



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 038, Inc.
Spokane, Washington
www.frabranch38.org**

**JANUARY - FEBRUARY - MARCH 2021
BRANCH BULLETIN**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 2021

- 01 Jan** New Year's Day
- 18 Jan** Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 16 Jan** Monthly Meeting at **10:30 am** at
VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall)
2902 E. Diamond, Spokane, WA
(Has reverted to ZOOM due to COVID-19 restrictions)

February 2021

- 02 Feb** Groundhog Day
- 04 Feb** USO Birthday (1941)
- 13 Feb** Women Marines Birthday (1943)
- 14 Feb** Valentines Day
- 15 Feb** Presidents' Day
- 19 Feb** USCG Reserves Birthday (1941)
- 20 Feb** Monthly Meeting at **10:30 am** at
VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall)
2902 E. Diamond, Spokane, WA

March 2021

- 03 Mar** US Naval Reserve Established (1915)
- 04 Mar** US Navy Band Established (1925)
- 05 Mar** US Navy Seabees Birthday (1942)
- 14 Mar** Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 17 Mar** St Patrick's Day
- 20 Mar** Quarterly Lunch/Meeting at **Noon**
Twiggs Bistro & Martini Bar – (South)
4230 S. Regal, Spokane, WA
(Depends on COVID-19 Status)
- 29 Mar** First Day of Spring
- 29 Mar** Vietnam War Veterans Day

2019-2020 Branch 38 Essay Award Winners

We had seven entries this year, a good number with the pandemic in our midst. The students utilized their "Chrome Books" used in virtual schooling to send their essays to us, giving the committee some lessons in downloading the information 😊 without a chrome book.

7th Grade - No entries

8th Grade - No entries

9th Grade

- 1st Place **Parker Smith**
Hanford HS, Richland, WA
- 2nd Place **Jonathan Crosier**
Richland HS, Richland, WA

10th Grade

- 1st Place **Rose Stewart**
Kendrick Jr/Sr HS, Kendrick, ID

11th Grade

- 1st Place **Sydney Smith**
Hanford HS, Richland, WA
- 2nd Place **Anastasia Crosier**
Hanford HS, Richland, WS

12th Grade

- 1st Place **Emily Ryther**
Southridge HS, Kennewick, WA
- 2nd Place **Braelin Carter**
Richland HS, Richland, WA

First Place winners' entries have been submitted to the NW Region Americanism-Patriotism Chair for consideration at the regional level.

Farewell to Shipmates

Inland Empire Branch 38 has recently been notified that Shipmate August Pagnotta joined the Supreme Commander on October 11, 2020.

Even though there was no FRA National Convention this year (2020), the Membership and Retention Committee still presented their awards for the past year.

Membership & Retention Awards for Membership Year April 1, 2019-March 31-2020

Northwest Regional Branches

Frank J. McPherson Memorial Award:

James Murrell (Branch 382, Nampa, ID)

Charles E. Lofgren Awards:

Group III – Pete Lazzaretti (Branch 18, Seattle, WA)

Group V – Roberto Macaraeg (Branch 247,
Dagupan City, Philippines)

Branch Recruiting Awards:

Group III – Branch 18, Seattle, WA

Recruiting 32 Members Award:

Pete Lazzaretti (Branch 18, Seattle, WA)

100% Gold Ribbon Award:

Group III Branch 18, Seattle, WA

Group IV Branch 38, Spokane, WA

Group V Branch 328, Roseburg, OR
Branch 342, Anchorage, AK
Branch 73, Agana, Guam

Branch Recruiting Incentive Awards Program:

Group II Branch 29, Bremerton, WA

2021 NW Regional Convention

(2020 Convention was postponed until 2021)

Hosts: Mt Rainier Branch 104, Puyallup, WA

Dates: August 24-26, 2021

Hotel Information: The La Quinta Hotel is located at 1425 East 27th St, Tacoma, WA 98421. Room reservation: 253-383 0146, The rate of \$99.00 plus taxes will be in effect four days before and 2 days after. This includes a free Continental Breakfast. This is a **non-smoking** hotel. **The new dates are a Tuesday thru Thursday vs a weekend.**

Branch 38 delegates remain as: Michelle Davis, Chair, Anna Martin, and Rick Baldwin

93rd FRA/88th LA FRA Convention has been postponed until 2021

Hosts: Northwest Region, Fleet Reserve Assn

Dates: **September 25 – October 2, 2021**

Hotel Information: the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR. Room rates are \$112 per night plus 15.3% hotel tax. Oregon does not have a sales tax, but they do have those pesky hotel taxes ☹️. Room rates apply for up to three days prior and three days following the convention dates. There will be more information on cut off dates and etc coming after the first of the new year. **Their phone number is 503-281-2500. Be sure to mention “Fleet Reserve Association”.** Parking is on-site complimentary self-parking. Shipmate Burke is on the NW Region Convention Committee as Co-Chair and Sec/Treas.

