



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 038, Inc.
Spokane, Washington
www.frabranh38.org**

**JANUARY – FEBRUARY - MARCH 2024
BRANCH BULLETIN**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 2024

01 Jan New Year's Day
13 Jan Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM at
VFW Post 1474,
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
15 Jan Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 2024

02 Feb Groundhog Day
04 Feb USO Birthday (1941)
10 Feb Monthly Meeting at 10:00 am at
VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond, Spokane, WA
13 Feb Women Marines Birthday (1943)
14 Feb Valentine's Day
19 Feb President's Day
USCG Reserves Birthday (1941)

March 2024

03 Mar U.S. Naval Reserve Established (1915)
04 Mar U.S. Navy Band Established (1925)
05 Mar U.S. Navy Seabeas Birthday (1942)
09 Mar Monthly Meeting/Luncheon at **NOON**
Illinois Bar & Grill - NORTH
1403 E. Illinois Ave., Spokane, WA
10 Mar Daylight Savings Time Begins
17 Mar St. Patrick's Day
19 Mar First Day of Spring
25 Mar National Medal of Honor Day
29 Mar Vietnam War Veterans Day
31 Mar Easter

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 National Convention Recap

Article 3, Section 301. Eligibility for membership in the FRA shall be for **ALL** personnel who have served or are now serving in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, including reserve components and regardless of length of services. **Resolved:** That this amendment become effective January 1, 2024

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

Article 3, Section 311(e)(7). The Fleet Reserve Association will provide the fifty through seventy-five year continuous membership pins to branches and individuals at no cost; and **Resolved:** that the above section be amended to read: “The five through seventy-five year continuous membership pins will be made available for sale to branches and individuals; and be it further **Resolved:** that Article 3, Section 311(8) be deleted.

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

Article 4, Section 401(a) and 401(b)(1)(2)(3):

Sets dues rate.

RULED NOT IN ORDER

Article 4, Section 401(e), pertains to disabled members being excused from payment of dues when payment would inflict hardship; and Whereas , the definition of disabled has been widely interpreted by branches;

RETURNED TO MEMBERSHIP FOR CLARIFICATION

Article 4, Section 401(m) states “Members in good standing, upon attaining eighty-five years of age and who have at least forty years’ continuous membership, shall not be required to pay dues in the FRA and shall be issue the prestigious Red, White, and Blue Membership Card”; **Resolved,** that Article 4, Section 401(m) be deleted, and those members already classified as 85/40 members will be grandfathered to maintain their current status.

Resolved this amendment become effective January 1, 2024.

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

Article 4, Section 405(a) pertains to life membership fees will be based on the applicants age at 12/31 in the year of application using the following eight tier fee structure:

OLD RATES

<i>Active Duty</i>	<i>\$400</i>	<i>Age 61-70</i>	<i>\$340</i>
<i>Under age 40</i>	<i>\$450</i>	<i>Age 71-80</i>	<i>\$260</i>
<i>Age 41-50</i>	<i>\$425</i>	<i>Age 81-100</i>	<i>\$200</i>
<i>Age 51-60</i>	<i>\$390</i>	<i>Over 100</i>	<i>Free</i>

NEW RATES

Resolved, that Article 4, Section 405(a-g) be amended to read as follows:

Under age 40	\$600	Age 71-80	\$380
Age 41-50	\$570	Age 81-90	\$260
Age 51-60	\$535	Age 91-100	\$145
Age 61-70	\$475		

Resolved that this amendment become effective January 1, 2024.

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

Article 7, Section 701 pertains to vetting process of vacancies of National Officers.

NOT IN ORDER

Article 8, Section 802 pertains to Duties of Officers and Committees.

