



FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

97/92 NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

3-8 NOVEMBER 2025

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The **97th FRA and the 92nd Auxiliary, FRA National Conventions** will be held 3 to 8 November 2025 at the Oasis Hotel and Conference Center, 2546 N. Glenstone Ave. Springfield, Missouri; **phone 417-866-5253**. Be sure to mention **Fleet Reserve Association** or **booking ID #328595** (cutoff date for reservations is **8 October**).

The Hotel is located seven miles from Springfield/Branson Regional Airport and 45 miles from Branson. The Flagship store for Bass Pro Shops is located in Springfield and a Buc-ee's is located five miles east off I-44.

Room rates are **\$119** per night; more for suites. Room block is 171 based on activity at the Hoover, Alabama National Convention. If required, overflow hotels are nearby. **If you require a scooter to get around, be sure to request a room on the ground floor.**

Rooms come with complimentary **hot breakfast**. **ALL ROOMS** have **WALK-IN SHOWERS & RAISED TOILETS**. Fully handicapped rooms are limited.

Transportation to and from the Airport is included; **YOU MUST CALL the HOTEL and GIVE THEM DETAILS of YOUR ARRIVAL!**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Sun. 2 Nov. Afternoon — Hospitality Room opens; Sahara Rooms A & B

Mon. 3 Nov.

0700 FRA PRP BoD Breakfast Hotel Restaurant; grab your breakfast in the Atrium and proceed to the special area set up in the restaurant

0830 Registration — Convention Center lobby area

1300 FRA Pre-Convention BoD Meeting; Maui Ballroom

1300 Auxiliary Pre-Convention BoD Meeting; Fiji Ballroom

1300 Other Meetings / as necessary

Branson Tour

Tue. 4 Nov.

0930 Joint Opening Ceremonies; Grand Ballroom

1200 FRA & Auxiliary PNP Lunches

FRA & Auxiliary RP, RPE & RVP Lunches

Workshops as scheduled by NHQ;
Kalahari Meeting Room

1315 First FRA Business Session; Coco/Maui Ballrooms

1315 First Auxiliary Business Session; Fiji Ballroom

1900 Welcome Aboard

Theme is **DOWN HOME!** Bib overalls, bandannas, straw hats; pinafores & bonnets, etc. *Find grandma's old trunk and dig out some of her flower-sack dresses your mom used to wear. Western wear is acceptable ... if you wear a jacket or vest with fringe, try not to look like a buffer at the car wash.*

Wed. 5 Nov.

0700 FRA PRP Breakfast; Poolside

0830 Registration — Convention Center lobby area

0830 Auxiliary 2nd Business session; Fiji Ballroom

0900 FRA Committee Meetings . . .

• Americanism-Patriotism	Sahara "B"
• Budget & Finance	Arabian Room
• Bylaws	Mohave Room
• Hospital & Welfare	Coco/Maui Ballrooms

- **Legislative** Kalahari Room
- **Membership & Retention** Sonoran Room
- **Public Relations** Coco/Maui Ballrooms
- **Veterans Service** Coco/Maui Ballrooms
- **Youth Activities** Coco/Maui Ballrooms
- **Future Planning** Poolside

spaces to be determined / some may need to relocate

1200 PRP Auxiliary Lunch; Poolside

1300 FRA 2nd Business Session;

1315 Auxiliary Committee Meetings

Workshops as scheduled by NHQ; Kalahari Meeting Room
Branson Tour

Thurs. 6 Nov.

0830 Registration — Convention Center lobby area

0830 FRA & Auxiliary 3rd Business Sessions

1200 Auxiliary NP Lunch

1315 FRA & Auxiliary 4th Business Sessions

Workshops as scheduled by NHQ; Kalahari Meeting Room
Branson Tour

Fri. 7 Nov.

0830 FRA & Auxiliary 5th Business Sessions
(if required)

1100 Tour of Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Bass
Pro Flagship Store (*Bass Pro has three eateries*)

1300 FRA & Auxiliary Installation Rehearsal, Photos
Grand Ballroom

1730 Installation; Grand Ballroom

1830 Banquet; Coco/Maui Ballrooms

Sat. 8 Nov.

