

# Fleet Reserve Association Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc. Spokane, Washington

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# MARCH 19, 2022 LUNCHEON/MEETING MINUTES

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates – LAFRA Unit 382 members Teri Lord and Josh Lord were attendance again.

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 12:55 p.m.

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

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Americanism-Patriotism – Chair, **Anna Martin** – If we do the Lilac Parade, let the AP Chair know so she can include it in her report.

Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation – Chair, **Michelle Davis** – Asked if any had any donation or volunteer hours to report.

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.

Public Relations – Chair, **Ralph Bean** – The Branch Quarterly Bulletin will be mailed out via email and snail mail by the end of the month.

Veterans Service – Chair, **Dave Lord** – The VA is still working on the Automated Health Records applications. Senator Patty Murray and Congresswoman McMorris-Rogers are hitting the administration hard on why the new system is not working the way it is supposed to.

Youth Activities – Chair, **James Grisham** – had nothing to report this month.

Communications received since the February 2022 Meeting were presented.

The Treasurer's Report for as of 2/28/2022 was included on page 3 & 4 of the Meeting Agenda.

## UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS

Milestone Awards - January - February - March 2022

Dave Lord 5 years February 2022 William Stroyan 25 years February 2022

• 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.

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

# • <u>Lilac Parade Participation</u> – 21 May 2022

Branch VP Michelle Davis said she would look in to what we have to do to participate in this year's parade.

There is no cost for veterans organizations to participate in the parade. It was suggested that we contact the Guardian Foundation through Paul Manly (VFW Quartermaster) regarding getting vehicles.

# • **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.

Yes, we do have a supply of brochures, but need to contact FRA HQ to see if they have anything new.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

• Shipmates Lost – The following Shipmates joined the Supreme Commander's team on:

Shipmate Ruben Mercado on January 27, 2022.

PNP William Starkey on March 3, 2022.

"Fair winds and following seas" Shipmates

PRPNW Hazel Bettencourt's memorial service will be held on April 23, 2022, at Noon at the Calvaary Chapel, 1210 N. Middleton Rd, Nampa, ID 83651. A luncheon will follow at the church.

• **New Members** – Branch 38 has two new members:

Paul Brenberger of West Richland, WA

Patrick Thompson of Hayden, ID

- <u>Membership Newletters</u> The January and February newsletters were received after our meeting in February. We now have the one for March.
- NPSL & NEDM Report of Officer and the Committee Reports will be online by April.

#### • 94th FRA / 89th 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.hvatt.com/en-US/group-booking/BHMHR/G-6FRA

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Spokane Indians Schedule Went over when they would have days we could possibly set up an information table.
- <u>USAF Thunderbirds Schedule</u> They will be at Fairchild AFB the weekend of the Lilac Parade performing at the local air show. They will have another air show in Montana and then wind up their Northwest shows at the Seattle SeaFair.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. after the closing prayer given by Branch 38 Chaplain McCully.

Margret "Peg" Burke, Branch Secretary

Robert Bean, Branch President

2021-22 Branch Officers **Board of Directors 2021–22 Branch Committee Chairs** Robert Bean Plus Branch Officers: Americanism President Anna Martin Vice President Michelle Davis Anna Martin (2018-2023) HW&R Michelle Davis Rick Baldwin (2020-2025) Sec/Treasurer: Peg Burke **Public Relations** Ralph Bean Dave Lord Harold Young (2021-2026) Veterans Services

Chaplain Dennis McCully

Master-at-Arms James Robertson

# **Calendar Year 2022 Meeting Locations**

Youth Activities

James Grisham

All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

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

March 19, 2022 Monthly Mtg at NOON – Black Angus Steakhouse

11724 E. Indiana, Spokane Valley, WA

#### 4th Ouarter 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)

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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