



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington
www.frabran38.org**

2024 - 2025 Branch Officers

President Michelle Davis
Vice President James Grisham
Sec/Treasurer: Dave Lord

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

August 10, 2024 – Minutes

Introduction of non-member guests and visiting shipmates:

Invoke the Blessing of God – **Chaplain**

Shipmates Please Recite with me the following

Pledge of Allegiance

Fleet Reserve Association Preamble

Declare Meeting convened.

Read Minutes of July 2024 meeting

Standing Committee Reports

Americanism-Patriotism – Chair, **Rick Baldwin , No Report**

Hospitals, Welfare & Rehabilitation – Chair, **Michelle Davis , report Voluntary Service**

Membership & Retention – Chair, **Michelle Davis , New Member HMC Michelle Atwell , Pullman**

Public Relations – Chair, **Peg Burke , Zoom Connection , Welcome Aboard HMC , National Newsletter 4**

Veterans Service – Chair, **Dave Lord , updated VSO assistance and meeting Vets where they are**

Youth Activities – Chair, **Robert Bean , No Report**

Communications received since the July 2024 meeting.

Treasurer's Reports as of 7/31/24

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.

Shipmate Rick Baldwin will be the Chair of the Branch Delegates for the upcoming convention.

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.

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 RPNW from Branch 104.

Shipmate Peck, the Convention President has made contact with the local Kennewick Sea Cadet leader and they will be meeting to see if they would be willing to help us with the Presentation of Colors at the convention.

Newsletters #1 and #2 (with meal selections) have been distributed and are on the Branch website.

Newsletter #3 added to Branch Website

The 2024 (96th FRA/91st LAFRA) Convention

The Centennial Committee applied for and was granted by the 2022 National Convention delegates permission to host the 96th FRA/91st LAFRA Convention in conjunction with the FRA Centennial Celebration. The convention itself will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, Maryland, on **November 10-16, 2024. The Centennial will be on November 11, 2024, and the Convention itself will be held November 12-16, 2024.** Information is now available on the FRA Website.

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.

Room Rates are \$125 plus 13% tax. The cut-off date for the block of rooms is October 5, 2024. Due to the anticipated demand, we encourage attendees to book by September 1st.

For hotel reservations copy and paste this link into your browser:

[https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/anpdttdt-90d-bcdab4c5-7f18-47ce-9b69-435dc9ec0f80/\(http://\)](https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/anpdttdt-90d-bcdab4c5-7f18-47ce-9b69-435dc9ec0f80/(http://))

Transportation:

- Planes: The closest airport is Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI) 20 miles from the hotel. Additional airports include Ronald Reagan Washington (DCA) and Washington Dulles International (IAD).
- Trains: The closest train station is BWI. Free on-site parking.

It is off US-50. The hotel offers a free shuttle within five miles, including the Westfield Annapolis Mall, restaurants around Annapolis Town Centre, and the US Naval Academy. Enjoy free parking, their Olympic-sized pool, and dining at their on-site restaurant, Ports of Call. They welcome you with a fresh DoubleTree Chocolate Chip Cookie.

In addition to the above pool, on-site restaurant and free parking, other amenities are:
Free WiFi Room Service Fitness Center Digital Key
EV Charging Non-smoking rooms Connecting rooms Pet Friendly rooms.

Nominations for National Offices:

NP Nominations	NVP Maria Behm	NCR Branch 32
NVP Nominations	Rick Fetro	WCR Branch 101
	Pete Lazzaretti	NWR Branch 18

Resolutions are due to HQ by July 15, 2024.

RPNW Faubion stated that the Centennial Convention Committee would like to know what type of celebration we are planning at the Branch level

Newsletter #4 is out and posted on the Branch and NW Regional websites.

New Business

Michelle presented Peg a Certificate of Appreciation for duties as Secretary Treasurer 2005 - 2024

James made Motion to purchase Chief Selectee Anchor Devices , Seconded by Body and Approved , Val Stated there are 3 , Ceremony Aug 24 during Drill Weekend

Good of the Order

Upcoming Events:

Spokane Indians Baseball Aug 30 see James for ticket information
Invite VA cemetery Director Rudy Lopez to our Sept 14 Luncheon
Southeast Spokane County Fair, Rockford, WA on September 20-22, 2024

Peg will have belt buckles at NWR Convention for \$10

Good of the Order donation \$6 and 50/50 buy in \$57 winner Rick gave back to Branch

Closing Prayer – **Chaplain**

President:

“Let us leave this meeting place fully aware of the obligation that we owe to our country, our Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the Fleet Reserve Association, and till we meet again let nothing swerve us from our three cardinal principals: Loyalty, Protection, and Service. I now declare this meeting of Branch 038, Fleet Reserve Association, regularly adjourned.”

Dates for Calendar Year 2024 - 2025

All meetings are on the Second Saturday of the month.

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 Noon at the **Ranch Chico Mexican Restaurant**,
2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA – **West**