



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

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## AUGUST 17, 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

Introductions: Navy Ball Representatives  
 Treasurer's Report – August 2019

Read Minutes of July 20, 2019  
 Communications received since the July 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.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@frabranch18.org](mailto:pr@frabranch18.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,

**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.*

*This item was tabled until the September Meeting.*

**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.*

***The Co-Chair of the Navy Ball Committee a today’s meeting to bring us up-to-date on this year’s activities and to answer our questions.***

*Costs to attend are \$35 for E-6 and below, \$45 for E-7 and above if bought before September 1, 2019. Cost will be \$10 more for each category after 9/1/2019.*

**Resolutions for Consideration at the 2019 FRA National Convention** – We have received the list of resolutions for this year’s National Convention. One of them is to let Cheyenne Branch 59 move to the West Coast Region. We need to look at this one carefully. After today’s meeting, the Branch Secretary will email our proxies the decisions we have made on who to apply our votes to.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

**Spokane Indians Military Appreciation Night** – will be tonight, 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 tonight.

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**

**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!!**

**Calendar Year 2020 Meeting Locations**

*All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2019 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings**

**January 18, 2020 -Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**February 15, 2020 -Monthly Meeting at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**March 21, 2020 -NOON Luncheon at** – South: Twiggs Bistro & Martini Bar, 4230 S. Regal, Spokane, WA

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2019 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings**

**April 18, 2020 - Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**May 16, 2020 - Monthly Meeting at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post\_1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**June 20, 2020 - NOON Luncheon at** – West: Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant, 2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA

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**August 15, 2020 - Monthly Meeting at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**September 19, 2020 - NOON Luncheon at** – North: Prospectors, N. 12611 Hwy 395, Spokane, WA (Wandemere area)

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**November 21, 2020 - Monthly Mtg at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post\_1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**December 19, 2020 - Christmas Party at 11:00 AM** – Conley's Place, 12622 E. Sprague, Spokane Valley, WA