



Fleet Reserve Association Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc. Spokane, Washington

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APRIL 20, 2019 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

2018-2019 Branch Officers

President Robert Bean
 Vice President Michelle Davis
 Sec/Treasurer: Peg Burke

Chaplain Dennis McCully
 Master-at-Arms Ralph Bean

2015–2020 Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:
 James Robertson
 Anna Martin
 Bruce Vails

2018–2019 Branch Committee Chairmen

Americanism Anna Martin
 HW&R Michelle Davis
 Public Relations Ralph Bean
 Veterans Services Dave Lord
 Youth Activities James Grisham

Introductions:

Treasurer’s Report – April 2019

Read Minutes of March 16, 2019

Communications received since the March 2019 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Regional Convention – 2019 – The Regional Convention is being sponsored by Seattle Branch 18 on September 6-8, 2019, at the Delta Hotels Seattle Everett, 3105 Pine St, Everett, WA 98201. Room rates are \$113 per night plus tax. Reservations can be made online at <https://bit.do/2019NWFRA> or 425-339-2000 until August 2, 2019. The meal information will come out sometime after May 1st. For more information, please contact RPNW Pete Lazzaretti at pr@frabranch18.org / 253-444-7516.

Hospitality Room opens – 1600 – Thursday - September 5th

Welcome Aboard – 1900 – Friday - September 6th

Opening & General Session – Saturday – September 7th.

No other information has been received to date on the NWR Convention this year.

Shipmates Michelle Davis and Anna Martin have volunteered to be Branch 38’s Delegates at this year’s NWR Convention.

National Convention – 2019 - This convention is being hosted by the FRA and being handled by the National Committee which was elected by the delegates. It will be held September 22-29, 2019 at Crowne Plaza Memphis East, 2625 Thousand Oak Blvd, Memphis, TN 38118. It is located at I-240 and Perkins eight miles from the Memphis International Airport, sixteen minutes from downtown, and thirteen minutes from Graceland. There is on-site self-parking which is complimentary. There is complimentary airport transportation to and from the hotel and within a five-mile radius of the hotel.

There are two room rates, one with Breakfast included and one without breakfast. Room rates apply for up to three dates prior and three days following the convention dates. The cut-off date for the block of rooms will be held until **Sunday, September 1, 2019**. 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. The telephone number for reservations is: **Crowne Plaza Worldwide Reservations at 844-750-1135**.

- Fleet Reserve **WITHOUT Breakfast - \$99** plus 17.75% tax and the City of Memphis Hotel Tourism Fee of \$2 per day (Block code **FLA**. Be sure to mention “Fleet Reserve Association.)
- Fleet Reserve **WITH Breakfast - \$109** plus 17.75% tax and the City of Memphis Hotel Tourism Fee of \$2 per day (Block code **FLB**. Be sure to mention “Fleet Reserve Association.)

We have received the second newsletter for the National Convention with the meals, etc. included in it. It is on the Branch website for all to access.

NW Regional Convention 2020 – NWR Time and Place Chairman, PNP John Johnson, has sent out an email to Branches 29 (Bremerton), 38 (Spokane), 46 (Honolulu), 55 (Portland), 97 (Whidbey Island), 170 (Everett), and 174 (Sequim), requesting feedback if they are interested in hosting the 2020 NW Regional Convention. The NW Regional Treasury provides \$400 as seed money to get you started.

Branch Officers Elections in the next couple of months we need to start thinking about the upcoming Branch elections. Listed below is the status of each current officer:

Branch Officers' Terms Expiring – The following terms are expiring for Branch Officers:

President	Robert Bean	Expires 2019 **
Vice President	Michelle Davis	Expires 2019 **
Secretary/Treasurer	Peg Burke	Expires 2020 (One year to go)

Board of Directors' Terms Expiring – The following terms are expiring for Branch Board of Directors

James Robertson	2 nd 5-year term	Expires 2020 (One year to go)
Anna Martin	2 nd 5-year term	Expires 2023 (Re-elected last year)
Bruce Vails	5-year term	Expires 2021 ?? (Need to replace ?)

It was moved and seconded to keep the slate of officers we have on board right now for the 2019-20 term. Motion was passed. Installation was proposed for when RPNW Hall visits the Branch in June 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Milestone Awards – April – May – June 2019

Michelle Davis	25 years	April 2019	A. M. Pagnotta	25 years	June 2019
Gerald Sands	40 years	April 2019			

Membership Report – The Branch Membership Report for February has the Branch at 75. Welcome aboard to Shipmate Marion Ballard, our newest Branch member. The 4th Quarter Membership report is out and it contains the Voting Strength for each Branch. The voting strength for Branch 38 is four (4). We are ranked in 9th place out of 26 branches in the NW Region. The NW Region is ranked 4th out of 8 regions.

