



**Fleet Reserve Association  
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.  
Spokane, Washington**  
[www.frabranch38.org](http://www.frabranch38.org)

**January 21, 2023**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates: Branch/Unit 302 members John and Anana Campbell. They have a vacation home in the nearby Coeur d'Alene, ID area.

The Blessing of God was invoked by Chaplain Dennis McCully

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

The Minutes of the November and December 2022 Meetings were read and approved.

Standing Committee Reports:

**Americanism-Patriotism** – Chair, **Anna Martin** was absent. Branch Secretary Burke reported that the two Essay submissions for this year's contest were Spokane's Lewis & Clark 10<sup>th</sup> grader, Marton Mezei, and West Richland Hanford's 11th grader, Parker Smith. They were each awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place for their grade levels and their essays will be sent to the NW AP Region Chair for judging at that level.

**Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation** – Chair, **Michelle Davis** was absent – no report.

**Membership & Retention** – Chair, **Michelle Davis** was absent - no report.

**Public Relations** – Chair, **Peg Burke** reported that the Branch Quarterly Bulletin was sent out to all Branch members. The NW Regional Scuttlebutt was received.

**Veterans Service** – Chair, **Dave Lord** report is as follows:

*From the desk of the VSO: Greetings, I am very busy in my studies. I successfully completed the 2022 VSO Training and have started the 2023 training. I continue to follow claims of shipmates and am just as frustrated as you that I cannot get answers for you. Please let me know of any shipmates that I can help, or resources you may need. I will see you all for the February meeting, s/Dave*

**Youth Activities** – Chair, **James Grisham** reported that he was wrong in stating last month that the Spokane Chiefs hockey team's Military Appreciation night will be January 28, 2023. **It is tonight.**

Communications received since the December 2022 Meeting were read.

The Treasurer's Report for as of 12/31/2022 was given and approved.

## Unfinished or Deferred Business

**Zoom Subscription Renewal** – Last year Branch 38 declined to help fund the Zoom subscription (50%) until they found out how many would utilize it to attend branch meetings. The NW Region funded 50% of it and Shipmate Burke funded the other 50% of it.

The subscription to Zoom access has come due for 2023. We have had moderate success with attendance from those Shipmates outside the commuting distance of 50 miles one way. We have also had other members of the Branch that have been on vacation, sick, etc., utilize Zoom to attend. Will the Branch help fund it this year?

*The above item was discussed at length and the vote to approve Branch 38 funding 50%, or \$81.62 of the \$163.24 renewal amount was approved. Shipmate Burke stated the other 50% was being funded by the Northwest Region since she is their Secretary/Treasurer also and they use it for meetings when they need to.*

## New Business

### **January – February - March 2023 Milestone Awards**

Peg Burke                      20 years                      January 2023                      None in February 2023 or March 2023  
*Branch President Robert Bean presented Shipmate Burke's award during the meeting.*

### **Shipmates Lost** – Fair Winds and Following Seas to the following:

- Branch 38 Shipmate Russell Messing who joined the Supreme Commanders team on 12/28/2022.
- PRPNW Danny Hunt passed away on 12/5/2022 in Meridian, ID.
- PRPNC John Partin passed away on 12/1/2022.

*It was noted that former Branch 38 member J. F. "Gunny" Goffinett passed away December 27, 2022. He will also be added to our Two Bell Ceremony in April.*

**2023 Northwest Regional Convention** – will be held August 18-19, 2023, at the Holiday Inn in Nampa, ID. It will be sponsored by Gem State Branch 382. Room Rates are \$110 per night with no tax. The rates are good August 15 through August 21, 2023. Phone the hotel directly at (208) 468-0944 and tell them you are with the Fleet Reserve Association block. Deadline for reservations at this rate is July 17, 2023. After that it will be on space availability.

**2023 FRA/LAFRA National Convention** will be held September 23-30, 2023 at the Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, Nevada. The room rates are \$102 plus 13.5% tax and a \$2.00 Tourism Fee per night for a single or double. There is a fee of \$10 per person for each additional person, with limit of four per room. The hotel provides a free shuttle service to and from the Reno/Tahoe Airport.

### **2023-2024 National Vice President Candidate** – Letter from PRPNC Maria Behm

*The Secretary Treasurer will prepare a letter of support for Shipmate Behm.*

**Navy Chief's Representative Issues** – Branch 38 James Grisham, the Navy Chief's Rep has a couple of issues to bring to the FRA's attention.

- *Branch 38 to supply the local 2023 "Chief Selectees" the anchors for their uniforms. The cost is approximately \$18 each and we usually only see two or three per year locally.*
- *The Khaki Ball will be held April 1, 2023, at VFW Post 1435, 192 S. David St, Spokane Valley, WA*
- *Letter to NOSC Spokane regarding the use of Branch 38 EIN for Navy Ball if the Branch is not included in the planning/activities?*

## Good of the Order

Spokane Chiefs hockey team's Military Appreciation is tonight, January 21, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at after the closing prayer given by Chaplain Dennis McCully.

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Margret "Peg" Burke, Branch Secretary

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Robert Bean, Branch President

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### 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

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## 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