



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

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OCTOBER 19, 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 – November 2019

Read Minutes of September 21, 2019

Communications received since the October 2019 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

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 corrected the year that the National Convention of Seabee Vets will be in Spokane, WA to 2022. It will not interfere with the Branch 38 plans to host the 2021 NW Regional Convention.

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?

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.

NEW 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			

Deceased FRA Shipmates – Since our last meeting we have lost one member to the Supreme Commander’s organization. Shipmate Edwin J. Hickok Sr of East Wenatchee, WA passed away on May 4, 2019. His quarterly bulletin was returned to the Branch Secretary by USPS. A search of the internet obituary sites provided the information of his passing.

Membership Report – The Branch Membership Report for September – was the Branch holding steady at 79 until we found out about the death of Shipmate Hickok. We are now at 78.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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?

Access to Fairchild AFB has been changed. You, and your passengers, will need a to have one of the following or you will have to stop at Security and get a pass for the time you are on base:

Active Duty Military ID Card
Veterans Affairs ID card

Retired Military ID Card
Military Reserve ID Card

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATIONS

Local College Football (Whitworth and Eastern Washington) – the games on November 9, 2019 will be free to all veterans. Just bring ID proving you are one.

WWI Memorial Rededication – Will be held at Argonne and Empire in the Spokane Valley on November 9, 2019.

Veterans Day Memorial – at the Spokane Arena, hosted by VFW 51.

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

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.

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