



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

OCTOBER 17, 2020 QUARTERLY 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 9/16/2020

Read Minutes of August 15, 2020

Communications received since the August 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 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

Milestone Awards - October – November - December 2020

Anna Martin	10 Years	October 2020	None for November 2020		
Daniel Hull	35 Years	October 2020	Laveen Schmidt	45 Years	December 2020

Membership Report – The Branch Membership Report for October was 73. Shipmate Manly was on the report as our newest member. This month’s newsletter has a link for the FRA Ship Store for anyone who wants to buy some FRA gear. There are two ways to get to it: www.fra.org/shipstore or www.frashipstore.com .

The first one is supposed to transition you to the second one. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn’t. Isn’t technology fun 😊

The Second Quarter 2020-21 Membership Report is in.

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 were 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.

The Ballots were counted on October 1, 2020 by a committee picket by the National President and was counted during a ZOOM meeting. The Branch 38 Secretary watched the count along with a few other on Zoom. The Branch Secretary sent the results out on the October Meeting email on 10/12/2020.

*National President will be Mick Fulton and the National Vice President will be James Campbell
Installation was held on October 15, 2020 and they broadcast it on a ZOOM meeting.*

2018-2019 NW Regional Committee Awards – Branch 38 has received the ribbons they won at the 2019 Northwest Regional Convention. Just need to get them on the Branch Flag now.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

This year the Spokane NOSC will not be hosting a Navy Ball due to COVID-19 restrictions. This information was found on their Facebook page. They do intend to host one next year if the pandemic subsides.

Shipmate Grisham checked on the Spokane Chiefs schedule and they will only be playing in their division and their first game is 1/8/2021.

It was suggested by the Jr Past Branch President that we follow the FRA C&BL Branch Meeting structure for future meetings to keep the meeting on track instead of veering off topic. It will be much easier to follow what is going on that way.

Meeting Adjourned.

Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

Ralph Bean, Jr Past Branch President

Calendar Year 2020 Meeting Locations

All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

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 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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