



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 038, Inc.
Spokane, Washington
www.frabbranch38.org**

**JANUARY – FEBRUARY – MARCH 2018
BRANCH BULLETIN**

2017-2018 Branch Officers

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

Chaplain Ralph Bean
Master-at-Arms James Robertson

2015–2020 Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:
James Robertson
Anna Martin
Bruce Vails

2017–2018 Branch Committee Chairmen

Americanism	Anna Martin
HW&R	Michelle Davis
Public Relations	Ralph Bean
Veterans Services	Dave Lord
Youth Activities	James Grisham

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 2018

01 Jan New Year’s Day
15 Jan Martin Luther King Jr Day
20 Jan Monthly Meeting at Noon at
*Timber Creek Grill & Buffet
9211 E. Montgomery Ave,
Spokane Valley, WA*

February 2018

02 Feb Groundhog Day
04 Feb USO Birthday (1941)
13 Feb Women Marines Birthday (1943)
14 Feb Valentines Day
17 Feb Quarterly Meeting at 1000 at
*VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission
Spokane, WA*
19 Feb President’s Day
USCG Reserves Birthday (1941)

March 2018

03 Mar US Naval Reserve Established (1915)
04 Mar US Navy Band Established (1925)
05 Mar US Navy Seabees Birthday (1942)
11 Mar Daylight Savings Time Begins
17 Mar St. Patricks Day
Monthly Meeting at Noon at
*Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant
2023 W. Northwest Blvd
Spokane, WA*
20 Mar First Day of Spring
25 Mar Palm Sunday
30 Mar Good Friday
Passover Begins at Sunset

The Branch Quarterly and Monthly meeting dates and locations can be found on the Branch Website at www.frabbranch38.org.


Membership—As of the end of December 2017 Spokane’s Inland Empire Branch 38 has dropped to 88 members. The Branch is now in Group V of the FRA Please help us bring our membership back up so that we can continue to serve our shipmates.

Christina Hitchcock has joined the FRA staff as the FRA’s new Membership Director. She formerly worked with the Blind Veterans of America.

Milestone Awards
January-February-March 2018

Margret "Peg" Burke 15 years January 2018

Branch Birthdays
January-February-March 2018

Eickmeyer, Charles	January 2		
Greer, James	January 3		
Stroyan, William	January 8		
Fisher, Donald	January 14		
Hunt, Robert	January 17		
Lang, Thomas	January 19		
Sheretz, William	January 22		
			
	Noble, Charlie	February 19	
	Timblin, Bruce	February 19	
	Melges, David	February 22	
	VanSelus, David	February 22	
	Robertson, James	February 23	
	Terry, Jack	February 25	
Messing, Russell	March 1		
Peck, George	March 4		
Fenn, David	March 15		
Sigler, Roi	March 25		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!

Branch 38 Shipmates met on December 2, 2017 at the VFW Post 51 for their annual Christmas Luncheon and Toys-For-Tots collection. There weren't many at the luncheon, but we were able to take a few toys and \$60 to the US Marine's warehouse for Toys for Tots this year.

Branch 38 Shipmates participated in the laying of the wreaths at the Veterans Cemetery in Medial Lake, WA for the Wreaths Across America program.

Nominees for National Offices Received

We have received nominating resolutions for the following:

- William E. Starkey for National President for FRA Association Year 2018-19 (2nd term)
- Robert Washington for National President for FRA Association Year 2018-19 (current Vice President)
- James E. "Robbie" Robbins for National Vice President for FRA Association Year 2018-19

2017 Americanism Essay Contest Winners

The Branch received eleven essays this year. There was one 7th grader, one 9th grader and nine 12th graders. We had submissions from students in Cascade, Montana and from Kennewick, Yakima, College Place, and Spangle, Washington. Below are the winners in each Grade level.

7th Grade

1st Place **Rose Stewart**
 Juliaetta, Idaho
 Kendrick High School

9th Grade

1st Place **Thomas Middleton**
 Kennewick, Washington
 Southridge High School

12th Grade

1st Place **Quincy Balias**
 Cascade, Montana
 Foothills Community Christian School

2nd Place

Grace Hawley
 Yakima, Washington
 West Valley High School, Yakima, WA

3rd Place

Shine Alvarado
 Bow, Washington
 Upper Columbia Academy, Spangle, WA

The first place winners' essays will be forwarded to the Northwest Region's Americanism-Patriotism Chair for judging at the regional level.

