



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

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MAY 30, 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:

Read Minutes of February 15, 2020

Treasurer's Report – March thru May 2020

Communications received since the February 2020 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

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 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.

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.

The NW Regional President has submitted Branch 38's Vice President, Michelle Davis, as the primary for the NW Region and RVPNW Danny Hunt as her backup.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for 2020-2021 Branch Officers

– On April 10, 2020 an email was sent to all Branch 38 members the Secretary had an email for to vote on two Issues, one of which was to vote on the slate of Branch Officers and Board of Directors. Listed below are the names submitted for the vote:

Branch Officers

President	Robert Bean
Vice President	Michelle Davis
Secretary/Treasurer	Peg Burke

Board of Directors for the Following Terms

Anna Martin	2018-2023
James Robertson	2020-2025
Harold Young	2020-2021

(replace Bruce Vails who is unable to continue serving)

After the email was sent out and our members had voted, the Branch received NPSL 3-20 on guidance for electing branch officers during the COVID-19 pandemic. They gave us two option, #1 being to hold a Zoom or Skype meeting to do our elections, or #2 to have the Branch Board of Directors select a slate of officers and then ratify it at their next meeting they hold. Branch 38 Officers, with approval of the NW Regional Officers, chose to go the Option

#2 route since we had our email out and voted on. The Branch Officers will not change, but the Board of Directors has a change. Below is an excerpt of the BOD Conference Call meeting on May 12, 2020.

“The discussion on Issue #1 results on the email distribution of April 10, 2020 was as follows:

The votes received from the April 10 email were taken into account in the decision by the Board of Directors at the meeting. This decision will need to be ratified by the Branch members at the next meeting. During the vote, a nomination for Rick Baldwin as a Board of Director replacing James Robertson was submitted. Even though a second email was not sent out for everyone to vote on, Shipmate Robertson said he only agreed to stay a Board member if no one else stepped up. The Board members present have selected Rick Baldwin to serve as his replacement. Therefore this is the new set of Board of Directors:

Board of Directors

Rick Baldwin - Term 2020-2025 (replacing James Robertson).

Harold Young – Term 2020-2021 (replacing Bruce Vails).

Anna Martin – Term – 2018-2023 (She will continue to serve until her term expires)”

All that needs to be done first thing is to ratify the slate of Branch Officers and Changed Board of Directors that were selected and install them at the end of the meeting.

It was moved and seconded with a quorum present that the actions of the Inland Empire Branch 38 Board of Directors be ratified as to the selection of Branch Officers and Branch Board of Directors. Unanimous approval was given.

Installation of Officers was then conducted with Jr. Past President Ralph Bean as the installing Officer.

Milestone Awards for April – May – June – All the certificates and pins were mailed to them before the meeting.

Rick Hermann	5 years	April 2020	None for the Month of May
Tom Liston	45 years	April 2020	
Richard Casselman	65 years	April 2020	None for the Month of June

Membership Report – The Branch Membership Report for May is 76. The new membership year started April 1, 2020.

Deceased Member - On March 22, 2020 Shipmate Eland Kinnick joined the Supreme Commander’s Team. He will be honored with a two bell ceremony when we can hold a longer meeting.

2019-2020 National Americanism Essay Winners - Good News! **Branch 38's 12th Grade First Place entrant in the FRA Essay Contest went all the way to the National Contest and WON!**

Taylor Smith won first place in the 12th grade group and also won as the Overall Winner. Taylor will receive \$2500 for first place in the 12th grade category and \$5000 for Overall Winner. We are working with Hanford High School to find a way to present the plaque, certificates, and monies in person.

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.

Nominations for NW Regional Officers 2020-2021

- ❖ Gem State Branch 382 of Nampa, ID has sent out their resolution to nominate RVPNW Danny Hunt as the NW Regional President for 2020-2021.
- ❖ Inland Empire Branch 38 Vice President Michelle Davis has submitted her nomination resolution for NW Regional Vice President.

Branch Delegates for 2020 Regional and National Conventions – Both conventions are in the west coast regions of Washington and Oregon. Branch 38 needs to select and submit their delegates for these conventions.

- ❖ Shipmates Michelle Davis, Anna Martin, and Rick Baldwin have volunteered to be delegates to the NW Regional Convention in Tacoma, Washington.
- ❖ Shipmates Michelle Davis and Anna Martin have volunteered to be delegates to the 2020 National Convention in Portland, Oregon.

NW Region 2020 PCT Dues – The Branch has received their letter notifying them of their amount of PCT Dues owed to the NW Region this year. It is \$26.95. The Treasurer wrote the check on May 28, 2020 and sent it to the NW Region Sec/Treas.

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.

The plan for it is to be sometime in end of July to mid-August 2021. An update by the Convention Chair.

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.

Chair Anna Martin reported that the convention committee had visited several sites and we have chosen the Hampton Inn off Sunset Hwy as the site for the 2021 NW Region Convention. It will allow us to run a hospitality room like we have in the past.

Quarterly Meetings at Restaurants – We need to take a look at the requirements for social distancing in restaurants since the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way they operate now. The two we need to look at are June and September. We may have to meet at the VFW Post 1474's Bingo Hall in June. The restaurant selected for the September meeting will not be reopening because the owners have decided to close for good.

- ❖ Since Spokane has just moved into Phase 2 of the COVID-19 reopening, we feel the June meeting should be held at VFW Post 1474 instead of a restaurant since they can only have five people to a group. The branch members present decided to have Pizza brought in to the VFW for the birthday luncheon.
- ❖ September's luncheon meeting will have a location change since Prospector's will not be reopening. It was decided to change to Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant for the September Meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

It was suggested that the Secretary check to see how Branch Member and his wife are doing since we have not heard from them in a while.

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.

4th Quarter FY 2019 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

May 30, 2020 - Monthly Meeting at 10:30 AM at the VFW Post_1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

June 13, 2020 - Monthly Meeting at 10:30 AM at the VFW Post_1474 (Bingo Hall), 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

A pizza lunch will be provided by the branch as our birthday month lunch.

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 – West: Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant, 2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA

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