NOT IN ORDER

FRA 2023-2024 National Officers

NP	John Handzuk of Branch 126
NVP	Maria Behm, of Branch 32
NED	Phillip Reid

**NORTHWEST REGION’S LIST OF AWARDS
RECEIVED AT CONVENTION**

2022-2023 Membership Recruiting Incentive Awards

John J. Casper, Branch 29, Bremerton, WA
13 REG Members – 2 Pins + Gift
Kenneth D. Barrett, Branch 29, Bremerton, WA
4 REG Members – Pin
Rex L. Faubion, Branch 104, Puyallup, WA
4 LIF Members – Pin
Glenn D. Lacaman, Branch 154, Baguio City, PI
3 LIF Members – Pin

Gold Lapel Button Award

John Casper, Branch 29, Bremerton, WA

FRA Gold Ribbon Membership Award

Branch 29, Bremerton, WA
Branch 50, Honolulu, HI
Branch 74, Olongapo City, PI
Branch 154, Baguio City, PI
Branch 247, Dagupan City, PI

Veterans Service Committee Award

Group II – 1st Place – VAVS
Whidbey Island Branch 97, Oak Harbor, WA
Group II – 2nd Place – VSO
Whidbey Island Branch 97, Oak Harbor, WA
Group IV – 1st Place – VSO & VAVS
Gem State Branch 382, Nampa, ID
Group V – 1st Place – VAVS
Inland Empire Branch 38, Spokane, WA

2024 NW Regional 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.

**The 96th FRA/91st LAFRA (2024)
November 10-16, 2024**

The Centennial Committee applied for and was granted by the 2022 National Convention delegates permission to host the 96th FRA/91st LAFRA Convention in conjunction with the FRA Centennial Celebration. The convention itself will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, Maryland.

It is off US-50. They offer a free shuttle within five miles, including to the Westfield Annapolis Mall, restaurants around Annapolis Town Centre, and the US Naval Academy. Enjoy free parking, their Olympic-sized pool, and dining at their on-site restaurant, Ports of Call. They welcome you with a fresh DoubleTree Chocolate Chip Cookie.

In addition to the above pool, on-site restaurant and free parking, other amenities are:

Free WiFi	Room Service	Fitness Center
Digital Key	EV Charging	Non-smoking rooms
Connecting rooms		Pet Friendly rooms

The theme for the convention will be “*A Legacy of Loyalty, Protection, and Service*”.

Inland Empire Branch 38 President’s Corner

“Greetings Shipmates”

My wish is that you enjoyed the Christmas and New Year’s celebrations. I would like to thank you for your input, articles, and ideas to help me help you. It was my honor to read, grade, and forward our essay contestants this year to the A-P Chair. Upcoming events to note are Spokane Chiefs Hockey, Spokane Indians Baseball, and the convention in the Tri-Cities.

Please RECRUIT, INVITE, and ATTEND meetings. Let’s build our Branch.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Lord, QM1(SW) Retired

Branch Birthdays
January – February - March 2024

James Greer	January 3
Bill Stroyan	January 8
Don Fisher	January 14
Robert Hunt	January 17
Tom Lang	January 19
Bill Sheretz	January 22
Paul Brenberger	January 30
Charlie Noble	February 19
Dave Melges	February 22
Jim Robertson	February 23
Jack Terry	February 25
Rick Baldwin	February 28
George Peck	March 4
Roi Sigler	March 25
Marian Dent-Hoglund	March 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!



Milestone Awards
January – February - March 2024

	None in January	
Ray Kuhn	20 Years	February 2024
	None in March	

Veterans Service Officer’s Notes

“Greetings”

I continue to learn, read, and update myself on National Legislation, Veterans Benefits Administration, and the VA Hospital. I continue to assist with disability service claims. I will start my third year of training on January 6, 2024.

The claims process is very slow and painful for all of us, therefore I constantly am in contact with the VA to get the benefits you deserve.

Thank You again for allowing me to work for you.

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 McGrogan (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.

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

(Through November 2023 Report)

Nobody is past due. YEA!!

Upcoming FRA Dues

Margret ‘Peg’ Burke	January 2024
Paul Brenberger	February 2024
Pat Thompson	February 2024
	None in March 2024

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

2023-2024 Branch Officers

President	Dave Lord
Vice President	Michelle Davis
Secretary / Treasurer	Peg Burke
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

Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2024
All meetings are on the Second 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**
1 403 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 **Shari's Restaurant**
320 N. Sullivan, 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 **Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant**
2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA – **West**

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

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