




**Fleet Reserve Association**  
Inland Empire Branch 038, Inc.  
**Spokane, Washington**  
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**BRANCH BULLETIN**



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## **BRANCH BUSINESS NEWS**

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

#### **April 2017**

- 01 Apr**      **CPO Grade Established 1893**  
**April Fool's Day**
- 14 Apr**      **Good Friday**
- 16 Apr**      **Easter**
- 18 Apr**      **Income Tax Deadline**
- 22 Apr**      **Branch Monthly Meeting at Mongolian BBQ**  
(next to Walmart), 10414 US Hwy 2,  
Airway Heights, WA at noon
- 26 Apr**      **Administrative Professionals' Day**

#### **May 2017**

- 05 May**      **Cinco de Mayo**
- 13 May**      **Navy Nurse Corps Established 1908**
- 13 May**      **Branch Qtrly Meeting at VFW Post 51**  
*300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA at 10:00 AM*
- 14 May**      **Mother's Day**
- 20 May**      **Armed Forces Day**
- 29 May**      **Memorial Day**

#### **June 2017**

- 06 Jun**      **D-Day 1944**
- 10 Jun**      **Branch Regular Meeting at Skyway Cafe**  
*6105 E. Rutter Ave, Spokane Valley, WA at noon*
- 14 Jun**      **Flag Day**
- 17 Jun**      **U.S. Navy Hospital Corps Established 1898**
- 18 Jun**      **Father's Day**
- 21 Jun**      **First Day of Summer**
- 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](http://www.frabranch38.org).

### **Milestone Awards for April—May—June 2017 –**

Terry Gaffney	5 years	May 2017
Jack Terry	20 years	May 2017
Dave Van Selus	25 years	May 2017
Roi Sigler	10 years	June 2017
Richard Peterschick	45 years	June 2017

**Membership**—As of the end of February 2017 Spokane's Inland Empire Branch 38 has dropped to 94 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.

**New Northwest Regional President** – Mark Thompson was elected as Regional President at the 2016 NWR Convention in Cheyenne, WY last year and resigned in January 2017. The Regional Vice President was unable to step up into the President's position at this time so the NWR C&BL rules state that the Northwest Regional Advisory Council (all the Past Regional Presidents) chooses a member of their group to step up. There was an email vote between volunteers PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti (Branch 18) and PRPNW Peg Burke (Branch 38). The NWR Council chose Shipmate Peg Burke of Branch 38 to finish out the term of the 2016-2017 NW Regional President.

### **2017 Northwest Regional (NWR) Convention** —

Mt. Rainier Branch 104 and the NWR Auxiliary will be hosting the 2017 NWR Convention on August 25-26 at the Emerald Queen Casino and Hotel at 5700 Pacific Hwy E, Fife, WA 98924. Room Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-820-3555. The Group name is FRA Convention 2017. The rate of \$89.95 plus taxes will be in effect 4 days before and 2 days after. Non-smoking rooms are available. There are suites available, please call the hotel for information. Since this is a Puyallup Indian Tribe Casino, smoking is allowed in some areas of the casino/hotel.

**2017 NWR CONVENTION (Cont:d)** - The hotel includes: Full service restaurant, a full buffet restaurant, lounge, coffee bar, ATM's, indoor pool, room service, WiFi. The hotel charges a \$25 non-refundable pet fee. R V parking is available for hotel guests. There is a give shop next to the front desk.

**Directions to the Hotel:** Going North or South on I-5 you will take Exit 137. If coming from the South you will turn left back over the freeway. If coming from the North (SeaTac Airport) you will turn right (both directions will proceed to Hwy 99/Pacific Hwy). Turn right on Hwy 99/Pacific Hwy. Go to 59th Aves Ct. E and this will take you into the hotel parking garage. Just a short distance to the front door. There is a turn around where you are able to drop your bags.

**Meals and Contact Information:** Meals and pricing have been published and can be seen on the Branch 38 website. Contact information can also be found on the Branch 38 website. Shipmates Michelle Davis and Anna Martin are this year's delegates for the Inland Empire Branch.

**2017 FRA/LAFRA National Convention**—The Shipmates and Auxiliary members of FRA Branch and Unit 4 of the Washington DC area invite you to attend the 2017 FRA/LAFRA National Convention at the Hunt Valley Inn (a Wyndham Grand Hotel) at 245 Shawan Rd, Hunt Valley, MD 21031 on September 17-23, 2017.