In Memorium – Former LAFRA Auxiliary member Merle E. Hemming, wife of Shipmate Ron Hemming, passed away October 22, 2017. Merle and Ron were married 77 years. Services were held on November 4th at the Portico Christian Fellowship Church in Spokane Valley, WA. Merle was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star. She will be honored at Branch 38's next two bell ceremony.

Military Appreciation Night at Spokane Chief's Hockey Game

On January 20, 2018, Branch 38 will participate by setting up a table in the foyer, along with other military organizations, to bring visibility to our Organization. We are asking for help to man the table during the game. Our January 2018 meeting will be held on the same day.

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.

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 12/3/2017

James White	August 2017
Earl Lockie	October 2017
William Klein	November 2017

Upcoming FRA Dues

Thomas Craig	January 2018
Robert Bean	January 2018
Gerald Fitzgerald	January 2018

Upcoming FRA Dues—Cont’d

Val Moon	February 2018
Douglas Morgan	February 2018
Richard Short	February 2018
Harlan Oliver	February 2018
Raymond Kuhn Jr	February 2018
William Stoyan	February 2018
Ruben Mercado`	March 2018
Dan Hutchinson	March 2018
Harold Young	March 2018

Membership Dues Are Higher beginning in 2017

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	(1st time new mbrs)
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.

DFAS Retired & Annuitant Pay 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

Calendar Year 2018 Locations

All locations are CONFIRMED with the restaurants.

All meetings, monthly and quarterly, are on the third 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
November 17, 2018	Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission Spokane, WA
December 15, 2018	Christmas Party (Potluck) at 11:00 AM VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA

2018 Northwest Regional Convention

The 2018 Northwest Regional Convention will be held on August 17-18, 2018 in Boise, Idaho. It is sponsored by Branch 382. More information to come in the future.

2018 FRA/LAFRA National Convention

The 2018 FRA/LAFRA National Convention is a FRA sponsored convention, i.e. no single Branch or Region is the sponsor. It will be held in San Antonio, Texas at the OMNI Hotel at the Colonnade, 9821 Colonnade Blvd (a Four Diamond Hotel). The dates are September 18-23, 2018.

There is on-site self-parking which is complimentary and on-site valet parking at the discount rate of \$10 per day. There is complimentary airport transportation to and from the hotel and within a five-mile radius of the hotel.

Room Rates are \$105 plus 16.75% tax per night. They apply for up to three days prior and three days following the convention dates. The cut-off date for the block of rooms will be held until Monday, September 3, 2018. Reservations requests received after 5:00 PM local time at the hotel on the cut-off date will be accepted based on guest room availability at the Group rate.

Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-THE-OMNI (1-800-843-6664) or by going on line to the Customized Group Web Page:

[https://www.omnihotels.com/san-](https://www.omnihotels.com/san-antonio/meetings/fleet-reserve-assoc-national-convention)

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[convention](https://www.omnihotels.com/san-antonio/meetings/fleet-reserve-assoc-national-convention). If making your reservation by phone be sure to mention "Fleet Reserve Association".

Included in the bulletin is the Application Form for the FRA. 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,

Fleet Reserve Association

Inland Empire Branch 038

Margret (Peg) Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

14707 N. Farragut Lane, Mead, WA 99021-9286

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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 \$40; discounts are available for longer-term memberships. Simply complete this form, enclose payment and return to FRA, Branch 38 representative.

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? Yes: _____ Member Number: _____ No: _____

Recruited by: _____ Member No.: _____ Branch: _____

Spouses Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dues

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Yr	\$40.00	Payment:	<input type="checkbox"/> MC	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover Card	<input type="checkbox"/> AE	<input type="checkbox"/> Check-enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Yrs	\$64.00	(SPECIAL OFFER FOR FIRST TIME MEMBERS)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Yrs	\$75.00	(for renewing or reinstating FRA members)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Yrs	\$180.00	Credit Card No.: _____					
Exp. Date: _____							

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