



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

**JULY – AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2024
BRANCH BULLETIN**

Meet Inland Empire Branch 38’s 2024-2025 Branch Officers!!

Congratulations Shipmates!!



President Michelle Davis



Vice President James Grisham



Secretary/Treasurer Dave Lord

Our first meeting in the new fiscal year is on **July 13, 2024** at VFW Post 1474,
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA at 10:00 a.m.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 2024

- 04 Jul Independence Day
- 11 Jul US Marine Band Established (1798)
- 13 Jul Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM at
VFW Post 1474,
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
- 21 Jul Guam Liberation Day (1944)
- 27 Jul Korean War Vets Day (1953)
- 30 Jul WAVES Established (1942)

August 2024

- 04 Aug US Coast Guard Birthday (1790)
Vietnam Conflict Began (1964)
- 07 Aug Purple Heart Day
- 10 Aug Monthly Meeting at 10:00 am at
VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond, Spokane, WA

- 14 Aug VJ Day Japanese Surrender (1945)
Nat’l Navajo Code Talkers Day
- 16 Aug Nat’l Airborne Day
- 21 Aug Senior Citizens Day
- 29 Aug USMC Reserves Founded (1916)

September 2024

- 02 Sep Labor Day
VJ Day Japan Signs Surrender (1945)
- 08 Sep Grandparents Day
- 11 Sep United We Stand/Patriot Day
- 14 Sep Monthly Meeting/Luncheon at **NOON**
McKenzie River Pizza - **SOUTH**
2910 E. 57th Ave, Spokane, WA
- 17 Sep Constitution and Citizenship Day
- 20 Sep Nat’l POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 29 Sep Gold Star Mother’s Day
VFW Day

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. He will also try to send the Agenda with the notice.

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 Airport Shuttle
 Free Parking Pet fee of \$25 per stay (not per night)
 Internet Access Business

Center
 Exercise Room Guest Laundry
 Outdoor Pool & Hot Tub Restaurant on site
 Free Bike Use for Sacagawea Bike & Walking Trail
 In-room Fridge / Microwave / Coffee Services /
 Iron/ Ironing Board / Hairdryers

**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.

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 Connecting rooms
 Non-smoking rooms Pet Friendly rooms

Branch 38’s website, Conventions Tab, has the three newsletters from the National Convention Committee posted to it.

Milestone Awards
July – August - September 2024

	None for July	
David Danley	15 Years	August 2024
Jerome Duffney	25 Years	August 2024
Charley Noble	10 Years	September 2024
Daniel Sullivan	10 Years	September 2024
James Linville	35 Years	September 2024

There is one that was missed at the beginning of this Fiscal Year due to the National Membership Committee changing the rules during the convention in 2023

Normally any award over 50 years was formerly provided by FRA National HQ. But, as of the new rules adopted at the 2023 National Convention, the individual Branches now award all milestone awards.

It took us some time to obtain the pin to present to our distinguished Shipmate:

James Greer 55 Years September 2023

Branch Birthdays

July – August - September 2024

Ralph Bean	July 4
John Norris	July 5
Tom Grieb	July 8
Dennis McCully	July 10
Gary Weiler	July 23
Earl Lockie	July 24
Jeff Burke	July 25
James Grisham	August 6
Gerald Ellig	August 17
Anna Martin	August 17
Harold Young	September 1
Steve Toland	September 9
Roscoe Moore	September 19
Gerald Sand	September 24
James Linville	September 29
Terry Gaffney	September 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!



Branch VP and Membership Chair Corner

Branch 038 has requested to attend the Friday, August 30, Armed Forces Appreciation Night at the Spokane Indians baseball game.

We will have a booth inside Avista Stadium, staffed with members, and our goal is to contact military veterans in attendance.

The Indians will give us two complimentary tickets, and every ticket that we purchase will be priced at the group rate. The seating area for us will be on the aluminum bench seats. Please tell James Grisham how many tickets you need. I can purchase the tickets.

We need help from the Branch Members to staff our booth on August 30.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Branch 38 VP and Membership & Retention Chair
James V. Grisham, SKCS

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dave L. Lord, Secretary/Treasurer
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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)
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

Dale Zentzis June 2024

Upcoming FRA Dues

None in July or August
James Linville September 2024
Charlie Noble September 2024
Carla Scott September 2024

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

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

Shipmate Burke has stepped down after almost 20 years of service to the Branch as the Secretary/Treasurer and wishes her replacement the best of luck and to call if he needs help.

Veterans Service Officer’s (VSO) Notes

“Greetings”

First and foremost I am honored to be your VSO , this is a very hard yet rewarding position.

Secondly: I will share that Shipmate John Davis sends out a Newsbytes Weekly publication that all of you should receive , please sign up for this as John shares valuable information.

Last Item: I will share is that I have returned from the Veterans of Foreign Wars 104th Convention where I attended V S O training and learned how to better assist you with the claims process.

Growing Stronger every Day. Please do not hesitate to contact me by Phone at 360-631-2873 or email davelordpolret@gmail.com.

DON'T FEED THE SHARKS!!
SEEK A VSO

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



Branch 38 participated in the Spokane Lilac Parade on May 18, 2024. Riding in the back of the pickup are JrPRPNW Michelle Davis, Branch 38 VSO Officer, Dave Lord (both facing the camera), MRCM Val Moon’s Grandson, and MRCM Val Moon (backs to the camera), with the driver, RVPNW Robert Bean standing. Shipmate Lord’s son Josh also rode with the group but not pictured.

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

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Spokane Sports Schedules

Spokane Indians Baseball Team at Home

Jul 12, 2024 Vs Everett Aquasox
Aug 2, 2024 Vs Hillsboro Hops
Aug 17, 2024 Vs Vancouver Canadians

Spokane Velocity (Soccer) FC Schedule at One Spokane Stadium

Jul 6, 2024 Vs Chattanooga Red Wolves
Jul 27, 2024 Vs Charlotte Independence
Aug 13, 2024 Vs Leagues One Cup –
Northern Colorado Hailstorm
Sep 4, 2024 Vs Union Omaha
Sep 7, 2024 Vs Central Valley Fuego
Sep 14, 2024 Vs South Georgia Tormenta

Spokane Chiefs (Hockey) Opener

They will open the 2024-2025 season on the road before kicking off the home portion of the Season on **Saturday, September 28, 2024 for Blue Moon Opening Night vs local rival Tri-City Americans. Puck drop is set for 6:05 pm.**

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.

Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2024

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

1st 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, 57th, Spokane, WA – **South**

2nd 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**

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

<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	<small>(SPECIAL OFFER FOR FIRST TIME MEMBERS)</small>					
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Yrs	\$75.00	<small>(for renewing or reinstating FRA members)</small>					
<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