You can make your reservation by calling 1-866-764-8359 and tell them you like to book inside the block called "Fleet Reserve Association" and you will be given the group rate of \$99.00 per night plus tax. The direct number to the hotel is 410-785-7000. You will also be able to book your reservation online by following the instructions: Click link: [www.huntvalleywyndhamgrand.com](http://www.huntvalleywyndhamgrand.com); On the "Reservations" tab of the page, Enter your stay dates and hit "Find It" tab, this will take you to the reserved dates for Fleet Reserve Association group; Choose bed type and hit "Reserve" tab. (Please note that the link only works on PC computers or laptops and is not compatible with mobile devices or tablets.)

Northwest Regional President Burke (from Branch 38) will be our Branch delegate to the National Convention. More Information on the 2017 National Convention can be found on Branch 38's website under the Conventions Tab.

**Branch Birthdays for April, May, and June 2017**

Dale Zentis	April 5
Hubert Steele	April 13
Douglas Harms	April 15
Ray Miner	April 20
George Stevens Jr	April 21
Gordon Zehm	April 25



Larry Bachko	May 4
David Lord	May 7
Arthur Ellison	May 8
Laveen Schmidt	May 9
Vernon Lozier	May 13
Edwin Hickock Sr	May 13
Michelle Davis	May 16
Harold Brooks	May 26
Ron Hemming	May 28
Tom Staudinger	May 28
Leo Fagan	May 30

Alfred Nichols	June 4
Charles Davis	June 8
Raymond Kuhn	June 11
Joseph Nannie	June 12
Richard Casselman	June 14
Thomas Poindexter	June 16
William Monger	June 19
Kenneth Gallant	June 21
Daniel Sullivan	June 27

**2016-17 Northwest Regional Essay Contest Winners** – Branch 38 has three contestants that placed in the Northwest Regional Essay Contest. Two of the three are first place winners and their essays have been forwarded to compete at the National Level. They are:

7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Third Place	Julieona Shields, Post Falls Middle School, Post Falls, ID
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	First Place	Thomas Middleton, Horse Heaven Hills Middle School, Kennewick, WA
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	First Place	Megan Goertz, Medical Lake High School, Medical Lake, WA

**2017 Khaki Ball** – will be on April 1, 2017 at the River’s Edge Buffet Restaurant in the Northern Quest Casino & Hotel at 100 N. Hayford Rd, Airway Heights, WA at 1800 hours to 2100 hours. No Social Hour. All attendees will meet in the Alcove Room. The cost per person will be \$21.95 plus an 18% group gratuity. The cost includes food and non-alcoholic beverage. Remember to show your military ID cards for a discount on your meals. Chief Petty Officers are allowed to use the VIP line at River’s Edge to pay for their meals. They will also be allowed to use the Northern Quest valet parking service at no cost. Valet Parking is available at either the entrance to the hotel or to the Casino. Chief Petty Officer Michelle Chaney has made a suggestion that each Chief attending the Khaki Ball donate \$5 to pay for the Door Prizes to be given away during the evening. Master Chief Moon as some souvenir Navy Blue CPO Pride T-Shirts that have an anchor on the back and say “Keep Calm and Ask The Chief”. They are \$10 each. Please let us know to reserve you one if you want it and give us the size you will need. Uniform of the Day: Khaki is suggested, but not required (wear a Chiefly Shirt J). Please attend the Khaki Ball even if you do not own a Khaki uniform.

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

**Beardsley Family Restaurant**—26009 N Hwy 395, Orient, WA—Owned by members of a retired navy husband and wife family

**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 Shipmate Don McGrogan

**Roi’s Furniture**—1611 N. Monroe St, Spokane, WA – Owned by Branch 38 Shipmate Roi Sigler

**Sailor Girl Soap and Supplies**—[www.sailorsoapgirl.com](http://www.sailorsoapgirl.com). Plummer, ID—owned by a former Navy member.

