

# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION 97/92 NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

# 3-8 NOVEMBER 2025

— NEWSLETTER #5 —

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The 97th FRA and the 92nd Auxiliary, FRA National Conventions will be held 3 to 8 November 2025 at the Oasis Hotel and Conference Center, 2546 N. Glenstone Ave. Springfield, Missouri; phone 417-866-5253. Be sure to mention Fleet Reserve Association or booking ID #328595 (cutoff date for reservations is 8 October).

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

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 Rooms A & B

# Mon. 3 Nov.

**0700** FRA PRP BoD Breakfast Hotel Restaurant; grab your breakfast in the Atrium and proceed to the special area set up in the restaurant

**0830** Registration — Convention Center lobby area

1300 FRA Pre-Convention BoD Meeting; Maui Ballroom

1300 Auxiliary Pre-Convention BoD Meeting; Fiji Ballroom

1300 Other Meetings / as necessary

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### **Branson Tour**

## Tue. 4 Nov.

**0930** Joint Opening Ceremonies; Grand Ballroom

1200 FRA & Auxiliary PNP Lunches

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FRA & Auxiliary RP, RPE & RVP Lunches

Workshops as scheduled by NHQ; Kalahari Meeting Room

1315 First FRA Business Session; Coco/Maui Ballrooms

1315 First Auxiliary Business Session; Fiji Ballroom

**1900** Welcome Aboard

Theme is 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

**0730** Legislative Services Committee; Kalahari Room

**0830** Registration — Convention Center lobby area

**0830** Auxiliary 2nd Business session; Fiji Ballroom

**0900** FRA Committee Meetings . . .

• Americanism-Patriotism

Sahara "B"

• Budget & Finance

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Bylaws
 Hospital & Welfare
 Membership & Retention
 Public Relations
 Veterans Service
 Youth Activities
 Future Planning
 Mohave Room
 Coco/Maui Ballrooms
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 Poolside

spaces to be determined / some may need to relocate

1200 PRP Auxiliary Lunch; Poolside
1300 FRA 2nd Business Session;
1315 Auxiliary Committee Meetings

Workshops as scheduled by NHQ; Kalahari Meeting Room Branson Tour

#### Thurs. 6 Nov.

**0830** Registration — Convention Center lobby area

**0830** FRA & Auxiliary 3rd Business Sessions

1200 Auxiliary NP Lunch

1315 FRA & Auxiliary 4th Business Sessions

Workshops as scheduled by NHQ; Kalahari Meeting Room Branson Tour

## Fri. 7 Nov.

**0830** FRA & Auxiliary 5th Business Sessions (if required)

1100 Tour of Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Bass Pro Flagship Store (Bass Pro has three eateries)

1300 FRA & Auxiliary Installation Rehearsal, Photos Grand Ballroom

1730 Installation; Grand Ballroom

1830 Banquet; Grand Ballroom

#### Sat. 8 Nov.

**0830** FRA & Auxiliary Post-Convention NBOD Meetings; *same space as Pre-Board meetings* 

The above schedule and room assignments are subject to adjustments.





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

#### **BEAUTY SALON**

Going to need a hairdresser?
Contact Shipmate Belinda BROWN
207-522-3941 • <a href="mailto:bmb0325@yahoo.com">bmb0325@yahoo.com</a>

You will be shuttled to and from your appointment

## **JOURNAL & BOOSTER ROLL**

## (i) DEADLINE FOR ADS AND BOOSTER ROLL IS 3 OCTOBER

## Journal ads will run as follows:

• Outside back cover ......\$250 (includes color)

• Inside front & back ......\$225 (includes color)

• Facing inside back cover . .\$200 (includes color)

• Full page .....\$150

• Half page .....\$80

• Quarter page .....\$45

• Eighth page .....\$25

• Business cards .....\$25

[ add \$5 for color except business cards ]

JOURNAL WILL BE PRINTED IN 8½ X 11 FORMAT

#### **Booster Roll**: Whatever.

Email ads (PDF format) and Booster names to the Treasurer at tonyroe58@gmail.com.

