



**Fleet Reserve Association  
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.  
Spokane, Washington**  
[www.frabran38.org](http://www.frabran38.org)

**JULY 20, 2019 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**2019-20 Branch Officers**

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

Chaplain Dennis McCully  
Master-at-Arms Ralph Bean

**Board of Directors**

*Plus Branch Officers:*  
James Robertson (Exp 2020)  
Bruce Vails (Exp 2021)  
Anna Martin (Exp 2023)

**2019-20 Branch Committee Chairs**

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

**Branch Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairs remain in the same positions for 2019-2020.**

Introductions:

Read Minutes of June 15, 2019

Treasurer's Report – July 2019

Communications received since the June 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 <http://bit.ly/2019NWFRA> or 425-339-2000 thru August 2, 2019. The meal information will come out sometime after May 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please contact RPNW Pete Lazzaretti at [pr@frabran18.org](mailto:pr@frabran18.org) / 253-444-7516.

*Hospitality Room opens – 1600 – Thursday -Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Welcome Aboard – 1900 – Friday – Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>*

*Opening & General Session – Saturday – Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.*

*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 third newsletter for the National Convention with the meals, etc. included in it. It is on the Branch website for all to access.

*RPNW Bill Hall and PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti will be Branch 38's proxies at the National Convention this year.*

## NEW BUSINESS

### Milestone Awards - July – August - September 2019

David Danley	10 years	August 2019	Charlie Noble	5 years	September 2019
Jerome Duffney	20 years	August 2019	Daniel Sullivan	5 years	September 2019
			James Linville	30 years	September 2019

Milestone award pendants and pins need to be ordered for the next three years. The Treasurer has a comparison between what it costs to continue using the pendants or going straight to the pins since the cost of the pendants have doubled.

*After much discussion on how we should proceed in the future for giving out the milestone awards due to the increase in cost, a motion was made to purchase the pins vs continuing with pendants with the following procedure:*

1. **“Active Members” (those attending at least four meetings a year) will receive a certificate and pin.**
2. **“Non-active” members (those that are on the roster, but do not attend at least four meetings a year) will receive just the certificate.**
3. **The Branch Secretary keeps a branch listing that shows who the “active” members are. Lost pins will be replaced at the cost of the pin which the recipient will purchase through the Branch Secretary.**

**Membership Report** – The Branch Membership Report for June has the Branch at 79. The First Quarter Membership Report has Branch 38 ranked as 2<sup>nd</sup> in Group IV nationally and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the NW Region of 26 branches. The NW Region is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the eight regions.

The FRA Membership group has sent out some examples of items that can be purchased for Recruiting/Outreach programs either by the Branch or by Individuals.

**Americanism Essay Contest for 2019-2020** – The official letter, flyers, cover and rules sheets have been received. This year’s theme is “What My Vote Will Mean to Me”.

**NW Regional Conventions for 2020 and 2021** – We have found out that the 2020 NW Regional Convention will be hosted by Branch 104 in Puyallup, WA again. We are on the track for hosting it in 2021 instead.

**VA Mission Act of 2018** – The Mission acronym stands for “Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION)” The Branch Secretary has set out a two page document that has frequently asked questions and answers.

**Wreaths Across America** – We have been alternating donating to this program and the Toys For Tots program at Christmas the past few years. Do we want to start making plans for this year?

*The Branch Secretary will check on prices for a box of wreaths. Preliminary search during meeting shows they are \$150 a box.*

**NOSC Activities (CPO Selectees) and Navy Ball** – There are three CPO selectees this year. The Navy Ball Committee seems to think they have Carte Blanc to utilize the FRA EIN number for their fundraising without asking for permission.

*According to the Branch Treasurer, they were not given Carte Blanc. She will get in touch with the Chair of the Navy Ball Committee and discuss this with them.*

**NWR Proposed Resolution** – PRPNW Tom Flanik sent a notice to all Branch Secretaries that Gem State Branch 382, Nampa, Idaho unanimously approved to submit an amendment to add Veterans Service to the AWARDS list in NW Regional C&BL.

*All other standing committees in the region are on the list, but this was a new addition a couple of years ago and no one thought to add it to the list of committees which gets awards from the region. Branch 38 supports this effort.*

## 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.

**ROTC Holding a Car Wash** – One of the local high school ROTCs is having a car wash today up on E. Francis across from the R&R RV Sales lot.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Margret "Peg" Burke, Branch Secretary

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Robert Bean, Branch President

**MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019**

***The meetings at VFW Post 1474 have been CONFIRMED.***

***All meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.***

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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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**.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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!!***