



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
www.frabbranch38.org

October 14, 2023 - MEETING MINUTES

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates: Amanda Roco, granddaughter of PRPNW Marian Dent-Hoglund, was a guest at the meeting. Zoom attendees were Branch 38 members George Peck and Pat Thompson.

The Blessing of God was given by Chaplain Dennis McCully.

The Meeting was declared convened at 10:05 a.m. by Branch Vice President Michelle Davis.

Read Minutes of August and September 2023 Branch 38 meetings which were approved as read.

Standing Committee Reports

Americanism-Patriotism – Chair, **Rick Baldwin** stated Essay Contest information has been passed out to the local Spokane County schools.

Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation – Chair, **Michelle Davis** made note of the various activities that Branch Shipmates attended.

Membership & Retention – Chair, **Michelle Davis** Branch 38 membership is still holding steady at 62.

Public Relations – Chair, **Peg Burke** stated that the quarterly bulletin was published and distributed.

Veterans Service – Chair, **Dave Lord** was absent, therefore no report for this committee.

Youth Activities – Chair, Jr Past President, **Robert Bean** was also absent..

Communications received since the September 2023 meeting were discussed.

Treasurer's Report – 9/30/2023 was given and approved. The HQ memo regarding the Branch Widow's subscriptions for the FRA Today has been received and it was approved to continue their subscriptions for another year.

Unfinished or Deferred Business

JrPRPNW Michelle Davis. Presented PRPNW Marian Dent-Hoglund her 50-year Milestone Award. She is the first female regional officer, past or present, to have served over 50 years as a FRA member.

2023 NW Region Convention Recap

The **2023 Northwest Region Convention** was held August 18-19, 2023, at the Holiday Inn, 16345 Merchant Way, Nampa, ID 83687.

One major change was made to the NW Region By-Laws: The PCT dues for each member in good standing of each Northwest Region Branch is increasing to 50 cents next year (an increase of 15 cents). We are awaiting the ratification of this change by the NBOD at the 2023 National Convention.

2023-2024 Northwest Regional Officers

President – Rex Faubion, Branch 104
Vice President – Robert Bean, Branch 038
Jr Past Regional President – Michelle Davis, Branch 038
Sec/Treas – Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch 038

We need Shipmates from other Northwest Branches to step up and serve as officers.

2023 FRA/LAFRA National Convention was held September 23-30, 2023 at the Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, Nevada.

The Branch delegates for this convention was Shipmates Michelle Davis.

95th National Convention (aka 2023 National Convention) Resolutions Synopsis by RPNW FAUBION:

1. **Article 3, Section 301.** Eligibility for membership in the FRA shall be for **ALL** personnel who have served or are now serving in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, including reserve components and regardless of length of services. **Resolved:** That this amendment become effective January 1, 2024

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

2. **Article 3, Section 311(e)(7).** The Fleet Reserve Association will provide the fifty through seventy-five year continuous membership pins to branches and individuals at no cost; and **Resolved:** that the above section be amended to read:
“The five through seventy-five year continuous membership pins will be made available for sale to branches and individuals; and be it further **Resolved:** that Article 3, Section 311(8) be deleted.

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

This will cost Branch 38 an extra \$100 over the next three years.

3. **Article 4, Section 401(a) and 401(b)(1)(2)(3):** Sets dues rate;
4. **Article 4, Section 401(e),** pertains to disable members being excused from payment of dues when payment would inflict hardship; and Whereas , the definition of disabled has been widely interpreted by branches;

RETURNED TO MEMBERSHIP FOR CLARIFICATION

5. **Article 4, Section 401(m)** states “Members in good standing, upon attaining eighty-five years of age and who have at least forty years’ continuous membership, shall not be required to pay dues in the FRA and shall be issue the prestigious Red, White, and Blue Membership Card”; **Resolved,** that Article 4, Section 401(m) be deleted, and those members already classified as 85/40 members will be grandfathered to maintain their current status. **Resolved** this amendment become effective January 1, 2024.

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

6. **Article 4, Section 405(a)** pertains to life membership fees will be based on the applicants age at 12/31 in the year of application using the following eight tier fee structure:

<i>Active Duty</i>	\$400	<i>Age 61-70</i>	\$340
<i>Under age 40</i>	\$450	<i>Age 71-80</i>	\$260
<i>Age 41-50</i>	\$425	<i>Age 81-100</i>	\$200
<i>Age 51-60</i>	\$390	<i>Over 100</i>	<i>Free</i>

Old Rates

Resolved, that Article 4, Section 405(a-g) be amended to read as follows:

Under age 40	\$600	Age 71-80	\$380
Age 41-50	\$570	Age 81-90	\$260
Age 51-60	\$535	Age 91-100	\$145
Age 61-70	\$475		

New Rates

Resolved that this amendment become effective January 1, 2024.

