



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

APRIL – MAY - JUNE 2023 BRANCH BULLETIN

URGENT ITEM

Khaki Ball 2023 – The purpose of the Khaki Ball is for Chief Petty Officers to celebrate the 1893 birthday of the Chief Petty Officer paygrade.

It will take place on Saturday evening, April 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1435, 212 S. David St, Spokane Valley, WA 99212.

Tickets need to be purchased in advance, and Spouses or Significant Others are welcome to attend. Shipmate Grisham can provide the uniform of the day, the dinner menu, the schedule of events, the ticket price per person, and how to pay for your tickets, using an electronic payment site, as well as answer any more of your questions. His phone number is (509) 327-2068, and his email address is grishamgrisham@yahoo.com.

“The More Who Attend, The Merrier!!”

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)

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 2023

01 Apr **CPO Grade Established (1893)**
April Fool’s Day
08 Apr Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at
VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave,
Spokane, WA
(Meeting Day Change – See Page 5)
09 Apr Nat’l Former POW Recognition Day
11 Apr Submarine Force Day (1900)
13 Apr Borinqueneers Day - Puerto Rico’s

65th Infantry Regiment (61,000 Member)), who fought bravely in Korea. In January 2021, Congress designated this day a day of recognition for them.
15 Apr FRA / LAFRA Scholarship Deadline
17 Apr Patriot’s Day
18 Apr Doolittle’s Raid over Tokyo (1942)
26 Apr Admin Professionals’ Day
28 Apr Arbor Day

May 2023

01 May	Silver Star Svc Banner Day Loyalty Day May Day
05 May	Cinco de Mayo
08 May	VE Day-WWII ends in Europe (1945)
12 May	Military Spouse Appreciation Day
13 May	Monthly Meeting at 10:00 am at VFW Post 1474 2902 E. Diamond, Spokane, WA (Meeting Day Change – See Page 5) Navy Nurse Corps Established (1908)
14 May	Mother's Day
15 May	Peace Officers Memorial Day
19 May	National Defense Transportation Day
20 May	Armed Forces Day
22 May	National Maritime Day
29 May	Memorial Day

June 2023

06 Jun	D-Day (1944)
08 Jun	USS Liberty Incident – Israeli Attack (1967)
10 Jun	Luncheon Meeting at NOON at <i>The Onion - NORTH</i> 7552 N. Division St, Spokane, WA (Meeting Day Change – See Page 5)
12 Jun	Women's Veterans Day
14 Jun	Flag Day
17 Jun	US Navy Hospital Corps Est (1898)
18 Jun	Father's Day
19 Jun	Juneteenth
21 Jun	First Day of Summer
23 Jun	USCG Auxiliary (1939)
25 Jun	N. Korea Invades S. Korea (1950)

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.

2023 Northwest Region Convention

The **2023 Northwest Region Convention** will be **August 18-19, 2023**, at the Holiday Inn, 16345 Merchant Way, Nampa, ID 83687.

Rates are \$110/night with no tax. They are good for August 15-21, 2023. Call the hotel directly at (208) 468-0944 and tell them you are with the Fleet Reserve Association Block. Reservations made after July 18, 2023, will be on space availability.

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. *Please note that this convention is about 3-4 weeks earlier than we have had them in the past few years.*

The room rates are \$102 plus 13.5% tax and a \$2 tourism fee for an approximate total of \$117.77 per night for a single or double room. There is a fee of \$10 extra per person for a limit of four people to a room. The reservation link for the hotel is posted on the FRA Website if you wish to make reservations online. You may call 1-800-648-1177 or 775-356-3300. **Be sure to use the code GFRAC23.** If you need an ADA room, please call the hotel directly as soon as possible. All rooms have a refrigerator and a Keurig coffee maker.

The hotel provides a free shuttle service to and from the Reno/Tahoe Airport.

Tuxedo rental may be reserved for you through your local Men's Wearhouse for sizing and this information will be forwarded to the local Reno store for preparation. The rental price is \$99.99 plus tax (approximately \$115) which includes tuxedo pants and jacket, shirt, tie, cummerbund, and shoes.

