



**NW REGIONAL CONVENTION**  
**September 5 – 7, 2025**  
**Best Western Plus Hotel**  
**33175 State Route 20**  
**Oak Harbor, WA 98277**



**Best Western Plus Hotel**



**Whidbey Island Branch 97 Home**

## Newsletter #1

The Northwest Region FRA and FRA Auxiliary cordially invites all Shipmates and FRA Auxiliary to the 2025 Northwest Regional Convention on September 5-7, 2025, located on Whidbey Island, in Oak Harbor, Washington.

**Convention Site:** Best Western Plus Hotel & Convention Center, 33175 State Route 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.  
*Oak Harbor is located on Whidbey Island, in Washington State -  
 Home to NAS Whidbey Island and Fleet Reserve Association Branch 97.*

**Room Rates:** Group Rates apply to both **Best Western Plus**, and **Candlewood Suites**, which both have walking distance access to the Convention Center. Rates are good for September 4 to September 7, 2025.  
**DO NOT book online** or you will not get the convention rate. **Reservations are available on a first-come, first-serve basis only.** Guests are encouraged to book early! Group Rates will not be available after September 4, 2025.

**Best Western Plus:** Standard Double Queen Room; or Standard King Room: \$185 per night plus 9% sales tax and 2% lodging tax. **Reservations:** Call **360-679-4567** and mention the group name **Fleet Reserve Association** to get the above rate.

### Guest Amenities

Continental Breakfast *	Guest Laundry	Free Parking	Pet fee of \$40/night
Internet Access	Business Center	Exercise Room	Outdoor Pool/Hot Tub
In-room Fridge / Microwave / Coffee Services / Iron/ Ironing Board / Hairdryers			

\* **NOTE:** Continental Breakfast is **NOT** available at the Candlewood Suites rooms (they have kitchenettes).

**Candlewood Suites:** One-bedroom Queen Suite w/Kitchenette: \$240 per night plus 9% sales tax and 2% lodging tax. **Reservations:** Call **360-279-2222** and mention the group name **Fleet Reserve Association** to get the above rate. **DO NOT book online** or you will not get the convention rate.



**Flying into Sea-Tac?** Oak Harbor WA is located approximately 105 miles to the north, on Whidbey Island. One option would be to rent a vehicle for pickup upon arrival at Sea-Tac. Another option would be to take the Whidbey-SeaTac Shuttle. For Reservations, contact Whidbey-SeaTac Shuttle at (360) 679-4003 or visit their website at: <https://www.seatacshuttle.com/>

**CAMPERS/RV's:** For those considering RV travel to the convention, several options are available. For Dry-campers, FRA Branch 97 has limited, first-come/first serve spaces available for dry-camping. For more information, please call or text Marty Marsolek, Branch 97 at (360) 969-2004.

Cliffside RV Park (Base-access required)  
NAS Whidbey Island - Oak Harbor, WA 98278  
360-257-2649

North Whidbey RV Park  
565 Cornet Bay Rd, Oak Harbor WA 98277  
<https://northwhidbeyrvpark.com/>  
360-675-9597

Deception Pass State Park  
5175 N State Hwy 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277  
<https://parks.wa.gov/passes-permits/reservations>  
888-226-7688

## CONVENTION OFFICERS and NWR BRANCH ASSIGNMENTS

### **Convention Officers:**

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### **Branch Assignments**

**Two Bell Ceremony – TBD**

**50/50 – TBD**

**Silent Auction – Branch 97 & Unit 97**

***Note to all Branches/Units: Please have your delegate(s) bring something to put in the Silent Auction. This is the fundraiser for the Regional Northwest Auxiliary each year.***