



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
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MARCH 9, 2024 - LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates: Spouses and significant others joined their Branch Shipmates for our quarterly Lunch at the at the Illinois Bar & Grill, 1403 E. Illinois in Spokane, WA. Former member Val Moon joined us and rejoined the Branch.

The Blessing of God was given by Chaplain Dennis McCully.

The Meeting was declared convened at 12:15 p.m.

Unfinished or Deferred Business

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. Room Rates are \$114 per night plus 10.7% tax and \$3 Tourist Fee. These rates are good for September 4 to September 8, 2024. Call **509-586-0541** and mention **Fleet Reserve Association** to get the above rate. **DO NOT book online** or you will not get the convention rate. Reservations made after August 26, 2024, at this rate will be on space availability.

So far, the only shipmates registered at the hotel for this convention are from Branch 38 and the RPNW from Branch 104.

Discussed the NWR convention menu so we could get the second 2024 NWR Convention Newsletter distributed to enable shipmates from other branches in the region to start making their plans.

New Business

2024 NW Region MID-YEAR Convention – RPNW Rex Faubion stated that there will be a Mid-Year Convention in the NW Region this year on **May 4, 2024, via ZOOM**. He is planning on holding a virtual event after the NBOD mid-year meeting to check in with all the regional branches on the progress in getting their reports submitted. More information to come regarding this meeting.

Shipmate Burke invited any branch member that wants to attend this meeting to come to her house since she has to connect the Zoom link anyway. This is a BYOB (bring your own beverage) and Snack event.

Branch Delegate to the 2024 FRA Centennial and National Convention:

Robert Bean, Jr Past Branch President will be the branch delegate to the 2024 FRA Centennial and National Convention since he is already scheduled to go as the Northwest Regional Vice President. He is running for Regional President also. His nominating resolution will be ready to sign by the April Branch Meeting.

Branch Delegate to the 2024 NWR Convention – Shipmate Rick Baldwin will be the Chair of the Branch Delegates for the upcoming convention in September 2024.

Nomination of Branch Officers for 2024-2025 Term

Branch President Dave Lord brought up the nominations since he is proposing to step down to the Secretary/Treasurer position so our current one can retire from the position after 20 years of service. Nomination for the 2024-2025 Branch Officers are as follows:

- Branch President James Grishan
- Branch Vice President Michelle Davis
- Branch Secretary/Treasurer Dave Lord

Shipmate Grisham said he would rather be Vice President, but since Shipmate Davis was not at the March luncheon meeting we deferred the final nominations until the April Meeting.

Good of the Order

Burial Benefits – Possible future presentation by Rudy Lopez, WDVA Vets Cemetery. It was suggested that we try to get to join us for our June luncheon meeting, or maybe even to the September NWR Convention.

There will be a Navy Ball in 2024 sponsored by the Spokane NOSC.

Shipmate Moon asked if Branch 38 would be willing to sponsor the local Sea Cadets organization at the NOSC.

Upcoming Events:

Spokane Indians Armed Forces Appreciation Night is May 12, 2024, at 6:35 pm.

Lilac Armed Forces Day Parade, May 18, 2024

It was discussed and voted in that we participate in this activity. We will have Branch VP Michelle Davis make the contact with the parade organizers for us to be in the lineup.

Newport Grand Rodeo and Parade, June 20-22, 2024, in Newport, WA

Hillyard Festival in Spokane, WA August 4-6, 2024

Southeast Spokane County Fair, Rockford, WA on September 20-22, 2024

Spokane Indians Home Games July 4-6 and 9-14, 2024.

Closing Prayer – **Chaplain**

Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

David L. Lord, Branch 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	Robert Bean

Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2024

All meetings are on the Second Saturday of the month.

Third Quarter FY 2023 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

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**