



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
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APRIL 17, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates: Terie and Josh Lord, new members of Unit 382, Nampa, ID. Shipmate George Peck, a Branch 38 member. was welcomed to his first meeting. He is from the Tri-Cities area of Washington.

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 at 1030 am:

The Minutes of the March 2021 Meeting were read and approved.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Americanism-Patriotism: Chair Anna Martin reported that we are still awaiting the National Essay Committee Chair's notification of the national winners
- Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation: Chair Michelle Davis made a last call for anyone had made any donations or visits so she could include them on her annual report.
- Membership & Retention: Chair Michelle Davis stated that the HQ staff has been attending the mid-year meetings of the FRA Regions have still have them. She also welcomed Shipmate Rick Baldwin's announcement that he is now a LIFE Member.
- Public Relations: Branch Secretary stated that the quarterly bulletin had been sent the first part of April.
- Veterans Service: Chair Dave Lord reported on a conference call he attended with VA leaders. He was asked to submit a synopsis for posting on his Branch Website area.
- Youth Activities: Chair James Grisham had nothing to report this month.

Communications received since March Meeting were presented. The Treasurer's Report for as of 4/14/2021 was included on page 3 of the Meeting Agenda.

UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS

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 27th St, Tacoma, WA 98421 at \$119 plus tax. ***It will not be a full regional convention, just a business meeting on August 28, 2021 (Saturday).*** Those on the east side of the Cascades and in Idaho and Oregon will have to travel in on Friday. The business meeting will be in the morning and elections and installation of regional officers in the afternoon.

*Branch 38 delegates remain as: Michelle Davis, Chair, Anna Martin, and Rick Baldwin
The Branch Secretary will have to resubmit the form since everything is now in 2021.*

93rd FRA / 88th LAFRA National Convention (aka 2020 Convention) – The FRA/LAFRA National Convention has been moved from Portland, OR due to the civil unrest. **The new site will be the Mirabeau Park Hotel in Spokane Valley, Washington on October 2-9, 2021.** The Branch Treasurer has ordered the stylus pens for inclusion in the ditty bags the delegates to the convention will be receiving. She will bring one to the next meeting for a look-see.

*Branch 38 delegates remain as: Michelle Davis, Chair and Anna Martin
This form also will have to be resubmitted due to the move to 2021 vs 2020.*

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
Still awaiting to see what happens at this year’s convention.*

NEW BUSINESS

“Fair Winds and Following Seas” to Shipmates

Since our last meeting, Inland Empire Branch 38 has been notified that the following Shipmates have joined the Supreme Commander: Joseph R. Nannie on June 12, 2020, and Charles R. Imus on February 18, 2021

Milestone Awards for April – May – June 2021

Tom Staudinger	10 Years	April 2021	James Robertson	20 Year	May 2021
Dale Zentzis	25 Years	April 2021	George Peck	25 Years	May 2021

James Robertson’s and George Peck’s were presented at the meeting.

Change Location of July 2021 Meeting

Shipmate Rick Baldwin has invited Branch 38 to have their July 17, 2021 meeting at his home and enjoy a BBQ while we are at it. We have not had a potluck picnic/BBQ in a long time, and this might be a nice way to bring hope to all of us making it through the pandemic.

A discussion was held, and a vote taken. The July meeting will be at Shipmate Baldwin’s place.

Election of Branch Officers – President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and one Director

All Branch Officers terms expire in 2021. Shipmate Young took over the term of Bruce Vails whose term expires in 2021. Officers Reports are due to HQ by June 10th so nominations in April, vote in May, and install in June.

The entire slate of current officers serving were nominated for the 2021-2022 term. This means the candidates for next year are as follows:

<i>President:</i>	<i>Robert Bean Sr</i>
<i>Vice President:</i>	<i>Michelle Davis</i>
<i>Secretary/Treasurer:</i>	<i>Margret “Peg” Burke</i>
<i>Board of Director:</i>	<i>Harold Young</i>

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Shipmate Burke announced that Branch 38 Vice President Michelle Davis, who is also the NW Regional Vice President, will be running for Regional President Northwest at the regional convention. Since the Branch purchased the “Grey Hat” for Shipmate Burke when she became Regional President she asked if the Branch would be willing to purchase the one for Shipmate Davis. The vote was unanimous. She will need a 7-1/4 hat. The Treasurer was directed to order one for Michelle.

The two Auxiliary members for Gem State Unit 382, Terie and Josh Lord were initiated by PRPNW Burke. They were given their Auxiliary books and a copy of the Auxiliary Newsletter called the Triangle. We are looking forward to their help at the FRA/LAFRA National Convention this year. Welcome Aboard!!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am after the closing prayer given by Branch 38 Chaplain McCully.

Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

Robert Bean, Branch President

2020-21 Branch Officers

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

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

Chaplain Dennis McCully
Master-at-Arms James Robertson

Proposed Calendar Year 2021 Meeting Locations

All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

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

2nd 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