Scooters and wheelchair information and rental agreement are attached to the 2023 FRA/LAFRA National Convention Newsletter #2 which is posted to the Branch 38, NW Region, and FRA Websites.

Meal information is still to come. Look for Newsletter #3 soon.

2022-2023 Americanism Essay Contest **“What The United States Flag Stands For”**

There were not entries for Grades 7, 8, 9, and 12.

Branch 38 Winners

10th Grade

1st Place Marton Mezei
Lewis & Clark High School, Spokane, WA

11th Grade

1st Place Parker Smith
Hanford High School, West Richland, WA

These two essays were forwarded to the NW Region Chair of the Americanism-Patriotism Committee and they both placed in their respective grade levels.

Northwest Region Winners

7th Grade

1 st Place	Benjamin Wu	Branch 104
2 nd Place	Orin Campbell	Branch 063

8th Grade

1 st Place	Haylee Armstrong	Branch 097
2 nd Place	Gavin Clifford	Branch 063
3 rd Place	Jude Wallace	Branch 055

9th Grade

1 st Place	Mary Crosby	Branch 382
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10th Grade

1 st Place	Marton Mezei	Branch 038
2 nd Place	Sean Cammack	Branch 104
3 rd Place	Sara Beg	Branch 055

11th Grade

1 st Place	Parker Smith	Branch 038
2 nd Place	Olivia Johnson	Branch 063
3 rd Place	Garrett J. Nye	Branch 382

12th Grade

1 st Place	Charlotte Wallace	Branch 055
2 nd Place	Abigail Arbuckle	Branch 382
3 rd Place	Maru Schwartz	Branch 063

Branch Birthdays **April – May - June 2023**

Dale Zentzis	April 5
Doug Harms	April 15
George Stevens Jr	April 21
Larry Bachko	May 4
Dave Lord	May 7
Arthur Ellison	May 8
Laveen Schmidt	May 9
Michelle Davis	May 16
Tom Staudinger	May 29
Leo Fagan	May 30
Ray Kuhn	June 11
Bill Monger	June 19
Dan Sullivan	June 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!



Milestone Awards **April – May - June 2023**

Charles Davis	35 years	April 2023
Dave Melges	35 years	April 2023
	None in May 2023	
	None in June 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**..

Membership Dues

The cost of renewing your membership is as follows:

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 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

Don Cagle	December 2022
Larry Bachko	January 2023
Ray Kuhn	February 2023

Upcoming FRA Dues

Michelle Davis	April 2023
George Peck	May 2023
Jack Terry	May 2023
Dale Zentzis	June 2023

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

Nomination of Officers for 2023-2024

Upcoming Vacancies are

<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>President (1 yr)</u>	<u>Candidates</u>
Robert Bean		Robert Bean Dave Lord

<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Vice President (1 Yr)</u>	
Michelle Davis		Michelle Davis

<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Secretary/Treasurer (2 yr)</u>
Margret 'Peg' Burke	

<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Board of Director (5 Yr)</u>
Anna Martin	James Grisham

Shipmate Burke has asked to be replaced due to health reasons. We are asking for someone to step up and take her place so she can do so.

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 no longer be a candidate for any Branch Office.

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.

Seventh Heaven Bakery
106 S. Madison St., Spokane, WA 99201.
509-279-9872
Owned by US Navy Veteran Lydia Cowles.

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.

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

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)

At the Branch 38 February Meeting we were asked by VFW Post 1474 to change the day we meet to a different one. This is to accommodate a change in their VFW Auxiliary that is now meeting in what used to be the FRA time slot. Branch 38 will now meet the 2nd weekend of the month at 1000 at the VFW 1474 “Club: vs the Bingo Hall during the 1st two months of each quarter, and a restaurant in the 3rd month of each quarter. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the “Revised 2023” meeting schedule.

The Branch 38 website has been updated.

4th Quarter FY 2022 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

April 8, 2023 Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

May 13, 2023 Monthly Mtg at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post_1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

June 10, 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 8, 2023 Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

August 12, 2023 Monthly Mtg at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post_1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

September 9, 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 14, 2023 Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

November 11, 2023 Monthly Mtg at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post_1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

December 9, 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

☐ 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 FRA 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