



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
www.frabranch38.org

DECEMBER 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:

Treasurer’s Report – December 2019

Read Minutes of November 16, 2019

Communications received since the November 2019 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Milestone Awards for October – November - December 2019

Earl Lockie	45 years	October 2019	Don McGrogan	20 years	December 2019
John Norris	25 years	November 2019	Willis Pratt	45 years	December 2019
Charles Murray	40 years	November 2019			

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Report – The Branch Membership Report for November is holding at 78. We have received several emails from the FRA Director of Membership on how they are trying to update their databases and instructions to the Branch Secretaries. They now have an outlet for Table Drapes for the Branches.

Americanism Essay Contest – We have received two entries this year. One from a 9th Grader from Juliaetta, Idaho and one from a 12th Grader in West Richland, WA.

A motion was made that since we only have two entrants this year, why not raise the monetary award to \$75 each. The motion was seconded and the motion was approved.

Widows Subscription – It seems that we missed renewing one widow’s subscription, i.e. Patricia Pearce’s. The Branch Secretary/Treasurer asked if we could go ahead and renew her, adding her to the other four widows on our list. The request was approved. In the future there will be five widows subscription renewals each year.

Nominating Resolutions for National Officer 2020-2021 – There are two nominating resolution received by the Branch Secretary:

NP Nominee	NVP Mick Fulton is running for the National President’s position
NVP Nominee	PRPEC James Campbell is running for the National Vice President’s position

2020 NW Regional Convention – will be hosted by Mt Rainier Branch 104, Puyallup, WA on August 27-29, 2020. It will be at the La Quinta Hotel at 1425 East 27th St, Tacoma, WA 98421. They can be reached at 253-383-0146. The Group name is **FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION**. The rate of \$119 plus taxes will be in effect four day before and 2 days after. This includes a free Continental Breakfast. This is a **non-smoking** hotel. We have received Branch 104’s first convention newsletter.

2020 National FRA/LAFRA Convention - is being hosted by the Northwest Region and will be held at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR the week of September 27 – October 4, 2020. Room rates are \$112 per night plus 15.3% hotel tax. Oregon does not have a sales tax, but they do have those pesky hotel taxes☹. Parking will be on-site complimentary self-parking. Shipmate Burke is on the NW Region Convention Committee as Co-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer (just like in 2015). The first convention newsletter is on the FRA Website.

2021 NW Region Convention – will be hosted by Inland Empire Branch 38 in Spokane, WA. We have received correspondence from the Ramada at the Airport in Spokane and the Centennial by Davenport Hotels (formerly Red Lion at the Park) to see if we are interested in holding at the locations. The Ramada, which is where we had the 2014 NWR Convention, has not been contacted as yet. The Secretary tried calling the Centennial, but their voice mail was outdated and no one returned my call. We need to start working on this and plan for it to be sometime in end of July to mid-August 2021.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Spokane Chief's Hockey Games – The next military appreciation night will be on Saturday, January 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm vs the Regina Pats. This 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?

The decision not to participate in this event was unanimous.

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.

2nd Quarter FY 2018 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

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.

3rd 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: Twigg's Bistro & Martini Bar, 4230 S. Regal, Spokane, WA

4th 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

1st Quarter FY 2020 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

July 18, 2020 - Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

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)

2nd Quarter FY 2020 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

October 17, 2020 - Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

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