



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

APRIL 8, 2023 - MEETING MINUTES

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates: RPNW Rex Faubion joined us via Zoom.

The Blessing of God was given by Acting Chaplain Paul Manly.

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

Read Minutes of February & March 2023 meetings, which were approved as read.

Standing Committee Reports

Americanism-Patriotism – Chair, **Anna Martin** was absent, but Branch Secretary Burke stated that the National Committee has them now for evaluation.

Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation – Chair, **Michelle Davis** asked if anyone had donations of blood or anything else to report this month. Shipmate Lord gave here his numbers for the different meetings he has attended with the Vets Center of Spokane.

Membership & Retention – Chair, **Michelle Davis** reported that Branch 38 has dropped to Group V as of this month's report.

Public Relations – Chair, **Peg Burke** had nothing to report this month, but it was suggested that she submit an article to the Veterans Section of the local paper regarding what we do. We can also submit the article to Shipmate Manly for input into the VFW newsletter. He is the VFW Post 1474's representative.

Veterans Service – Chair, **Dave Lord** reported he attended the meeting at the Vets Center of Spokane on the PACT Act. He stated that Congresswoman McMorris-Rogers, Senator Murray, and Senator Cantwell's representatives were there also.

Youth Activities – Chair, **James Grisham** was absent this month.

Communications received since the February 2023 meeting were discussed.

Treasurer's Report – 3/31/2023 was given and approved.

Unfinished or Deferred Business

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 plus 8% tax.** The rates are good August 15 through August 20, 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 18, 2023. After that it will be on space availability.

Newsletter #2 is on the Branch Website, but not on the NWR one because the Branch Secretary, PRPNW Peg Burke, is locked out for editing it right now. It contains the meal selections and their signup sheet, and directions to the convention site.

Branch 38 delegates for this year's convention will be Shipmates Dave Lord, Rick Baldwin, Michelle Davis, Anna Martin, and Peg Burke. The latter three are NW Regional Officers/Committee Chairs.

NWR Nominating Resolution

RPNW Rex Faubion is running for another term in 2023-2024.

RVPNW Tim Miller is running for another term in 2023-2024

Branch 38 President Robert Bean has expressed interest in running for RVPNW this year. The Branch Secretary was asked to prepare the nominating resolution for him.

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 a limit of four per room. The hotel provides a free shuttle service to and from the Reno/Tahoe Airport. The reservation link for the hotel is posted on the FRA Website if you wish to make reservations that way or you may call either of these numbers: 1-800-648-1177 or 775-356-3300. **Be sure to use the code GFRAC23.** If you need to make reservations for an ADA (handicap) room you need to call the hotel directly and not use the link. **A standard ADA room has a tub/shower with grab bars, but if you need a roll-in shower this will need to be specified also. The rooms with roll-in shower are in the other tower so additional walking will be needed,** (but if you are using a scooter it shouldn't be any problem). Remember as with any hotel the number of ADA rooms is limited so please make your reservations early. If you want a room other than the standard king/double queen room you will need to call directly to reserve (**do not forget to use the code GFRAC23**). **The reservation cutoff date is 31 August.** All rooms have a refrigerator and a Keurig coffee maker. Though Keurig cups are provided, if you drink a lot of coffee or like a special brand it is recommended you bring Keurig coffee cups with you.

Information on tuxedo rentals, scooter, and wheelchair rentals are included in their newsletter #2 which will be on the Branch and Region websites.

FRA National Officers Nominating Resolutions

JrPRPNC Maria Behm is running for NVP.

She has already sent the Branch her request for support and the Branch has voted to support her. Branch President Bean signed her response card we received to send back to the FRA NED.

PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti is a candidate for NVP also.

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

- Status of Branch 38 supplying the local 2023 "Chief Selectees" the anchors for their uniforms
- The Khaki Ball was 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?

New Business

Milestone Awards for April – May - June 2023

Dave Melges

35 years

April 2023

None in May 2023

None in June 2023

Membership Report – Branch 38 membership has dropped to 61 members, which dropped us to Group V. It was suggested that we have our Chaplain contact Shipmate Cagle regarding his membership. He was just recently terminated on the monthly report for NPD.