### **Businesses owned by Coast Guard/Navy/Marines (Cont’d)**

**Taco Del Mar Restaurant**—2501 N. Division St., Spokane, WA – Owned by Master Chief Frank Schoonover.

**Twenty-Seventh Heaven LLC**—1220 S. Grand Blvd, Suite A, Spokane, WA.—Owned by LT Lydia Cowles

**Uncle Sam’s Flag & Gift** - Spokane Valley, WA – Owned by Chief Lance Johnson.

### **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 Branch’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 - as of 2/28/2017**

*Verne Smith February 2017*  
*Doug Morgan February 2017*

**Upcoming FRA Dues—Upcoming FRA Dues**

Charles Davis	April 2017	<i>Jack Terry</i>	<i>May 2017</i>
Rick Hermann	April 2017	<i>David Van Selus</i>	<i>May 2017</i>
Tom Staudinger	April 2017	<i>William Feehan</i>	<i>May 2017</i>
Michelle Davis	April 2017	<i>James Robsertson</i>	<i>May 2017</i>
Gerald Sand	April 2017		
Harold Young	April 2017	A. M. Pagnotta	June 2017
Eland Kinnick	April 2017	Vernon Lozier	June 2017
		Roi Sigler	June 2017
		Charles Lewis	June 2017

**Membership Dues Are Higher in 2017 and Beyond**

The cost of renewing your membership beginning January 1, 2017 has gone up as listed below:

1 Year	\$40.00	
2 Years	\$75.00	(6% discount)
<b>2 Years</b>	<b>\$64.00</b>	<b>** (for first time new members)</b>
5 years	\$180.00	(10% discount)

**\*\* - Branch 38's policy for new members to the FRA and Branch 38, is it will pay \$24.00 and the new member pays \$40.00.**

As you will notice, there is no longer a 3-year renewal option per the 11th Edition of the FRA C&BL (the 2016 edition after the 89th convention held in Jacksonville, FL).

**Volunteer Services, Spokane Police Department** – Sgt Kevin Huddle spoke to us about the opportunities to assist the Spokane Police Department's Volunteer Services Unit. They have various levels of volunteering positions open, i.e. teenagers to help with programs designed for their level, volunteer police officers, and senior services to help at the front desk,

records division, vacation home checks, property/fraud items pickups, tours of the SPD Historical Museum, help prevent citizen identity theft. They depend a lot on these volunteer services and are seeking more help in the Level I and Level II areas. Five members of Branch signed the volunteer signup sheet he brought with him. If you want to help out at the Spokane Volunteer Services Sg Huddle's telephone number is (509) 363-8283.

**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**.

<b>March 25, 2017</b>	Applebee's 2107 E. 29 <sup>th</sup> Ave Spokane, WA
<b>April 22, 2017</b>	Mongolian BBQ (next to Walmart) 10414 US Hwy 2, Airway Heights, WA
<b>May 13, 2017</b>	Qtrly Meeting at <b>10:00 AM</b> VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission Spokane, WA
<b>June 10, 2017</b>	Skyway Café (next to Felts Field) 6105 E. Rutter Ave, Spokane Valley, WA

**Fiscal Year 2017 Locations (7/2017 – 6/2018)**

<b>July 8, 2017</b>	The Onion 7552 N. Division Spokane, WA
<b>August 26, 2017</b>	Qtrly Meeting at <b>10:00 AM</b> VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission Spokane, WA
<b>September, 23, 2017</b>	Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant 2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA
<b>October 14, 2017</b>	MacKenzie River Pizza 2910 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave Spokane, WA
<b>November 11, 2017</b>	Qtrly Meeting at <b>10:00 AM</b> VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission Spokane, WA
<b>December 2, 2017</b>	<b>Christmas Party (Potluck) at 11:00 AM</b> VFW Post 51 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA

**2016-2017 Branch Officers**

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

**2016-2020 Board of Directors** (in addition to the Branch Officers)

James Robertson  
 Anna Martin  
 Bruce Vails

**Chaplain** Ralph Bean  
**Master-at-Arms** James Robertson

**2016-2017 Branch Committee Chairmen**

Americanism-Patriotism James Robertson  
 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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

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:** 1 Yr \$40.00 Payment MC Visa Discover Card AE Check enclosed  
 2 Yrs **\$ 64.00** (SPECIAL OFFER FOR FIRST TIME MEMBERS)  
 2 Yrs \$ 75.-00 (for renewing or reinstating members)  
 5 Yrs \$180.00 Credit Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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