



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

**APRIL – MAY - JUNE 2025
BRANCH BULLETIN**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 2025

01 Apr April Fool's Day
CPO Grade Established (1893)
09 Apr Nat'l Former POW Recognition Day
11 Apr Submarine Force Day (1900)
15 Apr FRA/LAFRA Scholarship Deadline
Income Tax Day
17 Apr Patriots Day
18 Apr Doolittle Raid Over Toyoyo (1942)
19 Apr Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at
VFW Post 1474,
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
23 Apr Admin Professional's Day
25 Apr Arbor Day

May 2025

01 May May Day
05 May Cinco de Mayo
08 May VE Day (1941)
10 May Coast Guard Band Established (1925)
11 May Mother's Day
13 May Navy Nurse Corps Established (1908)
15 May Pease Officer Memorial Day
17 May Armed Forces Day
Spokane Lilac Parade
Monthly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at
VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond, Spokane, WA
26 May Memorial Day

June 2025

06 Jun D-Day (1944)
14 Jun Flag Day
15 Jun Father's Day
17 Jun US Navy Hospital Corps Est (1898)
19 Jun Juneteenth
21 Jun First Day of Summer
Lunch/Monthly Meeting at **NOON**
at Black Angus, 14724 E. Indiana Ave
Spokane Valley, WA **EAST**
25 Jun N. Korea Invades S. Korea (1950)

2025 Khaki Ball

Saturday, April 5, 2025 @ 1800
At the Tamarack Event House
912 W Sprague Ave
Spokane WA 99201

This information can be shared with all USCG and USN, ACDU, SELRES, VET, RET, in the paygrades of E-7 through W-5. Commissioned Officers who served as a Chief are also invited to attend the Khaki Ball. Spouses or significant others are welcome to attend.

1800 - Doors Open 1830 - Buffet style dinner
1900 - Sea Story Contest

Parking Garage: Underneath the Lincoln Bldg,
[110 N Lincoln St](#) - 2 blocks away.

The cost of tickets will be \$25 per person.

Electronic payment is requested via

Paypal - @mrcmmoon or
Venmo - @Michelle-Atwell

NWR Mid Year Meeting at NOON April 12, 2025

This meeting will be held via ZOOM, so you can relax in your recliner at home or join us if you're on the road traveling.

The login document is posted on the Branch 38 Website for downloading under the Convention Tab.

Meeting ID is 814 0550 4878

Passcode is 403188

Branch VP and Membership Chair Corner

In addition to the 2025 Khaki Ball on **April 5, 2025** at the Tamarack Event House, Branch 038 will be greeting veterans at the **Spokane Indians game on May 9, 2025**, at 1830 hours. Our table will be located between the fence line and stadium on the 3rd base line side.

Since we do a lot of recruiting at sports events in the Spokane area, we keep up with the schedules of the local and state teams. The Spokane Chief's, our local hockey team have three televised broadcasts this month, i.e. March 15, March 21, and March 22, which is their final game of the season. They will be broadcast on Channel 6-2, i.e. SWX.

Branch 038 VP and Membership & Retention Chair
James V. Grisham, SKCS

2025 NWR Convention

The Northwest Region Convention will be hosted by Whidbey Island Branch 97, 311 SE 8th Ave, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

Go see their remodeled club, The Crow's Nest. They reopened in August 2024 after a devastating fire in 2021.

More information to come on this convention.

2025 - 97th FRA/92nd Auxiliary National Conventions

The 97th National Convention of the FRA and the 92nd National Convention of the Auxiliary, FRA, will be held November 3 - 8, 2025, at the Oasis Hotel and Conference Center, 2546 N. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO. Their phone is 417-866-4338.

Room rates are \$119 per night; more for suites. Rooms come with a complimentary hot breakfast. All rooms have walk-in showers and raised toilets. Fully handicapped rooms are limited. Transportation to and from the Airport is included with notification to the hotel of your arrival.

More information to come.

Branch Birthdays April – May - June 2025

Bill Nesbitt	April 14
Doug Harms	April 15
Dave Lord	May 7
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!



SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dave L. Lord, Secretary/Treasurer
davelordpo1ret@gmail.com / 360-631-2873
Dave Lord, QM1(SW)

Milestone Awards APRIL – MAY – JUNE 2025

No milestone awards for this quarter.

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

William Sheretz	January 2025
Paul Brenberger	February 2025
Ray Kuhn	February 2025
Gary Weiler	February 2025

Upcoming FRA Dues

Tom Staudinger	April 2025
George Peck	May 2025
Jack Terry	May 2025
Tammy Waid	May 2025

We do not have any Shipmates due in June 2025.

Included in the last page of the bulletin is the Application Form for the FRA.

Please make all checks out to the FRA.

Americanism/Patriotism Committee Notice Americanism Essay Contest Northwest Region 2024-2025 Winners

7th Grade:

1 st Place	Peyton Wilkins-Altmiller - Br 063
2 nd Place	Brylee Lutzo - Branch 038

8th Grade:

1 st Place	Salem Gumm - Branch 382
2 nd Place	Bently Strunk - Branch 063

9th Grade:

1 st Place	Benjamin Wu - Branch 104
2 nd Place	Garth Osterberg - Branch 170

10th Grade:

1 st Place	Bennett Olson - Branch 382
2 nd Place	Lane Mader - Branch 063

11th Grade:

1 st Place	Izaiah Vertefeuille - Branch 029
2 nd Place	Himeno Burley - Branch 097
3 rd Place	Payton McGarrah - Branch 382

12th Grade:

1 st Place	Samuel Bonsell - Branch 029
2 nd Place	Hannah Joyce Schwartz - Br 063
3 rd Place	Finnley Olson - Branch 382

First place winners were forwarded onto National.