# Make checks payable to

FRA CONVENTION

# Send payments to

97th FRA Nat'l Convention 310 SW 24th Terrace Oak Grove, MO 64075

## (i) DEADLINE FOR PAYMENTS IS 24 OCTOBER

# **Direct questions to**

Norm COMBS PRPNC 816-847-6562/816-490-5304

# Vendor Tables (Display | Info | Sales)

Specify six or eight foot

CONTACT TONY CHAMPAGNE (816) 786-2355 OR tonyroe58@gmail.com



# 97TH/92ND FRA/AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

(i) DEADLINE FOR MEAL RESERVATIONS IS 24 OCTOBER

# MONDAY, 3 NOVEMBER @ 0730 — FRA PRP BoD Breakfast (CLOSED)

Grab breakfast from the buffet in the Atrium, proceed to designated seating area in the hotel restaurant. No additional charge.

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — FRA PNP; Auxiliary PNP; RP/RPE/RVP FRA; RP/RPE/RVP Auxiliary Luncheons (CLOSED)

Choice of: • SEARED BONELESS SKINLESS CHICKEN BREAST (6 oz.) GF W/Hawaiian Glaze Sauce

• ROASTED PORK LOIN (6 oz.) GF Blackberry and Bourbon Barbecue Sauce

<u>Plus</u>: Signature Side Salad; Chef's Starch & Vegetable; Chef's Dessert; Warm Rolls with Butter;

Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee & Iced Tea

#### WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — FRA PRP Breakfast (CLOSED).

Snag your vittles from the Hotel Buffet and proceed down the ramp to the Atrium Poolside. There will be a nominal set up fee..

# WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — Auxiliary PRP Luncheon (CLOSED)

Choice of:

- CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD Marinated Chicken Breast, Crispy Romaine Lettuce, Garlic Croutons,
   Parmesan Cheese, and Grape Tomatoes with a Creamy Caesar Dressing
- COBB SALAD GF Mixed Field Greens topped with Crisp Bacon, Diced Grilled Chicken, Hard Boiled Egg, Bleu Cheese Crumbles, and Diced Tomato, served with Buttermilk Ranch Dressing

Plus:

Warm Rolls & Butter; Chef's Dessert; Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaf Coffee & Iced Tea

### THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — NP Auxiliary Luncheon (OPEN)

Choice of:

- BISTRO BEEF MEDALLIONS (8 oz.) GF w/Mushroom and Bacon Ragout Sauce
- PAN SEARED SALMON FILET (6 oz.) GF w/Creamy Lemon and Dill Sauce

Plus:

Garden Salad with Fresh Tomato, Carrot and Cucumber;\* Chef's Starch & Vegetable;

Chef's Dessert; Warm Rolls & Butter; Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaf Coffee & Iced Tea

### FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER @ 1900 — Banquet (OPEN)

Choice of:

- KANSAS CITY STRIP STEAK (10 oz.) GF w/Mushroom and Bacon Ragout Sauce
- PAN SEARED SALMON FILET (6 oz.) GF w/Creamy Lemon and Dill Sauce
- AIRLINE CHICKEN BREAST (8 oz.) GF w/Sun Dried Tomato Cream Sauce

Plus:

Garden Salad with Fresh Tomato, Carrot and Cucumber\* Chef's Starch & Vegetable;

Chef's Dessert; Warm Rolls with Butter; Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaf Coffee & Iced Tea

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#### **GF** meal = **Gluten Free**

A meal reservation form is available on the next page. An online form is also available at fra161.org.

Make all checks payable to **FRA Convention**.

