



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
www.frabranch38.org

September 17, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates – There were no visitors

The Blessing of God was invoked by Chaplain Dennis McCully

Meeting was declared convened at 12:15 pm.

The Minutes of the July 2022 Meetings were read and approved.

Standing Committee Reports:

Americanism-Patriotism – Chair, **Anna Martin**, reported that the new flyer for 2022-2023 is posted to the FRA, NW Region, and Branch Websites along with the notice of the new awards that were mentioned in July’s meeting, i.e. \$1500 for Grand Prize (separate from any other awards), \$1000 for 1st Place, \$750 for 2nd Place, and \$500 for 3rd place. The deadline for submission is still December 1st. The topic this year is **“What The United States Flag Stands For”**.

Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation – Chair, **Michelle Davis** asked if anyone had anything to report this month.

Membership & Retention – Chair, **Michelle Davis** reported that we had a new member transfer into our Branch. Welcome to PRPNW Maran Dent-Hoglund from Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. She moved to our area a few months ago and is finding her way around. She came from Branch 18.

Public Relations – Chair, **Peg Burke** reported that the Quarterly Bulletin will be out by the end of the Month,

Veterans Service – Chair, **Dave Lord** was not present but Branch President Robert Bean read his email to those in attendance:

“I have been extremely busy with work at the Food Bank. I continue to study and have completed VSO Lesson 8 with Tom Flanik. I am assisting three veterans with claims. I have visited with four veterans that are laid up by assisting them with chores. Be Safe Shipmates and have a great meeting.”

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

Communications received since the July 2022 Meeting were covered.

The Treasurer's Report for as of 8/31/2022 was given and included a report on the NW Regional Convention.

The convention was hosted by Inland Empire Branch 38. The 50/50 raffle went off well, bringing in \$230 total. It was won by Scott Duenas from the Branch in Guam. The Silent Auction brought in \$1082.50 total. It was proposed and voted on to divide the monies up since all branches attending provided something for the auction. The division was 50% to the NW FRA Region, 25% to the NW LAFRA Region, and 25% to the Hosting Branch. Therefore Branch 38's portion was \$270.62. We were able to refund two shipmates that paid for meals, but were ill or taking care of someone that was disabled. That still left us with a \$470.44 profit for the Convention. Better than we did in 2014.

UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS

- **Milestone Awards - July – August - September 2022**

Robert Hunt	25 years	August 2022	Dennis McCully	10 years	September 2022
Thomas Lang	40 years	August 2022	Roscoe Moore	45 years	September 2022

Branch President Robert Bean presented Shipmate McCully his 10 Year pin and award certificate.

- **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.

Shipmate Anna Martin went to the fair but was unable to find the VFW Booth.

- **2022 NW Region Convention** – Shipmate Robert Bean brought the ribbons that he had received for the committee awards that Branch 38 had been awarded at the NW Region Convention in 2021. They were 1st Place for Youth Activities, 2nd Place for Hospital, Welfare & Rehab, 3rd Place for for Americanism-Patriotism & Veterans Services. They will be put on the Meeting Room Flag.

- **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/BHMR/G-6FRA> Newsletters #1, #2, #3, and #4 have been received and posted to the Branch and NW Regional Websites.

NEW BUSINESS

Americanism Essay Contest – the new flyer is out along with notice of the new awards that were mentioned in July's meeting, i.e. \$1500 for Grand Prize (separate from any other awards), \$1000 for 1st Place, \$750 for 2nd Place, and \$500 for 3rd place. The deadline for submission is still December 1st. The topic this year is **“What The United States Flag Stands For”**.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm after the closing prayer given by Chaplain Dennis McCully.

Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

Michelle Davis, Branch Vice 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.

1st Quarter FY 2022 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

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

The Branch Secretary is requesting suggestions for the third month of each quarter restaurant meeting sites for next year’s (2023) schedule. It has also been suggested from one of our Shipmates in northern Idaho that we hold a meeting in the Coeur d’Alene area like we used to.

Two suggestions were made during the meeting: The Cracker Barrell in Coeur d’Alene, ID and the VFW Club 1474 Club (across from the Branch meeting place).

The Iron Horse in Coeur d’Alene, ID was added to the possible places to have a meeting next year.