



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

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## SEPTEMBER 21, 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:

Read Minutes of August 17, 2019

Treasurer's Report – September 2019

Communications received since the August 2019 meeting

## OLD BUSINESS

**Regional Convention – 2019** – The Regional Convention was sponsored by Seattle Branch 18 on September 6-8, 2019, at the Delta Hotels Seattle Everett, 3105 Pine St, Everett, WA 98201. Shipmates Michelle Davis and Anna Martin were Branch 38's Delegates at this year's NWR Convention.

*They will be submitting their report.*

**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.*

*This resolution passed.*

**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.

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

***Shipmate Hall has been emailed Branch 38's decisions on the Resolutions at the National Convention.***

**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.

We need to start thinking of where we will be holding the 2021 and the dates for it.

*Shipmate Ralph Bean stated that the 2021 National Convention of Seabee Vets will be in Spokane, WA at the same time. He will get the contact information so we can coordinate the NW Regional Convention on a different weekend.*

### **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

## NEW BUSINESS

**Deceased FRA and LAFRA Officers** – Since our last meeting we have been notified via Facebook, the RPNW, and the FRA Today magazine of members we have lost to the Supreme Commander's team:

- Emma Ivins was a member of Unit 38's LAFRA when they were still active and the Branch Secretary still sent her information. She lived in Naples, Idaho. She was PRPSW for the LAFRA before she came to Unit 38. Her son notified her Facebook friends that she passed away August 14, 2019.
- PNP Joe Maez passed away on August 18, 2019. News of his passing was received from RPNW Bill Hall.
- PNP James Scarbro passed away on July 27, 2019. News of his passing was printed in the September issue of FRA Today.

**Membership Report** – The Branch Membership Report for September has the Branch holding steady 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.*

*After much discussion on which we wanted to support Shipmate Baldwin made a proposal that the Branch could not turn down. If the Branch purchases 30 wreaths from Wreaths Across America, he would donate \$250 of his personal monies to the Toys-for-Tots local program. The Branch membership voted to accept his proposal. The Branch Treasurer was directed to order the wreaths.*

**Spokane Navy Ball** – The 2019 Navy Ball will be held at the Downtown Doubletree Hotel on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The costs now, (after 9/1/2019) are: \$45 for E-6 and below, \$55 for E-7 and above. You can order them online at the following website: <https://www.universe.com/events/2019-spokane-navy-birthday-ball> or contact DC1 Herrarte or CM2 Hansen at 509-327-3346 at the NOSC Spokane.

*The cocktail hour will be held at 1700 and dinner will be at 1815.*

**Spokesman-Review Veterans Chronicle** – the local newspaper puts out a Veterans Chronicle once a month. We need to find out when the cut-off date is for submission of articles so we can put the FRA activities in that section of the newspaper.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

**Whitworth College Football** – the game on November 9, 2019 will be free to all veterans. Just bring ID proving you are one.

**Spokane Chief's Hockey Games** – there will be two Military Appreciation Games for the Spokane Chiefs this season. The first will be Saturday, November 2, 2019, at 7:00 pm vs the Prince George Cougars.

The second will be on Saturday, January 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm vs the Regina Pats. This latter one is when we have, as a Branch, had a table set up to hand out information. Do we want to do this in January 2020?

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**

**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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**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