



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

**OCTOBER – NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024
BRANCH BULLETIN**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 2024

- 04 Oct Nat'l Firefighters Memorial Weekend
- 06 Oct Start of Fire Prevention Week (1922)
- 12 Oct Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM at
VFW Post 1474,
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
- 13 Oct U.S. Navy Birthday (1775)
- 24 Oct United Nations Day
- 26 Oct Nat'l Day of the Deployed
- 27 Oct U.S. Navy Day
- 31 Oct Halloween

November 2024

- 03 Nov Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 05 Nov Election Day
- 09 Nov Monthly Meeting at 10:00 am at
VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond, Spokane, WA
- 10 Nov U.S. Marine Corps Birthday (1775)
- 11 Nov Veterans Day
- FRA's 100th Birthday (1924)
- 25 Nov Thanksgiving Day

December 2024

- 01 Dec Deadline for FRA Americanism Essays
- 07 Dec Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 14 Dec XMAS Lunch/Monthly Meeting at NOON
at Rancho Chico Restaurant
2023 W. NW Blvd, Spokane, WA **WEST**
- 15 Dec Bill of Rights Day
- 25 Dec Christmas Day
- 31 Dec New Year's Eve

**2024 Navy Birthday Ball
Hosted by NRC Spokane Navy Ball**



This year's Navy Birthday Ball will be held at the Centennial Hotel at 303 W. North River Drive, Spokane, Washington, on Saturday, October 12, 2024. Doors open 1730 and the ceremony begins at 1830.

Uniform /Attire:

Service Members:

Dress Blues or Equivalent Uniform
(Females – option to wear formal gowns)
Mess Dress Optional.

Civilians:

Formal Wear (suits, tuxedos, evening gowns, etc)

Tickets:

Petty Officer First Class & Below:

(Active or Reserve) – \$50 per person

Chief Petty Officers & Above – \$70 per person

Retired & Former Military/Civilian – \$80 per person

Navy ball tickets went on sale, August 13, 2024

Details in the link:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/ff6fe03e-264a-494f-ba06-c842468abd55>

**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:

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|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 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.

Regional President Elect Northwest Robert S. Bean Sr Speaks to the convention delegates. (Picture on bottom right.)

2024 NW Regional Convention



The Northwest Region FRA and Auxiliary held their 2024 Northwest Regional Convention on **September 7, 2024**

It was held at the Clover Island Inn (soon to become a Spark by Hilton), Kennewick, Washington.. All Branches of the Northwest Region were represented by delegates or proxies for voting purposes.

The regional delegates elected new officers to represent the Northwest Region for 2024-2025:

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| Regional President | Robert S. Bean Sr |
| Regional Vice President | Daniel L. Brossard |
| Regional Sec/Treas | Roger L. Christopher |



Installing Officer – PNP Virgil Courneya
L-R: Roger Christopher, Daniel Brossard, Robert Bean



“Hat of Knowledge Presentation”

PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti, and the Past Regional Presidents NW group, attending the convention presented the current Northwest Regional President, Rex Faubion, with his new hat.



Hospital, Welfare & Rehabilitation Committee Chair Corner

It would help me a lot if you could send me throughout the year

- Any Blood Donations given,
- Any donations of books or magazines to the Veteran’s Hospital or Veteran’s Home
- If you have had any community volunteer hours (Food Bank, Honor Guard, etc..),
- Time spent helping Shipmates or widows.
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Celebrating FRA’s 100th Year

The FRA Centennial Cake was cut with MRCM Moon’s (Branch 038) cutlass by the oldest member present: Nampa, ID, Branch 382’s Treasurer, Tom Flanik (L), and the youngest FRA member present, Whidbey Island, WA, Branch 097’s President Tim Miller (R).



Hospital, Welfare & Rehabilitation Committee Chair Corner (Cont’d)

All of this can be put on this committee’s yearly report. Please send to usn2903@gmail.com.

