



Newsletter # 2



Happy New Year Shipmates and Auxiliary Members

I would like to apologize for the confusion that has risen among several Shipmates and Auxiliary members to correct date for the 2018 FRA/LA FRA National Convention is 23 – 30 September 2018. The dates published on the FRA Calendar is in error.

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.

Since the OMNI Hotel is a tower, all the rooms, 20 per floor are in a circle around the elevators, which there are 4 of them. Since there are no long hallways and due to the limited space in the hallways it is not advisable for Electric Scooters.

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. 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 [2018 National Convention \(Fleet Reserve Assoc.\)](#) The shirts will be Slate Gray in color with screen stream outline of the 2018 National Convention Logo positioned over the left breast. The back will remain blank.

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 and Other Extra Curricular Activities

The committee is in the process of arranging the below listed tours for those attending the convention. We would like a feel for the interest of those who would like to participate as soon as possible so that final arrangements can be made.

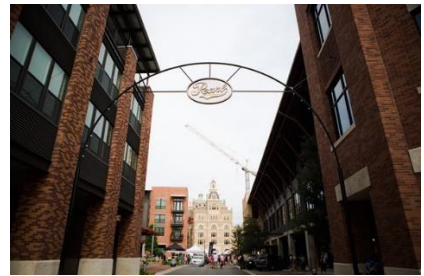
1. Monday, September 24, 2018 to the National Museum of the Pacific War in

Fredericksburg, Texas and include lunch and a winery or possibly the Texas Ranger Heritage Center or a walk through Historic Downtown.





2. Tuesday Morning, September 25, 2018 An Alamo and tour of San Antonio.



3. Thursday/Friday Evening, September 27/28, 2018 A River Walk tour (since it is open 24/7).





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 _____ Back Cover \$250.00

_____ Full Page \$150.00 _____ Half Page \$75.00

_____ 1/4 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

Menus

Breakfast's Menu's

Migas Plated Breakfast: Cage-free scrambled eggs, tri-colored tortilla strips, bell pepper, tomato, onion, melted cheese; Applewood smoked bacon; Refried beans; House made salsa quemada; Assorted breakfast pastries and your choice of freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee, hot tea or freshly squeezed orange juice.

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 on the reservation form when submitted with payment your special needs.

**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 \$ TBD = _____

Combined FRA & LA FRA PNC Breakfast (Open to FRA PNC & Families) * [Colonnade A]
 Wed 09/26/18 0700 Migas Plated Breakfast _____ x \$25.00 = _____

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 _____ x _____ \$50.00 = _____

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

No. of Days _____ \$00.00 = _____

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Individuals desiring to pay with a Credit Card please provide:

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____ **Expiration Date** _____

Name: _____ **Branch/Unit #:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Due No Later Than August 31, 2018

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