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2028 REGIONAL MID-YEAR

Dates: April 22-25, 2025

Location: Holiday Inn Bloomington
5120 American Blvd West
Bloomington MN 55437

Reservations: 612-452-5510

Rates: \$114.00 + tax **Mention:** Fleet

Reserve Association Contact:
Branch 136 Minneapolis MN



2025 REGIONAL CONVENTION

Dates: August 18-21, 2025

Location: Inn at Grand Glaize, 5142
Osage Beach Pkwy, Osage Beach MO
65065

Reservations: 573-348-4731

Rates: \$92.00 + tax per day

Mention: Fleet Reserve Association

Contact: FRA NCR Gray Hats Inc
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NEWSLETTER #1

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Greetings Everyone!

First, please accept my apologies for this being my first newsletter. I must confess that as happy as I am to speak to a gathering of people, I am not good at writing. I hope that makes sense. I hope that you can forgive me.

Anyway. I have been trying to gather my thoughts and come up with something meaningful to send to all of you. Lately I finally had some ideas.

I know that we are all trying to add to our membership and keep our current members. At our unit meeting today, we had a discussion on a couple of things that I believe would be very helpful. We were told about one of our members who is 96 years old, and she is kind of struggling with keeping track of things. Due to her confusion with how to send in her dues etc. we took a vote and unanimously chose that Unit 161 shall pay her dues. That being said, I feel that if any unit has members who need that sort of help, and if the unit has the available funds, it would be a lovely way to respect those members who have been around for years. I suggest that we send a note to let the members know that we are going to take care of them.

Regarding adding to our membership, several of Unit 161 members mentioned that they are paying the dues for their family members. I for one am taking care of that for my nephews. They are Auxiliary members thru their late grandmother, who was a WWII Navy Pharmacist Mate. That's my mom! It always gives me a little thrill of pride to say that.

I encourage us all to get all of those young'uns signed up! They may not be able to be really active now (I know, school and work and raising young families take up a lot of time) but if we don't keep them as members, our membership will continue to shrink until we are no longer a viable organization. So, sign em up! On different subjects, I would love to see all of North Central Region Auxiliary members at the conventions this year! Below are the dates and locations. I am not including the contact info for each of the hotels in this newsletter. I will send that in a separate email on Mon, Mar 10,

Mid-Year – April 22-25.

Bloomington MN.

Holiday Inn Bloomington MN.

Regional – August 18-22.

Osage Beach MO.

Inn at Grande Glaize, Osage Beach MO.

2025 National Convention – Nov 3-7.

Oasis Hotel,

Springfield MO.

Watch the FRA and LA FRA websites for more information about National Convention.

www.fra.org

www.la-fra.org

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
Donna Lickteig, RPNC

SAVE THE DATE

FRA/AFRA North Central Region 2025 Mid-Year Conference

Hosted by North Central Branch #136

BLOOMINGTON MINNESOTA

26 April - 29 April 2025

Holiday Inn Bloomington West (MSP Airport Area)

5120 American Blvd West, Bloomington, MN 55437

Room rate is \$114.00 per night (plus tax)

Complimentary Breakfast

Call the hotel @ 612-452-5510 to reserve

Be sure to tell them you are with the Fleet Reserve Association

Free Parking

Complimentary Airport Shuttle

Keurig Coffee Maker in room

Refrigerator & Microwave in room

Pool and Hot Tub

Fitness Room

Pool Table

Book and Board Game area

Snack Pantry on site

Complimentary Coffee in the lobby

Bar & Restaurant on site

Free WIFI



FRA and LA FRA North Central Region 2025 Convention Newsletter #1



Hosted by the FRA NCR Gray Hats, Inc.

18 – 21 August in Osage Beach, MO

Hotel Information: The hotel is The Inn at Grand Glaize, 5142 Osage Beach Pkwy. Osage Beach, Missouri 65065. Call: **573-348-4731** for reservations. Be sure to mention the FRA. Room rates are \$92 + tax. The cutoff date for reservations is 4 August. When checking in show a military or retired military ID and receive 10% discount when you check out.!

- 2 Queen Size Beds or
- King Size Bed
- Private Balconies (*Lakeview Only*)
- Cable Television
- Complimentary High-Speed Wireless Internet
- Table and Chairs
- Telephones with Voicemail
- Electronic Key Locks

Convention Chair: FRA

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Convention Co-Chair: LA FRA

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Plan of the Day

Sunday, 17 August – Arrivals

Monday, 18 August – Discussion day/free day. Discussions will center on NCR and SCR Consolidation and associated Bylaws.

Tuesday, 19 August

- 0830 - Committee Meetings/Judging
- 1100 - PRO/Gray Hats luncheon
- 1300 - Joint Opening Ceremony

Wednesday, 20 August – 0830 Business sessions FRA and LA FRA

- Installation 1800
- Banquet 1900

Thursday, 21 August – Bon Voyage!

Assessments

IAW with NCR Bylaws, Section 607 (a). To assist the Branch sponsoring the Regional Convention, each **Branch (FRA)** within the Region shall be assessed the sum equal to thirty five (35) cents for each member in good standing as per the MARCH EDP printout preceding the Annual Regional Convention. This assessment will be sent to the sponsoring Branch as soon as possible, but no later than 7 May.

