



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
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FEBRUARY 15, 2020 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 – February 2020

Read Minutes of January 18, 2020

Communications received since the January 2020 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Milestone Awards for January – February – March 2020

Robert Bean	20 years	January 2020			
Thomas Craig	20 years	January 2020	Harlan Oliver	40 years	February 2020
William Sheretz	25 years	January 2020			
Dale Stevenson	25 years	January 2020	Ruben Mercado	40 years	March 2020
Charles Imus	45 years	January 2020			

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.

The Branch selected the following officers for the Convention Committee:

Chair – Anna Martin Vice Chair – Michelle Davis Secretary/Treasurer – Peg Burke

Anyone in the Branch can volunteer to help organize and participate in the planning the convention by contacting one of the convention committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Report – The Branch Membership Report for February is back to 78. Shipmate Noble renewed his membership. Shipmates Harlan Oliver, Larry Bachko, and Peg Burke also renewed their memberships in January.

National Convention Credentials & Registration Committee – NP Donna Jansky has requested each Region President to send her the names of at least one member from each region and a possible backup to represent their region at the registration desk at the convention. This means getting the Northwest Regional delegates to sign in for their Branches. Shipmate RPNW Hall has asked Branch 38 if we could step up to help with this particular task.

June 2020 Meeting Change – A request from the Branch Secretary to change the June 2020 meeting from the third weekend to the second weekend, June 13th, was made. She will be out of town on the third weekend and since it is the “Birthday Luncheon” meeting and the Branch buys lunch, someone else would have to pay it and then be reimbursed if it was not changed. Branch members present voted to allow the **meeting to be changed to June 13, 2020**.

Nominations for 2020-2021 Branch Officers – The upcoming next couple of months we will be looking to elect our new Branch Officers. All three Branch Officers are up for re-election and one Board of Director.

Branch Officers’ Terms Expiring – The following terms are expiring for Branch Officers:

President	Robert Bean	Expires 2020 **
Vice President	Michelle Davis	Expires 2020 **
Secretary/Treasurer	Peg Burke	Expires 2020 **

Board of Directors’ Terms Expiring – The following terms are expiring for Branch Board of Directors

James Robertson	2 nd 5-year term	Expires 2020
Bruce Vails	5-year term	Expires 2021
Anna Martin	2 nd 5-year term	Expires 2023

A discussion was held whether to replace Shipmate Vails ahead of time due to his non-attendance at meeting for the past year. His ability to get around is quite restricted and he is not able to make the meetings. It was discussed and voted on to replace him this year, so we will be electing two members to the Board of Directors instead of one.

It was also discussed to keep the current officers and Shipmates Robertson and Martin on the Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 term of office. A new member of the Board of Directors will be elected to fill Shipmate Vails’ position. Final nominations will be made at the March meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Spokane Indians Games – The local baseball minor league team, Spokane Indians, will have only one Military Appreciation Game. It will be on August 22, 2020 and the first pitch will be at 1830. They will be playing the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes.

Spokane Chief’s Military Appreciation game on January 18, 2020 was against the visiting Regina Pats team from Saskatchewan in Canada. As it turns out, January 18 is a date in Canada called Canadian Armed Forces Appreciation. When the schedule for the Spokane Chiefs came out last summer, it was unusual to see a Military Appreciation Game when a team from Canada was the visitors. How interesting to find out that it was a military appreciation date for the Canadians.

Meeting Adjourned.

Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

Robert Bean, Branch President

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

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 – East: Conley's Place, 12622 E. Sprague, Spokane Valley, WA