



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
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FEBRUARY 20, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates: There were no visitors/guests this month.

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 1035 am:

The Minutes of the January 2021 Zoom Meeting were read and approved.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Americanism-Patriotism Chair Anna Martin reported that the Northwest Regional Chair stated that the Northwest Region's Essay Winners have been declared. Branch 38 had one first place winner, Parker Smith, a 9th grader from West Richland, WA. She is the sibling of last year's overall winner for the FRA. Her essay was forwarded to the FRA National Chairman for consideration at that level. Branch 38 also had a 10th grade second place award and an 11th grade third place award.
- Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation Chair Michelle Davis asked that if anyone gives blood, visits the VA Hospital or Veterans Home to please let her know. Each of these things count toward the annual report for HW&R.
- Membership & Retention Chair Michelle Davis stated that the National Membership & Retention Committee is asking everyone that con to send in an essay/video recording of why you joined the FRA and continue to serve. They will use it to recruit new members. There is also a push to recruit/reinstate past terminated members. They are offering complimentary membership for active duty members to let them see what the FRA is all about.
- Public Relations Chair Ralph Bean reported that the Branch Secretary is sending out post cards with reminders of meetings to those without email addresses.
- Veterans Service Chair Dave Lord reported that he is taking the online VSO training to become a certified VSO. He asks that if you have a question, he will help you get the answer as he takes this training. He is under the mentorship of RPNW Flanik, the NW Region Chair of the Veterans Service Committee.
- Youth Activities Chair James Grisham was not present – no report for this committee.,

Communications received since January Meeting were presented. The Treasurer's Report for as of 2/17/2021 was included on page 3 of the Meeting Agenda.

Milestone Awards - January – February – March 2021

Dwayne Harney 5 years February 2021

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 \$99 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. More to come at next month's meeting.

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

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.** Stay tuned for more information. 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

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

Deceased Shipmates - Branch 38 lost Shipmate Richard Casselman, a 65 year member of the Branch, to the Supreme Commander's Team on February 7, 2021. We were also notified that PNP Richard (Dick) Smith passed away on February 9, 2021. He was from the Poway Branch in California. During the research of a list of terminated past members it was found that CAPT James White who was terminated in 2017 had passed away on July 26, 2017. All three of the above Shipmates will be added to our Two Bell Ceremony list.

VSO Training – Branch 38's Veterans Committee Chair is pursuing the online training to become a fully certified VSO (Veterans Service Officer). This will enable him to help other Shipmates with their VA claims.

March 2020 Meeting Location – The members present voted to try having the meeting at the restaurant listed on the yearly schedule. If it can serve us and still be in compliance with the COVID Pandemic restrictions, we will meet there. If not, we will meet at the VFW Post 1474 Bingo Hall.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The schedule of the Spokane Indians Baseball season was discussed. The team is now a Class A team and is association with the Colorado Rockies now. We may be able to attend some of their games withing the Pandemic rules to reopen. The hockey team, Spokane Chiefs, will play 24 games this year, but we will have to wait until next year to see them in person. The Washington Dept of Health is using their venue for mass vaccinations, therefore no one except the players/coaches will be allowed in the building.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 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

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

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

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: Twigg’s 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

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