



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
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JULY 18, 2020 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

2020-21 Branch Officers

President Robert Bean
Vice President Michelle Davis
Sec/Treasurer: Peg Burke

Chaplain Dennis McCully
Master-at-Arms James Robertson

Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:
Harold Young (2020-2021)
Anna Martin (2018-2023)
Rick Baldwin (2020-2025)

2020-21 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 as of 7/15/2020

Read Minutes of June 13, 2020

Communications received since the June 2020 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

2020 NW Regional Convention – Has been postponed until 2021. It will still be hosted by Mt Rainier Branch 104, Puyallup, WA. Location may or may not be at the La Quinta Hotel at 1425 East 27th St, Tacoma, WA 98421. More information to come.
Delegates are: Michelle Davis, Chair, Anna Martin, and Rick Baldwin

Nominations for NW Regional Officers 2020-2021

Regional President RVPNW Danny Hunt - Gem State Branch 382 of Nampa, ID
Regional Vice President Michelle Davis – Inland Empire Branch 38 of Spokane, WA

Due to the 2020 NWR Convention being postponed until next year an email was sent to all NW Region Branches asking for any other nominations to the above positions to be submitted by July 15, 2020. If there are no other nominations (which there has not been) the two candidates above will be sworn in as the new NW Regional Officers).

2020 National FRA/LAFRA Convention - Has been postponed until 2021. It will still be 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 25 – October 2, 2021. 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.
Delegates are: Michelle Davis, Chair and Anna Martin

2021 NW Region Convention – Branch 38 has been asked to host the 2022 NW Region Convention due to the postponing of this year's convention. It will be hosted by Inland Empire Branch 38 in Spokane, WA. 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 be asked if it can accommodate us in 2022 instead. It will allow us to run a hospitality room like we have in the past.

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

Milestone Awards-July – August - September 2020

George Stevens Jr 45 years August 2020
Doug Harms 50 years September 2020

Membership Report – The Branch Membership Report for June is 75. The Branch Secretary received a notice on July 13, 2020 from FRA Headquarters that Branch 38 Shipmate Douglas Morgan, who lived in Idaho Falls, ID joined the Supreme Commander’s team on June 8, 2020. Therefore, the Branch membership is now down to 74.

2019-2020 National Americanism Essay Winners – Branch 38 Americanism-Patriotism Chair, Anna Martin, and Branch 38 Secretary Peg Burke traveled to Hanford High School in Richland, Washington to present Taylor Smith with the 12th Grade National Winner Award and the Overall Winner award. Her family was in attendance and the information has been submitted to the FRA Today magazine. They have let us know that the article will be in the October 2020 issue.

We also gave the family copies of the July issue of the magazine because it had her name and essay in it. We thought the family would appreciate having the copies to hand out to grandparents, etc. Taylor is headed to BYU (Brigham Young University) in Provo, Utah next month to start her college career.

SyncMD / VSO Pilot – Branch President Robert Bean and Shipmate Ralph Bean attended a presentation on a new program being piloted at VAMC facilities. Shipmate Bean will tell you what it is all about.

Shipmate Bean provided a handout titled “A Dog Tag for the 21st Century”. It described the partnership led by AMVETS and SyncMD. SyncMD is a HIPAA-compliant smartphone app which allows veterans to easily and securely share medical records with their health care providers, at home or away. They are seeking volunteers for a pilot. Shipmate Bean also state that it would be open to anyone that wants to look at your records.

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.

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

The restaurant is owned by the same people who own the White Elephant stores which are closing permanently. Will need to check on if they will still be open by Christmas.