



Newsletter # 3



The members of the 2018 National Convention Committee, are working diligently, and energetically to ensure that we will have a successful, enjoyable, and memorable 2018 National Convention. But, we need your help to make the 2018 National Convention truly one to enjoy and remember for a long time. Please be generous; and send your advertisement and Booster Roll as early as possible. Your support and generosity will contribute to the success of our National Convention.

The 2018 National Convention is being hosted by the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) and being handled by the National Committee which was elected by the delegates. All profits/losses will be borne by the Fleet Reserve Association and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association. So, it is imperative that the shipmate and auxiliary members make reservations to attend and support this convention.

The hotel selected is the OMNI San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade, 9821 Colonnade Boulevard, San Antonio, TX 78230 (a Four Diamond Hotel). The dates are from September 23 – 30, 2018. It is in northwest San Antonio at I-10 and Wurzbach Road in the Colonnade Complex; 3 minutes/1 mile to the Medical Center; 15 minutes/8 miles from the San Antonio International Airport; 15 minutes/12 miles to the San Antonio Riverwalk Area; and Convenient to I-10 and Loop 410.

Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-THE-OMNI (1-800-843-6664) or by going on line to the Customized Group Web Page <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/san-antonio/meetings/fleet-reserve-assoc-national-convention>. If making your reservation by phone be sure to mention “Fleet Reserve Association”.

Room Rates are \$105.00 plus 16.75% tax. Room rates apply for up to three days prior and three days following the convention dates. The cut-off date for the block of rooms will be held until Monday, September 3, 2018. Reservation requests received after 5:00 PM local time at the hotel on the cut-off date will be accepted based on guest room availability at the Group rate.

For fly-in attendees: The Hotel does offer a complimentary shuttle to and from the San Antonio International Airport and within a 5 Mile Radius of the Hotel from 6:00am – 10:00pm daily based on availability. The top of each hour the shuttle goes to the airport and at the bottom of the hour goes within a 5-mile radius. If any of you will be needing shuttle transportation – check with the hotel bell stand or front desk (210) 691-8888 to reserve your spot. The sooner you reserve the better since it is based upon availability. The hotel only provides free shuttle within 5 miles radius. There is on-site complimentary self-parking and on-site valet parking at a discount rate of \$10.00 per day.

Ability Scooters. Located at 10844 Gulfdale Drive, San Antonio, TX 78216 and their phone # is (210) 315-8242. I spoke to Barbara which is the owner and she gave me the following details:

- They have availability for the requested (15-20) scooters. Due to the amount they need 2 weeks’ notice to have them available. Minimum 1 week.
- \$40 for 1 day
- \$30 if its 2 or more days (7th day free)
- \$35 delivery fee for each. Discount will be given on delivery fee if ordered all together. Delivery is usually in the morning.
- They will need weight and height of everyone to ensure they provide the best fit.
- They need id and billing information. Usual MOP accepted as cash, credit, etc.

I would like to apologize if I have upset any shipmate or auxiliary by the statement the Electric Scooters are not advisable. The OMNI Hotel is a tower, all the rooms, 20 per floor, are in a circle around the elevators. There are 4 elevators that goes to all 20 floors. The distance from the elevators to the Sleeping Rooms is approximately 10 – 15 yards. The distance from the elevators to the Meeting Rooms is approximately 30 – 40 yards with the Lounge, Gift Shop, and Restaurant between. There being no long hallways or long distances to the Meeting Rooms as previous hotels at National Convention. I was thinking about the cost of the Electric Scooters to the shipmates and auxiliary members. I was merely suggesting that if it was not mandatory that you have an Electric Scooter than maybe a walker would suffice.

Electric Scooters are available for rental from **Ability Scooters.** Located at 10844 Gulfdale Drive, San Antonio, TX 78216 and their phone # is (210) 315-8242. Further information is in the newsletter.

Medical Needs and Personnel

A courtesy room will be assigned to a Texas Board Certified Medical Personnel, who will stay on location at the convention site for the entire week.

Tuxedo Rental: Al’s Formal Wear located in Strip Mall next door to the OMNI Hotel about tuxedos for the Banquet and the prices/services provided. Due to priced changes this coming June, a price list will not be provided until then. They will come to the hotel for measurements and deliver and pick up from the hotel.

Convention Lapel Pin:

Convention Lapel pin will be available at the convention to be sold for \$5.00 each. There are only 150 pins left. Some were sold at the 2017 National Convention in Hunts Valley, MD.

Convention Shirts:

2018 National Convention Shirts are available to order online only. An account has been set up with an organization known as CustomInk.com/fundraising.support@customink.com and the 2018 National Convention will receive a portion of all shirts ordered at this site <https://tinyurl.com/FRANC18>. The shirts Dark Green, Royal Blue or Teal in color with screen stream outline of the 2018 National Convention Logo positioned over the left breast. The back will remain blank. The shirts are available to order on line until August 31, 2018.

