

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

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NOVEMBER 16, 2019 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

2019-20 Branch Officers

PresidentRobert BeanVice PresidentMichelle DavisSec/Treasurer:Peg Burke

Board of Directors *Plus Branch Officers*: James Robertson (Exp 2020) Bruce Vails (Exp 2021)

Anna Martin (Exp 2023)

2019–20 Branch Committee Chairs

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

ChaplainDennis McCullyMaster-at-ArmsRalph Bean

Introductions: Treasurer's Report – November 2019 Read Minutes of October 19, 2019 Communications received since the October 2019 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Milestone Awards for October – November - December 2019Earl Lockie45 yearsOctober 2019

Earl Lockie		
John Norris		
Charles Mur	ray	

45 yearsOctober 201925 yearsNovember 201940 yearsNovember 2019

Don McGrogan2Willis Pratt4

20 years 45 years December 2019 December 2019

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Membership Report</u> – The Branch Membership Report for October is 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. We have also received the 2^{nd} Quarter Membership printout.

<u>Annual Premium for Branch Liability Bond</u> – for Group IV this year is \$32. This means the \$60 PCT Dues deposit we were scheduled to get in November will be reduced by that much for a total of \$28.

<u>Widow's Subscription 2019</u> – After sending in our renewal for these subscriptions, the Secretary/Treasurer received a third notice from FRA Membership with an extra name on it, i.e. Patricia Pierce. She was not on the first two letters. Shall we add her to our list?

Two-Bell Ceremony– The following Branch 38 members will be honored at the two-bell ceremony this month:Bruce TimblinWayne LozierEd Hickok Sr

We will also be honoring the following FRA / LAFRA National Officers, NW Regional Officers, and a hometown Navy Admiral: FRA PNP James Scarbro FRA PRPNW Bud Bessey ADM George W. Lotzenhiser FRA PNP Joe Maez LAFRA PRPSW Emma Ivins

(Emma was a member of Unit 38 before they turned in their charter)

<u>The 2019-2020 National Officers and Committees</u> – list has been received. For the Branch Committee Chairs, please see Shipmate Burke to get the NW Regional name and address of your respective committees so you can send in your reports next spring (after March 30, 2020).

<u>**2020** NW Regional Convention</u> – will be hosted by Mt Rainier Branch 104, Puyallup, WA on August 27-29, 2020. From what we understand, it is going to be at a LaQuinta Hotel not far from the casino they used the last time. Supposedly, the new addition to the casino will be done by the time we hold the convention there. The LaQuinta does have a restaurant at the hotel.

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⁽²⁾. 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).

<u>2021 NW Region Convention</u> – 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

<u>Spokane Chief's Hockey Games</u> – 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?

Meeting Adjourned.

Margret "Peg" Burke, Branch Secretary

Robert Bean, Branch President

MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019The 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

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.

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: Twiggs 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