



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 038, Inc.
Spokane, Washington
www.frabranh38.org**

**JANUARY – FEBRUARY – MARCH 2016
BRANCH BULLETIN**

2015-2016 Branch Officers

President Robert Bean
Vice President James Grisham
Sec/Treasurer: Peg Burke

Chaplain Ralph Bean
Master-at-Arms James Robertson

2015–2020 Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:
James Robertson
Anna Martin
Michelle Davis

2015–2016 Branch Committee Chairmen

Americanism	James Robertson & Bill Feehan
HW&R	Michelle Davis
Public Relations	Ralph Bean
Youth Activities	James Grisham

FY 2015 (7/2015 – 6/2016) – QUARTERLY/SOCIAL LUNCHEONS/MEETINGS

The Branch Quarterly meetings and the monthly social luncheons are listed on page 3 of this bulletin. They can also be found on the Branch website listed above.

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

FRA 2015 National Convention: was held October 13 - 17, 2015 at the Doubletree by Hilton, in Spokane, Washington. Shipmate Robert Bean, James Grisham, and Michelle Davis assisted in the distribution of the bags with the Convention information in them. Other than what the Branch Shipmates had stuffed in the bags the week before, was added a Convention Program, the Convention Journal (with all Branch 38 members’ names in it), and the delegate book. (Convention Journals were distributed to the shipmates at the meeting). Shipmates Dennis McCully and Ralph Bean sat in for a couple of the business sessions.

All those present agreed that the convention ran smoothly and everyone was saying good things about how it ran. There was 201 people at the Banquet on Saturday, October 17th. Shipmate Vails attended in his uniform and was in the picture of all those attending in uniform (about a dozen of them). The DJs from Audio, Inc. kept everyone on their feet most of the night dancing with music from the 50’s to present.

New National Officers for the upcoming year 2015-2016 are as follows:

- National President –Virgil P. Courneya (his wife was elected at LAFRA National President)
- National Vice President – Donald Larson
- Jr. Past National President – John D. Ippert
- National Executive Director – Thomas J. Snee

This is the first time in FRA history that the National Presidents for the FRA and the LAFRA has been a husband and wife team and also what are called “retreads”, meaning they both are Past National Presidents prior to this year.

BRANCH BUSINESS NEWS

Milestone Awards for January, February, & March 2016 –During this quarter there are no Shipmates due awards. The next ones due are in April and May 2016.

Deceased Shipmates – We lost Shipmate Raymond Hunt on October 6, 2015 and Shipmate Bruce Rasche on December 14, 2015.

2016 Legislative Update – The Branch President and Secretary has received a powerpoint presentation of what the FRA is supporting and fighting against. If anyone wants a copy, let us know and we will send it to you or you can go to www.fra.org and the front page of the national website has a link to the latest information on what issues we are following.

Americanism Essay Contest for 2015-2016 – Branch President Robert Bean, Committee Chairman Jim Robertson, and Branch Secretary Peg Burke traveled to the Tri Cities on January 11, 2016 to present the awards to the winners from that area. Branch Vice President James Grisham, Committee Chairman Jim Robertson, and Branch Secretary Peg Burke presented the awards to the local area winners on January 13, 2016. The pictures and article sent to the local newspapers at each location will be on the Branch Website.

Branch 38 Essay Contest Winners for 2015-2016

First Place

7 th Grade	Stormy Meier	Bryant TEC	Spokane, WA
8 th Grade	Sierra Meier	Glover Middle School	Spokane, WA
10 th Grade	Kiera Henderson	Southridge High School	Kennewick, WA
11 th Grade	Jamas Middleton	Southridge High School	Kennewick, WA
12 th Grade	Angela Basinger	Mead High School	Mead, WA

Second Place

10 th Grade	Madison Powers	Southridge High School	Kennewick, WA
11 th Grade	Hailey Quast	Kennewick High School	Kennewick, WA
12 th Grade	Tyler Wang	John R. Rogers High School	Spokane, WA

Third Place

12 th Grade	Riley Santo	Kamiakin High School	Kennewick, WA
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Elections for 2016-2017 Branch 38 Fiscal Year The Offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer will be expiring. Those of you who wish to toss your hat in the ring for any of these offices, please let the Branch Board of Directors know. *The current Secretary/Treasurer does not intend to run again, so this office will definitely need a replacement.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Branch Birthdays January thru March 2016

