



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
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MAY 21, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates – LAFRA Unit 382 member Teri Lord attended today’s meeting.

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 10:45 am.

The Minutes of the April 2022 Meeting were read and approved.

Standing Committee Reports:

Americanism-Patriotism – Chair, [Anna Martin](#)

National Americanism-Patriotism - Essay Contest Winners - 2021-2022 are as follows:

<u>7th Grade</u>				<u>10th Grade</u>			
1 st Place	Zachary Krivis	Br 17	NC Region	1 st Place	David Allen	Br 32	NC Region
2 nd Place	Camille Avery	Br 89	SE Region	2 nd Place	Seth Guzman	Br 294	SE Region
3 rd Place	Braydyn Bowers	Br 275	WC Region	3 rd Place	Bayleigh Guidry	Br 251	SC Region
<u>8th Grade</u>				<u>11th Grade</u>			
1 st Place	Sonia Veldhuis	Br 13	NENE Region	1 st Place	Malik Bossert-Haverland	Br 293	EC Region
2 nd Place	Ethan Copeland	Br 293	EC Region	2 nd Place	Zachary Miranda	Br 70	SW Region
3 rd Place	Silas Stephens	Br 364	NC Region	3 rd Place	Natalie Fibelkorn	Br 44	SE Region
<u>9th Grade</u>				<u>12th Grade</u>			
1st Place	Lauren Mathews	Br 316	NC Region	1 st Place	J.D. Bowman	Br 185	WC Region
2 nd Place	Gabrielle Miranda	Br 70	SW Region	2nd Place	Jacog Agresta	Br 55	NW Region
3 rd Place	Lilly Winslow	Br 293	EC Region	3 rd Place	Callie Johnston	Br 294	SE Region
<u>Overall Winner</u>				<u>North Central Region</u>			
Lauren Mathews				Br 316			

Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation – Chair, [Michelle Davis](#) – Requested final numbers for the Annual Report.

Membership & Retention – Chair, [Michelle Davis](#) – Reminded everyone of the SparkFly Perks on the FRA Website.

Public Relations – Chair, [Ralph Bean](#) – No Report

Veterans Service – Chair, [Dave Lord](#) – Working with local claimants now that he is certified by the VA.

Youth Activities – Chair, [James Grisham](#) – Nothing new to report.

Communications received since the April 2022 Meeting were presented.

The Treasurer’s Report for as of 4/30/2022 was given by Secretary/Treasurer Peg Burke.

UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS

Milestone Awards April – May - June 2022

Harold Young	20 years	April 2022			
Terry Gaffney	10 years	May 2022	Jack Terry	25 years	May 2022
Roi Sigler	15 years	June 2022	Richard Peterschick	50 years	June 2022

Branch President Robert Bean presented Shipmate Harold Young his 20 year award.

Lilac Parade Participation – 21 May 2022

We are participating in this year's 84th Annual Armed Forces Torchlight Parade tonight. Banners have been made and are ready to be installed on the two vehicles we will be using, a military jeep with a 4x6 trailer for the RPNW to ride in, and Branch President Bob Bean's Dodge Ram pickup for those that want to ride. Everyone riding will need to bring their own lawn chair so we can sit instead of standing in the back of the pickup. The parade starts at 7:45 p.m.

Branch VP Michelle Davis handed out the directions to where we are to meet up for our position in the parade. She also stated that we have to be in place by 6:30 pm.

2022 NW Region Convention – August 19-20, 2022

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 site 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.

Newsletter #1 is out & on Branch & Regional websites.

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.

The Branch Secretary has obtained more brochures on the FRA Education Foundation and etc.

94th FRA / 89th LAFRA National Conventions - October 16-22, 2022

The 2022 National Convention is being hosted by various Branches and Units in the Southeastern Region. It will be held October 16-22, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency's Wynfrey Hotel at 1000 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, AL. Room Rates are \$116 per night plus 14% tax and a Tourist fee of \$2. The deadline for making reservations is September 18, 2022.

According to their Newsletter #1 there is a \$10 per day (24 hrs) self-parking fee, or you can do valet-parking for \$20 per day (24 hrs). The parking fees would be added to your Master bill. Reservations can be made by calling 205-705-1234 or by using this URL address:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/BHMHR/G-6FRA>

Branch 38's Upcoming 75th Birthday Celebration – June 18, 2022

The branch will be meeting at the Longhorn BBQ on June 18th and the branch's birthday is the day after. Therefore, we need to plan a little celebration to honor the branch reaching 75 years existence that day.

Branch members discussed the subject of members in good standing have their meal paid for. This is also the month that one of our members, Richard Peterschick, will receive his 50-year pin. It was suggested that the Branch have two cakes prepared for dessert, one for the 75th Branch anniversary and one for Shipmate Peterschick for his 50 year milestone.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership - Handouts from John Davis and Post Cards sent out for “Ready to Renew” members.

Branch Officer Elections for 2022-2023 – The President and Vice President positions are the only ones expiring this year.

First nominations were held. No one stepped up to change officers this year. It was moved and seconded that we retain the same slate of officers for the 2022-2023 term.

There were no other nominations for the Branch Officers. A Vote was held and the following were elected as Branch Officer:

Branch President – Robert Bean

Branch Vice President – Michelle Davis

The two Branch Officers were installed at the end of the meeting by PRPNW Margret “Peg” Burke. Branch 38 Secretary/Treasurer is on her second (and last) year of her two-year term. See list of Officers for 2022-2023 of these minutes.

Northwest Region 2022 PCT Dues – The annual notice of the NW Region PCT dues has been received from the NW Regional Secretary. This year we owe the Region \$22.40. The Branch Treasurer has sent the check to the NWR Sec/Treas.

Memorial Day Ceremonies – The Seabees Organization has asked the Branch to join them in the Spokane Veterans Cemetery ceremonies on Memorial Day.

It was discussed and the decision was if you want to help, do so. Just keep in mind that there are a lot of opportunities to join in the local Memorial Day Ceremonies in the Spokane Community.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Spokane Indians Baseball Team – will be hosting a Armed Forces Appreciation Nigh & Fireworks on May 27, 2022.

U.S. Navy Blue Angels 2022 Show Schedule

They will be in Seattle, WA at the Boeing SeaFair Air Show on August 6 & 7, 2022.

Since the branch has been holding only one Two Bell Ceremony a year and we are experiencing a larger number of our members joining the Supreme Commander, it was suggested that we hold a second one, maybe in April and November in the future. We will put it on the June Agenda for discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. after the closing prayer given by Branch 38 Chaplain McCully.

Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

Robert Bean, Branch President

2022-2023 Branch Officers

President Robert Bean
Vice President Michelle Davis
Sec/Treasurer: Peg Burke
(2021-2023)
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)

2022–2023 Branch Committee Chairs

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

Calendar Year 2022 Meeting Locations

All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

4th Quarter FY 2021 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

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 NWR Convention Hosts
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
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