



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

**APRIL – MAY - JUNE 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

April 2018

01 Apr CPO Grade Established (1893)
Easter
April Fool's Day
09 Apr Nat'l Former POW Recognition Day
16 Apr Patriots' day
17 Apr Income Tax Deadline
20 Apr Monthly Meeting at Noon at
*Applebee's, 2107 E. 29th Ave
Spokane, WA*
20 Apr Admin Professionals' Day

May 2018

01 May May Day
05 May Cinco de Mayo
08 May VE Day (WWII Ends in Europe-1945)
10 May US Coast Guard Band Est (1925)
13 May Navy Nurse Corps Est. (1908)
Mother's Day
15 May Peace Officers Memorial Day
19 May Armed Forces Day
Quarterly Meeting at 1000 at
*VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission
Spokane, WA*
28 May Memorial Day

June 2018

06 Jun D-Day (1944)
14 Jun Flag Day
16 Jun Monthly Meeting at Noon at
*Iron Horse Restaurant
407 E. Sherman Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID*
17 Jun US Navy Hospital Corps Est (1898)
Father's Day
21 Jun First Day of Summer
25 Jun N. Korea Invades S. Korea (1950)

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 February 2018 Spokane's Inland Empire Branch 38 has dropped to 80 members. During the process of voting on the possible merge with the West Coast Region, we found six Shipmates that had joined the Supreme Commanders Team. All in the LIFE and Age 85 w/40 years of Service.

Milestone Awards
April – May – June 2018

Charles M. Davis	30 years	April 2018
David K. Melges	30 years	April 2018

Branch Birthdays
January-February-March 2018

Dale Zentzis	April 5
Douglas Harms	April 15
George Stevens Jr	April 21



Larry Bachko	May 4
David Lord	May 7
Arthur Ellison	May 8
Laveen Schmidt	May 9
Edwin Hickok Sr	May 13
Vernon Lozier	May 13
Michelle Davis	May 16
Harold Brooks	May 26
Ron Hemming	May 28
Tom Staudinger	May 29
Leo Fagan	May 30

Charles Davis	June 8
Raymond Kuhn	June 11
Joseph Nannie	June 12
Richard Casselman	June 14
William Monger	June 19
Kenneth Gallant	June 21
Daniel Sullivan	June 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!

Fair Winds and Following Seas

The following members of Branch 38 have joined the Supreme Commander's Team since the last bulletin: Charles Eickmeyer, Lloyd Pierce, Charles Thompson, Charles Huggins, Charles Lewis, Hubert Steele, and Alfred Nichols. Our sympathies go out to their families.

Contact Information Updates Needed

FRA National HQ Membership Group is asking everyone to update their **Contact Information**. You can go online to update it on the FRA Website by using your member number as your **Username** and entering your password. If you have never logged on the password would be your first initial and last name. You can also email Shirley@FRA.org or call Shirley at (703) 683-1400 or 1-800-372-1924

2017 Northwest Region's
Americanism Essay Contest Winners

Branch 38 had two winners at the Regional level. Below are the winners in each Grade level.

7th Grade

First	Chloe Gunawan , College Place Middle School, Lynnwood, WA – Branch 18
Second	Rose Stewart , Kendrick High School - Branch 38
Third	Annika Huff , Jenifer Jr High - Branch 63

8th Grade

First	Annie Lee Keller , Cyberlynx Home School,- Branch 342
Second	Elle Wagner-Uhling , Jenifer Jr High – Branch 63
Third	Anna Krishchuk , Holy Family School – Branch 104

9th Grade

First	Jasmine Pfafman , Liberty High School – Branch 18
Second	Dakota Larrabee , Shelton High School – Branch 104
Third	Rebekah Wight , Kimber Academy - Branch 382

10th Grade

First	Dayla Alexander , Home School – Branch 382
Second	Grace Van Gunten , Grangeville High School – Branch 63
Third	Hana DeHut , Graham-Kapowsin High School – Branch 104

11th Grade

First	Rebecca White , Mailiu Bible School - Branch 46
Second	Jared Kuykendall , Home School – Branch 55
Third	Erickson W. Pickett , Spanaway Lake High School – Branch 104

12th Grade

First	Samantha Wick , Kentridge High School – Branch 18
Second	Molly Schwartz , Prairie Jr/Sr High School – Branch 63
Third	Quincy Balias , Foothills Community Christian School – Branch 38

Navy Ball 2018 – NOSC Spokane Info – CDR Jennifer Bagnell is the new CO at the NOSC Spokane.

