



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

**OCTOBER – NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2025  
BRANCH BULLETIN**

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

**October 2025**

- 13 Oc      **US Navy Birthday (1775)  
Columbus / Indigenous Day**
- 18 Oct      **Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM at  
VFW Post 1474,  
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA**
- 24 Oct      **United Nations Day**
- 31 Oct      **Halloween**

**November 2025**

- 02 Nov      **Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- 04 Nov      **Election Day  
2025 FRA Convention Begins in  
Springfield, Missouri**
- 10 Nov      **US Marine Corps Birthday (1775)**
- 11 Nov      **Veterans Day  
FRA's Birthday (1924)**
- 15 Nov      **Monthly Meeting at 10:00 AM at  
VFW Post 1474  
2902 E. Diamond, Spokane, WA**
- 27 Nov      **Thanksgiving Day**

**December 2025**

- 01 Dec      **Deadline - Essay Contest Submissions**
- 07 Dec      **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**
- 15 Dec      **Bill of Rights Day**
- 17 Dec      **Wright Brothers Day**
- 20 Dec      **Lunch/Monthly Meeting at NOON  
at the Rusty Moose, 9105 W. Hwy 2  
Spokane, WA      **WEST****
- 21 Dec      **First Day of Winter**
- 24 Dec      **Christmas Eve**
- 25 Dec      **Christmas Day**
- 31 Dec      **New Year's Eve**



**2025 NWR Convention  
September 5 – 7, 2025 at the  
Best Western Plus Hotel  
33175 State Route 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277**

The Northwest Region FRA was held on on September 5-7, 2025, on Whidbey Island, in Oak Harbor, Washington at the Best Western Plus Hotel & Convention Center, 33175 State Route 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. *Home to NAS Whidbey Island and Fleet Reserve Association Branch 97.*

The new officers of the NWR are as follows:  
 Regional President – Robert Bean. – Br 38  
 Regional VPresident – Timothy Miller – Br 97  
 Regional Sec/Treas – Roger Christopher – Br 382  
*(He is the incumbent and we are awaiting the decision on Branch 382's resolution to move to the West Coast Region from the 2025 National Convention.*



**The 97th FRA and the 92nd Auxiliary  
National Conventions November 3 - 8, 2025  
Oasis Hotel and Conference Center  
2546 N. Glenstone Ave. Springfield, Missouri  
Ph# 417-866-5253.**

The Hotel is located seven miles from Springfield / Branson Regional Airport and 45 miles from Branson. The Flagship store for Bass Pro Shops is located in Springfield and a Buc-ee's is located five miles east off I-44.

**Room rates are \$119 per night;** more for suites. Room block is 171 based on activity at the Hoover, Alabama National Convention. If required, overflow hotels are nearby.

Rooms come with complimentary hot breakfast. ALL ROOMS have WALK-IN SHOWERS & RAISED TOILETS. Fully handicapped rooms are limited.

Transportation to and from the Airport is included; YOU MUST CALL the HOTEL and GIVE THEM DETAILS of YOUR ARRIVAL!!!!

The newsletters for this convention are posted on the Branch 38 and NWR Websites.

### Veterans Service Officer's (VSO) Notes

From the desk of the Veterans Service Officer:

I continue to follow legislation and new studies from the VA Hospital to pursue claims. Please seek an accredited VSO. Do not use the "Claim Sharks", as they will charge exorbitantly.

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

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.

### Presentation of NOSC Spokane Chief Elects Collar Devices

FRA Shipmates Harold Young and James Grisham presented the following Chief Selects their collar devices on behalf of the FRA:

MCC Selects: Jason Abrams  
Jeff Willadsen  
QMC Select: Benjamin Tayseur  
HMC Select: Jeff Rintamake  
EMC Select:: He is from

Montana and we did not have his name and he was not in the picture provided.



Picture taken by FRA Branch 38 Shipmate MRCM Val Moon

**SECRETARY’S NOTES**

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

The following email was sent to all Branch 38 members on September 18, 2025.

