



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
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MAY 13, 2023 - MEETING MINUTES

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates: Tammy Waid (new Branch 38 member) and LAFRA Unit 382 member Terie Lord. Attending via Zoom was Branch 38 Sec/Treas Burke, Shipmate Peck from the Tri-Cities, and PRPNW Marian Dent-Hoglund from Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

The Blessing of God was given by Chaplain Dennis McCully.

The Meeting was declared convened at 10:05 a.m.

Read Minutes of April 2023 meeting, which were approved as read.

Standing Committee Reports

Americanism-Patriotism – Chair, **Anna Martin** stated that the National Essay Winners list was out (see attachment for full list) and that the Northwest Region had two contestants on the list.

They were:

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| Grade 7 – 2 nd Place | Benjamin Wu, Mt Rainier Branch 104, Puyallup, WA |
| Grade 12 – 2 nd Place | Charlotte Wallace, City of Roses Branch 55, Portland, OR |

Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation – Chair, **Michelle Davis** asked if anyone had donations of blood or anything else to report this month. Several Shipmates gave their numbers to her.

Membership & Retention – Chair, **Michelle Davis** reported that Branch 38 had one loss and one gain this month.

Public Relations – Chair, **Peg Burke** is working on a news article on Shipmate PRPNW Marian Dent-Hoglund’s career for when she receives her 50-year milestone pin in September. She is the third female Shipmate to reach the 50-year milestone for serving in the FRA. But she is the first female Regional Officer (Past or Present) to receive it. We are also planning a reception for this occasion.

Veterans Service – Chair, **Dave Lord** reported he working on claims for a couple of Shipmates and that the processing of claims has slowed down a lot with the PACT Act claims being submitted in volumes.

Youth Activities – Chair, **James Grisham** stated that the **Spokane Indians Armed Forces Appreciation Nights and Fireworks Nights** have been published. They are as follows:

- June 17th & 23rd Fireworks Nights
- July 4th & 7th Fireworks Nights
- September 1, 2023 AF Appreciation Night and Fireworks Night
- September 2nd & 3rd Fireworks Nights (September 3rd is their final home game)

Communications received since the April 2023 meeting were discussed.

Treasurer’s Report – 4/30/2023 was given and approved.

Unfinished or Deferred Business

Milestone Awards for April – May - June 2023

Dave Melges 35 years April 2023 None in May 2023 None in June 2023

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 sign-up 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.

The letter has been prepared and signed for his candidacy.

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. Shipmate Grisham said that we should know by September the number of selectees in Spokane and he will work on getting a date that we can present them to the selectees.
- The Khaki Ball was held April 1, 2023, at VFW Post 1435, 192 S. David St, Spokane Valley, WA and they had 72 participants in attendance.
- Letter to NOSC Spokane regarding the use of Branch 38 EIN for Navy Ball if the Branch is not included in the planning/activities?

We are still unable to find out if they are going to have a Navy Ball in 2023.

New Business

Membership Report – Branch 38 membership is maintaining 61 members.

Frank J. McPherson Memorial Award – HQ expects a nominee from each Region to be submitted. "One shipmate who exemplifies the FRA three cardinal principles, Loyalty, Protection, and Service, especially in membership endeavors. The shipmate selected must have expended extensive effort towards the overall growth of the FRA. The selectee does not have to be a top recruiter, but an individual who has maintained a positive public attitude as it affects the membership and retention of members in the Association."

Branch 38 members nominated Shipmate Burke, Branch 38's Secretary/Treasurer for this award. She was asked if she would type up the form and narrative for the Branch BOD's approval.

NW Region 2023 PCT Dues – The annual PCT Dues for the NW Region are due. They are \$21 this year. *Authorization was given to pay the dues to the NWR.*

FRA Ad in VFW State Convention Booklet – Last year the Branch placed an Ad in their convention booklet and they are asking us again if we want to do it again this year. Cost would be \$75 for a 1/2 page color ad.

A discussion was held, and the Branch voted to sponsor a 1/4 page add that cost \$35. The Branch Secretary/Treasurer was directed to send in the necessary information to make it happen.

Installation of 2023-2024 Branch Officers – Installation was conducted by Past Branch President Ralph Bean. Their term of office will begin July 1, 2023 and end June 30, 2024.

President	Dave Lord
Vice President	Michelle Davis
Sec/Treasurer	Peg Burke (Sec/Treas NTE 1 year)
Board of Director	James Grisham (2023-2028)

<u>2023-2024 Branch Officers</u>	<u>Board of Directors</u>	<u>2023–2024 Branch Cmte Chairs</u>
President Dave Lord	<i>Plus Branch Officers:</i>	Americanism Rick Baldwin
Vice President Michelle Davis	Rick Baldwin (2020-2025)	HW&R Michelle Davis
Sec/Treasurer: Peg Burke (Sec/Treas NTE 1 year)	Harold Young (2021-2026)	Public Relations Peg Burke
Chaplain Dennis McCully	James Grisham (2023-2028)	Veterans Services Dave Lord
Master-at-Arms James Robertson		Youth Activities James Grisham

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

Shipmate Burke was asked to bring the Branch Hats and Vests/Shirts to the June luncheon meeting so our new branch members can be “outfitted”.

Closing Prayer – **Chaplain Dennis McCully** gave the closing prayer.

Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

Robert Bean, Branch President

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(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
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Veterans Services Dave Lord
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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)

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



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May 10, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

From: National Committee on Americanism-Patriotism

To: National Board of Directors
Branch Secretaries
Official Correspondence

Subj: 2022-2023 Americanism-Patriotism Essay Contest Winners

Overall, Winner: Molly Neal, Branch 294, Southeast Region

Grade 7 Winners	1 st Place	Elizabeth Schlatter, Branch 124, Northeast New England Region
	2 nd Place	Benjamin Wu, Branch 104, Northwest Region
	3 rd Place	Genevieve Miranda, Branch 070, Southwest Region
Grade 8 Winners	1 st Place	Brynn Gullin, Branch 146, Northeast New England Region
	2 nd Place	Katie Labao, Branch 302, Southwest Region
	3 rd Place	Jalen Meads, Branch 293, East Coast Region
Grade 9 Winners	1 st Place	Molly Neal, Branch 294 Southeast Region
	2 nd Place	Annabel Marshall, Branch 24, East Coast Region
	3 rd Place	LillyAnna Flygare, Branch 251, South Central Region
Grade 10 Winners	1 st Place	Anna Dollar, Branch 34, Southeast Region
	2 nd Place	Sophene Avedissian, Branch 302, Southwest Region
	3 rd Place	Justin Glasow, Branch 208, East Coast Region
Grade 11 Winners	1 st Place	Ariana Perez, Branch 302, Southwest Region
	2 nd Place	Erin Stenros, Branch 214, Northeast New England Region
	3 rd Place	Bayleigh Guidry, Branch 251, South Central Region
Grade 12 Winners	1 st Place	Morgen Davis, Branch 185, West Coast Region
	2 nd Place	Charlotte Wallace, Branch 055, Northwest Region
	3 rd Place	Caleb Gargus, Branch 105, North Central Region

Attachment