



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

November 19, 2022 - MEETING MINUTES

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates: Unit 382 members Terie Lord

The Blessing of God was invoked by Chaplain Dennis McCully

Meeting was declared convened at 10:15 a.m.

The Minutes of the August and September 2022 Meetings were read and approved as corrected.

Standing Committee Reports:

Americanism-Patriotism – Chair, **Anna Martin** was absent. Branch Secretary Burke encouraged branch members to spread the word that the 2023 annual Americanism Essay contest entries must be in or postmarked by December 1, 2022.

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

Shipmates Ralph Bean and James Robertson attended the memorial services for the first female Seabee. She was from Post Falls, ID. She also attended the memorial services for the “Lost in America” veterans at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake.

Membership & Retention – Chair, **Michelle Davis** said that there is only one thing we can do and that is Recruit, Recruit, Recruit..

Public Relations – Chair, **Peg Burke** reported that the price of stamps is going up the end of January 2023. She asked if there was any objections to her purchasing a year’s worth of stamps for the Quarterly Bulletin before that. It was suggested that she look at Costco’s prices for stamps in addition to the USPS’.

Veterans Service – Chair, **Dave Lord** reported He has been attending the Zoom training sessions and helping several veterans with their claims.

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

Communications received since the October 2022 Meeting were read.

The Treasurer’s Report for as of 10/31/2022 was submitted and approved.

UNFINISHED OR DEFERRED BUSINESS

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

The 2022 National Convention was hosted by various Branches and Units in the Southeastern Region. It was held October 16-22, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency's Wynfrey Hotel at 1000 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, AL.

Branch Vice President Michelle Davis was the Branch 38 Delegate for the 2022 National Convention. Listed below is the synopsis for the Resolution for Consideration at the 94th National Convention.

General Resolution submitted by Gem State Branch 382 on the holding a minimum of 1-year moratorium on withdrawing any funds, distributing Life Membership PCT Funds to all Branches, and National Bank Accounts until the Life Membership Program is in compliance with the FRA National C&BL Sections 913 and 914.

This Resolution was "Not In Order" by the C&BL Committee.

C&BL Resolution submitted by the National Membership & Retention Committee on Article 3, Section 309 - Transfers of Membership.

This Resolution was Passed.

C&BL Resolution submitted by the NBOD on Article 6, Section 607(a) – voting strength of Branches.

This Resolution was Rejected.

C&BL Resolution submitted by the National Membership & Retention Committee on Section 810(b) to enable National Standing Committees to meet via teleconference, video conference, or in person.

This Resolution was Passed.

C&BL Resolution submitted by the NBOD on Article 8, Section 813(a) regarding the Chairmanship of the Membership Committee. This resolution had already been proposed at a regular NBOD meeting held on November 17, 2021, read, debated, and adopted by a unanimous vote (NBR 8-22). The National Vice President will continue to be the Chairman.

This Resolution was Rejected.

C&BL Resolution submitted by the NBOD on Article 8, Section 819(a) to have the National Future Planning Committee have eight members like the rest of the committees, one from each region. This resolution had already been proposed at a regular NBOD meeting held on November 17, 2021, read, debated, and adopted by a unanimous vote (NBR 9-22).

This Resolution was Rejected.

C&BL Resolution submitted by the NBOD on Article 15, Section 1508 regarding the optional wear of the uniform cap by members of the FRA.

This Resolution was "Not In Order" by the C&BL Committee.

Standing Rules Resolution submitted by the Membership & Retention Committee on SR-5(a)(1) Committee Reports and Awards and Special National Awards and Programs.

This Resolution was Passed.

Standing Rules Resolution submitted by the Membership & Retention Committee on SR-5(a)(2) was revised to amend the recipients of the Branch Committee Reports to the Regional President, the Regional Vice President, and a copy to the Branch Files.

This Resolution was Passed.

Standing Rules Resolution submitted by the Membership & Retention Committee on

SR-5(b)(1) regarding the competitive groups:

- a. Group I 413 members or more (9) (down from 513 members)
- b. Group II 213 to 412 members (15) (down from 313 to 512 members)
- c. Group III 113 to 212 members (15) (down from 113 to 312 members)
- d. Group IV 63 to 112 members (45) (This group stayed the same)
- e. Group V 10 to 62 members (72) (This group stayed the same)

This Resolution was Passed.

Standing Rules Resolution submitted by the Membership & Retention Committee on

SR-5(b)(5) changing the wording of whose responsibility it is of who shall provide these streamers to the National Chair of the Committees prior to the convening of the national convention.

This Resolution was Passed.

