



**Fleet Reserve Association  
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.  
Spokane, Washington**  
[www.frabran38.org](http://www.frabran38.org)

**DECEMBER 2020 'ZOOM' MEETING MINUTES**

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates: There were no visitors present.

The Blessing of God was invoked by Branch 38 Chaplain Dennis McCully followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the reciting of the Preamble to the Constitution of the Fleet Reserve Association.

Meeting was declared convened:

The Minutes of the November's, 2020 were read and approved. The Minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting on December 11, 2020 were read and approved.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Americanism-Patriotism Chair Anna Martin reported that the Branch had received seven (7) essays. They have been judged and there are four (4) first place winners that will be forwarded to the Northwest Regional Chair for consideration.
- Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation Chair Michelle Davis asked if anyone has given blood, donated time at a VA Hospital or Care Center. With the COVID pandemic, this is kind of on hiatus because of all the restrictions.
- Membership & Retention Chair Michelle Davis reported that the National Membership Committee is asking for an essay or video of why you joined the FRA and have stayed in. They are looking for testimonials to use in their recruiting endeavors. The Committee is also checking into getting some "perks" programs that the organization can use going forward. Examples are like the Pet Insurance they used to offer, discounts at restaurants, etc.
- Public Relations Chair Ralph Bean was not at the meeting. Branch Secretary Burke stated that we had not submitted any news items to the local papers and that the Quarterly Branch Bulletin would be coming out by the first of year.
- Veterans Service Chair Dave Lord reported that the VA cancelled the VSO Town Hall meeting due to the pandemic. Information can be found through the Mirabeau Park Veteran.
- Youth Activities Chair James Grisham was not present – no report for this committee.

Communications received since the November 2020 meeting were presented. The Treasurer's Report as of 11/19//2020 was included on page 3 of the Meeting Agenda.

## UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED 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

**2021 NW Regional Convention** – Will still be hosted by Mt Rainier Branch 104, Puyallup, WA. Location will still be at the La Quinta Hotel at 1425 East 27<sup>th</sup> 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*

**93<sup>rd</sup> FRA / 88<sup>th</sup> LAFRA National Convention (aka 2020 Convention)** - 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*

*Stay tuned for more information, there is a push from the NBOD & HQ to move it.*

**2022 NW Region Convention** – 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 2022 NW Region Convention. It will be held August 19-20, 2022. 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

There was no new business to bring forward.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

It was suggested that possible sites to move the National Convention would be either the Coeur d’Alene Casino or the Northern Quest Casino. The former is run by the Coeur d’Alene Indian Tribe and the later by the Kalispell Tribe. Branch 38 Secretary, who is also a co-chair for the National Convention, stated she would forward that information to the FRA HQ Marketing Director.

Meeting was adjourned after the closing prayer given by Branch 38 Chaplain McCully.



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Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

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Robert Bean, Branch President

**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

During the extreme spread of the COVID-19 that we will be utilizing ZOOM as an alternative to in-person meetings. I will still notify everyone of the Branch 38 meeting each month to let you know if it will be at the VFW 1474 Bingo Hall in Spokane or via ZOOM. We will keep to the original yearly schedule of the third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. whether we are meeting at the Bingo Hall or via ZOOM.

For those of you who have not attended a meeting in person in the last 4-5 months and want to be included in future ZOOM meetings please let me know. Right now it is set up with the list of ZOOM attendees (invitations) from the aforementioned months. We always add you to the ZOOM list if you just let the Secretary know.

The ZOOM information for the monthly meeting will be sent on the Monday or Tuesday before the meeting. A meeting agenda with the Preamble will be sent with it.

**Proposed Calendar Year 2021 Meeting Locations***All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.***3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**4<sup>th</sup> 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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2020 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings**

**October 16, 2021** Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall)  
 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**November 20, 2020** Monthly Mtg at 10:30 AM at the VFW Post\_1474 (Bingo Hall)  
 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**December 18, 2021** Christmas Party at 11:00 AM – Conley’s Place 12622 E. Sprague, Spokane Valley, WA