



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
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JUNE 19, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates: Shipmate Burke, who lives in Colorado, and his family (wife and three daughters) were at the meeting this month. This was the 3rd meeting he has made in person in addition to attending a couple of ZOOM meetings.

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 1205 pm:

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

Standing Committee Reports:

- Americanism-Patriotism: Chair Anna Martin reported that the national winners of the Essay Contest has been received and Branch 38 had a 3rd Place winner, Parker Smith, from Richland, WA. Now we are waiting for the check and certificates.
- Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation: Chair Michelle Davis had nothing to report this month.
- Membership & Retention: Chair Michelle Davis talked about the Sparks Fly (FRA perks) information that can be found online when you log in to your FRA account..
- Public Relations: Chair Ralph Bean had nothing to report.
- Veterans Service: Chair Dave Lord is continuing his online training to become a VSO Claims Officer..
- Youth Activities: Chair James Grisham talked about the local baseball team schedule and when they might have a veterans appreciation night. The Spokane Shock, our indoor football team, will be playing tonight at the Spokane Arena..

Communications received since May Meeting were presented.

The Treasurer's Report for as of 6/16/2021 was included on page 3 of the Meeting Agenda.

UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS

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

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.

The Branch Secretary has resubmitted 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.

The delegate credentials have been 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 remodeling of their dining room is done and we will touch base with them again in August prior to this year's convention.

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 elected for the 2021-2022 term. Installation will be at next month's meeting: President is Robert Bean Sr, Vice President is Michelle Davis, Secretary/Treasurer is Margret "Peg" Burke, and Harold Young was elected to a five-year term as a Board of Director.

Welcome Aboard Party Menu – Shipmate Burke asked the branch to help decide the menu for the Welcome Aboard Party for the National Convention. She was asked to set up a meeting with those shipmates that volunteered in the next ten days to meet and do so.

Meeting was not held. Still need to do.

NEW BUSINESS

Branch 38's 74th Birthday – Today was the branch's 74th birthday. A motion was made to have the Branch pay for those shipmates' meals at the first luncheon we have had since the COVID Pandemic started. It was moved and seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Branch 38 Items for National Convention Ditty Bags – Shipmate Burke, the Branch Treasurer, had purchased stylus pens for the branch's donation to the bags from her own funds. It was moved and seconded that the Branch reimburse her for the pens. What is not used at the National Convention will be used for next year's Northwest Region Convention which Branch 38 is sponsoring.

Installation of Officers: Jr Past Branch President Ralph Bean installed the Branch Officers for the year 2021-2022. They are listed on Page 3.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

There was nothing to discuss since it was covered under the Youth Activities report.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm after the closing prayer given by Branch 38 Chaplain McCully.

Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

Robert Bean, Branch President

2021-22 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:
Anna Martin (2018-2023)
Rick Baldwin (2020-2025)
Harold Young (2021-2026)

2021-22 Branch Committee Chairs

Americanism Anna Martin
HW&R Michelle Davis
Public Relations Ralph Bean
Veterans Services Dave Lord
Youth Activities James Grisham

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

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 Shipmate Rick Baldwin’s House
5857 Jergens Rd, Nine Mile Falls, WA (**Google it ??**)

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