




**Fleet Reserve Association**  
Inland Empire Branch 038, Inc.  
**Spokane, Washington**  
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**JULY—AUGUST—SEPTEMBER 2016**  
**BRANCH BULLETIN**



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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### July 2016

- 04 Jul Independence Day (4th of July)**  
**11 Jul US Marine Band Established (1798)**  
**19 Jul Guam Liberation Day (1944)**  
**23 Jul Branch Regular Meeting at Timber Creek Buffet**  
*9211 E. Montgomery Ave, Spokane Vly at noon*  
**27 Jul Korean War Armistice (1953)**  
**30 Jul WAVES Established (1942)**

### August 2016

- 04 Aug US Coast Guard Birthday (1790)**  
**Vietnam War Began (1964)**  
**12-13 Aug NW Regional Convention, Cheyenne, WY**  
**14 Aug National Navajo Code Talkers Day**  
**27 Aug Branch Qtrly Meeting at VFW Post 51**  
*300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA at 10:00 AM*  
**29 Aug USMC Reserves Founded (1916)**

### September 2016

- 02 Sep VJ Day—Japan Signs Surrender (1945)**  
**05 Sep Labor Day**  
**11 Sep Patriot Day and Grandparents Day**  
**16 Sep National POW/MIA Remembrance Day**  
**17 Sep Citizenship Day**  
**22 Sep First Day of Autumn**  
**24 Sep Branch Regular Meeting at Twigs Bistro (South)**  
*4230 S. Regal, Spokane, WA at noon*

The Branch Quarterly and Monthly meeting dates and locations can also be found on the Branch Website at [www.frabran38.org](http://www.frabran38.org).

## BRANCH BUSINESS NEWS

### Milestone Awards for July, August, and September 2016 –

Alfred “Ron” Hemming	20 years	July 2016
Charles W. Lewis	25 years	July 2016
Mortimer G. Sullivan III	25 years	July 2016

**Deceased Shipmates** – the following Shipmates have been transferred to the Supreme Commander since our last bulletin: Alexander Demitropoulous, Jack J. Marlow, Harold L. Davis, Edward W. Kalkauski, and Clifford N. Ruble. Clifford’s wife Joyce joined him a couple of weeks later.

PNP Jim Eblen, who served the FRA as the National President in 1995-1996 passed away on June 6, 2016.

**Membership**—As of the end of May 2016 Spokane’s Inland Empire Branch 38 has dropped to 96 members. The Branch is now in Group IV of the FRA Branches and will drop to Group V if we drop to 88 members or less. Please help us bring our membership back up so that we can continue to serve our shipmates.

**Northwest Regional Vice President** Mark Thompson and his wife visited Branch 38 during their April Monthly Meeting. He emphasized the need to bring new members into the Branch and call on those that have let their dues lapse. We need to keep getting the message out about what FRA does for the veterans. Keep in contact with other veteran organizations and let them know that we are in the area and can assist if needed.

### New Officers for Branch 38’s 2016-2017 Fiscal Year

A complete list of the officers, directors, and committees can be found on page 10.

**2016 Khaki Ball** – was held on April 16, 2016. Shipmate Grisham stated that was a success and everyone had a good time. The cost wound up being less than advertised since so many showed up. He was able to sell five of the “Spokane Chief” hats. The Sea Story contest was a great one.

**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.

*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”.

*At this time Branch 38 proxies to the 2016 National convention will be RPNW JJ Wynn and RVPNW Mark Thompson.*

**Nominations for National Positions** – Branch 38 has sent FRA Headquarters an endorsement letter for the three candidates for national offices as follows: NP -Donald Larson, NVP -Bill Starkey, and NED -Tom Snee.

**Branch Birthdays July, August, and September 2016**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Ruben Mercado	July 2	Dale Stevenson	August 5
Ralph Bean	July 4	Richard Short	August 5
John Norris	July 5	James Grisham	August 5
Charles Imus	July 8	Thomas Craig	August 11
Thomas Grieb	July 8	Gerald Ellig	August 17
Dennis McCully	July 10	Anna Martin	August 17
Dan Hutchinson	July 19	Eland Kinnick	August 19
Charles Lewis	July 22	A. M. Pagnotta	August 19
Earl Lockie	July 24	Ernest Nye	August 23
Jeffery Burke	July 25		
Clarence Bender	July 28	Charles Fisk	September 3
		Lloyd Pierce	September 8
		James White	September 14
		Bruce Vails	September 15
		Rick Herrmann	September 17
		Roscoe Moore	September 19
		Gerald Sand	September 24
		James Linville	September 29
		Dwayne Harney	September 30
		Terrence Gaffney	September 30



**2016 Navy Ball** will be October 15, 2016 at the Lincoln Center, 1316 N. Lincoln Street, Spokane, WA. Shipmates Grisham and Burke have been attending the Navy Ball committee meetings as FRA representatives. Shipmate Dwayne Harney attends as a representative of the Navy League.

