



**Fleet Reserve Association  
Inland Empire Branch 038, Inc.  
Spokane, Washington  
[www.frabranch38.org](http://www.frabranch38.org)**

**JULY – AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2023  
BRANCH BULLETIN**

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

**July 2023**

**04 Jul** Independence Day  
**08 Jul** Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at  
VFW Post 1474,  
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**11 Jul** US Marine Band Established (1798)  
**21 Jul** Guam Liberation Day (1944)  
**27 Jul** Korean War Armistice Day (1953)  
**30 Jul** WAVES Established (1942)

**August 2023**

**04 Aug** US Coast Guard Birthday (1790)  
Vietnam Conflict Began (1964)  
**07 Aug** Purple Heart Day  
**12 Aug** Monthly Meeting at **10:00 am** at  
VFW Post 1474  
2902 E. Diamond, Spokane, WA  
**14 Aug** VJ Day Japanese Surrender (1945)  
National Navajo Code Talkers Day  
**16 Aug** National Airborne Day  
**18-20 Aug** NW Region Convention, Nampa, ID  
**21 Aug** Senior Citizens Day  
**29 Aug** USMC Reserves Founded (1916)

**September 2023**

**02 Sep** VJ Day-Japan signs Surrender (1945)  
**04 Sep** Labor Day  
**09 Sep** Monthly Meeting Luncheon at **NOON**  
El Charrito Mexican Restaurant  
4304 S. Regal, Spokane, WA  
**10 Sep** Grandparents Day  
**11 Sep** United We Stand Patriot Day  
**15 Sep** National POW/MIA Recognition Day  
**17 Sep** Constitution & Citizenship Day  
**23 Sep** First Day of Autumn  
2023 FRA/LAFRA Convention  
Nugget Casino, Sparks, NV  
**24 Sep** Gold Star Mother's Day  
**29 Sep** VFW Day

*Shipmates, please feel free to bring your family members when attending the quarterly luncheons.*

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.

All information on this convention is on the Branch Website, including all the newsletters with the information for making hotel reservations and the choices for the meals.

***The deadline for room reservations for the NWR Convention is July 18, 2023.***

***The deadline for meal ordering for the NWR Convention is also July 18, 2023***

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.

All information on this convention is on the Branch Website, including all four of the newsletters with the information for making hotel reservations and the choices for the meals.

***The deadline for room reservations for the National Convention is August 31, 2023.***

***The deadline for meal ordering at the National Convention is September 6, 2023***

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## **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

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## **Branch 038 President's Corner**

"Greetings Shipmates.

Thank you to Past Branch 038 President Robert Bean for leading the Branch through the COVID Years.

Thank You, Shipmates, for entrusting me as your incoming Branch President for 2023-2024. Installation of Officers was held May 13, 2023 at 1000 at VFW 1474. I am currently your Branch VSO. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me to help you understand your benefits. The VA can be very frustrating. Therefore, I will do my very best to get you what you deserve.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Dave Lord, QM1(SW) Retired"*

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## **Milestone Awards** **July – August - September 2023**

	None in July or August	
Carla Scott	5 years	September 2023

**Branch Birthdays**  
**July – August - September 2023**

Ralph Bean	July 4
John Norris	July 5
Tom Grieb	July 8
Dennis McCully	July 10
Gary Weiler	July 23
Earl Lockie	July 24
Jeff Burke	July 25
Jim Grisham	August 5
Dale Stevenson	August 5
Gerald Ellig	August 17
Anna Martin	August 17
Harold Young	September 1
Roscoe Moore	September 19
Gerald Sand	September 24
James Linville	September 29
Terry Gaffney	September 30

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!**



**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)
<b>2 Years</b>	<b>\$64.00</b>	<b>(1st time new mbrs)</b>
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**  
No one is past due. YEA!!

**Upcoming FRA Dues**

Larry McClain	July 2023
Jerome Duffney	August 2023
Donald Fisher	August 2023
Robert Hunt	August 2023
Tom Lang	August 2023
Dennis McCully	September 2023
Roscoe Moore	September 2023
Charlie Noble	September 2023
Daniel Sullivan	September 2023

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

**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](http://www.hatnpatch.com) – owned by Rod Truitt. They carry military & patriotic hats, patches, pins & more.

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

**Sailor Girl Soap and Supplies**—[www.sailorsoapgirl.com](http://www.sailorsoapgirl.com). Plummer, ID—owned by a former Navy member.

**Seventh Heaven Bakery**  
105 S. Madison St., Spokane, WA 99201.  
Website: [twentyseventhheaven.com](http://twentyseventhheaven.com)  
Phone #509-279-9872  
Owned by US Navy Veteran Lydia Cowles.

**Uncle Sam's Flag & Gift** –14109 E. Sprague Ave, Suite #1, Spokane Valley, WA  
Owned by Chief Lance Johnson at this time, but is being purchased by James Martin, another navy veteran.

**2023-24 Branch Officers**

President	Dave Lord
Vice Pres	Michelle Davis
Sec/Treas	Peg Burke
<b>(Sec/Treas NTE 1 year)</b>	
Chaplain	Dennis McCully
Master-at-Arms	James Robertson

**Board of Directors**

***Plus Branch Officers:***  
Rick Baldwin (2020-2025)  
Harold Young (2021-2026)  
James Grisham (2023-2028)

**2023-24 Branch Committee Chairs**

Americanism	Rick Baldwin
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 gave written notice that at the end of her term of office in 2023 she would no longer be a candidate for any Branch Office. She has agreed to stay on until the end of her term as NW Region Secretary/Treasurer, which ends in 2024, i.e. not to exceed 1 year, unless she is replaced prior to the end of that year. She has also given written notice that she will not serve as a NW Regional Officer either.*

**Calendar Year 2023 Meeting Locations**

***All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.***

**The Branch 38 website has been updated.**

**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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(509) 385-7275 or [FRABranch38@gmail.com](mailto:FRABranch38@gmail.com)

## 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](http://www.fra.org)