0830 FRA & Auxiliary Post-Convention NBOD
Meetings; *same space as Pre-Board meetings*

*The above schedule and room assignments are subject to
adjustments.*

**BLACK
TIE TUXEDOS**

(417) 869-1833

SCOOTER RENTALS



(417) 742-7190

As of this publication, Tuxedo rentals are \$125 and
scooters run \$175 per week.

BEAUTY SALON

Going to need a hairdresser?

Contact Shipmate Belinda BROWN

207-522-3941 • bmb0325@yahoo.com

You will be shuttled to and from your appointment

JOURNAL & BOOSTER ROLL

ⓘ DEADLINE FOR ADS AND BOOSTER ROLL IS 3 OCTOBER

Journal ads will run as follows:

- Outside back cover\$250 (*includes color*)
- Inside ~~front &~~ back\$225 (*includes color*)
- Facing inside back cover ..\$200 (*includes color*)
- Full page\$150
- Half page\$80
- Quarter page\$45
- Eighth page\$25
- Business cards\$25

[*add \$5 for color except business cards*]

Booster Roll: Whatever.

Email ads (PDF format) and Booster names to the
Treasurer at tonyroe58@gmail.com.

Make checks payable to

FRA CONVENTION

Send payments to

97th FRA Nat'l Convention

310 SW 24th Terrace

Oak Grove, MO 64075

ⓘ DEADLINE FOR PAYMENTS IS 24 OCTOBER

Direct questions to

Norm COMBS PRPNC

816-847-6562/816-490-5304

Display | Info | Sales Tables

\$25

Specify six or eight foot



97TH/92ND FRA/AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

① DEADLINE FOR MEAL RESERVATIONS IS **24 OCTOBER**

MONDAY, 3 NOVEMBER @ 0730 — FRA PRP BoD Breakfast (CLOSED)

Grab breakfast from the buffet in the Atrium, proceed to designated seating area in the hotel restaurant.
No additional charge.

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — FRA PNP; Auxiliary PNP; RP/RPE/RVP FRA; RP/RPE/RVP Auxiliary Luncheons (CLOSED)

Choice of:

- SEARED BONELESS SKINLESS CHICKEN BREAST (6 oz.) **GF** W/Hawaiian Glaze Sauce
- ROASTED PORK LOIN (6 oz.) **GF** Blackberry and Bourbon Barbecue Sauce

Plus: Signature Side Salad; Chef's Starch & Vegetable; Chef's Dessert; Warm Rolls with Butter; Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee & Iced Tea

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — FRA PRP Breakfast (CLOSED).

Snag your vittles from the Hotel Buffet and proceed down the ramp to the Atrium Poolside.
There will be a nominal set up fee..

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — Auxiliary PRP Luncheon (CLOSED)

Choice of:

- CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD Marinated Chicken Breast, Crispy Romaine Lettuce, Garlic Croutons, Parmesan Cheese, and Grape Tomatoes with a Creamy Caesar Dressing
- COBB SALAD **GF** Mixed Field Greens topped with Crisp Bacon, Diced Grilled Chicken, Hard Boiled Egg, Bleu Cheese Crumbles, and Diced Tomato, served with Buttermilk Ranch Dressing

Plus: Warm Rolls & Butter; Chef's Dessert; Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaf Coffee & Iced Tea

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — NP Auxiliary Luncheon (OPEN)

Choice of:

- BISTRO BEEF MEDALLIONS (8 oz.) **GF** w/Mushroom and Bacon Ragout Sauce
- PAN SEARED SALMON FILET (6 oz.) **GF** w/Creamy Lemon and Dill Sauce

Plus: Garden Salad with Fresh Tomato, Carrot and Cucumber; * Chef's Starch & Vegetable; Chef's Dessert; Warm Rolls & Butter; Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaf Coffee & Iced Tea

FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER @ 1900 — Banquet (OPEN)

Choice of:

- KANSAS CITY STRIP STEAK (10 oz.) **GF** w/Mushroom and Bacon Ragout Sauce
- PAN SEARED SALMON FILET (6 oz.) **GF** w/Creamy Lemon and Dill Sauce
- AIRLINE CHICKEN BREAST (8 oz.) **GF** w/Sun Dried Tomato Cream Sauce

Plus: Garden Salad with Fresh Tomato, Carrot and Cucumber* Chef's Starch & Vegetable; Chef's Dessert; Warm Rolls with Butter; Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaf Coffee & Iced Tea

GF meal = **Gluten Free**

A meal reservation form is available on the next page. An online form is also available at fra161.org.

