93rd FRA/88th LAFRA 2020 National Conventions Portland, Oregon September 29 – October 4, 2020



Newsletter #2 – March 15, 2020

Portland, Oregon has been selected as the site for the 2020 National Convention by the National Committee. The hotel selected is the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220. The dates are 27 September – October 4, 2020. **Their phone number is 503-281-2500.** *Be sure to mention* "*Fleet Reserve Association*". The online reservation feature is as follows:

Highlight link and press **Ctrl on your keyboard & Click mouse to follow link**https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1578520053815&key=GRP&app=resvlink

Room rates are \$112 per night (without breakfast) plus 15.3% hotel 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 Tuesday, September 1, 2020. 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.

There is on-site complimentary self-parking. Complimentary airport transportation to and from the hotel and within a five-mile radius of the hotel.

The 2020 National Convention is being hosted by the Northwest Region, Fleet Reserve Association.

Getting to Portland and the Hotel:

If you are flying, call the hotel for the complimentary shuttle.

If you are driving from the North or South of Portland follow the signs for the Portland Airport that exits off I-205. If coming south you take Exit 24. If coming north you take Exit 24A. They will both lead to NE Airport Way. Follow the signs to the Frontage Road, turn right and then a left onto the Frontage Road (about 85 ft). Hotel is a quarter mile up on the right.

From the East, follow the I-84W signs to the Portland Airport (it merges into I-205N). Follow the directions above to NE Airport Way.

RV Camping Sites Available:

All three are Good Sam participants.

Portland, OR:

<u>Columbia River RV Park</u> – Exit 307 on Jct I-5 10649 NE 13th Ave (follow E. Marine Drive signs) Phone: 503-285-1515 Rating: 8/9.5*/9

www.columbiariverrv.com

Fairview, OR:

Portland/Fairview RV Park - Exit 14 on I-84

21401 NE Sandy Blvd Phone: 877-777-1047 www.portlandfairviewrv.com Rating: 10/10*/9

Troutdale, OR:

Sandy Riverfront RV Resort - Exit 17 on I-84

1097 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy

Phone: 503-665-6722 Rating: 9.5/9*/9

www.sandyrv.com

The latter two RV sites are near the Columbia Gorge Outlet Mall in Troutdale, Oregon

They have shuttle service to the shopping center called Cascade Station. It is across the road from the hotel and has over 45 shops and restaurants. You can pick up a map at the concierge station in the hotel.

Other Non-Shuttle suggestions for restaurants are:

Italian Food: Olive Garden (Mall 205)

503-258-0763 UBER = \$20 each way

or (doordash.com)

Mexican Food: El Indio Mexican Restaurant

503-253-1677 UBER = \$15 each way

or (doordash.com)

Things to see and do in Portland, Oregon and surrounding area:

Official City Guide- Portland Oregon (multiple areas of interests at one site) www.travelportland.com

International Rose Test Garden, Portland https://tinyurl.com/tueelvb

Portland Japanese Garden, Portland https://japanesegarden.org/

Portland Zoo

www.oregonzoo.org

Ilani Resort/Casino, Ridgeview, Washington (25 miles north on I-5) https://ilaniresort.com/

Fort Vancouver National Historic Site (US National Park) Vancouver, Washington www.nps.gov > fova

Multnomah Falls & Columbia River Gorge (30 miles east on I-84)

https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/crgnsa/recarea/?recid=30026

Fort Clatsop-Lewis & Clark National Historical Park, Warrenton, OR (6 miles SW of Astoria) https://www.nps.gov/lewi/planyourvisit/fortclatsop.htm

McMinnville, Oregon. (45 mile SW of Portland) Historic downtown, micro breweries, wineries, Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum (home of the Spruce Goose) https://visitmcminnville.com/

Mount St. Helens Interpretive Center, Castle Rock, Washington (55 miles North on I-5) https://tinyurl.com-/rc83z6c

Columbia River Maritime Museum, Astoria, Oregon (98 miles west of Portland – nice day trip) www.crmm.org

Willamette National Cemetery, Portland https://www.cem.va.gov/CEMs/nchp/willamette.asp

End of Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Oregon City, Oregon (17 miles South on I-205 from hotel) www.historicoregoncity.org

| Convention Journal/Booster Roll: | | | | |
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| Name of Advertiser: | | - | | |
| Address: | | - | | |
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| Phone: | Email: | _ | | |
| Rates are as follows: | | | | |
| Back Page - \$250.00 | Inside Front or Back Page - \$225.00 -Full Page - \$150.00 | | | |
| Half Page - \$85.00 | Quarter Page - \$45.00 Eighth Page - \$25.00 | | | |
| Business Card - \$20.00 | Booster Roll - (\$1.00 per name donation preferred) | | | |
| Artwork and booster lists can be emailed to and can be emailed to: S/M Sarah Andrews at office@frabranch18.org | | | | |
| Acceptable formats are: | .doc .pub .png .jpg | | | |
| Deadline for submission is 30 August 2020. | | | | |
| Mail Checks made out to FRA 2020 National Convention to: FRA 2020 National Convention c/o PRPNW Peg Burke 14707 N. Farragut Ln Mead, WA 99021-9286 | | | | |

Coming soon:

- Rental information on Electric Scooters Rentals, Tuxedo Rentals, and Medical Oxygen.
- Possible opportunity to pay for your meals and Journal ads via credit card at the FRA Mid-year NBOD Meeting and at other FRA Regional conventions.
- Voice your opinion about having Tour of the Portland area or a River Cruise.

