



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

**JANUARY – FEBRUARY – MARCH 2023
BRANCH BULLETIN**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 2023

01 Jan New Year's Day
16 Jan Martin Luther King Jr. Day
21 Jan Monthly Meeting at **10:00 am** at
VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond, Spokane, WA

February 2023

02 Feb Groundhog Day
04 Feb USO Birthday (1941)
13 Feb Women Marine Birthday (1943)
14 Feb Valentines Day
18 Feb Monthly Meeting at **10:00 am** at
VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond, Spokane, WA
19 Feb USCG Reserves Birthday (1941)
20 Feb President's Day (Washington & Lincoln)

March 2023

03 Mar US Naval Reserve Est (1915)
04 Mar US Navy Band Est (1925)
05 Mar US Navy Seabees Birthday (1942)
12 Mar Daylight Saving Time Begins
13 Mar National K9 Veterans Day
17 Mar St Patrick's Day
18 Mar Monthly Meeting at **NOON** at
Cracker Barrel – EAST
1675 W. Lee Ct, Coeur d'Alene, ID
20 Mar First Day of Spring
25 Mar National Medal of Honor Day
29 Mar Vietnam War Veterans Day

Inland Empire Branch 038 is still providing Zoom capabilities, *in addition to meeting locally*, in the first two months of each quarter.

(The Zoom connection will be for outside the commuting distance of the VFW 1474 Meeting Place.) There will be no Zoom capability in the months we have a meeting at a restaurant.

The Secretary will send everyone in the outlying areas an email with the connection to Zoom one week before the meeting. She will also send the Agenda with the notice.

We have members in Colorado, Montana, Alabama, Western Washington, and up in the northern parts of Idaho and Washington.

**94th FRA / 89th LA FRA
National Conventions in 2022**

The 2022 National Convention was hosted by various Branches and Units in the Southeastern Region. It was held October 16-22, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency's Wynfrey Hotel at 1000 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, AL

The annual FRA Standing Committee Awards for the Northwest Region are as follows:

FRA Gold Ribbon Awards (100% Membership)

Group III

Branch 367 – San Miguel, PI

Branch 170 – Everett, WA

Group IV

Branch 382 – Nampa, ID

Branch 104 – Puyallup, WA

Group V

Branch 342 – Anchorage, AK

Branch 127 – Bicol Nabua, PI

Hospital, Welfare, & Rehab

Group III

Branch 097 – Whidbey Island, WA

Group IV

Branch 104 – Puyallup, WA

2023 Northwest Region Convention

The **2023 Northwest Region Convention** will be **August 18-19, 2023**, at the Holiday Inn, Nampa, ID. It is sponsored by Gem State Branch and LAFRA Unit 382. Mark your calendars. The first newsletter has been posted to the Branch 38 and NW Region's websites for your perusal.

2023 National Convention

The 95th FRA/90th LAFRA (2023) **National Convention** will be held **September 23-30, 2023**, at the Nugget Casino Resort at 1100 Nugget Ave, Sparks, NV 89431.

Contacts for this convention are FRA PNP Gary Blackburn and LAFRA PNP Cindy Rodham-Tuck. *Please note that this convention is about a month earlier than we have had them in the past few years.*

More information to come.

Americanism-Patriotism Essay Contest - 2022-2023

This year's contest subject is "What the United States Flag Stands For". We received two entries, one from Lewis & Clark High School in Spokane, WA and one from Hanford High School, in Richland, WA.

We will be grading the entries in January and the First Place Winner's will be sent to the NW Region Committee Chair no later than February 1, 2023 for judging at that level.

Branch Birthdays

January – February - March 2023

James Greer	January 3
William Stroyan	January 8
Donald Fisher	January 14
Robert Hunt	January 17
Tom Lang	January 19
William Sheretz	January 22
Paul Brenberger	January 30
Charlie Noble	February 19
David Melges	February 22
James Robertson	February 23
Jack Terry	February 25
Rick Baldwin	February 28
Russell Messing	March 1
George Peck	March 4
Larry McClain	March 19
Roi Sigler	March 25
Marian Dent-Hoglund	March 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!



Milestone Awards

January – February - March 2023

Peg Burke	20 years	January 2023
	None in February 2023	
	None in March 2023	

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**.

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 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

Charles Murray	November 2022
Don Cagle	December 2022

Upcoming FRA Dues

Larry Bachko	January 2023
Peg Burke	January 2023
Gerald Fitzgerald	January 2023
William Sheretz	January 2023
Paul Brenberger	February 2023
Raymond Kuhn Jr	February 2023
Harlan Oliver	February 2023

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

Military Appreciation Night – Spokane Chiefs

The Spokane Chiefs will have a Military Appreciation night on January 21, 2023, when they play the Victoria Royals at 7:00 pm.

Presented by Rock 94.5, ESPN 700, and KREM2

Themed group event, including ticket and limited edition T-shirt offer.

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.

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, #1 Spokane Valley, WA –Owned by Chief Lance Johnson.

2022-23 Branch Officers

President	Robert Bean
Vice Pres	Michelle Davis
Sec/Treas	Peg Burke (2022-2023)
Chaplain	Dennis McCully
Master-at-Arms	James Robertson

Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:
Anna Martin (2018-2023)
Rick Baldwin (2020-2025)
Harold Young (2021-2026)

2021–22 Branch Committee Chairs

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

Note to all Branch Members: Branch Secretary/Treasurer Peg Burke has given written notice that the end of her term of office in **2023** she will not longer be a candidate for any Branch Office.

Calendar Year 2023 Meeting Locations

All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

3rd Quarter FY 2022 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

January 21, 2023 Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
February 18, 2023 Monthly Mtg at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post_1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
March 18, 2023 Luncheon Meeting at **NOON** at *The Cracker Barrel – EAST*
1875 W. Lee Ct, Coeur d’Alene, ID (I-90 East - Exit 11)

4th Quarter FY 2022 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

April 15, 2023 Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
May 20, 2023 Monthly Mtg at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post_1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
June 17, 2023 Luncheon Meeting at **NOON** at *The Onion - NORTH*
7552 N. Division St, Spokane, WA

1st Quarter FY 2023 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

July 15, 2023 Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
August 19, 2023 Monthly Mtg at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post_1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
September 16, 2023 Luncheon Meeting at **NOON** at *El Charrito - SOUTH*
4303 S. Regal, Spokane, WA

2nd Quarter FY 2023 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

October 21, 2023 Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
November 18, 2023 Monthly Mtg at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post_1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
December 16, 2023 Luncheon Meeting at **NOON** at the *Longhorn BBQ – WEST / XMAS Party*
7611 W. Hwy 2, Spokane, WA

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service,
Margret (Peg) Burke, Secretary/Treasurer
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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

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| <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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