



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

**APRIL – MAY - JUNE 2024  
BRANCH BULLETIN**

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

**April 2024**

- 01 Apr CPO Grade Established (1893)  
April Fool's Day
- 09 Apr Nat'l Former POW Recognition Day
- 11 Apr Submarine Force Day (1900)
- 13 Apr Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM at  
VFW Post 1474,  
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
- 15 Apr FRA/LAFRA Scholarship Deadline  
Patriots' Day  
Income Tax Deadline
- 24 Apr Admin Professionals' Day

**May 2024**

- 01 May Silver Star Svc Banner Da
- 05 May Cinco de Mayo
- 08 May VE Day, WWII Ends in Europe (1945)
- 10 May Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 11 May Monthly Meeting at 10:00 am at  
VFW Post 1474  
2902 E. Diamond, Spokane, WA
- 12 May Mother's Day
- 13 May Navy Nurse Corps Established (1908)
- 15 May Peace Officer's Memorial Day
- 17 May Nat'l Defense Transportation Day
- 18 May Armed Forces Day
- 22 May National Maritime Day
- 27 May Memorial Day

**June 2024**

- 06 Jun D-Day (1944)
- 08 Jun USS Liberty Inc. Israeli Attack (1967)  
Monthly Meeting/Luncheon at **NOON**  
Shari's Restaurant - EAST  
320 N. Sullivan., Spokane Valley, WA

- 10 Jun Women Veterans Day
- 14 Jun Flag Day
- 16 Jun Father's Day
- 17 Jun US Navy Hospital Corps Est. (1898)
- 19 Jun Juneteenth
- 20 Jun First Day of Summer
- 23 Jun USCG Auxiliary Founded (1939)
- 25 Jun N. Korea invades S. Korea (1950)

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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.

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**2024 NWR MID-YEAR Convention via ZOOM**



For the first time in years, the Northwest Region will hold a Mid-Year convention on **May 4, 2024**. This meeting will be **via ZOOM** at 1:00 pm Pacific Time, i.e. 1300. Auxiliary members are cordially invited to attend.

The Newsletter #1 for this convention was sent to all Branch Presidents and Secretaries with the Zoom connection information on it. It will also be posted on the Branch 38 and NW Region website.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

- RPNW Rex Faubion at [refaubion@yahoo.com](mailto:refaubion@yahoo.com)
- RVPNW Bob Bean at [frilydily@msn.com](mailto:frilydily@msn.com)
- PRPNW Peg Burke at [FRABranch38@gmail.com](mailto:FRABranch38@gmail.com)

**2024 NW Regional Convention**



The Northwest Region FRA and Auxiliary cordially invites all shipmates and ladies to the 2024 Northwest Regional Convention on **September 6-8, 2024** in Kennewick, Washington. Inland Empire Branch 038, of Spokane, WA, will coordinate with all NWR Branches to put on this convention.

**Convention Site:** Clover Island Inn, 435 N. Clover Island Drive, Kennewick, WA 99336.

*The location of Kennewick is in what is called the "Tri-Cities", in Washington State.*

**Room Rates:** \$114 per night plus 10.7% tax and \$3 Tourist Fee. These rates are good for September 4 to September 8, 2024.

**For Reservations:** Call **509-586-0541** and mention the group name **Fleet Reserve Association** to get the above rate. **DO NOT book online** or you will

not get the convention rate. Reservations made after August 26, 2024, at this rate will be on space availability.

**Guest Amenities**

- Hot Breakfast Buffet
- Free Parking
- Internet Access
- Exercise Room
- Outdoor Pool & Hot Tub
- Free Bike Use for Sacagawea Bike & Walking Trail
- In-room Fridge / Microwave / Coffee Services / Iron/ Ironing Board / Hairdryers
- Airport Shuttle
- Pet fee of \$25 per stay (not per night)
- Business Center
- Guest Laundry
- Restaurant on site

**FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION  
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

**and the  
96th FRA and 91st Auxiliary of the FRA  
National Conventions**



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

## Inland Empire Branch 38 President's Corner

Together, Shipmates, we continue our voyage in the FRA. Recruiting continues to be an issue, and as I have found that when I am talking with a potential new member they tell me "I was active not in reserve . Shipmates, when we retire we are placed in reserve status upon possible recall based on our ratings.

I would like to thank all Shipmates for allowing me to work for you as President. I ask the membership to support me as Secretary/Treasurer. Please join me in wishing Peg well as she steps aside for much needed rest.

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

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## Veterans Service Officer's Notes

“Greetings”

I continue to study as Claims information changes constantly. I have assisted over 20 Shipmates with their claims. Thank You for entrusting me with your claims.

I go to sporting events, stand downs, farmers market, and out in town when I see a Veteran I strike up a conversation about benefits and ask if there is anything I can do or answer any questions they may have.

