



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
www.frabranch38.org

SEPTEMBER 19, 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: Paul Manly, new LIFE member of Branch 38 (former Coast Guard)
 Read Minutes of August 15, 2020 Treasurer's Report as of 9/16/2020
 Communications received since the August 2020 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Milestone Awards-July – August - September 2020

George Stevens Jr 45 years August 2020
 Doug Harms 50 years September 2020 (*not received from FRA HQ yet*)

2020 NW Regional Convention – Has been postponed until 2021. It will still be hosted by Mt Rainier Branch 104, Puyallup, WA. Location will still be at the La Quinta Hotel at 1425 East 27th St, Tacoma, WA 98421 at \$99 plus tax. The new dates are August 24-26, 2021, a Tuesday thru Thursday vs a weekend.

Branch 38 delegates remain as: Michelle Davis, Chair, Anna Martin, and Rick Baldwin

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. *Branch 38 delegates remain as: 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

Deceased Members – Shipmate Dan Hutchinson joined the Supreme Commander's team on August 26, 2020. He was 87 years old. His memorial services were September 8, 2020 at Hennessey Spokane. Four members of the Branch attended. He will be included in our next two-bell ceremony.

Membership Report – The Branch Membership Report for September was 73. After the monthly report came, we were notified that Shipmate Hutchinson had passed away. Therefore, the Branch membership is now down to 72. The First Quarter Membership Report has been received. Shipmate David Lord is now a Life Member - Congratulations👍!!

Annual Website Domain Renewal – We have received the notice from Shipmate Lazzaretti who is our host for our website domain for our annual renewal. The amount is \$20.

The Branch Treasurer was directed to pay it.

FRA Hats – We encourage everyone in the Branch to purchase the gold top FRA Hats for use at community events, etc. Our vendor is Keystone Uniform Cap and there is a link on the FRA Website under member resources.

Ballot for FRA National Officers for 2020-21 – Election of national officers is being held by branch ballot this year. Branch 38 has four (4) votes. The candidates for national officers are as follows:

National President	Michael “Mick” Fulton (currently NVP)
National Vice President	James Campbell (PRPEC)
National Vice President	James E. “Robbie” Robbins Jr (PRPSE) (Just received his bio)

The Branch members must vote on their choice at this meeting, so that the Branch President and Secretary can fill in the ballot, sign it, and mail it back to FRA HQ by September 30, 2020.

This item was tabled until the September 19, 2020 Meeting. The Branch Secretary was directed to send out an email to all Branch members that have an email to vote on the above candidates. She was directed to include their Nomination Biographies in the email so everyone could have an idea of what their qualifications are. Response to be required prior to the September 2020 meeting date.

The Branch Secretary received five (6) responses to her email. The votes tallied as follows:

National President	Mick Fulton
National Vice President	James E. “Robbie” Robbins

The Branch Secretary was directed to get the Branch 38 ballot in the mail so that it would reach FRA National HQ by October 30, 2020.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Fairchild AFB Virtual Retiree Appreciation Day, September 22, 2020. It is a free online event, live or on your schedule at: **Facebook:** search Fairchild FRC and **YouTube:** search Fairchild Fun

Shipmate Robert Bean discussed the recent VA email distributed document that contained information for veterans with debts and help for veterans during disaster. It was suggested that this info be put in the upcoming Quarterly Bulletin that will be sent out the end of the month.

Shipmate Michelle Davis also had information on caregivers for veterans and asked that it be included in the upcoming bulletin.

Shipmate Grisham informed the members present of the Seattle based Icebreaker that experienced mechanical issues and had to return to base for repairs.

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

September 19, 2020 **Monthly Mtg at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post_1474 (Bingo Hall)
2902 E. Diamond Ave, 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)
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December 19, 2020 **Christmas Party at 11:00 AM – East:** Conley’s Place
12622 E. Sprague, Spokane Valley, WA

The Branch Secretary has confirmed that even though the White Elephant stores are closed the restaurant will remain open and operated by a different branch of the family. They too are still restricted to five (5) people to a table.

Proposed Calendar Year 2021 Meeting Locations

All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

3rd Quarter FY 2019 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

January 16, 2021 **Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall)
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

February 20, 2021 **Monthly Meeting at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall)
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

March 20, 2021 **NOON Luncheon at – South:** Twiggs Bistro & Martini Bar
4230 S. Regal, Spokane, WA

4th Quarter FY 2019 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

April 17, 2021 **Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall)
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

May 15, 2021 **Monthly Meeting at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post_1474 (Bingo Hall)
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

June 19, 2021 **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 17, 2021 **Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall)
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

August 21, 2021 **Monthly Meeting at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall)
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

September 18, 2021 **NOON Luncheon at – North:** The Onion, 7552 N. Division, Spokane, WA

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