



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



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Whidbey Island Branch 97 Home

Newsletter #2

The Northwest Region FRA 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) (NOTE: Availability is unlikely, for Convention dates).
 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 – Branch 97

50/50 – Branch 97

Silent Auction – Branch 97 & 170

Note to all Branches/Units: Please have your delegate(s) and/or Members bring something to put in the Silent Auction.



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***All meetings are held within the Best Western – Ballroom**

*** Dinner and Officer Installations will be at Branch 97 Home,**

Located at: 311 SE 8th Ave, Oak Harbor WA

The final convention schedule will be issued upon arrival at the convention.

Thursday, September 4, 2025

1800–2200 Ballroom Entrance

Open (If needed for early arriving members)

Friday, September 5, 2025

1000–2200 Ballroom Entrance

2000 TBD

Convention Registration

PRPNW Advisory Meeting

Saturday, September 6, 2025

0630–0900 Ballroom Entrance

0700–0900 Ballroom

0900–1000 Ballroom

Hospitality Table Open

Convention Registration

Opening Ceremonies

Keynote Speaker - TBD

FRA Business Meeting

1000–1130 Ballroom

1130–1330 Ballroom Entrance

Hospitality Table Open

1200–1300 Ballroom

Lunch

1330–1630 Ballroom

FRA Business Meeting

1630–1700 Ballroom Entrance

Hospitality Table Open

1800– Branch 97 Home

Dinner

1900– Branch 97 Home

Installation of NWR Officers

We welcome all our Shipmates and FRA Auxiliary who journey to beautiful Whidbey Island in the Northwest Region, and those out-of-state & overseas Shipmates who travel to join us.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

Robert Bean, FRA Regional President, Northwest

Shipmate Brent Hundley, NWR Convention Chair, Branch 97

Shipmate Tim Miller, NWR Convention Vice Chair, Branch 97

Shipmate Marty Marsolek, NWR Convention Sec/Treas, Branch 97



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2025 NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONVENTION

Meals

Cost includes sales tax.

Saturday Lunch - Deli Buffet - \$25.00 per person

Make your own deli sandwich

*With tossed green salad with assorted dressings, potato salad, fresh fruit platter,
assorted bagged chips and fresh baked cookies.*

Meal is served with fresh brewed coffee, decaf, hot tea or milk

Saturday - Dinner Buffet - \$55.00 per person

Meal includes the following:

Slow cooked Pork Loin and Asiago Chicken

*Steamed vegetables, Fresh seasonal fruit tray, mashed potatoes, Tossed green
salad with assorted dressings, pasta salad, Dinner rolls with butter*

Dessert will be assorted mini cheesecakes

Meal is served with fresh brewed coffee, decaf, hot tea or milk

Detach below and make check payable to **FRA BRANCH 97**

Mail to FRA Branch 97, 311 SE 8th Ave, Oak Harbor WA 98277

Attn: Brent Hundley

Deadline for ordering: 25 August 2025

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Name: _____ Branch/Unit: _____ Telephone: _____

	Quantity		TOTAL
Lunch		X \$25.00	\$
Dinner		X \$55.00	\$