I do have business cards that I can share with you should you need. Please let the Veterans know that all in the FRA are advocating for them

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

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## Armed Forces Torchlight Parade May 18, 2024

With over 80 years of bringing the largest Torchlight Military Parade in the nation to the streets of downtown Spokane, The Lilac Festival features bands, floats, military, and equestrian groups, drill teams, fancy cars, and much more. This event involves the entire community, no matter your age. Grab a spot along the downtown Spokane parade route before the 7:30 pm parade kickoff!



NW Regional Officers meet at Branch 038's February Meeting:  
( L-R): RVPNW Bob Bean - Branch 038, RPNW Rex Faubion – Branch 104, JrPRPNW Michelle Davis – Branch 038, and NWR Sec-Treas PRPNW Peg Burke – Branch 038.

## RPNW Rex Faubion Briefing on the NWR and National NBOD Actions

### NWR Update:

- Bremerton Branch 29 and Silverdale Branch 310 have merged.
- Anchorage Branch 342 is still conversing on voluntarily surrendering their Charter.
- Whidbey Island Branch 97 is still in their reconstruction mode after the fire they had during the first year of COVID. They should be back to full operation in the Spring of 2024.
- There were 53 essays judged at the Branch level. Twenty (20) essays were received for judging at the Region level. The next week will be the judging of these 20 essays and the first place winners will be forwarded to national for the final judging.
- Membership is struggling. NW lost 15 members in the month of January that were terminated for Non-payment of dues.
- A Zoom meeting is scheduled for February 12 to discuss the future of the NW LAFRA.
- We need to get everyone we can to attend the NW Region Convention in Kennewick, WA during the September 6-8, 2024 timeframe. We also need to celebrate the Centennial at the convention.

### National Update:

- Reiterated that any resolutions for the National Convention need to be to the C&BL Committee by July 15, 2024.
- The papers for the sale of the National HQ building for \$3,970,000 have been signed. HQ is now on a lease agreement which runs until 31 August, 2024. Rent escrow of \$50,528.39 has been paid. We are paying about \$5420 monthly.
- Determination has to be made on what to do with archives, library, and artifacts.
- A lease agreement has been signed for new

office space at 1600 Duke Street in Alexandria, VA.

- FRA Centennial Celebration is November 10-16, 2024 in Annapolis, MD.
- In conjunction with the Centennial, FRA is the host for the Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. This also involves sponsoring a reception for 200-300 people at Patton Hall on Ft. Meyer.
- The membership application has been updated and available on the FRA website.
- C&BL from last year's convention has been revised/corrected to reflect changes to membership.

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### Milestone Awards

#### April – May - June 2024

Michelle Davis	30 Years	April 2024
Gerald Sand	45 Years	April 2024
Rick Baldwin	5 Years	May 2024
	None in June 2024	

During our October 2023 Meeting we presented PRPNW Marian Dent-Hoglund her 50-Year Milestone Award.



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### 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 99216

Owned by James Martin, U.S. Navy veteran.

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### 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](mailto:FRABranch38@gmail.com).

### 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.***

### 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 February 2024 Report)*

***No one overdue !! YEA!!***

### Upcoming FRA Dues

Gerald Sand	April 2024
Bill Nesbitt	May 2024
George Peck	May 2024
Jack Terry	May 2024
Dale Zentzis	June 2024

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

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**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 Rick Baldwin  
Health, Welfare & Rehab Michelle Davis  
Public Relations Peg Burke  
Veterans Services Dave Lord  
Youth Activities Robert Bean

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**Branch Birthdays**  
**April – May - June 2024**

Dale Zentzis April 5  
Bill Nesbitt April 14  
Doug Harms April 15  
George Stevens April 21  
Dave Lord May 7  
Art Ellison May 8  
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!**



**Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2024**

*Meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of the month.*

**4<sup>th</sup> Qtr FY 23 VFW Post 1474 & Luncheon Mtgs**

**April 13, 2024 - Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM**  
at VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave,  
Spokane, WA

**May 11, 2024 - Monthly Meeting at 10:00 AM**  
at VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave,  
Spokane, WA

**June 8, 2024 - Luncheon Meeting at NOON**  
At **Shari's Restaurant**,  
320 N. Sullivan, Spokane Valley, WA –

**East**

**1<sup>st</sup> Qtr FY 24 VFW Post 1474 & Luncheon Mtgs**

**July 13, 2024 - Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM**  
at VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave,  
Spokane, WA

**August 10, 2024 - Monthly Meeting at 10:00 AM**  
at VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave,  
Spokane, WA

**September 14, 2024 - Luncheon Mtg at NOON**  
at **McKenzie River Pizza**,  
2910 E, 57<sup>th</sup>, Spokane, WA - **South**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr FY 24 VFW Post 1474 & Luncheon Mtgs**

**October 12, 2024 - Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM**  
at VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave,  
Spokane, WA

**November 9, 2024;- Monthly Mtg at 10:00 AM**  
at VFW Post 1474, 2902 E.  
Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

**December 14, 2024 - XMAS LUNCH**  
at **Ranch Chico Mexican Restaurant**,  
2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA

**West**

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In Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

Margret (Peg) Burke, Secretary/Treasurer  
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