# MEALS FORM — 97TH/92ND FRA/AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

MAIL TO: TONY CHAMPAGNE, FRA/AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS, 310 SW 24TH TERRACE, OAK GROVE, MO 64075

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NAME	BRANCH/UNIT	
EMAIL	PHONE	
TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — PNP FRA Luncheon	n (CLOSED)	
	@ \$27/ea. TOTAL \$	
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Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast <b>GF</b>	@ \$27/ea. TOTAL \$	
• Roasted Pork Loin <b>GF</b>	@ \$27/ea. TOTAL \$	
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TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER @ 1800 — Welcome Aboard (C		
<ul><li>Hors d'oeuvres, finger foods, beverages</li></ul>	@ \$15/ea. TOTAL \$	
WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER @ 0700 — PRP FRA Break	kfast (CLOSED)	
	@ \$10/ea. TOTAL \$	
WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — PRP Auxiliary I	Luncheon (CLOSED)	
<ul> <li>Chicken Caesar Salad</li> </ul>	@ \$24/ea. TOTAL \$	
• Cobb Salad <b>GF</b>	@ \$24/ea. TOTAL \$	
THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER @ 1200 — NP Auxiliary Lune	ahoon (ODEN)	
• Distro Beer Medallions or	@ \$33/ea. TOTAL \$ @ \$33/ea. TOTAL \$	
<ul> <li>Pan Seared Salmon Filet GF</li> </ul>	@ \$33/ea. TOTAL \$	
FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER @ 1900 — Banquet (OPEN)		
Kansas City Strip Steak <b>GF</b> (all steaks cooked medium)	@ \$55/ea. TOTAL \$	
Pan Seared Salmon Filet <b>GF</b>	@ \$55/ea. TOTAL \$	
Airline Chicken Breast <b>GF</b>	@ \$55/ea. TOTAL \$	
GRAND TOTAL	\$	
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BANQUET TABLES WILL BE ASSIGNED — SEATING FOR EIGHT (NINTH OR TENTH MAY BE ADDED) ... IF YOU WISH TO SIT WITH SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS LIST THEM BELOW:

# **TOURS FORM** — 97TH/92ND FRA/AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

MAIL TO: TONY CHAMPAGNE, FRA/AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS, 310 SW 24TH TERRACE, OAK GROVE, MO 64075

# (i) DEADLINE FOR TOURS RESERVATIONS IS 3 OCTOBER

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MONDAY, 3 NOVEMBER @ 1930 — Elvis Tribute (Dean 2	Z)
Drive yourself/Carpool (Admission only)	@ \$38/ea. TOTAL \$ @ \$63/ea. TOTAL \$
WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER @ 1930 — Clay Cooper	
Drive yourself/Carpool (Admission only)  Transportation plus Admission  Depart Oasis 1700   dinner at Lambert's Cafe, arrive theater before s	@ \$43/ea. TOTAL \$ @ \$68/ea. TOTAL \$ how   depart theater 2215   arrive Oasis 2300
THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER @ 1930 — Hughes Brothers C	Christmas Dinner Show (Dinner optional)
	@ \$40/ea. TOTAL \$ @ \$62/ea. TOTAL \$ @ \$65/ea. TOTAL \$ how   depart theater 2215   arrive Oasis 2300
FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER @ 1100-1600 — National Wonder  Shuttle to/from Bass Pro starts around 1100   estimated 15 minute  — Bass Pro Shop has 500,000 square feet of reasonably p  — The National Wildlife Museum is in an  Drive yourself/Carpool  Shuttle ( tip the driver )  The discounted price of \$38 requires a minimum of 30 people	es one way   everyone back to Oasis by 1600  priced merchandise under one roof  a adjacent building  @ \$38/ea. TOTAL \$  @ \$38/ea. TOTAL \$
• Price of Friday tickets includes a \$10 Gift Certification • At least two eateries are located in Bass Pro, in case	
TOTALS	Tickets \$

ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION!

# **SOUVENIRS PRE-ORDER FORM**

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MAIL TO: TONY CHAMPAGNE, FRA/AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS, 310 SW 24TH TERRACE, OAK GROVE, MO 64075

# ① DEADLINE FOR SHIRTS "PRE-ORDERS" IS 3 OCTOBER

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