



**Fleet Reserve Association  
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.  
Spokane, Washington**  
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**APRIL 16, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates – LAFRA Unit 382 member Teri Lord and RPNW Michelle Davis 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 March 2022 Meeting were read and approved.

Standing Committee Reports:

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

**Northwest Region Americanism-Patriotism - Essay Contest Winners - 2021-2022 are as follows:**

<u>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>			<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ashlyn Quintana	Branch 104	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Parker Smith</b>	<b>Branch 038</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Riley Jade White	Branch 097	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Madelyn Clemenson	Branch 382
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Heidi Crowder	Branch 382	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Marco Saavedra	Branch 104
<u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>			<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>		
<i>No first place winner</i>			1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Cadence Etheridge	Branch 382
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Opal Johnson	Branch 104	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Charlotte Wallace	Branch 055
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Mary Crosby	Branch 382	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Avery Clark	Branch 104
<u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>			<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Abby Yeske	Branch 382	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jacob Agresta	Branch 055
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jasper Johnson	Branch 104	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Shay Perlot</b>	<b>Branch 038</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Brooklyn Thayer	Branch 097	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Tray Larson	Branch 104

Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation – Chair, **Michelle Davis** – stated that April 1, 2022 started a new membership year.

Membership & Retention – Chair, **Michelle Davis** – We have made a couple of Zip Code Lists within 50 miles of the branch meeting place. We can ask for information on possible recruits from HQ with them.  
*The Branch Secretary will place an order with HQ to see what we get.*

Public Relations – Chair, **Ralph Bean** – The Branch Quarterly Bulletin was mailed out via email and snail mail the end of March.

Veterans Service – Chair, **Dave Lord** – The VA has awarded Shipmate Lord his certification so he can now help our shipmates with their claims. He continues to attend online VA Workshops as they come up.

Youth Activities – Chair, **James Grisham** – The Spokane Indians baseball team will sponsor Military Appreciation nights on May 27, 2022 and 9/2/2022.

Communications received since the March 2022 Meeting were presented.

The Treasurer's Report for as of 3/31/2022 was given by Secretary/Treasurer Peg Burke.

## UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS

- **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.  
*Shipmate Davis gave a copy of the parade application to the Branch Sec/Treas for the Branch records. We are signed up for a pickup (Branch President Bob Bean's) and a jeep w/trailer (arranged by Chaplain McCully) for the RPNW. Now all we need are the banners. Shipmate Burke will design the Banners and look for a vendor to have them made.*  
  
*Shipmate Davis reminded the two drivers, Shipmates Bob Bean and Dennis McCully, to send her a copy of the insurance coverage for both vehicles. It is required to be submitted as part of the Lilac Parade application.*
- **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 voted to purchase a 1/4 page ad for their Booklet. The cost will be \$35.*
- **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 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.*
- **94<sup>th</sup> FRA / 89<sup>th</sup> LAFRA National Conventions**  
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>

## NEW BUSINESS

### New Business

- **Milestone Awards April – May - June 2022**

Harold Young	20 years	<b>April 2022</b>			
Terry Gaffney	10 years	<b>May 2022</b>	Jack Terry	25 years	<b>May 2022</b>
Roi Sigler	15 years	<b>June 2022</b>	Richard Peterschick	50 years	<b>June 2022</b>
- **Membership** – the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter membership report is out. Branch 38 is at 64 members. We lose anyone else we are dropped to Group V. Right now we are in Group IV.

- **Branch 38's Upcoming 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration** – The branch will be meeting at the Longhorn BBQ on June 18<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> Branch anniversary and one for Shipmate Peterschick for his 50 year milestone.*
- **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.*

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- **Spokane Indians Schedule**  
The Spokane Indians will be sponsoring two Armed Forces Appreciation Nights & Fireworks on May 27, 2022 and September 2, 2022.
- **Air Force Thunderbirds**  
They will be at Fairchild AFB on the weekend of May 13-15, 2022. Keep an eye on the internet for their schedule.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. 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.*

### **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 Twigg's 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