Make all checks payable to **FRA Convention**.

MEALS FORM — 97TH/92ND FRA/AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

MAIL TO: TONY CHAMPAGNE, FRA/AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS, 310 SW 24TH TERRACE, OAK GROVE, MO 64075

NAME	BRANCH/UNIT
EMAIL	PHONE

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — PNP FRA Luncheon (CLOSED)

- Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast _____ @ \$27/ea. TOTAL \$ _____
- Roasted Pork Loin _____ @ \$27/ea. TOTAL \$ _____

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — PNP Auxiliary Luncheon (CLOSED)

- Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast **GF** _____ @ \$27/ea. TOTAL \$ _____
- Roasted Pork Loin **GF** _____ @ \$27/ea. TOTAL \$ _____

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — RP/RPE/RVP FRA Luncheon (CLOSED)

- Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast **GF** _____ @ \$27/ea. TOTAL \$ _____
- Roasted Pork Loin **GF** _____ @ \$27/ea. TOTAL \$ _____

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — RP/RPE/RVP Auxiliary Luncheon (CLOSED)

- Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast **GF** _____ @ \$27/ea. TOTAL \$ _____
- Roasted Pork Loin **GF** _____ @ \$27/ea. TOTAL \$ _____

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER @ 1800 — Welcome Aboard (OPEN)

_____ @ \$15/ea. TOTAL \$ _____

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER @ 0700 — PRP FRA Breakfast (CLOSED)

_____ @ \$10/ea. TOTAL \$ _____

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — PRP Auxiliary Luncheon (CLOSED)

- Chicken Caesar Salad _____ @ \$24/ea. TOTAL \$ _____
- Cobb Salad **GF** _____ @ \$24/ea. TOTAL \$ _____

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — NP Auxiliary Luncheon (OPEN)

- Bistro Beef Medallions **GF** _____ @ \$33/ea. TOTAL \$ _____
- Pan Seared Salmon Filet **GF** _____ @ \$33/ea. TOTAL \$ _____

FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER @ 1900 — Banquet (OPEN)

- Kansas City Strip Steak **GF** _____ @ \$55/ea. TOTAL \$ _____
- Pan Seared Salmon Filet **GF** _____ @ \$55/ea. TOTAL \$ _____
- Airline Chicken Breast **GF** _____ @ \$55/ea. TOTAL \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL

\$ _____

BANQUET TABLES WILL BE ASSIGNED — SEATING FOR EIGHT (NINTH OR TENTH MAY BE ADDED) ... IF YOU WISH TO SIT WITH SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS LIST THEM BELOW:

TOURS FORM — 97TH/92ND FRA/AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

MAIL TO: TONY CHAMPAGNE, FRA/AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS, 310 SW 24TH TERRACE, OAK GROVE, MO 64075

❶ DEADLINE FOR TOURS RESERVATIONS IS **3 OCTOBER**

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EMAIL	PHONE

MONDAY, 3 NOVEMBER @ 1930 — Elvis Tribute

Depart Oasis 1815 | arrive and unload at theater 1915 | depart theater 2215 | arrive Oasis 2300

FOR THOSE NOT DINING AT THE SHOW — depart Oasis 1645-1700, dinner at Lambert's Cafe, arrive theater before the show

Drive yourself/Carpool (Admission only) _____ @ \$38/ea. TOTAL \$ _____
Transportation plus Admission _____ @ \$63/ea. TOTAL \$ _____

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER @ 1930 — Clay Cooper

Depart Oasis 1815 | arrive and unload at theater 1915 | depart theater 2215 | arrive Oasis 2300

FOR THOSE NOT DINING AT THE SHOW — depart Oasis 1645-1700, dinner at Lambert's Cafe, arrive theater before the show

Drive yourself/Carpool (Admission only) _____ @ \$43/ea. TOTAL \$ _____
Transportation plus Admission _____ @ \$68/ea. TOTAL \$ _____

