



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

**OCTOBER – NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023
BRANCH BULLETIN**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 2023

02 Oct Nat'l Firefighters Memorial Wkend
08 Oct Start of Fire Prevention Week (1922)
09 Oct Columbus Day
13 Oct US Navy Birthday (1775)
14 Oct Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM at
VFW Post 1474,
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
**14 Oct Navy Ball, Spokane
Doubletree Ballroom
322 N. Spokane Falls Ct
Spokane, WA @ 1730 (see Page 2)**
24 Oct United Nations Day
26 Oct National Day of the Deployed
27 Oct US Navy Day
31 Oct HALLOWEEN

November 2023

05 Nov Daylight Savings Time Ends
07 Nov Election Day
10 Nov US Marine Corps Birthday (1775)
11 Nov Veterans Day
FRA Birthday (1924)
Monthly Meeting at 10:00 am at
VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond, Spokane, WA
23 Nov THANKSGIVING

December 2023

01 Dec Deadline for FRA AP Essay submits
07 Dec Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
09 Dec Branch 38 **Christmas Party at NOON**
The Longhorn BBQ - WEST
7611 W. Hwy 2, Spokane, WA
15 Dec Bill of Rights Day
17 Dec Wright Brothers Day
20 Dec First Day of Winter
31 Dec New Year's Eve

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

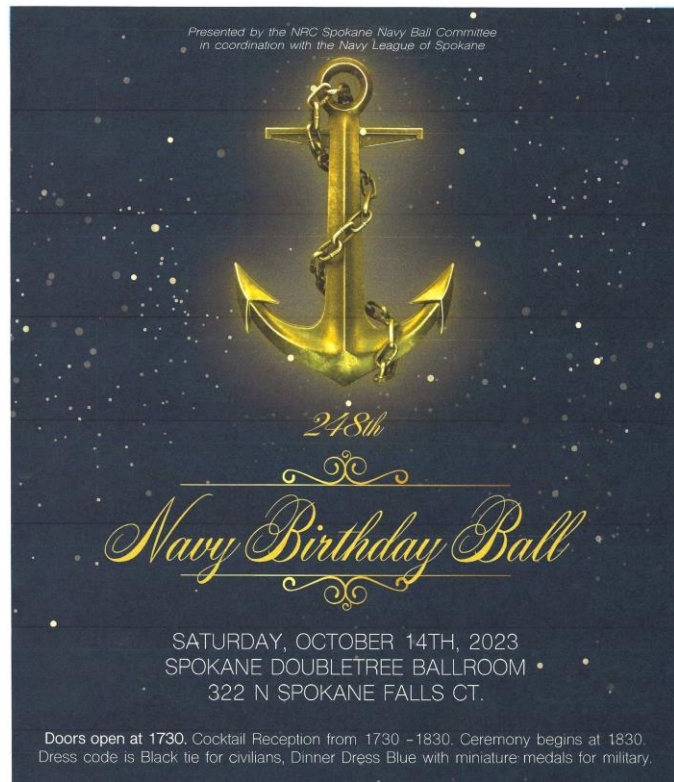
(*The Zoom connection will be for outside the commuting distance of the VFW 1474 Meeting Place.*) *There will be no Zoom capability in the months we have a meeting at a restaurant.*

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.

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

2023 Spokane Navy Ball



- Doors open at 1730
- Cocktail Reception from 1730-1830
- Ceremony begins at 1830
- Dress code:
 - Black Tie for civilians
 - Dinner Dress Blue with miniature medals for military.

Here is the link for ticket sales. Code
SAILOR - get \$10 off the price!

*Sent this to our membership with emails
on September 25, 2023.*

**Hopefully we can have an
outstanding Navy Ball!**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spokane-navy-ball-tickets-696344805057?aff=oddtcreator>

2023 NW Region Convention Recap

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

One major change was made to the NW Region By-Laws: The PCT dues for each member in good standing of each Northwest Region Branch is increasing to 50 cents next year (an increase of 15 cents). We are awaiting the ratification of this change by the NBOD at the 2023 National Convention.

The 2024 Northwest Regional Convention will be held on September 6-7, 2024, at the Clover Island Inn located in Kennewick, Washington. It is being held later than normal since the 2024 National Convention won't be held until November to coincide with the FRA 100 year Celebration.

Inland Empire Branch 38, Spokane, WA will be coordinating with all the Northwest Branches to contribute their ideas into this convention.

Our idea is to make this a "true" northwest regional convention by having each Branch in the Northwest Region take responsibility for one of the activities that happen during a convention.

We were asked to step up and help since the Branch that was going to host in 2024 withdrew.