Thank you, Michelle Davis
President Branch 38
NWR HW&R Committee Chair
Branch38 HW&R Committee Chair

Branch Birthdays
October – November - December 2024

Tammy Waid	October 1
Pat Thompson	October 3
Val Moon	October 5
Dan Hull	October 7
Robert Bean	October 10
George Davis	October 13
Paul Manly	October 14
Don McGrogan	October 22
Carla Scott	October 31
Richard Peterschick	November 1
Harlan Oliver	November 10
Craig Liebler	November 0
Michelle Atwell	November 12
George Ginter	November 18
Jerome Duffney	November 21
Richard Engleman	November 30
David Danley	December 2
Peg Burke	December 4
Willis Pratt	December 21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!



Branch VP and Membership Chair Corner

I want to encourage all of our branch members to continue to speak with Sea Service veterans that they see in their daily lives and tell them about the FRA. I am feeling some disappointment because we meet many veterans and very few of those veterans agree to attend our monthly meetings.

I would like to thank Shipmates like Rick Baldwin who can speak to veterans on the topic of veteran disability benefits with the VA. During our two visits with the Spokane Indians in 2024, it seemed as if many veterans who stopped at our booth were closely listening to what Rick had to say about disability benefits.

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

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dave L. Lord, Secretary/Treasurer
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Greetings.

I am starting to settle in to the position and as I continue to learn from Peg to make this my own, I am willing to take any feedback from you so that I may get better. The NWR Convention was well attended and lots of information was shared that I will bring to our next Branch meeting. The September Branch Luncheon was also well attended as we welcomed our guest speaker, Rudy Lopez, Director of the Medical Lake Cemetery, with his comments of expansion and how to pre register. I appreciate all of you and thank you so much for allowing me to work for you. Dave

Milestone Awards

October – November - December 2024

Earl Lockie	50 Years	October 2024
John Norris	30 Years	November 2024
Willis Pratt	50 Years	December 2024

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
Charlie Noble	September 2024
Carla Scott	September 2024

Upcoming FRA Dues

Jeff Burke October 2024
William Monger October 2024
John Norris November 2024
George Davis December 2024
Don McGrogan December 2024
Pat Thompson December 2024

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

Veterans Service Officer’s (VSO) Notes

From the desk of the Veterans Service Officer:

As I continue to assist Veterans with Disability Claims has been a very rewarding experience as I get to hear their stories of service and I get to share mine with them. At the NWR Convention I was awarded Second Place in the Region for my work in the Claims process. I got the opportunity to get one-on-one time with my mentor, Tom Flanik BR 382 Nampa ID, as I received valuable information for my position. Tom also told me that we will start up Claims training after the FRA National Convention.

I appreciate all of you and thank you so much for allowing me to work for you, Dave.

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 veteran

Iron Horse Restaurant – 407 E. Sherman Ave,

Coeur d’Alene, ID 83814. 208-667-7314

Owned by Blair Bryce, U.S. Navy Veteran.

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.

Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2024

Meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

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**

Proposed Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2025

January 11, 2025 – Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM
at VFW Post 1474

February 8, 2025 – Monthly Meeting at 10:00 AM
at VFW Post 1474

March 8, 2025 – Lunch meeting at Noon at VFW
Post 1474 at **NOON**

April 12, 2025 – Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM
at VFW Post 1474

May 10, 2025 - Monthly Meeting at 10:00 AM
at VFW Post 1474

June 14 2025– Lunch meeting at Noon at Black
Angus in Spokane Valley, WA at **NOON**

July 12, 2025 – Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM
at VFW Post 1474

August 9, 2025 – Monthly Meeting at 10:00 AM
at VFW Post 1474

September 13, 2025– Lunch meeting at Noon at
Twiggs Bistro on S. Regal in Spokane, WA

October 11, 2025 – Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM
at VFW Post 1474

November 8, 2025 – Monthly Meeting at 10:00
AM at VFW Post 1474

December 13, 2025– XMAS Lunch meeting at
Noon at Rusty Moose on Hwy 2 in Spokane, WA

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

Margret (Peg) Burke
Public Relations Committee Chair
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(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