Nominations for Branch Officers for 2023-2024 Term

Terms Expiring

President
Vice President
Sec/Treas

1 BOD
Cmte Chair (Americanism-Patriotism)

Candidates

Robert Bean **Dave Lord**
Michelle Davis
Margret “Peg” Burke (Not to exceed 1 year or a replacement is found.)
James Grisham
Rick Baldwin

*Nominations were held and those elected are **Highlighted in Blue**. Shipmate Burke had sent in her notice not to run for branch office again, but no one has stepped up so far. She agreed to serve until her term as NWR Secretary/Treasurer expires in 2024. She has also sent in her notice not to run for that office again. **SO PLEASE, SOMEONE STEP UP AND TAKE OVER THE SECRETARY /TREASURER POSITION.***

2023-2024 Branch Officers

President Dave Lord
Vice President Michelle Davis
Sec/Treasurer: Peg Burke
(Sec/Treas NTE 1 year)
Chaplain Dennis McCully
Master-at-Arms James Robertson

Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:
Rick Baldwin (2020-2025)
Harold Young (2021-2026)
James Grisham (2023-2028)

2023–2024 Branch Cmte Chairs

Americanism Rick Baldwin
HW&R Michelle Davis
Public Relations Peg Burke
Veterans Services Dave Lord
Youth Activities James Grisham

Two Bell Ceremony – Fair Winds and Following Seas to the following:

- Branch Shipmates Russell Messing and Gerald Fitzgerald.
- Former Branch members and spouses “Gunny” Goffinett, and Dwayne Harney’s wife Rose Mary.
- Past Regional Presidents Danny Hunt (NW) and John Partin (NC).

Upcoming Activities

- May 13th - Installation of Officers
- May 20th - Armed Forces Day & Lilac Parade – The Branch will not participate this year.
- July 4th - Independence Day
- August 19th - NWR Convention is 3rd weekend.
- September 8-17th - Spokane County Fair
- September 23-30th - FRA 2023 National Convention in Sparks, NV

Good of the Order

RPNW Rex Faubion spoke on the membership issue being for all members of the FRA to get out and RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT! All our branch members are aging out, or the shipmates are passing away with no new ones joining our organization.

Closing Prayer – **Acting Chaplain** Paul Manly gave the closing prayer.

Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

Robert Bean, Branch President

<u>2022-2023 Branch Officers</u>		<u>Board of Directors</u>	<u>2022–2023 Branch Committee Chairs</u>	
President	Robert Bean	<i>Plus Branch Officers:</i>	Americanism	Anna Martin
Vice President	Michelle Davis	Anna Martin (2018-2023)	HW&R	Michelle Davis
Sec/Treasurer:	Peg Burke	Rick Baldwin (2020-2025)	Public Relations	Peg Burke
(2021-2023)		Harold Young (2021-2026)	Veterans Services	Dave Lord
Chaplain	Dennis McCully		Youth Activities	James Grisham
Master-at-Arms	James Robertson			

Revised Calendar Year 2023 Meeting Locations

All Meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

4th Quarter FY 2022 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings (Changes)

- April 8th 2023 Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM at the VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
May 13th 2023 Monthly Mtg at 10:00 AM at the VFW Post_1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
June 10th 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 (Changes)

- July 8th 2023 Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM at the VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
August 12th 2023 Monthly Mtg at 10:00 AM at the VFW Post_1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
September 9th 2023 Luncheon Meeting at NOON at *El Charrito* – SOUTH, 4303 S. Regal, Spokane, WA

2nd Quarter FY 2023 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings (Changes)

- October 14th 2023 Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM at the VFW Post 1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
November 11th 2023 Monthly Mtg at 10:00 AM at the VFW Post_1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
December 9th 2023 Luncheon Meeting at NOON at the *Longhorn BBQ – WEST / XMAS Party*
7611 W. Hwy 2, Spokane, WA