Welcome Aboard Party. The “Welcome Aboard Party” will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 1930 in the Grand Ballroom DEFG. The theme of the event is “Fiesta Time”. Members of the Entertainment Committee is putting together a show that promises to amuse and entertain you. However, we need your help to ensure that you will have a pleasant and entertaining evening. Admission to the “Welcome Aboard Party” is free. But, we would like you to register for this event when you make your reservations for meals and tours.

Banquet and Grand Ball. Banquet and Grand Ball Banquet will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 1930 in the Grand Ballroom ABCDE.

TOURS (Cost per person is for TRANSPORTATION ONLY.)

1. **Monday, September 24, 2018** - Tour to Fredericksburg, TX, birthplace of Fleet Admiral Chester W Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet in World War II and also the National Museum of the Pacific War. The town was settled by German immigrants. Many of the historic structures are traditional German and frontier styles, and they are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This historic town is a popular destination noted for its peaches and grapes. Visitors find shopping, gourmet cuisine, award-wining wineries, museums and historic sites and German ambiance. (Bus depart OMNI Hotel at 0830 and return to OMNI Hotel at 1830.)

2. **Tuesday Morning, September 25, 2018** - Tour to the Alamo the most famous spot in Texas, Mission San Antonio de Valero (The Alamo) was established in 1718. The Chapel and long barracks are all that remains of the original fort. The museum contains relics and mementos from the Republic of Texas and offers stories of the fall of the Alamo. (Bus departs OMNI Hotel at 0900 and return to OMNI Hotel at 1230)

3. **Thursday Evening, September 27, 2018** - Tour to the River Walk one level below the downtown streets, the popular Paseo del Rio (River Walk) is lined with hotels, shops, restaurants and entertainment venues. Scenic riverboat cruises are available. (Bus departs OMNI Hotel at 1700 and return to OMNI Hotel at 2130).

4. **Friday Evening, September 28, 2018** - Tour to the River Walk one level below the downtown streets, the popular Paseo del Rio (River Walk) is lined with hotels, shops, restaurants and entertainment venues. Scenic riverboat cruises are available. (Bus departs OMNI Hotel at 1700 and return to OMNI Hotel at 2130).



2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION
 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
 CONVENTION JOURNAL ADS SOLICITATION

Name of Advertiser: _____ Branch/ Unit: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- _____ Inside Cover (Front or Back) \$200.00 **SOLD** Back Cover \$250.00
- _____ Full Page \$150.00 _____ Half Page \$75.00
- _____ ¼ Page \$40.00 _____ 1/8 Page (Business Card) \$25.00
- _____ Center Spread (In Color) \$500.00
- Booster Rolls (\$1.00 per name donation preferred)

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

2018 National Convention

And mail to:

2018 National Convention Committee

PO Box 107, Rescue, CA 95672-0107

Deadline for Journal Ads is August 31, 2018

Menus

Breakfast's Menu's

Breakfast Buffet: Fresh sliced fruit & berries display; Assorted breakfast pastries; Cage-free scrambled eggs; Applewood smoked bacon, Grilled sausage links; Breakfast potatoes, peppers, onions; Buttermilk biscuits, homemade sausage gravy, whipped butter; House made salsa quemada; Regular and decaffeinated coffee, hot tea and assorted chilled juices.

All American Plate: Cage-free scrambled eggs; Choice of Applewood smoked bacon strips, grilled sausage links or Canadian bacon; fingerling potatoes; Assorted breakfast pastries and your choice of freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee, hot tea or freshly squeezed orange juice.

Lunch Menu's

Smoked Turkey Beast Croissant: Caramelized onion, honey mustard, basil mayonnaise, pepper jack cheese; Pasta Salad; accompanied by choice of freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee or iced tea and desert.

Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap: Grilled chicken breast, romaine leaves, parmesan croutons, creamy garlic aioli; Fresh fruit salad; accompanied by choice of freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee or iced tea and desert.

Ciabatta Club: Roasted turkey breast, Applewood smoked bacon, ham, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, Black bean & corn salad; accompanied by choice of freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee or iced tea and desert.

Chicken Marsala: Marsala wine demi-glace, Garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal fresh vegetables; Chopped romaine, carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, red onion, buttermilk chive dressing; Carrot Cake, Chocolate fudge cake; freshly baked rolls and freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee or iced tea.

Dinner Menu's

Chicken Wellington: Puff pastry, mushroom duxelle, Red wine demi-glace, garlic mashed potatoes, broccolini, baby carrots; Caesar salad, romaine leaves, roma tomato fresh parmesan, garlic croutons, house Caesar dressing; accompanied by freshly baked rolls; freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee or iced tea; Praline pecan cheesecake or Chocolate tuxedo mousse cake.

