



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
www.frabran38.org

2025 - 2026 Branch Officers

President	Michelle Davis
Vice President	James Grisham
Sec/Treasurer:	Dave Lord
Chaplain	Dennis McCully
Master-at-Arms	James Robertson

Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:
Rick Baldwin (2020-2025)
Harold Young (2021-2026)
James Grisham (2023-2028)

2025–2026 Branch Cmte Chairs

Americanism	Rick Baldwin
HW&R	Michelle Davis
Public Relations	Peg Burke
Veterans Services	Dave Lord
Youth Activities	Robert Bean

November 15, 2025– Minutes

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates:

Invoke the Blessing of God – **Chaplain**

Shipmates Please Recite with me the following

Pledge of Allegiance

Fleet Reserve Association Preamble

Declare Meeting convened.

Read Minutes of October 2025 meetings. Minutes Accepted.

Standing Committee Reports

Americanism-Patriotism – Chair, **Rick Baldwin** – Essays are coming in,

Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation – Chair, **Michelle Davis** – Keep the numbers coming. HW&R and VAVS reports being combined under the HW&R form.

Membership & Retention – Chair, **Michelle Davis** – Nothing to report.

Public Relations – Chair, **Peg Burke** -

Checked on feasibility of setting up our own web domain. The cost is between \$200-\$300 per year. GoDaddy has the cheapest Rates.

RPNW Bean suggested we set a domain up on the NW Regional level and then add a site for each branch onto that.

There was a motion to renew our website on the Dream Host Domain through Shipmate Lazzaretti for one more year while we figure this out. Motion seconded and approved.

Veterans Service – Chair, **Dave Lord was absent.**

Youth Activities – Chair, **Robert Bean had nothing to report.**

Communications received since the October 2025 meeting.

A new NPSL is out naming the new National Officers and Board of Directors.

Treasurer's Reports as of October 2025 was not presented since the Branch Secretary/Treasurer was not present.

Unfinished or Deferred Business

The 2025 (97th FRA/92nd LAFRA) Convention Recap

Branch President Davis, our delegate to the 2025 National Convention gave an overview of what was approved and Disapproved.

FRA triangle and swoosh trademarks have not been register since 2012 since it is too expensive to renew them.

We need to get all our 1216a letters in to the NW Regional President and FRA HQ personnel before the 2026-2027 elections are held.

The 2026 National Convention will be held at the Orleans Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada in the latter part of October.

Branch 038 received send place in the awards distribution.

We may be able to get free radio ads for the branch at a station that serves these Idaho counties: Osborne, Shoshone, & Wallace.

FRA Today is going digital only in 2026.

New Business

The question was asked if we were going to donate to the Toys-for-Tots and Wreaths Across America organizations again this year. In the past we have donated \$150 to each one. Shipmate Burke, Acting Shipmate Burke, acting Sec/Treas for this meeting stated that there is enough money in checking to pay both of organization \$150 each. A motion was made and seconded that we do this. Shipmate Burke will get the checks to them.

It was noted that our current Secretary/Treasurer, Dave Lord has given the Branch a letter of resignation and so volunteers were sought to take over the position until the 2026-27 elections could be held. Shipmate Burke offered to bring everything up-to-date and start training the Shipmate that volunteered, i.e. Scott Shakleton. She stated that we should be able to start training him in January 2026 and follow up with his election in March.

James Grisham, our current Branch Vice President submitted a letter requesting to be replaced at the 2026-2027 elections to enable someone else in the Branch to serve instead. He thanked everyone for the support he received during his term the last two years.

Good of the Order

There is a Spokane Chiefs' Military Appreciation Night on January 31, 2026, a week after our monthly meeting.

There are two new suggestion for branch luncheons, i.e. a new German restaurant in the five mile area and the Spokane Casino outside of Fairchild Air Force Base.

Shipmate Shakleton asked when he get his branch shirt. Shipmate Burke said she would get the box of shirts from Dave and bring him an XL size next meeting.

Two Bell Ceremony – A two bell ceremony was held for our lost Shipmates this year, i.e. Thomas Guier, VAVS volunteer at the Spokane Vets Center (a member of Branch 097) and jrPNP John S Handzuk.

President:

“Let us leave this meeting place fully aware of the obligation that we owe to our country, our Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the Fleet Reserve Association, and till we meet again let nothing swerve us from our three cardinal principals: Loyalty, Protection, and Service. I now declare this meeting of Branch 038, Fleet Reserve Association, regularly adjourned.”



Margret “Peg” Burke, Acting Sec/Treas



PRPNW Michelle Davis, Branch President

Dates for Calendar Year 2025 - 2026

All meetings are on the Third Saturday of the month.

Last Meeting of Calendar Year 2025.

December 20 2025 Rusty Moose 9105 W HWY 2 Spokane

Branch 38 Meeting Dates Calendar Year 2026

<u>January 17, 2026</u>	Qtrly Mtg VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
<u>February 21, 2026</u>	VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
<u>March 21, 2026</u>	Lunch/Mtg @ The Onion, 7552 N. Division, Spokane, WA
<u>April 18, 2026</u>	Qtrly Mtg VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
<u>May 16, 2026</u>	VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
<u>June 20, 2026</u>	Lunch/Mtg @ , The Iron Horse Restaurant, 407 Sherman Ave, Coeur d’Alene, ID
<u>July 18, 2026</u>	Qtrly Mtg VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
<u>August 15, 2026</u>	VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
<u>September 19, 2026</u>	Lunch/Mtg @ MacKenzie River Pizza, 2910 E. 57th Ave, Spokane, WA
<u>October 17, 2026</u>	Qtrly Mtg VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
<u>November 21, 2026</u>	VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
<u>December 19, 2026</u>	Xmas Party/Lunch at the Longhorn BBQ, 7611 W. Sunset Hwy, Spokane, WA