Veterans Service Officer's (VSO) Notes

From the desk of the Veterans Service Officer:

I continue to learn all the legislation changes, updates, and forms required to give my clients the best service I can. Currently I have assisted more than 50 veterans. I would like to give a shout out to Branch 038 and VFW 1435 for supporting my endeavors to reach Veterans that require, or do not understand, their claims process.

I praise my mentors, ShaRon Martin and Tom Flanik, in the education classes for all FRA VSO.

Thank you for entrusting me with this position.

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 Lydia Cowles, US Navy Veteran.

Uncle Sam’s Flag & Gift –14109 E. Sprague Ave, Suite #1, Spokane Valley, WA 99216
Owned by James Martin, U.S. Navy veteranV

Iron Horse Restaurant – 407 E. Sherman Ave, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83814. 208-667-7314
Owned by Blair Bryce, U.S. Navy Veteran.

Nurse Next Door - home health care (serving five (5) Idaho counties.
Douglas Holcomb, franchise holder, and a Navy HM2 with 10 years of service.
418 E. Lakeside Ave, #6-1
Coeur d’Alene, ID 83814-2805
Telephone: 208-600-0760

Ashley Intelligence – an online HR firm
Website: ashleyintelligence.biz
Owned by Ashley Tilton, retired Navy CPO Kootenai County, ID

2024-2025 Branch Officers

President	Michelle Davis
Vice President	James Grisham
Secretary / Treasurer	Dave Lord
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

2024-2025 Branch Committee Chairs

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

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 Public Relations Committee Chair at: **FRABranch38@gmail.com**..

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.*

Everyone in the outlying areas will be sent an email with the connection to Zoom one week before the meeting.

**Branch 38 Meeting Dates for the Rest of
Calendar Year 2025**

REVISED CALENDAR

*Meetings beginning in April 2025 and beyond are
now on the **THIRD Saturday of the month.***

April 19, 2025 – Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at VFW
Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave,
Spokane, WA

May 17, 2025 – Monthly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at VFW
Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave,
Spokane, WA

June 21 2025 – Birthday Lunch meeting at Black
Angus, 14724 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley, WA at
NOON

July 17, 2025 – Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at VFW
Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave,
Spokane, WA

August 16, 2025 – Monthly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at
VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

September 20, 2025 – Lunch meeting at NOON at
Twiggs Bistro. 4320 S. Regal in Spokane, WA

October 18, 2025 – Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at VFW
Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave,
Spokane, WA

November 15, 2025 – Monthly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at
VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

December 20, 2025 – XMAS Lunch meeting at **NOON**
at Rusty Moose, Hwy 2 in Spokane, WA

*The Zoom Meeting Login Directions document has been
updated to the new meeting dates (same Meeting ID and
same Password) and it is posted to the Branch 38
website.*

Branch 38 Officer Elections for 2025-2026

President (1 year term)

Vice President (1 year term)

Board of Directors – 2 positions (5 year terms)

*One Term ends in 2025 and the other is to
replace current VP Grisham (his term was
2023-2028)*

Secretary/Treasurer (2 year term) - Incumbent is on
his 1st year. He still has his second year to serve.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

Margret (Peg) Burke

Public Relations Committee Chair

14707 N. Farragut Ln, Mead, WA 99021-9286
(509) 385-7275

Or

FRABranch38@gmail.com



Join FRA: Membership Application

I hereby certify I meet the FRA eligibility requirements of being a current or former member of the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.

I would like to join for:

- ☐ 1 year, \$40
 ☐ 2 Years, \$64 (*first time members only*)
 ☐ 2 years \$75
☐ 5 Years, \$180
 ☐ LIFE Membership (See price chart at bottom)

Name: _____ Rating/Rank: _____ Previous FRA Membership No.: _____

Address: _____
 Street Lot/Space City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone: ____ (____) _____ Email _____

Service: ☐ USN ☐ USMC ☐ USCG Status: ☐ Active ☐ Reserve ☐ Retired ☐ Veteran ☐ Member-at-Large
☐ FRA Branch No: _____ 038

Spouses Name: _____ ☐ Send Auxiliary Information

Sponsored by: _____ Member No.: _____ Branch: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FRA dues are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal income tax purposes, however, they may be tax deductible under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Membership dues include an annual subscription to *FRAtoday*, our bi-monthly magazine and *Newsbytes*, a weekly email newsletter with legislative updates.

Payment options: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express ☐ Check or money order Enclosed

Credit Card No.: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Life Membership Payment Plan:

☐ First Payment = \$50.00 + 11 equal monthly payments automatically debited from a credit/debit card.

Eff Date: ____/____/____
 MONTH YEAR

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRICE CHART				ANNUAL DUES	
AGE	AMOUNT	AGE	AMOUNT		
Ages 40 and younger	\$600	Age 71 to 80	\$380	1 Year	\$40
Ages 41 to 50	\$570	Age 81 to 90	\$260	2 Year	\$75
Ages 51 to 60	\$535	Age 91 to 100	\$145	2 Year (1st time Member)	\$64
Ages 61 to 70	\$475	Ages over 100	Free	5 Year	\$180

Phone: 703-683-1400, Toll-Free: 1-800-FRA-1924 – www.fra.org