com. The newsletter is sent as a Microsoft Word 1997 – 2003 document and also as a PDF document. If your computer is compatible with either format, you should be able to read and print it. You can download Adobe Reader free from get.adobe.com/reader.

Since the newsletter is sent out in a mass mailing, which some email providers classify as possible “Spam”, please put the Secretary’s email address on your list of approved senders.

DUES FREE STATUS – There are two categories of members that are exempt from annual membership dues. (1) Members who have attained fifty (50) years of continuous membership, and (2) Members who have reached the age of eighty-five (85) and have attained forty (40) years of continuous membership. National will note the 50 years of membership, but sometimes misses the combined 85/40 combination, especially if your birthdate is not in your record. If you receive a dues notice after you have achieved both numbers, write on it that you are over 85 and have 40 years continuous membership and return it without payment. Also, if you usually renew for multiple years, don’t pay past the time when you will meet either of the dues free requirements. If you have any questions, call the Secretary.

The 85/25 category was changed to 85/40 in 2008. My apologies for missing the change and to anyone who attempted to get dues-free status based on 85/25 and were denied. Those who already were getting dues free based on 85/25 were "grand-fathered" in.

Fleet Reserve Association Dues – Listed below are those shipmates that have not paid their dues as yet and the dates they are due. Also listed are those Shipmates that will be receiving renewal notices of their dues. Check your address on the front of this bulletin to see if your year and month are highlighted in yellow. If it is, your dues are coming up within this quarter or in past quarters. Please renew. Your voice and help is needed in the FRA.

Past Due FRA Dues

Clifford Ruble February 2016
Ruben Mercado March 2016

Upcoming FRA Dues

Dave Melges April 2016
Dale Zentzis April 2016

Charles Fisk May 2016
Kenneth Gallant May 2016
Jim Robertson May 2016
Jack Terry May 2016
Dave Van Selus May 2016

Ron Hemming June 2016
Charles Lewis June 2016
Ray Miner June 2016
Roi Sigler June 2016

Memorial Day Observances in the Inland Northwest

Annual Battle of Deep Creek - May 28-30. Civil War Re-Enactment and Living History Encampment sponsored by Washington Civil War Association. Hours are Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with battles at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; and Monday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with a battle at 1 p.m. Purchase tickets in advance by phone, email to tickets@ewcav.org or use Paypal. Directions: Take Highway 2 past Fairchild Air Force Base, stay in right hand lane and turn right onto Deep Creek Road, two miles down on the left. May 26, Deep Creek Farms, 811 N. Deep Creek Road, Medical Lake. \$10/general, \$5/ages 13-17, free/age 12 and younger; entry good for all three days. (509) 280-5608.

American Heroes Weekend - May 28-30, all military personnel, police officers and firefighters (*identification required*) receive FREE admission to the park on these days and their immediate family members are half price general admission when purchasing tickets at Silverwood's front gate. Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. and Monday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Silverwood Theme Park, 27843 N. Highway 95, Athol, ID. Free to military/police/firefighters with ID; \$24.00+tax for ages 8-64, \$19.00+tax for ages 3-7 and ages 65 and above each for spouse and children. (208) 683-3400.

Heritage Funeral Home and Crematory - May 28-30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. "Honoring Our Veterans". Musical entertainment each day at 2:00 pm in the Heritage Chapel. Extensive Veterans Display, Memorabilia and photos. Antique and Classic Car Display, Refreshments in our reception room..Heritage Funeral Home and Crematory, 508 N. Government Way. 509) 838-8900.

Similar ceremonies will be held at the following:

- ◆ **Fairmount Memorial Park at 5200 W. Wellesley Ave, (by Albi Stadium). (509) 326-3800.**
- ◆ **Greenwood Memorial Terrace Cemetery, 211 N. Government Way. (509) 838-1405.**

- ◆ **Riverside Memorial Park, 508 N. Government Way. (509) 838-1405**
- ◆ **Spokane Memorial Gardens,, 5909 S. Cheney-Spokane Road. (509) 448-2620.**
- ◆ **Evergreen Cemetery—Post Falls, 2834 N. Spokane St, Post Falls, ID. (208) 773-0539**

Memorial Day Ceremony - Hayden - Begins at 10 a.m. with the laying of the wreath and tolling of boats at Honeysuckle Beach to honor the service men and women who sacrificed their lives in the military to our country. Ceremony includes a prayer, rifle salute and Taps. The main ceremony begins at 11 a.m. at the PFC Robert J. Gordon Veterans Memorial Plaza at Hayden City Hall. Guest Speaker is Theresa Hart, Newby-ginnings Founder & Gold Star Parent. Join us on May 30 at Hayden City Hall, 8930 N. Government Way, Hayden, Idaho. (208) 772-4411.

Washington State Veterans Cemetery - Medical Lake - Program is outdoors and seating is also limited, so bring a blanket or chair. Parking will be available along Ritchey Road. Carpooling is encouraged. May 30, 11 a.m., Washington State Veterans Cemetery, 21702 W. Espanola Road, Medical Lake. (509) 299-6280.

This is only a short list of the Memorial Day Observances. Other possible locations are the Spokane Hillyard Neighborhood ,and Bonners Ferry, ID.

2015-2016 Branch Officers

President Robert Bean
Vice President James Grisham
Secretary/Treasurer Peg Burke

2015-2020 Board of Directors (in addition to the Branch Officers)

James Robertson
Anna Martin
Michelle Davis

Chaplain Ralph Bean
Master-at-Arms James Robertson

2015-2016 Branch Committee Chairmen

Americanism-Patriotism James Robertson and Bill Feehan
Health, Welfare, & Rehab Michelle Davis
Public Relations Ralph Bean
Youth Activities James Grisham

Included in the bulletin is the Application Form for the FRA. If you know of an eligible Shipmate, please pass this form on to them. In the past the Secretary/Treasurer has received renewal checks made out to her personally or to Branch 38. **In the future please make all checks out to the FRA.** You can also mail them direct to the FRA office.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service

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FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION — APPLICATION FORM

Active duty, reserve, and retired enlisted members of the USN, USCG, USMC; non-sea service personnel of the U.S. Armed Forces with prior enlisted sea service; and commissioned officers with at least one day of enlisted sea service are eligible for membership. Annual membership is \$30; discounts are available for longer term memberships. Simply complete this form, enclose payment and return to FRA, Branch 38 representative:

Name: _____ Rating/Rank: _____

Address: _____ Street _____ Lot/Space _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security No.: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____ Service: _____ Status: _____ Membership Preference: Branch 038

Member-at-Large _____ Previous FRA Member? No: _____ Yes: _____ Member Number: _____

Recruited by: _____ Member Number: _____ Branch _____

Spouses Name: _____ Applicant's Signature: _____

Dues: 1Yr \$ 30.00 Payment MC Visa Discover Card AE Check enclosed
2 Yrs **\$ 48.00** (SPECIAL OFFER FOR FIRST TIME MEMBERS)
2 Yrs \$ 57.-00 (for renewing or reinstating members)
3 Yrs \$ 85.50 Credit Card No.: _____
5 Yrs \$135.00 Exp. Date: _____

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