



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

**JANUARY – FEBRUARY - MARCH 2025
BRANCH BULLETIN**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 2025

- 01 Jan New Year's Day
11 Jan Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM at
VFW Post 1474,
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
20 Jan Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
Inauguration Day

February 2025

- 01 Feb National Freedom Day
02 Feb Groundhog Day
04 Feb USO Birthday (1941)
08 Feb Monthly Meeting at 10:00 am at
VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond, Spokane, WA
12 Feb Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
13 Feb Women Marines Birthday (1943)
14 Feb Valentines Day
17 Feb President's Day
19 Feb USCG Reserves Birthday (1941)
20 Feb George Washington's Birthday

March 2025

- 03 Mar US Naval Reserve Established (1915)
04 Mar US Navy Band Established (1925)
05 Mar US Navy Seabees Birthday (1942)
08 Mar Lunch/Monthly Meeting at **NOON**
at VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond,
Spokane, WA **NORTH**
09 Mar Daylight Savings Time Begins
13 Mar National K9 Veterans Day
17 Mar St Patrick's Day
20 Mar First Day of Spring
25 Mar Nat'l Medal of Honor Day
29 Mar Vietnam Veterans Day

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

The FRA Centennial and the 96th FRA/91st LAFRA Convention was held at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, Maryland, during the week of November 10-16, 2024.

RPNW Robert Bean, Branch 38's delegate to the convention, stated that there was a major turnout for the ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery where the Fleet Reserve Association hosted this year's ceremony.

He also said that this year the NBOD will be helping more on the legislative end of things since our long-time director retired and our New Legislative Director, Theo Lawson, takes over the reins.

National Officers elected for the 2024-25 term are as follows:

National President – Maria Behm
Nat'l Vice President – Rick Fetro
Jr Past Nat'l President – John Handzuk

National President's Serial Letter 9-25 has been published on the FRA Website under Official Correspondence on your Profile page.

Branch Birthdays
January – February - March 2025

James Greer	January 3
Bill Stroyan	January 8
Don Fisher	January 14
Robert Hunt	January 17
Thomas Lang	January 19
Bill Sheretz	January 22
Paul Brenberger	January 30
Charlie Noble	February 19
Dave Melges	February 22
James Robetson	February 23
Jack Terry	February 25
Rick Baldwin	February 28
George Peck	March 4
Roi Sigler	March 25
Marian Dent-Hoglund	March 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!



Branch VP and Membership Chair Corner

Branch 038 is always trying to enroll new members. I have been distributing Branch 038 business cards whenever I meet a Sea Services Veteran in the community.

For all Branch 038 members, the Spokane Chiefs are hosting a Military Appreciation Night promotion Saturday evening, January 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The visiting team are the Lethbridge Hurricanes. Branch 038 will have a table in the concourse, and all Veterans are invited to stop by to visit with us. The military themed jerseys worn by Chief's players will be auctioned off to benefit the Washington State Fallen Heroes Project.

Branch 038 is making plans to attend two Spokane Indians games, on May 9, 2025, and August 29, 2025.

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

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dave L. Lord, Secretary/Treasurer
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Greetings:

I continue to learn all that Peg has done for the Branch. I strive to keep all members informed with new and existing legislation. I am trying very hard not to miss anything that comes from FRA National HQ, NW Regional Officers, and our Branch 038 Members. Once Again, Thank you for entrusting me with this position.

Branch 038 Secretary/Treasurer
Dave Lord, QM1(SW)

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

Charlie Noble	September 2024
Carla Scott	September 2024
Davis, Allen	December 2024

Upcoming FRA Dues

Peg Burke	January 2025
Bill Sheretz	January 2025
Paul Brenberger	February 2025
Ray Kuhn Jr.	February 2025
Harlan Oliver	February 2025
Gary Weiler	February 2025

We do not have any Shipmates due in March 2025.

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

Milestone Awards
October – November - December 2024

Don McGrogan	25 Years	December 2024
Robert S. Bean Sr	25 Years	January 2025
William Sheretz	30 Years	January 2025
Harlan Oliver	45 Years	February 2025

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)

2025 NWR Convention – is scheduled to be hosted by Seattle Branch 18. More information to come.

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 thru 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.

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

Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2025

Meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

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 **NORTH**

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 EAST**

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 **SOUTH**

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 (day may change) – **XMAS**
Lunch meeting at Noon at Rusty Moose on Hwy 2
in Spokane, WA **WEST**

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.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

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