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Eickmeyer, Charles	January	2	Noble, Charlie	February	19	Messing, Russell H.	March	1
Greer, James C.	January	3	Timblin, Bruce C.	February	19	Fenn, David S.	March	15
Stroyan, William P.	January	8	Van Selus, David'	February	22	Sigler, Roi L.	March	25
Feehan, William	January	12	Melges, David K.	February	22	Ruble, Clifford N.	March	31
Fisher, Donald K.	January	14	Robertson, James R.	February	23			
Hunt, Robert	January	17	Terry, Jack	February	25			
Lang, Thomas J.	January	19						
Sheretz, William C.	January	22						

Spokane Chief's Military Appreciation Nights – The Spokane Chief's Hockey team will be having a military appreciation night on January 30, 2016 and it is against our main rival, the Tri City Americans at 7:00 pm. We will be setting up our table like we have in the past and are looking for Branch 38 Shipmates to man the display.

Ball Caps Provided by Branch 161 – The president of the FRA Mo-Kan Branch 161 brought a box (30 each) of "Spokane Chief" hats to the convention for our branch to sell as a fundraiser. The words are gold embroidery and have an anchor that has the words Est. USN 1893 on them. We will be selling these hats during the Military Appreciation Night and any branch member that wants one is encouraged to attend our next meeting to purchase theirs. They are not Spokane Chief Hockey Team memorabilia.

Businesses owned by Coast Guard/Navy/Marines

- Chiefs Bar & Grill, 417 E. 1st St., Odessa, WA – Owned by Mike and Sherri Frederick. Both are Chief Petty Officers.
- Hat ‘N Patch, website at www.hatnpatch.com – owned by Rod Truitt. They carry military & patriotic hats, patches, pins & more.
- Popular Patch – info@popularpatch.com, 101 W. Prairie Shopping Center #111, Hayden, ID – Owned by Branch Member Don McGrogan
- Roi’s Furniture at 1611 N. Monroe St, Spokane, WA – Owned by Roi Sigler
- Taco Del Mar Restaurant, 12501 N. Division St., Spokane, WA – Owned by Master Chief Frank Schoonover.
- Uncle Sam’s Flag & Gift in the Northtown Shopping Mall, Spokane, WA – Owned by Chief Lance Johnson.

NOTE THE TIME DIFFERENCE FOR THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

FY 2015 (7/2016 – 6/2016) – QUARTERLY/SOCIAL LUNCHEONS/MEETINGS

Quarterly meetings will be held at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA at **10:00 AM**. We are meeting a couple of hours earlier for the Quarterly Meetings to accommodate the VFW’s Saturday afternoon activities. All monthly/luncheon meetings are preceded by a **luncheon at 12:00 noon**.

Calendar Year 2016 January 23, 2016 (4 th Saturday)	Rancho Viejo, 14201 E. Sprague, Spokane Valley, WA
February 27, 2016 (4 th Saturday)	Quarterly Meeting at 1000 AM at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
March 26, 2016 (4 th Saturday)	Applebee’s, 2007 E. 29 th Ave, Spokane, WA
April 23, 2016 (4 th Saturday)	The Onion, 7552 N. Division, Spokane, WA
May 21, 2016 (3 rd Saturday)	Quarterly Meeting at 1000 AM at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
June 11, 2016 (2 nd Saturday)	MacKenzie River Pizza, 9225 N. Nevada, Spokane, WA
July 23, 2016 (4 th Saturday)	Timber Creek Grill & Buffet, 9211 E. Montgomery Ave, Spokane Valley, WA
August 27, 2016 (4 th Saturday)	Quarterly Meeting at 1000 AM at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
September 24, 2016 (4 th Saturday)	Twigs Bistro & Martini Bar, 4320 S. Regal, Spokane, WA
October 22, 2016 (4 th Saturday)	Longhorn BBQ, 7611 W. Hwy , Spokane, WA
November 5, 2016 (1 st Saturday)	Quarterly Meeting at 1000 AM at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
December 3, 2016 (1 st Saturday)	Christmas Lunch at 1100 AM at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA (Potluck)

SECRETARY'S NOTES

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY VIA E-MAIL – If you received this newsletter by regular mail and are willing to receive future copies via email in Microsoft Word or PDF format, please email the Secretary at Margret.burk@gmail.com. The newsletter is sent as a Microsoft Word 1997 – 2003 document and also as a PDF document. If your computer is compatible with either format, you should be able to read and print it. You can download Adobe Reader free from get.adobe.com/reader.

