




**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

#### January 2017

- 01 Jan New Year's Day (Observed on Jan 2nd)  
15 Jan MLK's Birthday (Observed on Jan 16th)  
20 Jan Inauguration Day  
21 Jan Branch Regular Meeting at Black Angus (East)  
*11724 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley WA*

#### February 2017

- 02 Feb Groundhog Day  
04 Feb USO Birthday (1941)  
11 Feb Branch Qtrly Meeting at VFW Post 51  
*300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA at 10:00 AM*  
13 Feb Women Marines Birthday (1943)  
14 Feb Valentine's Day  
19 Feb USCG Reserves Birthday (1941)  
20 Feb President's Day

#### March 2017

- 03 Mar Naval Reserve Established (1915)  
04 Mar Navy Band Established (1925)  
05 Mar U.S. Navy Seabees Birthday (1942)  
12 Mar Daylight Savings Time Begins  
17 Mar St. Patrick's Day  
20 Mar First Day of Spring  
25 Mar Branch Regular Meeting at Applebee's (South)  
*2007 E. 29th Ave, Spokane, WA at noon*

The Branch Quarterly and Monthly meeting dates and locations can also be found on the Branch Website at [www.frabbranch38.org](http://www.frabbranch38.org).

#### Milestone Awards for January-February-March 2017 –

William P. Stroyan	20 years	February 2017
John Love	20 years	March 2017
Dan C. Hutchinson	45 years	March 2017

**Membership**—As of the end of November 2016 Spokane's Inland Empire Branch 38 has dropped to 95 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.

#### **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.

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:** Information on meals and pricing will be published at a later date.

## 2017 NWR CONVENTION (Cont:d)

### Contact Information:

Convention Chair: PNP M.W. "John" Johnson  
6206 82nd St. E, Puyallup, WA 98371  
Home—253-770-5935  
Cell— 253-381-8498

Co-Chair / Rex Faubion  
Correspondence: 818 23rd St NW, Puyallup, WA 98371  
Cell—253-208-6991

Treasurer:- Russ Peters  
5606 231st St Ct E, Spanaway, WA 98387  
Cell—253-579-4905

Auxiliary Chair: TBD

Credentials: PRPNW Dan Holloway  
2544 W. Sheryl St. Meridian, ID 83642

**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 below:

- 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.)

**Note:** *The information on the 2017 National Convention was derived by print screens from the Branch 4 website since we have not received anything from anyone at FRA HQ, NWR HQ, or Branch 4.*

## Branch Birthdays for January, February, and March 2017

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Charles Eickmeyer	January 2
James Greer	January 3
William Stroyan	January 8
William Feehan	January 12
Donald Fisher	January 14
Robert Hunt	January 17
Thomas Lang	January 19
William Sheretz	January 22



Charlie Noble	February 19
David Van Selus	February 22
David Melges	February 22
James Robertson	February 23
Jack Terry	February 25
Russell Messing	March 1
David Fenn	March 15
Roi Sigler	March 25

**Spokane Chiefs Military Appreciation Night** – January 21, 2017 is when they host the team from Cranbrook, British Columbia in Canada. We are planning on having a table on this Military Appreciation night and are looking for volunteers to assist.

**Wreaths Across America** – The laying of the wreaths at the Washington Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake was delayed from December 17<sup>th</sup> at noon to December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm due to very cold weather. Five members of Branch 38 helped lay wreaths on the 19<sup>th</sup> after the memorial service during which Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rogers spoke. Those Shipmates that helped were James Robertson, James Grisham, Dennis McCully and his wife, Roscoe Moore, and Peg Burke. Shipmate Grisham represented the Gold Star Family (they were unable to attend) in laying the wreath for the U.S. Navy

**2016 Navy Ball** was October 15, 2016 at the Lincoln Center, 1316 N. Lincoln Street, Spokane, WA. Shipmates Grisham, Martin, and Burke have been attending the Navy Ball committee meetings as FRA representatives. Shipmate Dwayne Harney attends as a representative of the Navy League. There were 130 in attendance. Admiral Lotzenheimer beat out Shipmate Bruce Vails for the oldest attendee this year. Each attendee got to take a souvenir glass home. They make good “beer” glasses. Fun was had by all.

It seems the NOSC members were slow on the uptake when it was asked to help take the display items (ship’s wheel and bell) back home. The bell was put in the back of Shipmate Burke’s pickup on Saturday night and she returned it on Sunday morning. Four FRA members (Ralph Bean, Jim Robertson, Jim Grisham and Peg Burke), one former Air Force member (Greg Burke), and a Fedex employee (Madi Sailor - Greg’s daughter) stepped up Monday morning to get the ship’s wheel back to its home. Even though the NOSC was closed on Mondays the Security Duty Office was nice enough to open the gates and let us through to unload it.

#### **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.

**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.

#### **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.

**Note to Committee Chairmen**—Since the 2017 National Convention will be held a month earlier this year, all reports are due a month earlier. The Secretary will download all the forms needed for you to complete your reports as soon as they are available online (Plan for early March 2017).

**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 11/30/2016**

<i>Mortimer Sullivan III</i>	<i>July 2016</i>
<i>Clarence Bender</i>	<i>September 2016</i>
<i>Ernest Nye</i>	<i>September 2016</i>
<i>Mark Jackson</i>	<i>October 2016</i>
<i>Laveen Schmidt</i>	<i>December 2016</i>

**Upcoming FRA Dues—as of 11/30/2016**

Larry Bachko	January 2017
Gerald Fitzgerald	January 2017
William Sheretz	January 2017
<i>Verne Smith</i>	<i>February 2017</i>
<i>Douglas Morgan</i>	<i>February 2017</i>
<i>William Stroyan</i>	<i>February 2017</i>
Dan Hutchinson	March 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).

**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>January 21, 2017</b>	Black Angus 11724 E. Indiana Ave Spokane Vly, WA
<b>February 11, 2017</b>	Qtrly Meeting at <b>10:00 AM</b> VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission Spokane, WA
<b>March 25, 2017</b>	Applebee's 2107 E. 29th 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. 57th 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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