



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

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates: Shipmate Lord introduced his wife, Teri, and son, Josh, as prospective new members of Unit 382, Nampa, ID.

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 1040 am:

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

**Standing Committee Reports:**

- Americanism-Patriotism: Chair Anna Martin reported that there is nothing new to report this month. Still awaiting the National Essay Committee Chair's notification of the national winners
- Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation: Chair Michelle Davis asked that if anyone had made any donations or visits so she could include them on her annual report.
- Membership & Retention: Chair Michelle Davis stated that the "perks" have been signed off on by the NBOD.
- Public Relations: Branch Secretary stated that the monthly renewal post cards have been sent out and that the next quarterly bulleting will be out by the first part of April.
- Veterans Service: Chair Dave Lord reported that he is still working on VSO training to become a certified VSO. He also stated that the VA has received permission to give COVID vaccinations to veterans' spouses.
- Youth Activities: Chair James Grisham had nothing to report this month.

Communications received since February Meeting were presented. The Treasurer's Report for as of 3/18/2021 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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. More to come at next month's meeting.

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

**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

**93<sup>rd</sup> FRA / 88<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Korean War Monument** – The design and sighting was approved by the Spokane PFD for installation at the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena. There is a Capital Campaign underway to raise an addition \$15,000. Shipmate Young asked that the Branch Membership to donate \$100 towards this effort. A motion was made and seconded that FRA Branch 38 donate the above sum. A vote was taken, and the motion was passed. The Branch Treasurer will send a check to the L&G (501c3) Korean War Memorial fund as our donation.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

**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 10<sup>th</sup> so nominations in April, vote in May, and install in June.

It was noted that Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rodgers has called upon the VA to audit the electronic records contract because of errors being made in medications for veterans being messed up big time. It seems that the staff at the VA says the system is cumbersome and hard to use.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am 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

**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**

**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