Since the newsletter is sent out in a mass mailing, which some email providers classify as possible “Spam”, please put the Secretary’s email address on your list of approved senders.

DUES FREE STATUS – There are two categories of members that are exempt from annual membership dues. (1) Members who have attained fifty (50) years of continuous membership, and (2) Members who have reached the age of eighty-five (85) and have attained forty (40) years of continuous membership. National will note the 50 years of membership, but sometimes misses the combined 85/40 combination, especially if your birthdate is not in your record. If you receive a dues notice after you have achieved both numbers, write on it that you are over 85 and have 40 years continuous membership and return it without payment. Also, if you usually renew for multiple years, don’t pay past the time when you will meet either of the dues free requirements. If you have any questions, call the Secretary.

The 85/25 category was changed to 85/40 in 2008. My apologies for missing the change and to anyone who attempted to get dues-free status based on 85/25 and were denied. Those who already were getting dues free based on 85/25 were "grand-fathered" in.

Fleet Reserve Association Dues – Listed below are those shipmates that have not paid their dues as yet and the dates they are due. Also listed are those Shipmates that will be receiving renewal notices of their dues. Check your address on the front of this bulletin to see if your year and month are highlighted in yellow. If it is, your dues are coming up within this quarter or in past quarters. Please renew. Your voice and help is needed in the FRA.

Past Due FRA Dues

Due Date

Michael D. Schmidt	July 2015
Douglas Orlob	August 2015
William Monger	October 2015

Upcoming FRA Dues

Due Date

Margret Burke	January 2016
Gerald Fitzgerald	January 2016
William Sheretz	January 2016
Ruben Mercado	March 2016
Dan Hutchinson	March 2016

Upcoming FRA Dues

Due Date

Clifford Ruble	February 2016
Earl Riley	February 2016
Douglas Morgan	February 2016
Harlan Oliver	February 2016
William Stroyan	February 2016

Included in the bulletin is the Application Form for the FRA. If you know of an eligible Shipmate, please pass this form on to them. In the past the Secretary/Treasurer has received renewal checks made out to her personally or to Branch 38. **In the future please make all checks out to the FRA.** You can also mail them direct to the FRA office.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service
Fleet Reserve Association – Inland Empire Branch 038 – Margret (Peg) Burke, Secretary/Treasurer
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Margret.burk@gmail.com.

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION - APPLICATION FORM

Active duty, reserve, and retired enlisted members of the USN, USCG, USMC; non-sea service personnel of the U.S. Armed Forces with prior enlisted sea Service; and commissioned officers with at least one day of enlisted sea service are eligible for membership. Annual membership is \$30; discounts are available for longer-term memberships. Simply complete this form, enclose payment and return to FRA, Branch 38 representative.

Name: _____ Rating/Rank: _____

Address: _____
Street Lot/Space City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security No.: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Service: _____ Status: _____ Membership Preference: Branch 038 Member-at-Large _____

Previous FRA member? Yes: _____ Member Number: _____ No _____

Recruited by: _____ Member No.: _____ Branch: _____

Spouses Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dues

<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Yr	\$30.00	Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> MC	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover Card	<input type="checkbox"/> AE	<input type="checkbox"/> Check-enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Yrs	\$48.00	<small>(SPECIAL OFFER FOR FIRST TIME MEMBERS)</small>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Yrs	\$57.00	<small>(for renewing or reinstating FRA members)</small>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Yrs	\$85.50	Credit Card No.: _____				
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Yrs	\$135.00	Exp. Date: _____				

Mail to: **FRA – 125 N. West Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2754** – Phone: 703-683-1400, Toll-Free: 1-800-FRA-1924 – www.fra.org