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2020 National Convention Committee

Menu Order Forms

| Wednesday - September 30th | Friday – October 2nd |
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| FRA PRP BOD Breakfast (CLOSED) | LAFRA National Presidents Luncheon (OPEN) |
| \$15.00 per guest x guests Total: | \$22.00 per Guest x guests Total: |
| FRA/LAFRA PNC & Family Breakfast \$15.00 per Guest x guests Total: | X Turkey X Ham X Roast Beef X Vegetarian |
| New Attendees/Meet the Candidates Breakfast (OPEN) \$15.00 per guest x guests Total: FRA PNP Luncheon (CLOSED) \$22.00 per Guest x guests Total: | Saturday – October 3rd FRA/LAFRA Inaugural Banquet and Ball \$55.00 per Guest x guests Total: X Salmon X Prime Rib X Chicken |
| LAFRA PNP Luncheon (CLOSED) | |
| \$22.00 per Guest x guests Total: | Name(s): |
| FRA RP, RP-Elect, & RVP Luncheon (CLOSED) \$22.00 per Guest x guests Total: | Branch/Unit #: |
| X Turkey X Ham | Phone #: |
| X Roast Beef X Vegetarian | Email: |
| LAFRA RP, RP-Elect, & RVP Luncheon (CLOSED) | Total Amount Enclosed: \$ |
| \$22.00 per Guest x guests Total: | Send form and make Check out to: |
| X Turkey X Ham X Roast Beef X Vegetarian | FRA 2020 National Convention c/o LAFRA PRPNW Rose Hall |
| Welcome Aboard | 2472 N. Tangent Ave |
| How Many Attendees? | Meridian, ID 83646-7588 |
| Thursday – October 1st FRA PRP Breakfast (CLOSED) \$15.00 per Guest x guests Total: | Questions? Please send an email to FRA.NWRegion@gmail.com or call PRPNW Peg Burke at (509) 385-7275. |
| LAFRA PRP Luncheon (CLOSED) \$22.00 per Guest x guests Total: X Turkey X Ham X Roast Beef X Vegetarian | All Meal reservations close 13 September 2020 |

Menu Overview

All meals will be plated (no buffets)

Wednesday, 30 September 2020

FRA PRP BOD Breakfast (Closed) FRA/LAFRA PNC Breakfasts (PNCs & Guests) New Attendees/Meet Candidates Breakfast (Open) Breakfast Wrap

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Potatoes, Cheddar Cheese and Seasonal Melon Coffee or tea

FRA PNP Luncheon (Closed) LAFRA PNP Luncheon (Closed)

Chicken Caesar Salad

Crisp Hearts of Romaine
House Made Croutons, Shaved Parmesan
& Creamy Garlic Anchovy Dressing
Iced Tea

FRA RP, RP Elect, RVP Luncheon (Closed) LAFRA RP, RP Elect, RVP Luncheon (Closed) Deli Sandwich

Choice of Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef, or Vegetarian On Whole Wheat with Swiss Cheese Tim's Potato Chips and Iced Tea

Welcome Aboard Party

Thursday, 01 October 2020

FRA PRP Breakfast (Closed)

All American

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Breakfast Potatoes Coffee or tea

LAFRA PRP Luncheon (Closed) Deli Sandwich

Choice of Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef, or Vegetarian On Whole Wheat with Swiss Cheese Tim's Potato Chips and Iced Tea

Friday, 02 October 2020

LAFRA National President's Luncheon (OPEN) Deli Sandwich

Choice of Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef, or Vegetarian
On Whole Wheat with Swiss Cheese
Tim's Potato Chips
Chef's Choice Dessert
Iced Tea

Saturday, 03 October 2020

FRA / LAFRA Inaugural Banquet & Ball

Ceasar Salad, Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes, and Seasonal Mixed Vegetables

Choice of Entree:

- 5 oz. Seared Salmon with Tomato-Caper Vinaigrette
- ➤ 9 oz. Prime Rib with Creamed Horseradish
- Chicken Francaise (egg battered chicken breast with lemon basil butter sauce)

Harvest Carrot Cake Coffee, Decaf, Tazo Teas, and Iced Tea

If you have special dietary needs, (Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free, Allergies) please contact PRPNW Peg Burke as soon as possible at (509) 385-7275 or via email at FRA.NWRegion@gmail.com

Tables for the Banquet will be in rounds of eight. If you desire to reserve a whole table please list all names, entrée selection and attach it to the meal reservation form or enter into the comments section of the online checkout with payment for the whole table (\$440).