Bone in Pork Chop: Bacon apple balsamic chutney, Creamy mashed potatoes, Seasonal fresh vegetables; Chopped romaine, carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, red onion, buttermilk chive dressing; Carrot Cake, Chocolate fudge cake; freshly baked rolls and freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee or iced tea.

Wellness Menu available: Those individuals having special dietary restrictions there are special meals being Gluten Free or Lactose Free, or Vegetarian available. Please indicate your special needs on the reservation form when submitted with payment.

**91st FRA/86th LA FRA NATIONAL CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 23 - 30, 2018 - SAN ANTONIO, TX**

***ALL MEAL CHOICE ARE DUE BY 8/31/2018**

MEALS & TOURS RESERVATION FORM (1 of 2)

EVENT - DAY DATE TIME MENU COUNT PRICE TOTAL

FRA PRP Board of Director Breakfast (Closed)* [Colonnade B]
 Tues 09/25/18 0700 Buffet _____ x \$32.00 = _____

FRA PNP Luncheon (Closed) * [Colonnade A]
 Wed 09/26/18 1115 Smoked Turkey Breast Croissant _____ x \$32.00 = _____

LA FRA PNP Luncheon (Closed) * [Colonnade B]
 Wed 09/26/18 1115 Smoked Turkey Breast Croissant _____ x \$32.00 = _____

WELCOME ABOARD PARTY (Open) FREE [Grand Ballroom D, E, F & G]
 Wed 09/26/18 1830 _____

FRA PRP Breakfast (Closed) * [Colonnade A & B]
 Thurs 09/27/18 0700 All American Plated Breakfast _____ x \$25.00 = _____

LA FRA PRP Luncheon (Closed) * [Colonnade A & B]
 Thu. 09/27/18 1115 Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap _____ x \$33.00 = _____

FRA RP, RPE, RVP Luncheon (Closed) * [Grand Ballroom A]
 Thur 09/27/18 1115 Ciabatta Club _____ x \$32.00 = _____

LA FRA RP, RPE, RVP Luncheon (Closed) * [[Grand Ballroom B]
 Thur 09/27/18 1115 Ciabatta Club _____ x \$32.00 = _____

LA FRA NP Luncheon (Open) * [Grand Ballroom A & B]
 Fri 09/28/18 1130 Chicken Marsala _____ x \$35.00 = _____

BANQUET (Open) * [Grand Ballroom A, B, C, D & E]
 Sat 09/29/18 1930 Chicken Wellington _____ x \$55.00 = _____

Bone in Pork Chop _____ x \$55.00= _____

Vendor Table (6-Foot Table - \$50) due by 9/8/18 with payment

No. of Days _____ \$50.00 = _____

Information Table (6-foot Table - No Charge) due by 9/8/18

No. of Days _____ \$00.00 = _____

Tour #1 – Fredericksburg, TX

Mon 09/24/2018 0800 – 1830 No. Persons _____ x \$50.00 _____

Tour #2 – Alamo Tour

Tues 09/25/2018 0900 – 1230 No. Persons _____ x \$25.00 _____

Tour #3 – River Walk

Thur 09/27/2018 1700 – 2130 No. Persons _____ x \$30.00 _____

Tour #4 – River Walk

Fri 09/28/2018 1700 – 2130 No. Persons _____ x \$30.00 _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

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and mail to: 2018 National Convention P.O. Box 107, Rescue, CA 95672-0107

Individuals desiring to pay with a Credit Card please provide:

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ CVV _____

Name: _____ Branch/Unit #: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Due No Later Than August 31, 2018