2023-2024 Northwest Regional Officers

President – Rex Faubion, Branch 104

Vice President – Robert Bean, Branch 038

Jr Past Regional President – Michelle Davis, Branch 038

Sec/Treas – Margret "Peg" Burke, Branch 038

We need Shipmates from other Northwest Branches to step up and serve as officers.

2023 National Convention

The 95th FRA/90th LAFRA (2023) **National Convention** was held **September 23-30, 2023**, at the Nugget Casino Resort at 1100 Nugget Ave, Sparks, NV 89431. At the time this bulletin was being prepared the above convention was in progress.

Inland Empire Branch 38 President's Corner

"Greetings Shipmates"

I am truly blessed that you have entrusted me in this position. I Thank You Shipmates for attending the events that are announced.

The luncheon meeting was very well attended. I enjoy getting to know all of you better, what your Rank and Rate were, (I am a QM1 E6 (SW) in Navigation, Operations, and Signalman).

The Branch had a great turnout for the Spokane Indian baseball game information table. We are looking forward to having a Spokane Chiefs Hockey information table. Here's a thought, How about a Gonzaga Basketball information table?

My feeling is the Branch is doing well and I am open to any and all ideas to make us stronger.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Lord, QM1(SW) Retired

Branch Birthdays

October – November - December 2023

Tammy Waid	October 1
Pat Thompson	October 3
Daniel Hull	October 7
Robert Bean	October 10
George (Allen) Davis	October 13
Paul Manly	October 14
Don McGrogen	October 22
Carla Scott	October 31
Richard Peterschick	November 1
Harlan Oliver	November 10
George Ginter	November 18
Jerome Duffney	November 21
William Klein	November 29
Richard Engleman	November 30
David Danley	December 2
Peg Burke	December 4
Will Praatt	December 21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!



Milestone Awards

October – November - December 2023

None in October or November.

James Grisham

5 years

December 2023

Veterans Service Officer's Notes

"Greetings"

I am truly grateful that you have chosen me with this position.

First: I have completed my Veteran Service Officer training for the year I am accredited within the FRA and look forward to assisting you through the claim process. Please be flexible, as this process takes an extremely long time to get through. I am fighting daily for those of you I have filed claims for.

Second: Please be very aware of the Media Scams on Veterans Service Claims. I would ask you to please consult with me before you go to one of the advertisers on TV.

The Branch was invited to meet the NOSC CPO Selects and I discuss the Service Claims and handed out many cards

Veterans Services Officer, Branch 38
Dave Lord, QM1(SW)

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 McGrogen (Ask for military discount).

Sailor Girl Soap and Supplies—

www.sailorsoapgirl.com. Plummer, ID—owned by a former Navy member.

Seventh Heaven Bakery

105 S. Madison St., Spokane, WA 99201.

Website: 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 99216

Owned by James Martin, navy veteran.

2023-2024 Branch Officers

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

Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers

Rick Baldwin	Term 2020-2025
Harold Young	Term 2021-2026
James Grisham	Term 2023-2028

2023-2024 Branch Committee Chairs

Americanism-Patriotism	Ricks Baldwin
Health, Welfare & Rehab	Michelle Davis
Public Relations	Peg Burke
Veterans Services	Dave Lord
Youth Activities	Robert Bean

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

No one is past due. YEA!!

Upcoming FRA Dues

Jeff Burke	October 2023
Gerald Ellig	November 2023
William Klein	November

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

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

Margret (Peg) Burke, Secretary/Treasurer
14707 N. Farragut Ln, Mead, WA 99021-9286
(509) 385-7275 or FRABranch38@gmail.com

Calendar Year 2023 Meeting Locations

All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

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

Proposed Dates for Calendar Year 2024

All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

Third Quarter FY 2023 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

- January 13, 2024** Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
- February 10, 2024** Monthly Mtg at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
- March 9, 2024** Luncheon Meeting at **NOON** at the **Illinois Bar & Grill**
403 E. Illinois, Spokane, WA - **North**

Fourth Quarter FY 2023 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

- April 13, 2024** Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
- May 11, 2024** Monthly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
- June 8, 2024** Luncheon Meeting at **NOON** at the **Black Angus Steakhouse**
14724 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley, WA – **East**

First Quarter FY 2024 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

- July 13, 2024** Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474,
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
- August 10, 2024** Monthly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
- September 14, 2024** Luncheon Meeting at **NOON** at the **McKenzie River Pizza**
2910 E, 57th, Spokane, WA - **South**

Second Quarter FY 2024 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

- October 12, 2024** Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
- November 9, 2024** Monthly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
- December 14, 2024** XMAS LUNCH at the **Rusty Moose**, 9105 W. Hwy 2, Spokane, WA – **West**

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: _____ |

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