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

7. **Article 7, Section 701** pertains to vetting process of vacancies of National Officers
NOT IN ORDER
8. **Article 8, Section 802** pertains to Duties of Officers and Committees.
NOT IN ORDER

FRA 2023-2024 National Officers

National President	John Handzuk of Branch 126
National Vice President	Maria Behm, of Branch 32
National Executive Director	Phillip Reid

Committee Award - Report from Branch Delegate

New Business

2023 Spokane Navy Ball October 14, 2023 - TONIGHT

- Doors open at 1730
- Cocktail Reception from 1730-1830
- Ceremony begins at 1830
- Dress code:
 - Black Tie for civilians
 - Dinner Dress Blue with miniature medals for military.

Milestone Awards for October – November - December 2023

None in October or November.

James Grisham 5 years December 2023

(Shipmate Grisham had a break in service after his twenty year award was reached so he had to start over.) He really has been with the FRA for 25 years now.

2024 NW Regional Convention The 2024 Northwest Regional Convention will be held on September 6-7, 2024, at the Clover Island Inn located in Kennewick, Washington. It is being held later than normal since the 2024 National Convention won't be held until November to coincide with the FRA 100-year Celebration.

Inland Empire Branch 38, Spokane, WA will be coordinating with all the Northwest Branches to contribute their ideas into this convention. Our idea is to make this a “true” northwest regional convention by having each Branch in the Northwest Region take responsibility for one of the activities that happen during a convention.

The following are plusses for the area:

There is a Coast Guard detachment down there.

Shipmate George Peck has agreed to act as Convention Chair.

Lewis & Clark Branch 63’s President has said he would help.

Branch 50 said to let them know how they can help.

Good of the Order

Shipmate Baldwin stated he has been asked to be on Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rogers Committee for Veterans Affairs. He accepted and will be representing the FRA in her local town halls/meetings.

Shipmate Grisham reported that the NOSC Chief-Selectees presentation of their collar devices was a success and that they hope it will become an annual event.

Shipmate Grisham also reported that on Veterans Day, November 11, 2023, the Spokane Chiefs hockey team will be playing at 6:00 pm. He has arranged for Branch 38 to have a display table in the NE corner of the building and we need to be set up by 4:45 p.m. This is the same day as the November Branch Meeting. Let him know how many will be manning the table so he can get your tickets prior to the meeting.

Shipmate Burke receive a notice of the 2024 Military Child Awards, a new program that is being held. The winner gets a trip for their family to Washington D.C. She passed around the information on how to nominate someone. This is for all branches of the military.

The Branch held its first 50/50 drawing to help raise funds for the Branch coffers and collected a total of \$34. It was won by Branch Chaplain Dennis McCully. He graciously donated his half of the winnings back to the Branch.

Closing Prayer – **Chaplain**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

Michelle E. Davis, Branch Vice President

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 **Vacant**

Revised Calendar Year 2023 Meeting Locations

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

Proposed Dates for Calendar Year 2024

All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

Third Quarter FY 2023 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

January 13, 2024 Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
February 10, 2024 Monthly Mtg at 10:00 AM at the VFW Post_1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
March 9, 2024 Luncheon Meeting at NOON at the
Illinois Bar & Grill, 1403 E. Illinois, Spokane, WA - **North**

Fourth Quarter FY 2023 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

April 13, 2024 Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
May 11, 2024 Monthly Meeting at 10:00 AM at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
June 8, 2024 Luncheon Meeting at NOON at the
Shari's Restaurant, 320 N. Sullivan, Spokane Valley, WA – **East**

First Quarter FY 2024 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

July 13, 2024 Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
August 10, 2024 Monthly Meeting at 10:00 AM at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
September 14, 2024 Luncheon Meeting at NOON at the
McKenzie River Pizza, 2910 E, 57th, Spokane, WA - **South**

Second Quarter FY 2024 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

October 12, 2024 Qtrly Meeting at 10:00 AM at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA
November 9, 2024 Monthly Meeting at 10:00 AM at the VFW Post 1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, W
December 14, 2024 XMAS LUNCH at the *Ranch Chico Mexican Restaurant*,
2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA – **West**