CONVENTION TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY/EVENT	ROOM
Monday 9/24/2018	0900 – 1700	Tour – Fredericksburg, TX	Tentative
	1200 – 0000	Hospitality Room	Colonnade Ballroom
	**** 0800 – 1700	All Week – Budget/Finance Committee	Boardroom
Tuesday 9/25/2018	0700 - 0900	PRP Beal Breakfast	Colonnade B
	0900 – 1230	Tour – Alamo	Tentative
	0900 – 1200	FRA Registration	Foyer Area
	0900 – 1200	LA FRA Registration	Foyer Area
	0900 – 1600	Rehearsal/Opening Ceremony	Grand Ballroom CDEFG
	0900 – 1300	Hospitality Room	Colonnade Ballroom
	1300 – 1500	FRA Pre Board Meeting	Grand Ballroom AB
	1300 – 1500	LA FRA Pre Board Meeting	La Joya Ballroom
	1500 – 1700	FRA Registration	Foyer Area
	1500 – 1700	LA FRA Registration	Foyer Area
	1500 – 2300	Hospitality Room	Colonnade Ballroom
	1630 – 1730	FRA Education Foundation Meeting	Boardroom
	Wednesday 9/26/2018	0700 – 0900	Hospitality Room
0730 – 0830		FRA Registration	Foyer Area
0730 – 0830		LA FRA Registration	Foyer Area
0730 – 0830		Workshop	Conference Center A
0900 – 1100		Opening Ceremony	Grand Ballroom DEFG
1115 – 1245		FRA PNP Luncheon	Colonnade A
1115 – 1245		LA FRA PNP Luncheon	Colonnade B
1115 – 1245		FRA RP, RPE, RVP Luncheon	Grand Ballroom A
1115 – 1245		LA FRA RP, RPE, RVP Luncheon	Grand Ballroom B
1130 – 1300		FRA Registration	Foyer Area
1130 - 1300		LA FRA Registration	Foyer Area
1300 1700		FRA 1 st Business Session	Grand Ballroom DEFG
1300 – 1700		LA FRA 1 st Business Session	La Joya Ballroom
1700 – 1930		Hospitality Room	Colonnade Ballroom
1700 – 1830		Workshop	Conference Center A
1930 – 1100		Welcome Aboard Reception	Grand Ballroom DEFG
Thursday 9/27/2018	0700 – 0800	FRA Registration	Foyer Area
	0700 – 0800	LA FRA Registration	Foyer Area
	0700 – 0815	FRA PRP Breakfast	Colonnade AB
	0800 – 1100	LA FRA 2 nd Business Session	La Joya Ballroom
	0815 – 0900	FRA Legislative Service	Conference Center A

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Thursday 9/27/2018	0900 – 1100	Budget & Finance	Boardroom
	0900 – 1100	FRA C & BL	Grand Ballroom B
	0900 – 1100	FRA Veterans Service	Grand Ballroom G
	0900 – 1100	FRA Americanism Patriotism	Grand Ballroom A
	0900 – 1100	FRA Youth Activities	Conference Center B (Front)
	0900 – 1100	FRA Honorary Membership	Grand Ballroom DE (Back)
	0900 – 1100	FRA Public Relations	Conference Center B (Rear)
	0900 – 1100	FRA Hospital & Welfare	Grand Ballroom C
	0900 – 1100	FRA Time & Place	Conference Center F
	0900 – 1100	FRA Future Planning	Grand Ballroom DE (Mid)
	0900 – 1100	FRA Membership	Conference Center A
	1115 – 1230	LA FRA PRP Luncheon	Colonnade AB
	1130 – 1245	Workshop	Conference Center A
	1300 – 1600	FRA 2 nd Business Session	Grand Ballroom DEFG
	1300 – 1600	LA FRA Committee Meetings	La Joya Ballroom
	1600 – 2300	Hospitality Room	Colonnade Ballroom
	1630 - 1830	Workshop	Conference Center A
	1700 - 2100	River Walk Tour	Tentative
	Friday 9/28/2018	0700 – 0800	FRA Registration
0700 – 0800		LA FRA Registration	Foyer Area
0700 – 0900		Hospitality Room	Colonnade Ballroom
0730 – 0830		Workshop	Conference Center A
0900 – 1100		FRA 3 rd Business Session	Grand Ballroom DEFG
0900 – 1100		LA FRA 3rd Business Session	La Joya Ballroom
1100 – 1300		Hospitality Room	Colonnade Ballroom
1130 – 1230		FRA Registration	Foyer Area
1130 – 1230		LA FRA Registration	Foyer Area
1130 – 1245		LAFRA NP Luncheon	Grand Ballroom AB
1130 – 1245		Workshop	Conference Center A
1300 – 1600		FRA 4 th Business Session	Grand Ballroom DEFG
1300 – 1600		LA FRA 4th Business Session	La Joya Ballroom
1600 – 2300		Hospitality Room	Colonnade Ballroom
1630 – 1830		Workshop	Conference Center A
1700 – 2100		River Walk Tour	Tentative
Saturday 9/29/2018		0700 – 1800	Hospitality Room
	1000 – 1200	Installation Rehearsal	La Joya Ballroom
	1600 – 1800	Photos	Grand Ballroom FG
	1800 – 1900	Installation of Officers	La Joya Ballroom

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Saturday	1915 – 1930	Cocktails	Foyer Area
9/29/2018	1930 - 2300	Banquet & Dance	Grand Ballroom ABCDE
Sunday	0700 – 1000	Hospitality Room	Colonnade Ballroom
9/30/2018	0830 – 1000	FRA Post Board Meeting	Grand Ballroom AB
	0830 – 1000	LA FRA Post Board Meeting	LA Joya Ballroom

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