**“FRA Branch 38 Secretary Resignation**

With Loyalty, Protection, and Service to you all, I am regretfully/relinquishing/stepping down from the role of Secretary/Treasurer effective immediately, and no later than Branch Elections. To notify NWR and National of my decision by June 30<sup>th</sup>. I Implore a Shipmate to stand up that has the Time and effort to take a very taxing position. If this is you THANK YOU.

I am extremely busy with my Work Schedule, VA Hospital / VSO Disability Claims / and Missing of upcoming meetings due to other Military Organization Obligations. I AM involved with , Advocate Legislation and Benefits Advisor to the Fleet Reserve Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans. and the Wounded Warrior Project.

I really thought I could pull this off and relieve Peg of her duties that were drainer her. I am finding out that my services do not do the Shipmates of BR 38 justice and I am running behind on getting information to you. I will assist and Mentor the Shipmate that takes over this position. Greatful to be in your service.

*Shipmate Dave Lord”*

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**MILESTONE AWARDS**

**OCTOBER–NOVEMBER–DECEMBER 2025**

Anna Martin	15 years	October
Daniel Hull	40 years	October
Laveen Schmidt	50 years	December

**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. **Please make all checks out to the FRA.**

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**Membership Dues**

The cost of renewing your membership is as follows:

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.***

**Past Due FRA Dues**

There are no dues that have not been paid through September 2025.

**Upcoming FRA Dues**

Jeff Burke	October 2025
Anna Martin	October 2025
Gerald Ellig	November 2025
Dan McGrogan	December 2025

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

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**Americanism/Patriotism Committee Notice**

**Americanism Essay Contest**

The 2025-2026 FRA Essay contest topic is:

**“America at 250 Years:  
What Does It Mean to Me?”**

Contestants eligible to participate are Grades 7 through 12. Requirements for the essay is 350 words or less about the above subject. National Grand Prize is \$1,500. Prizes are given at the local and regional level also. More information can be found on the national website: [www.fra.org/essay](http://www.fra.org/essay) or our Branch 38 website of [www.frabranh38.org](http://www.frabranh38.org) under the tab Commitees / Americanism-Patriotism (AP). **Deadline for submission is December 1, 2025.**

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**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: **FRABranh38@gmail.com..**

## Branch Birthdays

### October – November – December - 2025

Pat Thompson	October 3
Val Moon	October 5
Dan Hull	October 7
Bob Bean	October 10
George Davis	October 13
Paul Manly	October 14
Don McGrogan	October 22
Richard Petershick	November 1
Harlan Oliver	November 10
Craig Liebler	November 10
Michelle Atwell	November 12
George Ginter	November 18
Jerome Duffney	November 21
Richard Engleman	November 30
David Danley	December 2
Peg Burke	December 4
Will Pratt	December 21

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!



### 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.***

**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

## Proposed Branch 38 Meeting Dates Calendar Year 2026

<b>January 17, 2026</b>	Qtrly Mtg VFW Post 1474
<b>February 21, 2026</b>	VFW Post 1474
<b>March 21, 2026</b>	Lunch – <b>NORTH?</b>
<b>April 18, 2026</b>	Qtrly Mtg VFW Post 1474
<b>May 16, 2026</b>	VFW Post 1474
<b>June 20, 2026</b>	Lunch – <b>EAST?</b>
<b>July 18, 2026</b>	Qtrly Mtg VFW Post 1474
<b>August 15, 2026</b>	VFW Post 1474
<b>September 19, 2026</b>	Lunch – <b>SOUTH ?</b>
<b>October 17, 2026</b>	Qtrly Mtg VFW Post 1474
<b>November 21, 2026</b>	VFW Post 1474
<b>December 19, 2026</b>	Xmas Party/Lunch – <b>WEST?</b>

### 2025-2026 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*

Harold Young	Term 2021-2026
James Grisham	Term 2023-2028
Val Moon	Term 2025-2030

### 2025-2026 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

**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 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 Veteran

**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](http://ashleyintelligence.biz)  
Owned by Ashley Tilton, retired Navy CPO  
Kootenai County, ID

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In Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

Margret (Peg) Burke  
***Public Relations Committee Chair***  
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