



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

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MAY 18, 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 – May 2019

Read Minutes of April 20, 2019
Communications received since the April 2019 meeting

OLD 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			

James G. Grisham has been reinstated to make his continuous service now 20 years as of December 2018.

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 <http://bit.do/2019NWERA> 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Report – The Branch Membership Report for February has the Branch at 76. We now have two more members since the report was received for a total of 78. Please welcome our new Shipmate, Richard P. Baldwin. He joined us at the end of the April meeting but he was not on the report. Shipmate Eland Kinnick has returned to our Branch after a break of two years. Welcome back!

Frank J. McPherson Memorial Award (2018-2019) – Nominations are being requested to be sent to the Regional Membership and Retention Chair by June 30, 2019. A nomination from each region is supposed to be submitted to the National Chair no later than September 19, 2019.

No Submission from Branch 38.

Deceased Shipmates – PRPNW Bud Bessey of the Roseburg Branch passed away after a long stay in the hospital. Shipmate Bud and his Branch ran the Chief's Quarters company where we could purchase items with the FRA logo on them. He will be added to our Two Bell Ceremony list.

Admiral George W. Lotzenhiser passed away 1/26/2019 and he was buried in the Arlington National Cemetery.

FRA National Essay Winners – The winners at the national level included two from the Northwest Region. A 9th Grader from Seattle Branch 18, Simon Le, won 3rd place. A 10th grader from Bellingham Branch 245, Samuel Clemenson, won 3rd place. The overall winner was Luke Duthie from Branch 146 in the Northeast/New England Region. A complete list of the winners will be posted on the Branch and Regional websites.

2019-2020 Americanism Essay Contest – The new flyer is out and the subject this year is “What My Vote Will Mean To Me”. They have revised the Contest Rules and the Cover Sheets this year and past years' cannot be used.

NW Region PCT Dues – the annual PCT dues for Branch 38 are \$26.25. They are due to the NW Regional Treasurer by July 31st.

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

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| 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. |

PNP Virgil P. Courneya is 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.*
- *The Branch held a discussion on who to support for NP and NVP for the 2019-2020 term. They chose Shipmate Donna Jansky for NP and Mick Fulton for NVP. The Branch Secretary will send the letters to HQ.*

Branch Officers Installation – Past Branch President Ralph Bean conducted the Installation of Officers this date. The following have been installed for the 2019-20 term.

President	Robert Bean		
Vice President	Michelle Davis		
Secretary/Treasurer	Peg Burke		
Board of Directors	James Robertson	2 nd 5-year term	Expires 2020
Board of Directors	Bruce Vails	5-year term	Expires 2021
Board of Directors	Anna Martin	2 nd 5-year term	Expires 2023

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.

Shipmate Burke reported that Congresswoman McMorris-Rodgers concentrated on the VA Hospital services in the area. She stated that the Spokane VA hospital will be rolling out the electronic health records trial first, then the Seattle VA, and the Walla Walla VA will bring it up after that.

Annual Reports - Except for the Health, Welfare, & Rehab the Annual Committee Reports have been received and signed by the Branch President. They will be mailed to the NWR Chairs of each Committee. Now that the Branch Officers have been installed, the Annual Report of Officers can be sent to HQ. The National Convention Delegate Form will be sent in as RPNW Bill Hall and PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti as proxies. The Regional Delegate Form will be sent in as indicated on page 1 of these minutes.

NW Regional President to Visit – RPNW Bill Hall will join us at our Quarterly Luncheon at the Longhorn BBQ in Airway Heights on June 15, 2019. The Branch Secretary had contacted him regarding installation of Branch 38’s officers and called him back to let him know about the unavailability of the officer-elect in June. He has no problem with us installing our officers without him. He will still join us for BBQ 😊

This issue will be brought up at our meeting in June by the RPNW because no one is stepping up:

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 Birthday Month Lunch – It was noted that next month would be the Branch’s 72 Birthday. In the past the Branch used to pay for each member’s lunch in June. A motion was made to re-instate this tradition for June 2019. The motion was seconded and a vote taken. At our June 15, 2019 meeting at the Longhorn BBQ in Airway Heights, each Branch member will have his lunch paid for by the Branch.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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.

Meeting Adjourned.

Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

Robert Bean, Branch President

MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

The meetings at VFW Post 1474 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

May 18, 2019 – Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474, 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 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

July 20, 2019 – Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, (Bingo Hall), Spokane, WA

August 17, 2019 - Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474, 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 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

October 19, 2019 – Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, (Bingo Hall), Spokane, WA

November 16, 2019 – Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474, 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!!