

# *FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION*

## 97/92 NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

3-8 NOVEMBER 2025

### NEWSLETTER # 2

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The **97<sup>th</sup> FRA and the 92<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **Auxiliary of the 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.

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; Sahara A& B

#### **Mon. 3 Nov.**

0700: FRA PRP BoD Breakfast; grab your breakfast in the Atrium and proceed to the special area set-up in the

restaurant.

**0830: Registration:** Convention Center and Ballroom lobby area.

**1300: FRA Pre-Convention BoD Meeting:** Maui Ballroom.

**1300: Auxiliary Pre-Convention BoD Meeting:** Fiji Ballroom.

1300;  
Other Meetings?

#### **Tue. 4 Nov.**

**0930 Joint Opening Ceremonies:** Grand Ballroom.

**1200 FRA & Auxiliary PNP Lunches; FRA & Auxiliary RP, RPE & RVP Lunches:** In designated space.

**Workshops** as scheduled by NHQ; Kalahari Meeting Room

**1315: First FRA Business Session:** Coco & Maui Ballrooms.

**1315: First Auxiliary of the FRA Business Session:** Fiji Ballroom

#### **1900: Welcome Aboard.**

Theme: DOWN HOME! Bib overalls, bandannas, straw hats; pinafores & bonnets, etc. Find grandma's old trunk and dig out some of her flower-sack dresses your mom used to wear. Western wear is acceptable. If you

wear a jacket or vest with fringe, try not to look like a buffer at the car wash.

#### **Wed. 5 Nov.**

**0700: FRA PRP Breakfast:** Poolside

**0830: Registration:** Convention Center and Ballroom lobby area.

#### **0900: FRA Committee Meetings;**

**Legislative:** Kalahari.

**Bylaws:** Mohave.

**Membership & Retention:** Sonoran.

**Budget & Finance:** Arabian

**Future Planning:** Poolside.

Spaces to be determined.

#### **0830: Auxiliary 2<sup>nd</sup> Business session;**

Fiji Ballroom.

**1200: PRP Auxiliary Lunch;** Poolside.

#### **1300: FRA 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Session;**

#### **1315: Auxiliary Committee Meetings.**

#### **Workshops as scheduled by NHQ;**

Kalahari Meeting Room

Tours??

#### **Thur. 6 Nov.**

#### **0830: Registration:**

Convention Center and Ballroom lobby area.

**0830: FRA & Auxiliary**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Business Sessions.

**1200: Auxiliary NP Lunch;**

Fiji Ballroom

**1315: FRA & Auxiliary**

4<sup>th</sup> Business Sessions;

**Workshops as scheduled by NHQ;**

Kalahari Meeting Room

Tours??

**Fri. 7 Nov.**

**0830: FRA & Auxiliary:**

5<sup>th</sup> Business Sessions – if required;

**1300 or sooner:**

**FRA & Auxiliary Installation**

**Rehearsal; Photos;**

Grand Ballroom

**1730: Installation;**

Grand Ballroom

**1830: Banquet**

Coco & Maui Ballrooms

**Sat. 8 Nov. 0830: FRA & Auxiliary**

**Post-Convention NBOD Meetings.**

In same space as Pre-Board meetings.

Above schedule and room assignments  
are subject to adjustments.

**If you require a scooter to get  
around, request a room on the  
ground floor.**

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

**Beauty Salon**

Anyone wanting to visit a hairdresser,  
call Shipmate Belinda BROWN 207-  
522-3941; [bmb0325@yahoo.com](mailto:bmb0325@yahoo.com).

Shipmate BROWN will shuttle you to  
and from your appointment.

**JOURNAL & BOOSTER ROLL MEALS & LOGO SOUVENIRS**

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](mailto:tonyro58@gmail.com).

Send payments to:

**97<sup>th</sup> FRA Nat'l Convention**

**310 SW 24<sup>th</sup> Terr**

**OAK Grove, MO 64075**

Make checks payable to:

FRA CONVENTION

Order forms for meals and souvenirs  
will be in the next Convention Bulletin  
and web site: [fra161.org](http://fra161.org) which is still  
under construction.

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