There is going to be a Navy Ball on October 13, 2018. Location has not been provided to the FRA Secretary as yet. A meeting is scheduled with the CO of the Spokane NOSC on April 20th with FRA Branch Officers.

Khaki Ball 2018 – for all USCG and USN, E-7 to CWO-5, Active Duty, Retired, Selected Reserves, Veterans as well as those Commissioned Officers who serve as a Chief Petty Officer. Spouses, Guests, and Significant Others are welcome.

It will be held at the Northern Quest Casino River's Edge Buffet Restaurant on April 7, 2018. Meet in the Alcove Room. There will be no Social Hour and the dinner starts at 1800. The cost is \$22.95 per person (price includes food and non-alcoholic beverages. ***The Tip has been included in your cost.*** Chief Petty Officers may use the VIP line at River's Edge to pay for their meals. After dinner activities: (from Master Chief Moon - "Oldest & Youngest Chief, Sea Story Telling Contest . all the good stuff!"

Contact Shipmate Grisham at grishamgrisham@yahoo.com for more information.

Spokane Indians' 2018 Military Appreciation Game
Friday, August 24, 2018, first pitch at 1830. They will be playing the Salem-Kaiser Volcanoes and there will be post-game fireworks. Chief Chanay at the Spokane NOSC has been contacted to get interest in a group ticket night for August 24th. If 20+ people buy tickets for the same game in a group, the Spokane Indians will lower the cost of each ticket. Contact for this will be Shipmate Grisham at grishamgrisham@yahoo.com.

2018 FRA/LAFRA Northwest Region Convention – The first newsletter has been received from Branch 382, the sponsor of this year's convention. It is on August 17-18, 2018 at the Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho. The hotel is located at 2900 Chinden Blvd in Boise. Attendees may call (208) 343-1871 and ask for the Fleet Reserve group rate. The rate of \$102 plus taxes will be in effect four days before and two days after the convention. All rooms are Non-Smoking. If you are interested in going, see the Secretary for a copy of their newsletter.

We have received information on the POD for the NWR Convention and tours that have been arranged. There are three: (1) National Interagency Fire Center (where they track forest fires), (2) Yankee Motor Museum (vintage motorcycles, trucks, cars, implements, flywheel engines, buses, boats, etc.), and (3) Warhawk Air Museum. The first two are admission free and the last is \$10 for veterans. This information will be posted on the Branch Website also.

2018 National FRA/LAFRA 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.

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-antonio/meetings/fleet-reserve-assoc-national-convention>. If making your reservation by phone be sure to mention "Fleet Reserve Association". 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.

A second newsletter that contains the meal information and tours, etc. has been received. It will also be posted on the Branch website. If you want a copy, let the Secretary know and she will send you a copy via email.

Nominees for FRA National Offices Received

We have received nominating resolutions for the following:

- William E. Starkey (NP 2017-18) for National President for FRA Association Year 2018-19 (2nd term)
- Robert Washington (NVP 2017-18) for National President for FRA Association Year 2018-19 (current Vice President)
- James E. "Robbie" Robbins (PRPSE 2012-13 and 2016-17) for National Vice President for FRA Association Year 2018-19
- Larry L. Cox for (PRPSE 201-15) National Vice President for FRA Association Year 2018-19
- Michael F. "Mick" Fulton (PRPSW 2012-13 and 2013-14) for Nation Vice President for FRA Association Year 2018-19.

Inland Empire Branch Officer Elections

The offices of Branch President, Vice President, and Secretary are open for nominations for the 2018-2019 year.

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.

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.

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 2/28/2018

Val Moon February 2018
Richard Short February 2018

Upcoming FRA Dues

Charles Davis April 2018
Dale Zentzis April 2018
Jack Terry May 2018
Kenneth Gallant May 2018
Terry Gaffney May 2018
George Peck May 2018
Dave Van Selus May 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.

Possible Merge - Northwest/West Coast Regions

Results of the voting for the possible merge with West Coast Region is as follows:

The Branch Secretary sent the letter to each Branch Member along with a self-addressed stamped postcard to return with their vote. She followed up with telephone call for those that did not respond.

As of March 6, 2018 we have had an 80% response from Branch Members (via postcard and telephone) returned and the **Yes** votes are **54%** and the **No** votes are **46%**. Our response to the NW Regional President was sent on 3/8/2018 via email.

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.

Calendar Year 2018 Locations

All locations are CONFIRMED with the restaurants.

*All meetings, monthly and quarterly, are on the
third Saturday of the month.*

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

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

Fleet Reserve Association

Inland Empire Branch 038

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