




Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 038, Inc.
Spokane, Washington
www.frabranh38.org

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BRANCH BULLETIN



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 2017

- 04 Jul** Independence Day
08 Jul Branch Monthly Meeting at The Onion
7552 N. Division, Spokane, WA
27 Jul Korean War Armistice 1953
30 Jul WAVES established 1942

August 2017

- 04 Aug** U.S. Coast Guard Birthday (1790)
Vietnam Conflict Began (1964)
14 Aug National Navajo Code Talkers Day
VJ Day—Japanese Surrender (1945)
19 Aug Branch Qtrly Meeting at VFW Post 51
300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA at 10:00 AM
25-26 Aug Northwest Regional Convention, Fife, WA
29 Aug USMC Reserves Founded (1916)

September 2017

- 02 Sep** VJ Day—Japan signs Surrender (1945)
04 Sep Labor Day
10 Sep Grandparents Day
11 Sep Patriot Day / United We Stand
15 Sep National POW/MIA Remembrance Day
17 Sep Citizenship Day
19-24 Sep 2017 FRA/LAFRA National Convention,
Hunt Valley, MD
22 Sep First Day of Autumn
23 Sep Branch Monthly Meeting at noon
Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant,
2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA

The Branch Quarterly and Monthly meeting dates and locations can be found on the Branch Website at www.frabran38.org.

BRANCH BUSINESS NEWS

2017 Northwest Regional (NWR) Convention

Mt. Rainier Branch 104 and the NWR Auxiliary will be hosting the 2017 NWR Convention on August 25-26, 2017 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 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.

2017 FRA/LAFRA National Convention—(Cont'd)

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; 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.

Membership—As of the end of June 2017 Spokane’s Inland Empire Branch 38 has dropped to 92 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.

Meeting Schedule Change—We have tried in the past couple of years to vary our branch meeting schedule to allow more time during the good weather months for our members to enjoy our great northwest outdoors. Unfortunately it has not always worked out. Effective January 2018, the branch meetings will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Page 11 of this bulletin shows the schedule and **proposed** locations for 2018. A color coded calendar with the finalized locations will be provided in the next issue of the bulletin.

Milestone Awards for July—August– September 2017–

Robert Hunt	20 years	August 2017
Thomas J. Lang	35 years	August 2017
Dennis McCully	5 years	September 2017
Robert S. Bean Sr.	15 years	September 2017
Roscoe D. Moore	40 years	September 2017
Hubert N. Steele	45 years	September 2017

Branch Birthdays for July, August, and September 2017

Ruben Mercado	July 2
Ralph Bean	July 4
John Norris	July 5
Charles Imus	July 8
Thomas Grieb	July 8
Dennis McCully	July 10
Dan Hutchinson	July 19
Charles Lewis	July 22
Earl Lockie	July 24
Jeffery Burke	July 25



Dale Stevenson	August 5
Richard Short	August 5
James Grisham	August 5
Thomas Craig	August 11
Anna Martin	August 17
Gerald Ellig	August 17
Eland Kinnick	August 19
A. M. Pagnotta	August 19

Harold Young	September 1
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

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 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

<i>Eland Kinnick</i>	<i>April 2017</i>
<i>William Feehan</i>	<i>May 2017</i>
<i>Richard Peterschick</i>	<i>June 2017</i>

Upcoming FRA Dues—Upcoming FRA Dues

David Fenn	July 2017		
		Jerome Duffney	August 2017
		Donald Fisher	August 2017
		George Ginter	August 2017
		George Stevens Jr	August 2017
		James White	August 2017
Robert Bean Sr	September 2017		
James Greer	September 2017		
Douglas Harms	September 2017		
Charles Huggins	September 2017		
Roscoe Moore	September 2017		
Charlie Noble	September 2017		
Charles Thompson	September 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)
2 Years	\$64.00	** (for first time new members)
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.**

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. 1st St., Odessa, WA – Owned by Mike and Sherri Frederick. Both were 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 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. Plummer, ID—owned by a former Navy member.

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.

QUARTERLY/SOCIAL LUNCHEONS/MEETINGS

Calendar Year 2017 Locations

July 8, 2017	The Onion 7552 N. Division Spokane, WA
August 26, 2017	Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission Spokane, WA
September, 23, 2017	Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant 2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA
October 14, 2017	MacKenzie River Pizza 2910 E. 57 th Ave Spokane, WA
November 11, 2017	Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission Spokane, WA
December 2, 2017	Christmas Party (Potluck) at 11:00 AM VFW Post 51 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA

Proposed Calendar Year 2018 Locations

The dates are confirmed as our meeting dates.

The sites, except for the quarterly meetings at the VFW, have not been confirmed as yet. The next bulletin will have the final sites.

January 20, 2018	Timber Creek Grill & Buffet 9211 E. Montgomery Ave,Spokane Vly, WA
February 17, 2018	Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission Spokane, WA
March 17, 2018	Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant, 2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA
April 21, 2018	Applebee’s Restaurant 2107 E. 29 th Ave, Spokane, WA
May 19, 2018	Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission Spokane, WA
June 16, 2018	Iron Horse, 407 E. Sherman Ave, Coeur d’Alene, ID
July 21, 2018	Annie’s Hillside Café 3001 N. Nevada St, Spokane, WA
August 18, 2018	Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission Spokane, WA
September 15, 2018	Black Angus, 17724 E. Indiana Ave. Spokane Valley, WA
October 20, 2018	McKenzie River Pizza. 2910 E. 57 th Ave., Spokane, WA
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2017-2018 Branch Officers

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

2017-2020 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
 Veterans Service Dave Lord
 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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