Each **Unit (LA FRA)** shall contribute \$5 per approved delegate vote according to the March EDP print out to the Regional Convention Committee to help defray the cost of the Regional Convention. This assessment is due no later than 7 May. After that date the Regional President shall be notified. This assessment entitles the Unit one (1) copy of the Regional Minutes, and when applicable, one copy of the Regional By-Laws and Standing Rules.

Make all checks **PAYABLE** to: **FRA NCR Gray Hats, Inc.**

Please **MAIL** all checks to:

Marty Posekany, FRA NCR Gray Hats
9628 S Bergamont Dr
Franklin, WI 53132-1600

We will be producing a Journal for this convention. Branches, Units, members, anybody that desires to place an ad in the journal is welcome. Prices are as follows:

- \$75 for full page
- \$45 for half page
- \$25 for quarter page
- \$10 for business card
- Booster roll – donation for whatever you feel is appropriate for the names submitted
- Back cover page (outside) \$100

Please make sure your submission is clear and will produce acceptable print. You can snail mail or email your input. Email address for input is mjposek@gmail.com

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There will be a PRO (Past Regional Officers) / Gray Hats meeting and luncheon, Tuesday, 19 August at 1130. **This luncheon is open to all elected past officers of any region and their guests.** This is a closed meeting/luncheon for PRO/Gray Hats only and meal selection is:

- **Chef's Salad** - SOUP OF THE DAY (cup), Lettuce Blend with Sliced Ham, Turkey, American & Swiss Cheese Tomato, Hard Boiled Egg, and Assorted Crackers. **\$21**
- **Apple Cinnamon Roasted Pork Loin** - Accompanied by Herb Roasted Red Potatoes, California Vegetable Medley, and a Chef's Choice Dessert. **\$25**
- **Chicken Alfredo** - Grilled Chicken Breast with Pasta with Alfredo Sauce, Grilled Vegetables, and Chocolate Sheet Cake. **\$24**
- *All Entrees Are Served with Glaze Garden Salad, Assorted Dressing and Crackers, Warm Rolls with Butter, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and Iced Tea.*

Banquet, Wednesday, 20 August:

The Glaze Dinner Buffet \$41

Southern Fried Chicken and Roast Beef Bordelaise ; Country Style Green Beans and Corn O'Brian (Sweet Corn with Onions and Red Peppers); Herb Roasted Potatoes

Includes a Chef's Choice Dessert

*All Dinner Buffets Include Tossed Garden Salad and Warm Dinner Rolls and Whipped Butter.
Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and Iced Tea*

Name(s): _____

Branch / Unit: _____ **Telephone number or email:** _____

Number of Banquet Dinners: _____ **times \$41.00 each:** \$ _____

 **For Past Regional Officer and Gray Hats Only** 

PRO/Gray Hat Luncheon: Chef's Salad: Number x \$21 each: \$ _____

PRO/Gray Hat Luncheon: Pork Loin: Number x \$25 each: \$ _____

PRO/Gray Hat Luncheon: Chicken Alfredo: Number x \$24 each: \$ _____

Total Amount: \$ _____

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FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

97/92 NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

3-8 NOVEMBER 2025

1st NEWSLETTER

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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; **Ph# 417-866-5253.**

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, 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

Mon. 3 Nov FRA PRP BoD

Breakfast Hotel Restaurant 0700;
Registration: Convention
Center lobby;
FRA & Auxiliary Pre-Convention BoD Meetings 1300;
Other Meetings?

Tue. 4 Nov. 0930 Joint Opening Ceremonies;
1200 FRA & Auxiliary PNP Lunches;
FRA & Auxiliary RP, RPE & RVP Lunches
Workshops as scheduled by NHQ
1315: First Business Sessions;
1900: Welcome Aboard. Theme: DOWN HOME! Bib overalls, bandannas, straw hats; pinafores & bonnets, etc. OK.

Wed. 5 Nov. 0700: FRA PRP Breakfast Poolside;
0830ish: FRA Committee Meetings;
0830: Auxiliary 2nd Business session;
1200: PRP Auxiliary Lunch Poolside;
1300: FRA 2nd Business Session;
1315: Auxiliary Committee Meetings
Workshops as scheduled by NHQ;
Tours??

Thur. 6 Nov. 0830: FRA & Auxiliary 3rd Business Sessions;
1200: Auxiliary NP Lunch;
1315: FRA & Auxiliary 4th Business Sessions;
Workshops as scheduled by NHQ;
Tours??

Fri. 7 Nov. 0830: FRA: 5th Business Sessions – if required;
1300 or sooner: FRA & Auxiliary

Installation Rehearsal; Photos;
1730: Installation
1830: Banquet

Sat. 8 Nov. 0830: FRA & Auxiliary Post-Convention NBOD Meetings.

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

JOURNAL & BOOSTER ROLL

Journal ads will run as follows:

Outside back cover \$250

Inside front & back 225
(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 and Booster names to the Treasurer tonyro58@gmail.com.

Send payments to:

97th FRA Nat'l Convention
310 SW 24th Terr
OAK GROVE, MO 64075

MEALS

Some have not yet been selected.

Direct questions to:

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