



Fleet Reserve Association  
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.  
Spokane, Washington  
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FEBRUARY 19, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates – LAFRA Unit 382 members Teri Lord and Josh Lord attended with their husband/father, Shipmate Dave Lord.

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 a.m.

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

Standing Committee Reports:

Americanism-Patriotism: **Chair, Anna Martin**

There were no entrants for the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grades this year. The Essay winners for Branch 38:

10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Parker Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Hanford HS, Richland, WA
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Rose Stewart	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Kendrick HS. Kendrick, ID
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Shay Perlot	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Hanford HS, Richland, WA
	Sydney Smith	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Hanford HS, Richland, WA

First place winners’ essays were sent to the NWR Chair for judging at the regional level.

- Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation: **Chair, Michelle Davis** mentioned that the annual committee report is coming up soon and if anyone has donated blood or volunteered at the VA Hospital or Veterans Home to let her know.
- Membership & Retention: **Chair, Michelle Davis** stated that the VFW is holding it state conventions in the Spokane area the next two years. This year’s will be June 16-17, 2-22. She emphasized that it may be a good opportunity for the Branch to have a table at their convention with information regarding the FRA and its programs.
- Public Relations: **Chair Ralph Bean** suggested that the Branch may want to put an advertisement in their program advertising that we are in the area.
- Veterans Service: **Chair Dave Lord** is taking another online course to help him work on VA claims. He stated that the VA is relooking at some of their disability claims to see if any of the new criteria that has recently been authorized applies to those veterans who may have been denied prior to the adoption of this new criteria.
- Youth Activities: **Chair James Grisham** mentioned that the Spokane Indians have two military appreciation nights on their schedule this year, one in May and one in August.

Communications received since the January 2022 Meeting were presented.

The Treasurer's Report for as of 1/31/2022 was included on page 4 of the Meeting Agenda.

## UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS

- **2022 NW Region Convention** –This convention will be hosted by Inland Empire Branch 38. Contact the Convention Chair, Anna Martin, or Vice Chair Michelle Davis, to get on the planning team. The convention is set for August 19-20, 2022. The Convention sit will be the Ramada Inn at the Airport. The lodging rate is \$114 plus taxes/fees. There will be a bulletin sent out next week with the other information on it. Help is needed to make this a successful convention.
- **Zoom Subscription Reimbursement** – Tabled from last month's meeting.  
*The issue of reimbursement, up to 50%, of the Zoom subscription that Secretary Burke has funded for the Branch and the Northwest Region was discussed and approved for 2022. Branch President Robert Bean stated that if it allows more branch members to attend monthly meetings he would personally pay the reimbursement for 2023.*

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Shipmates Lost** -USNR CDR Paul Charvet, a Navy pilot who disappeared during the Vietnam War in 1967 was returned to his family in Anchorage, Alaska on January 26, 2022. He grew up on a farm in the Grandview, WA area. His mother, who is 102 and has dementia, is still living and is in Alaska with his sisters. We will be honoring CDR Charvet during our Two Bell Ceremony.
- **Milestone Awards -January – February – March 2022**

Dave Lord	5 years	February 2022
William Stroyan	25 years	February 2022
- **Lilac Parade Participation** – 21 May 2022  
Branch VP Michelle Davis said she would look into what we have to do to participate in this year's parade.
- **2022 Northwest Regional Convention** – 19-20 August 2022  
Convention Chairman Anna Martin stated that we are having a silent auction at the convention and asked all the craft makers to let her know what they would provide to help us raise funds in this endeavor.
- **Spokane County Fair Booth** – 9-18 September 2022  
Shipmate Carla Scott stated that the VFW will have a booth at the fair and invited us to bring some materials to put on the table and sit with them and recruit for both organizations.

- **Branch 038 Name Change** – Inland Empire in California is confused with the Inland Northwest which is also alternatively known as Inland Empire.  
It was noted that the Inland Empire in the Northwest was established in the 1860’s and that the California Inland Empire was not established until 1962. The Branch voted **NO** to a name change and stated that when we indicate we are from the Inland Empire we use the words “Inland Empire of the Northwest so that people would know that we are not in California.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- **2022 Armed Forces Sports Calendar**  
VFW 1474 welcomes all veterans’ organizations to come to their establishment for dinner and comradery.  
  
The NW Region Legislative Chair sends information to the NWRP and that information is distributed to the NW Region Secretaries to distribute to their branch members. The Branch 38 Secretary is sending this information out like she does the Vet Center and RAO information emails.

Meeting was adjourned at Noon 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 2022 Meeting Locations

*All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.*

### 3rd Quarter FY 2021 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

**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)  
*Cancelled - Branch is*      *2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA*  
*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** – Conley’s Place 12622 E. Sprague, Spokane Valley, WA