The Director of Membership & Retention has come up with some new awards for the FRA Recruiting Incentive Program:

- **Recruit 1:** Active duty member of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and/or Coast Guard and receive a pin corresponding to the branch of service that active duty individual is serving in.
- **The National President Club - Recruit 1 in all three:** Recruit an active duty member of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps And Coast Guard and receive the National Presidents Membership Club Pin.
- **Recruit 3:** In one year and receive the Newly designed Recruiting & Retention 2019-2020.
- **Recruit 5:** In one year and receive a pin and a one-year extension to your membership, a \$40.00 value (Life Members will receive a gift or they can request the \$40 award be applied towards the annual dues of another shipmates with annual dues. (This is a great way of acknowledging a fellow shipmate who is active in your branch)
- **Recruit 10:** New or Reinstated members and receive a Gold Lapel Button Award.
- **Silver Pendant Award:** In lieu of a second Gold Lapel button indicating recruitment of each additional 25 new or Reinstated members.
- **Recruit 32:** FRA member who recruits 32 new or reinstated members during the recruiting year will be eligible to receive a complimentary Life Membership or \$100 cash award if already a Life Member.
- **Silver Anchor Squadron Award** – Any member Who obtains 50 New or Reinstated members will receive this distinctive pin as well as a certificate and a letter of commendation signed by the National President.
- Details of these awards can be found in the National Bylaws C-4 Section 311. Branch 38's Secretary has pictures of some of the new pins, etc. at the meeting today.
- Every shipmate can view their Members Recruited list located on their "about me" page within their membership profile. It is located directly under their "FRA Member Card". Simply Log in to your membership profile at www.fra.org

Deceased Shipmates – Shipmate V. Wayne Lozier passed away October 26, 2019. His daughter-in-law, Sheila Lozier, called the Branch Secretary when she received the latest Branch bulletin to let us know. Wayne was 93 years old when he passed away. His cat "Socks" now resides with the Branch Secretary.

National Officer Nominations - we have received three nominations so far:

- NP NVP Donna Jansky is running.
- NVP PRPSW Mick Fulton is running again this year.
PRPEC Pleasala J. "Penny" Collins (formerly Director of FRA Membership & Retention)
- NED PRPEC Chris Slawinski is running for the spot that Shipmate Snee is vacating.
Director, FRA Legislative Programs, John Davis is also running for the spot that Shipmate Snee is vacating.
- *The Branch held a discussion on who to support for NED at today's meeting and they voted to support John Davis, Director of Legislative Programs as NED for 2019-2021. The Branch Secretary has submitted the letter to HQ.*

Annual Reports Due: The following Annual Reports have been received and will be distributed by the Branch Secretary. She will also send them via email to the Branch Committee Chairs after the meeting. Please complete these reports and return a copy of them to the Branch Secretary. **Reminder** - all these reports must be signed by the Branch President.

- ❖ Annual Report of Branch Officers (Due June 10th to HQ)
- ❖ Annual Standing Committee Reports (Due June 10th to the National Committee Chairs)
- ❖ National Convention Delegate Form (Due July 15th to HQ, Nat'l Convention Credentials Chair, NWR President, NWR Vice President, and to the delegate.)
- ❖ Regional Convention Delegate Form (Due July 15th to NWR Convention Credentials Chair, NWR President, NWR Vice President, and to the delegate.)

Congresswoman McMorris-Rodgers VSA Meeting – Branch 38’s leadership has been invited to meet with Congresswoman McMorris-Rodgers on April 24, 2019 her in Spokane at the Spokane Club for a VSO Roundtable Conversation. Shipmate Bean asked Branch Secretary to RSVP to her office and is on the list as one of the attendees.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Khaki Ball – 2019 – This year’s Inland Empire Khaki Ball was held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the American Legion Post 143, 1138 E. Poleline Ave, Post Falls, ID 83853-6150. We await a report from Shipmate Grisham on the events of the night.

Shipmate Grisham reported that there was about 90-100 attendees.

Spokane Indians Military Appreciation Night – will be Saturday, August 17, 2019. Game tickets are available by calling 509-343-6886. First pitch will be at 6:30 pm. They will be playing the Eugene Emeralds that night.

Forgotten Veterans Burial Ceremony – The Veterans’ Cemetery is holding a burial ceremony on April 25, 2019 at 1300 for veterans that have no relatives still living. Anyone who wants to go please attend. It seems as if there are more and more of these lately.

Meeting Adjourned.

Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

Robert Bean, Branch President

MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

The meetings at VFW Post 1464 have been CONFIRMED.

All meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

The restaurants for March, June, September and October were voted on by Branch Members for our meetings.

4th Quarter FY 2018 VFW Post 51 and Luncheon Meetings

April 20, 2019 – Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1464, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, (Bingo Hall), Spokane, WA

May 18, 2019 – Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1464, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, (Bingo Hall), Spokane, WA

June 15, 2019 – Longhorn BBQ (West), 7611 W. Hwy 2, Spokane, WA at **Noon**.

1st Quarter FY 2019 VFW Post 51 and Luncheon Meetings

July 20, 2019 – Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1464, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, (Bingo Hall), Spokane, WA

August 17, 2019 - Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1464, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, (Bingo Hall), Spokane, WA

September 21, 2019 – The Onion (North), 7552 N. Division, Spokane, WA at **Noon**.

2nd Quarter FY 2018 VFW Post 51 and Luncheon Meetings

October 19, 2019 – Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1464, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, (Bingo Hall), Spokane, WA

November 16, 2019 – Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1464, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, (Bingo Hall), Spokane, WA

December 21, 2019 – Timber Creek (East), 9211 E. Montgomery Ave, Spokane, WA at **Noon**

This will be the location of our Christmas Party also!!