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Michelle Davis, Chair, and Anna Martin*

Just a note to let everyone know that there have been requests sent to FRA National HQ that this convention be moved to another city in the Northwest due to the political unrest in the Portland, Oregon area. Stay tuned for updates 😊

2022 NW Region Convention – Branch 38 has been asked to host the 2022 NW Region Convention vs the 2021 Convention due to its postponement. It will be hosted by Inland Empire Branch 38 in Spokane, WA. The convention committee had visited several sites and we have chosen the Hampton Inn off Sunset Hwy as the site for the 2021 NW Region Convention. It will be asked if it can accommodate us in 2022 instead. It will allow us to run a hospitality room like we have in the past.

The Branch selected the following officers for the Convention Committee:

Chair – Anna Martin

Vice Chair – Michelle Davis

Secretary-Treasurer – Peg Burke

Anyone in the Branch can volunteer to help organize and participate in the planning the convention by contacting one of the convention committee members.

Calendar Year 2021 Meeting Locations
All meetings are the third Saturday of the month.

During the extreme spread of the COVID-19 we will be utilizing ZOOM as an alternative to in-person meetings. The Branch Secretary will notify everyone via email or post card of the Branch 38 meeting each month to let you know if it will be at the VFW Post 1474 Bingo Hall or via ZOOM.

3rd Quarter FY 2020

- January 16, 2021** Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM
ZOOM Meeting
- February 20, 2021** Monthly Meeting at 10:30 AM
VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave,
Spokane, WA
- March 20, 2021** NOON Luncheon at
Twiggs Bistro & Martini Bar (**South**) - 4230 S. Regal,
Spokane, WA

4th Quarter FY 2020

- April 17, 2021** Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM
VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave,
Spokane, WA
- May 15, 2021** Monthly Meeting at 10:30 AM
VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave,
Spokane, WA
- June 19, 2021** NOON Luncheon at
Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant (**West**)
2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA

1st Quarter FY 2021

- July 17, 2021** Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM
VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave,
Spokane, WA
- August 21, 2021** Monthly Meeting at 10:30 AM
VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave,
Spokane, WA
- September 18, 2021** NOON Luncheon at
The Onion – (**North**)
7552 N. Division, Spokane, WA

2nd Quarter FY 2021

- October 16, 2021** Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM
VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave,
Spokane, WA

November 20, 2021 Monthly Mtg at 10:30 AM
VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave,
Spokane, WA

December 18, 2021 Christmas Party at 11:00 AM
Conley's Place (East), 12622 E. Sprague
Spokane Valley, WA

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

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, please contact the Branch Secretary at: FRABranch38@gmail.com.

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.

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. Please renew. Your voice and help is needed in the FRA.

Past Due FRA Dues - as of 12/31/2020

William Monger	October 2020
John Norris	November 2020

Upcoming FRA Dues

Gerald Fitzgerald	January 2021
William Sheretz	January 2021
Dwayne Harney	February 2021
William Stroyan	February 2021
Marion Ballard	March 2021
Harold Young	March 2021

Included in the bulletin is the Application Form for the FRA. **Please make all checks out to the FRA.**

Milestone Awards
January – February – March 2021

Dwayne Harney 5 years February 2021

Branch Birthdays
January – February – March 2021

James Greer	January 3
William Stroyan	January 8
Donald Fisher	January 14
Robert Hunt	January 17
Thomas Lang	January 19
William Sheretz	January 22
Charlie Noble	February 19
David Melges	February 22
James Robertson	February 23
Jack Terry	February 25
Rick Baldwin	February 28
Marion Ballard	February 28
Russell Messing	March 1
George Peck	March 4
Roi Sigler	March 25



Just when you thought Navy ships couldn't get any more hardcore, they go and do this.



2020-21 Branch Officers

President	Robert Bean
Vice President	Michelle Davis
Sec/Treasurer:	Peg Burke
Chaplain	Dennis McCully
Master-at-Arms	James Robertson

Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:
 Harold Young (2020-2021)
 Anna Martin (2018-2023)
 Rick Baldwin (2020-2025)

Businesses owned by
Coast Guard / Navy / Marine Veterans

Beardsley Family Restaurant—26009 N Hwy 395, Orient, WA—Owned by members of a retired navy husband and wife Chiefs.

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—don@popularpatch.com, 9030 N. Hess St, Ste 111, Hayden, ID – Owned by Branch Shipmate Don McGrogan (Ask for military discount).

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.

Twenty-Seventh Heaven LLC—1220 S. Grand Blvd, Suite A, Spokane, WA.—Owned by LT Lydia Cowles

Uncle Sam's Flag & Gift – 14109 E. Sprague Ave, #7A, Spokane Valley, WA –Owned by Chief Lance Johnson.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service,
 Margret (Peg) Burke, Secretary/Treasurer
 14707 N. Farragut Lane, Mead, WA 99021-9286
 (509) 385-7275 or FRABranch38@gmail.com

2020–21 Branch Committee Chairs

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

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:	_____				

Mail to: **FRA – 125 N. West Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2754** – Phone: 703-683-1400, Toll-Free: 1-800-FRA-1924 – www.fra.org



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