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER @ 1930 — Hughes Brothers Christmas Dinner Show (*Dinner optional*)

Depart Oasis 1745 | arrive at theater or Branson eatery 1845 | unload at theater 1930 | depart theater 2245 | arrive Oasis 2330

FOR THOSE NOT DINING AT THE SHOW — depart Oasis 1645-1700, dinner at Lambert's Cafe, arrive theater before the show

THOSE NOT DINING AT THEATER WILL UNLOAD AT THEATER 1945

Drive yourself/Carpool (Admission only) _____ @ \$40/ea. TOTAL \$ _____
Drive yourself/Carpool (Admission plus Dinner) _____ @ \$62/ea. TOTAL \$ _____
Transportation plus Admission only _____ @ \$65/ea. TOTAL \$ _____
Transportation plus Admission plus Dinner _____ @ \$87/ea. TOTAL \$ _____

FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER @ 1100-1600 — National Wonders of Wildlife Museum & Bass Pro Flagship

Shuttle to Bass Pro starts around 1100 | estimated 15 minutes one way | Return to Oasis by 1600

— Bass Pro Shop has 500,000 square feet of reasonably priced merchandise under one roof

— The National Wildlife Museum is in an adjacent building

Drive yourself/Carpool _____ @ \$38/ea. TOTAL \$ _____
Shuttle (tip the driver) _____ @ \$38/ea. TOTAL \$ _____

The discounted price of \$38 requires a minimum of 30 people — otherwise the price would be \$49



- Price of Friday tickets includes a \$10 Gift Certificate good at Bass Pro Shop.
- At least two eateries are located in Bass Pro, in case you develop the munchies.

TOTALS _____ Tickets \$ _____

ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION!

SOUVENIRS PRE-ORDER FORM

97TH/92ND FRA/AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

MAIL TO: TONY CHAMPAGNE, FRA/AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS, 310 SW 24TH TERRACE, OAK GROVE, MO 64075

ⓘ DEADLINE FOR SHIRTS "PRE-ORDERS" IS 3 OCTOBER

NAME	BRANCH/UNIT
EMAIL	PHONE



PACIFIC BLUE

NAVY BLUE

HEATHER NAVY

SIZES
S-XL [\$32/ea.]
2X-4X [\$35/ea.]

SIZES
S-XL [\$27/ea.]
2X-4X [\$30/ea.]



PACIFIC BLUE

NAVY BLUE

HEATHER NAVY

QUARTER-ZIP PULLOVER (w/Convention Logo) BRANCH # BELOW LOGO REQUIRES ORDER OF 12 OR MORE

COLOR	SIZE:	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4x	
	(annotate in the lines below how many of each size)								
• Pacific Blue		___	___	___	___	___	___	___	TOTAL \$ _____
• Navy		___	___	___	___	___	___	___	TOTAL \$ _____
• Heather Navy		___	___	___	___	___	___	___	TOTAL \$ _____

POLO SHIRT (w/Convention Logo) BRANCH # BELOW LOGO REQUIRES ORDER OF 12 OR MORE

COLOR	SIZE:	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4x	
	(annotate in the lines below how many of each size)								
• Pacific Blue		___	___	___	___	___	___	___	TOTAL \$ _____
• Navy		___	___	___	___	___	___	___	TOTAL \$ _____
• Heather Navy		___	___	___	___	___	___	___	TOTAL \$ _____

QUARTER-ZIP PULLOVER (w/FRA Logo) BRANCH # BELOW LOGO REQUIRES ORDER OF 12 OR MORE

COLOR	SIZE:	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X	
	(annotate in the lines below how many of each size)								
• Pacific Blue		___	___	___	___	___	___	___	TOTAL \$ _____
• Navy		___	___	___	___	___	___	___	TOTAL \$ _____
• Heather Navy		___	___	___	___	___	___	___	TOTAL \$ _____

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• Pacific Blue		___	___	___	___	___	___	___	TOTAL \$ _____
• Navy		___	___	___	___	___	___	___	TOTAL \$ _____
• Heather Navy		___	___	___	___	___	___	___	TOTAL \$ _____

CONVENTION PIN



_____ @ \$3/ea. TOTAL \$ _____

TOTALS _____ Items \$ _____