



**Fleet Reserve Association  
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.  
Spokane, Washington**  
[www.frabranch38.org](http://www.frabranch38.org)

**OCTOBER 16, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates – LAFRA PNP Bea Parco was introduced.

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 10:35 am:

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

Standing Committee Reports:

- Americanism-Patriotism: Chair Anna Martin was absent but the Branch Secretary reminded everyone that the essay rules had changed.
- Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation: Chair Michelle Davis reminded everyone not to forget to send her information when you donate, volunteer at the VA, etc.
- Membership & Retention: Chair Michelle Davis said their national committee was developing a way to provide snacks at VA centers as a way of recruiting members.
- Public Relations: Chair Ralph Bean was not present and the Branch Secretary said quarterly bulletin was sent out the second week of October.
- Veterans Service: Chair Dave Lord stated he attended as many classes as he could at the convention so he could learn what was expected of him as a VSO/VAVS representative.
- Youth Activities: Chair James Grisham suggested making stickers for snacks at the community colleges since a lot of veterans seem to attend their vocational programs.

Communications received since the September Meeting were presented.

The Treasurer's Report for as of 9/30/2021 was included on page 3 of the Meeting Agenda.

**UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS**

**93<sup>rd</sup> FRA / 88<sup>th</sup> LAFRA National Convention (aka 2020 Convention)** – The FRA/LAFRA National Convention was held at the Mirabeau Park Hotel in Spokane Valley, Washington on October 2-9, 2021. It was attended by about 135-150 delegates of the FRA and LAFRA. The hotel did an outstanding job with the low staff they had. The food was excellent, and the convention was a success.

- Branch 38 Shipmates that worked the morning shifts in the Hospitality Room were Dennis McCully and James Grisham. Shipmate Rick Baldwin took over the afternoon shift and was our “shopper” for resupplying the goodies and beverages. The evening shift was manned by Northwest Region delegates Tim Miller and Brent Hundley of Branch 97 and Pete Lazzaretti from Branch 18, along with other delegates within the region.
- Branch 38 Shipmate Davis and PRPNW Hazel Bettencourt were the Credentials team for the Northwest Region, logging in all the delegates for the region and doubling as the distribution point for the Wine Tour and Dinner Cruise tickets. RPNW Danny Hunt and Shipmate Dave Lord of Branch 38 were distributing the delegate kit and bags. LAFRA members from Unit 382 Sheri and Josh Lord assisted the Convention Meals Chair in the distribution of the meal tickets.
- LAFRA members, Jan Johnson and Judy Faubion ran the 50/50 tickets and the silent auction at the convention.

The only downside to the convention was that two delegates were hospitalized with medical issues. LAFRA PNP Bea Parco for 10 days, and FRA PRPNW Hazel Bettencourt for a week. Hazel was transported home to Nampa, Idaho by Medical Van on Friday October 15. Bea is staying with Shipmate Burke of Branch 38 until they could arrange to get her home to Tuscon, Arizona.

**2022 NW Region Convention** – Will be hosted by Inland Empire Branch 38 in Spokane, WA. The Hampton Inn off Sunset Hwy will not honor the government rate for 2022. This makes the committee looking for a new site for the 2022 NW Region Convention. It will be held August 19-21, 2022.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**LAFRA National President’s Project** – LAFRA NP Pat Suckow’s project this year is K-9’s for Warriors. Shipmate Grisham proposed that Branch 38 donate to this project. Shipmate Bean suggested that we use the monies garnered from the “Good of The Order” collection towards this project for the next year. Approved.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Shipmate Grisham noted that there will be a Military Appreciation Night at the Spokane Chief’s hockey game on January 29, 2022. Do we want to set up a table this year?

Will the Branch be donating to Toys for Tots this year? Normally Branch 38 donates \$250 to this Marine Corps Reserve’s project.

Will the Branch be doing The Wreaths Across America this year also? Shipmate Young mentioned that the Vets Cemetery people mentioned that they are ordering their wreaths from an outfit in Oregon vs the Wreaths Across America that comes from the Northeast part of the United States. The wreaths from Oregon are fresher when they get here. Shipmate Young will send the Branch Secretary/Treasurer the contact information for getting the wreaths from Oregon.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm 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

**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.***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

**Proposed Calendar Year 2022 Meeting Locations***All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.***3rd Quarter FY 2021 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings**

**January 15, 2022** Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall)  
 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**February 19, 2022** Monthly Mtg at 10:30 AM at the VFW Post\_1474 (Bingo Hall)  
 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**March 19, 2022** Monthly Mtg at NOON – Black Angus Steakhouse  
 11724 E. Indiana, Spokane Valley, WA

**4th Quarter FY 2021 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings**

**April 16, 2022** Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall)  
 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**May 21, 2022** Monthly Mtg at 10:30 AM at the VFW Post\_1474 (Bingo Hall)  
 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**June 18, 2022** Monthly Mtg at NOON at Longhorn BBQ, 7611 W. Hwy 2, Spokane, WA

**1st Quarter FY 2022 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings**

**July 16, 2022** Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall)  
 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**August 20, 2022** Monthly Mtg at 10:30 AM at the VFW Post\_1474 (Bingo Hall)  
 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
*Cancel - Branch is NWR Convention Hosts*

**September 17, 2022** Monthly Mtg at NOON at Twiggs Bistro & Martini Bar, 4320 S. Regal, Spokane, WA

**2nd Quarter FY 2022 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings**

**October 15, 2022** Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall)  
 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**November 19, 2022** Monthly Mtg at 10:30 AM at the VFW Post\_1474 (Bingo Hall)  
 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA  
**December 17, 2022** Christmas Party at 11:00 AM – Golden Corral, 7117 N. Division, Spokane, WA