Standing Rules Resolution submitted by the Membership & Retention Committee on

SR-5(c) regarding the annual Membership and Retention Awards for Individuals.

This Resolution was Rejected.

Standing Rules Resolution submitted by the Veterans Service Committee on SR5(g) regarding

“Shipmate of the Year” Award. Since the committee has two categories, VSO and VAVS, the proposal was to award both a VSO and VAVS award vs just one “Shipmate of The Year”.

This Resolution was Rejected.

Standing Rules Resolution submitted by the Budget, Finance, & Audit Committee on

Article IX, Section 909(d) establishes a Welfare and Rehabilitation Reserve of an annual maximum of \$10,000, and annual grant per recipient per fiscal year is currently \$2,500. Proposal was to raise the maximum to \$35,000 and by a two-thirds vote by the NBOD expend an additional \$2,500 for one maximum grant of \$5,000 per fiscal year per recipient.

This Resolution was Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Two Bell Ceremony - Today we honor the following Branch 38 Shipmates who have joined the Supreme Commander’s Team: **Tom Liston - Bruce Vails - Marion Ballard - Ruben Mercado.**

We also want to honor the following NW Regional and National Officers that have been Transferred to his team: **PRPNW Hazel Bettencourt – PNP John Johnson – PNP Bill Combs – PNP Bill Starkey**

Three members of our **U.S. NAVY** Shipmates are also honored today:

Kathrine Bowen – A Machine Repairman, friend of Branch 38 President

Paul Charvet, USNR CDR – A navy pilot who disappeared during the Vietnam War in 1967 who was returned to his family on 1/26/2022. He grew up in Grandview, WA.

Victoria Duran – FRA Communications & Marketing Manager from HQ who kept our FRA media platforms up-to-date.

Milestone Awards - October – November - December 2022

Jeff Burke	10 years	October 2022	Ralph Bean	25 years	November 2022
Don Cagle	35 years	December 2022	William Klein	30 years	November 2022

Meeting TIME CHANGE – Since we are meeting at the VFW Post 1474 Club now and the Club opens at Noon on Saturdays, it is suggested that we move the start time of the meetings at the Club to 10:00 a.m. (a half hour earlier). This will enable us to complete our meeting, get packed up and everything removed in time for them to open the club. We ran over about 20 minutes last month in getting our stuff out of the building before they opened.

This issue was discussed at length and the decision was to set the Start Time of the Meeting at 10:00 am starting in January 2023. The new yearly meeting calendar and website will reflect the change.

Holiday Activities – There are two upcoming “Holidays”.

- Thanksgiving – November 24th
- Christmas – December 25th

Toys for Tots – A collection was taken up for this year’s campaign. We collected \$205 at this meeting and added it to the \$17 of September’s and October’s “Good of The Order” donations for a total of \$227 to give to the local campaign.

Good of the Order

A motion was made by Shipmate Robertson to reimburse the Secretary/Treasurer \$200 for printer ink cartridge supplies. Motion was seconded and approved. A second motion was made that in the future the expenses for office supplies need for the branch work be made from the Branch 38 bank accounts. This motion was seconded and the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at Noon after the closing prayer given by Chaplain Dennis 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.
 We will no longer meet in the “Bingo Hall”*

2nd Quarter FY 2022 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

November 19, 2022 **Monthly Mtg at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post_1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

December 17, 2022 **Christmas Party at NOON – Rancho Viejo Mexican Restaurant**
14201 E. Sprague, Spokane Valley, WA

Calendar Year 2023 Meeting Locations

All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

3rd Quarter FY 2022 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

January 21, 2023 Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
February 18, 2023 Monthly Mtg at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post_1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
March 18, 2023 Luncheon Meeting at **NOON** at *The Cracker Barrell – EAST*
1875 W. Lee Ct, Coeur d’Alene, ID (I-90 East - Exit 11)

4th Quarter FY 2022 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

April 15, 2023 Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
May 20, 2023 Monthly Mtg at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post_1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
June 17, 2023 Luncheon Meeting at **NOON** at *The Onion – NORTH*
7552 N. Division St, Spokane, WA

1st Quarter FY 2023 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

July 15, 2023 Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
August 19, 2023 Monthly Mtg at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post_1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
September 16, 2023 Luncheon Meeting at **NOON** at *El Charrito – SOUTH*
4303 S. Regal, Spokane, WA

2nd Quarter FY 2023 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

October 21, 2023 Qtrly Meeting at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
November 18, 2023 Monthly Mtg at **10:00 AM** at the VFW Post_1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
December 16, 2023 Luncheon Meeting at **NOON** at the *Longhorn BBQ – WEST / XMAS Party*
7611 W. Hwy 2, Spokane, WA