



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

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 2017

- 08 Oct Start of Fire Prevention Week
09 Oct Columbus Day
13 Oct U. S. Navy Birthday (1775)
14 Oct Branch Monthly Meeting at
MacKenzie River Pizza
2910 E. 57th Ave, Spokane, WA
31 Oct Halloween

November 2017

- 05 Nov Daylight Saving Time Ends
07 Nov Election Day
10 Nov U.S. Marine Corps Birthday (1775)
11 Nov Veteran's Day
*Branch meeting will be attendance at the
Veterans Day Memorial at the Spokane Arena
FRA 93rd Birthday (1924)*
23 Nov Thanksgiving Day

December 2017

- 01 Dec Deadline for FRA Americanism Essay Contest
02 Dec Branch Christmas Party at VFW Post 51
300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA at 11:00 AM
07 Dec Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
15 Dec Bill of Rights Day
17 Dec Wright Brothers Day
21 Dec First Day of Winter
25 Dec Christmas Day

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

2017 Northwest Regional (NWR) Convention

Mt. Rainier Branch 104 and the NWR Auxiliary hosted the 2017 NWR Convention on August 25-26, 2017 at the Emerald Queen Casino and Hotel at 5700 Pacific Hwy E, Fife, WA.

During the convention there was discussion regarding the Northwest Region Auxiliary's status because they did not have anyone stepping up to be Regional Officers for the 2017-18 term. The Auxiliary's national officers asked the Northwest Region Shipmates to consider merging with the West Coast so they could save the Units of the Northwest Region. The NWR Auxiliary Convention was declared Out of Order by the Auxiliary National President and nothing was decided by the Auxiliary at the NWR Convention.

The Shipmates discussed the issue and said they were willing to talk about it, but no decision was made to merge. RPNW Burke was instructed to bring it up at the Pre-NBOD meeting before the 2017 National Convention to see what the options were. See more on this subject under the National Convention news.

New Northwest Regional Officers : The Shipmates/delegates of the Northwest Region have elected the following to be their Officers for the 2017-18 term:

- Regional President—Roger L. Christopher of Branch 382**
Regional Vice President—Stephen E. Talkington of Branch 29
Regional Secretary/Treasurer - Hazel Bettencourt of Branch 382
(This is Hazel's last year on her 3-year term)

2017 FRA/LAFRA National Convention

The Shipmates and Auxiliary members of FRA Branch and Unit 4 of Washington DC hosted 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.

Northwest Regional President Burke (from Branch 38) was our Branch delegate to the National Convention. **RPNW Burke did bring up the issue of the Northwest Region possibly merging with the West Coast Region to save the Northwest Region's Auxiliary at the Pre-NBOD prior to the 2017 Convention.**

2017 FRA/LAFRA National Convention (Cont'd)

The NBOD stated that it would depend on what happened at the Auxiliary's National Convention, i.e. whether there were Auxiliary members from the Northwest Region 's Auxiliary to step up to be Regional Officers for the Auxiliary during the 2017-18 term. Evidently the National President for the Auxiliary thought that the merger was going through in three weeks time and she waited for the Shipmates of the FRA to do something.

At the FRA Post-Board at the end of the Convention the The Auxiliary Representative came to the FRA Post-NBOD meeting and asked the FRA National President what was the status of the merge. He stated that it was an Auxiliary Issue and not a FRA Issue. It appears that the merge of the two regions is off the table. This issue may come up again in the future because the Northwest Regional Auxiliary is now in suspension and the Auxiliary hierarchy has to decide what to do now. It is my opinion that the subject of merging the Northwest and West Coast Regions will come up again in the future of the FRA.

The Shipmates/delegates at the National Convention have elected the following as their National Officers:

National President—William Starkey
National Vice President—Bob Washington

Membership—As of the end of September 2017 Spokane's Inland Empire Branch 38 has dropped to 89 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.

Milestone Awards for October-November-December 2017—

Jeffery W. Burke	5 years	October 2017
Ralph S. Bean	20 years	November 2017
William R. Klein	25 years	November 2017
Donald J. Cagle	30 years	December 2017

Branch Birthdays for October-November-December 2017

Charles Thompson	October 1
Donald Cagle	October 2
Val Moon	October 5
Daniel Hull	October 7
Robert Bean	October 10
Allen Davis	October 13
Charles Huggins	October 19
Don McGrogan	October 22



Richard Peterschick	November 1
Harlan Oliver	November 10
John Love	November 11
Gerald Fitzgerald	November 18
George Ginter	November 18
Jerome Duffney	November 21
Charles Murray	November 21
William Klein	November 29

Douglas Morgan	December 1
David Danley	December 2
Peg Burke	December 4
Willis Pratt	December 21
Thomas Liston	December 23
Gerald King	December 30

Branch November Meeting and Christmas Party

The November meeting will be attendance at the Veterans Day Memorial Service at the Spokane Arena on 11/11/2017 at 10:00am. Meet on the Mallon Street side of the Arena.

Enclosed in this bulletin is the flyer for the Branch 38 Christmas Party on December 2, 2017. Please read it and contact the Branch Secretary.

On the back of the Christmas Party Flyer is the 2018 Branch Meeting Schedule. Please keep the Schedule handy since we are going back to the Third Saturday of the Month Schedule.

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

James White	August 2017
Charlie Noble	September 2017

Upcoming FRA Dues—Upcoming FRA Dues

Earl A. Lockie	October 2017
Bruce Timblin	November 2017
Edwin Hickock	December 2017
Don McGrogan	December 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.**

DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay Changes Mailing Address

Retired Pay

Defense Finance & Accounting Service

U.S. Military Retired Pay

8899 E. 56th Street

Indianapolis, IN 46249-1200

Annuitant Pay:

Defense Finance & Accounting Service

U.S. Military Annuitant Pay

8899 E. 56th Street

Indianapolis, IN 46249-1300

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

November 11, 2017 Meet at the Spokane Arena at **10:00 AM** for the Veterans Day Memorial Service. This will constitute the Branch Meeting for November.

December 2, 2017 **Christmas Party (Potluck) at 11:00 AM**
VFW Post 51 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA

Calendar Year 2018 Locations

All locations are CONFIRMED with the restaurants.

All meetings, monthly and quarterly, are on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

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. 29th 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. 57th 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 Anna Martin
 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: _____

Mail to: **FRA—125 N. WEST STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314-2754**—Phone: 703-683-1400, Toll –Free: 1-800-FRA-1924—www.fra.org