ET1(SS) Dylan Young is the President of the committee and Shipmate Val Moon is assisting the Committee as a member of the NOSC.

The Navy Ball Committee attended the last home game of the Spokane Empire Football team to hold a fund raiser. Branch 38 has agreed to sponsor any raffles held by the committee. Three of the committee are FRA members so they assisted at this fund raiser helping with the 50/50 raffle. Branch 38 also sponsored their Navy Ball Venue by donating the deposit needed to hold the room that it will be in.

There will be other fund raisers in the next few months until the actual event will be held. The next fund raiser being planned for July 9, 2016. If you want more information on these or wish to help at one, look for information on the 2016 Navy Ball Facebook page.

Cost for tickets to attend the Navy Ball are as follows:

E-4 and below	\$35 each
Retirees	\$35 each
E-5 and E6	\$45 each
Veterans	\$45 each (former military, but not retired)
E-7 and above	\$55 each
Civilians	\$55 each (non-military that want to support the Navy Ball)

Contacts for tickets will be listed on the 2016 Navy Ball Facebook page or you can call Shipmate James Grisham at 509-327-2068 or Shipmate Peg Burke at 509-385-7275 and we will assist you in getting them.

**Let's help make this event a successful one!**

**Businesses owned by Coast Guard/Navy/Marines)**

**Chiefs Bar & Grill,**

417 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Odessa, WA – Owned by Mike and Sherri Frederick. Both were Chief Petty Officers.

**Hat 'N Patch,**

Website at [www.hatnpatch.com](http://www.hatnpatch.com) – owned by Rod Truitt. They carry military & patriotic hats, patches, pins & more.

**Popular Patch**

[info@popularpatch.com](mailto: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**

Spokane Valley, WA – Owned by Chief Lance Johnson.

**FY 2016 (7/2016 – 6/2017)**

**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**.

**Fiscal Year 2016 (Confirmed)**

<b>July 23, 2016</b>	Timber Creek Grill & Buffet 9221 E. Montgomery Ave Spokane Valley, WA
<b>August 27, 2016</b>	Qtrly Meeting at <b>10:00 AM</b> VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission Spokane, WA
<b>September 24, 2016</b>	Twigs Bistro, 4320 S. Regal Spokane, WA

**Fiscal Year 2016 (Confirmed)(cont'd)**

<b>October 22, 2016</b>	Longhorn BBQ, 7611 W. Hwy 2 Spokane, WA
<b>November 5, 2016</b>	Qtrly Meeting at <b>10:00 AM</b> VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission Spokane, WA
<b>December 3, 2016</b>	<b>Christmas Party (Potluck) at 11:00 AM</b> VFW Post 51 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA

**Tentative Dates for January thru June 2017**

Locations for Luncheon/Meetings TBD. Quarterly Meetings as indicated.

<b>January 21, 2017</b>	TBD
<b>February 11, 2017</b>	VFW 51
<b>March 25, 2017</b>	TBD
<b>April 22, 2017</b>	TBD
<b>May 13, 2017</b>	VFW 51
<b>June 10, 2017</b>	TBD

**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](mailto: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](http://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**

<i>David Melges</i>	<i>April 2016</i>
<i>Charles Fisk</i>	<i>May 2016</i>
<i>Jack Terry</i>	<i>May 2016</i>

**Upcoming FRA Dues**

Mortimer Sullivan III	July 2016
<i>Arthur Ellison</i>	<i>August 2016</i>
<i>Robert Hunt</i>	<i>August 2016</i>
<i>Thomas Lang</i>	<i>August 2016</i>
<i>George Ginter</i>	<i>August 2016</i>
<i>James White</i>	<i>August 2016</i>
<i>George Stevens Jr</i>	<i>August 2016</i>
Charlie Noble	September 2016
Charles Thompson	September 2016
Robert Bean	September 2016
Dennis McCully	September 2016
Clarence Bender	September 2016
Gerald King	September 2016
Charles Huggins	September 2016
Ernest Nye	September 2016

**2015-2016 Branch Officers**

President Robert Bean  
 Vice President Michelle Davis  
 Secretary/Treasurer Peg Burke

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

James Robertson  
 Anna Martin  
 Bruce Vails

**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. **For new members only:** Branch 38 will pay the additional \$18 for a two year membership—New members will pay the first \$30.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rating/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ Lot/Space \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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