



**Fleet Reserve Association  
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.  
Spokane, Washington**  
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**April 22, 2017 MONTHLY/LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES**

<u><b>2016-2017 Branch Officers</b></u>		<u><b>2015–2020 Board of Directors</b></u>	<u><b>2016–20167Branch Committee Chairmen</b></u>	
President	Robert Bean	<i>Plus Branch Officers:</i>	Americanism	James Robertson
Vice President	Michelle Davis	James Robertson	HW&R	Michelle Davis
Sec/Treasurer:	Peg Burke	Anna Martin	Public Relations	Ralph Bean
		Bruce Vails	Youth Activities	James Grisham
Chaplain	Ralph Bean			
Master-at-Arms	James Robertson			

- The April 22, 2017 Monthly/Luncheon Meeting was held at Mongolian BBQ (next to Walmart) 10414 US Hwy 2, Airway Heights, WA and was called to order and presided over by former Branch President James Robertson.
- Introductions: There were no visitors.
- The Minutes of March 25, 2017, Monthly/Luncheon Meeting Minutes reading was postponed until the May Quarterly Meeting.
- Treasurer’s Report –April 2017 was distributed to those present.
- Communications received since the March Branch Meeting will be read at the May Quarterly meeting.

*The Branch President and Chaplain were absent to go fishing on the first day of “fishing season” after several years of missing it. The Branch Vice President was ill and the Branch Secretary, who is also the Northwest Regional President, was at the Mid-Year NBOD meeting. Shipmate Robertson, former Branch President, conducted an informal meeting discussing upcoming events in May, i.e. the Armed Forces Day Parade and the various veterans activities going on during the coming military appreciation month.*

*Shipmate Lord was presented his Branch shirt for making his third meeting*

*The C&BL Resolution for adding a way to adjust continuous membership date for longevity that Branch 38 is submitting to the National Convention for adoption was read, discussed, and unanimously adopted for submission.*

*All other business was deferred until the May Quarterly Business Meeting. Listed below is what was on the April agenda and all will be listed as “Old Business” on the May Quarterly Meeting Agenda.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Milestone Awards for April—May—June 2017**

Terry Gaffney	5 years	May 2017	Harold Young	15 years	April 2017
Jack Terry	20 years	May 2017	Roi Sigler	10 years	June 2017
Dave Van Selus	25 years	May 2017	Richard Peterschick	45 years	June 2017

**Veteran Services Committee** – FRA is starting a VAVS Program. They are creating a “Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Veterans Service Foundation”. This foundation is being formed to gather more volunteers and financing for disabled or needy veterans and their families.

- *More information will be forthcoming on this subject. This committee is still in its formation stage and the Northwest Region will have to make changes to their By-Laws first.*

**Branch Secretary / Regional President Duties Conflicts** – The Branch Secretary, Margret “Peg” Burke , who is also the current Northwest Regional President, has two conflicts with the branch meeting schedule. They are April 22, 2017 when she will be attending the NBOD meeting in Washington D.C. and September 23, 2017 when she will be in Hunt Valley, MD at the 2017 National Convention. She will have the agenda and other documentations ready for both meetings so someone can take the minutes.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Membership** – As of the end of March 2017, Branch 38's Report has 92 members and we were notified we have lost another one to the Supreme Commander so that makes us at 91 members. We are still in Group IV, but are just barely keeping above the limit of 88 members to stay in that group. If we drop to Group V we will be in the lowest group of FRA membership. Let's dust off our recruiting skills and beat the bushes and shopping malls for more members.

**Members Lost to the Supreme Commander** – Shipmate Thomas Poindexter's wife called the Branch Secretary to let her know that he had passed away February 2, 2015. Shipmate Verne Smith's son called to let us know that his father had passed away on March 28, 2017 and that they planning a memorial service for him on June 17, 2017 at the Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake. We will call the Veterans Cemetery for more information on his service before the June meeting. We were notified of Shipmate Gordon Zehm's passing when his quarterly bulleting came back to the Secretary marked "Deceased". The Branch Secretary googled his name and found his obituary. Shipmate Zehm's notification was the one that dropped us to 91.

**Voting Strength for Branch 38** – is 5 votes. Convention Delegates, take note of this because this may come in handy when voting for Northwest Regional and National Officers.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

**2017 Khaki Ball** – was held on April 1, 2017 at the River's Edge Buffet Restaurant in the Northern Quest Casino & Hotel at 100 N. Hayford Rd, Airway Heights, WA at 1800 hours to 2100 hours. Shipmate Grisham has the scoop on how it went. From what he told the Branch Secretary at Shipmate Martin's retirement party the Khaki Ball was well attended this year.

**Cater Branch Christmas Party** – It was suggested that we look into catering the food at the Christmas Party from the VFW Post 51 Auxiliary. They have different menus we could choose from.

- *Rumor has it that the VFW Post 51 is closing its kitchen. This item tabled until the next Quarterly Meeting on May 13, 2017.*

**Publications** - Please note that the Branch Secretary has downloaded and printed out the "FRA OnWatch" publication and the Navy Personnel Command's "Shift Colors". If you want a copy of the Shift Colors publication, let the Branch Secretary know and she can email it to you. The FRA OnWatch publication can be found on the FRA website under the News & Publications tab.

## MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2016 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- ❖ **April 22, 2017** – Mongolian BBQ (next to Walmart) at **Noon**, 10414 US Hwy 2, Airway Heights, WA (West)
- ❖ **May 13, 2017** - Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- ❖ **June 10, 2017** – Skyway Café (next to Felts Field) at **Noon**, 6105 E. Rutter Ave, Spokane Valley, WA (East)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2017 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- **July 8, 2017** – The Onion at **Noon**, 7552 N. Division, Spokane, WA (North)
- **August 19, 2017** - Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **September 23, 2017** - Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant at **Noon**, 2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA (West)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2017 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- **October 14, 2017** - MacKenzie River Pizza at **Noon**, 2910 E. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spokane, WA (South)
- **November 11, 2017** - Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **December 2, 2017** - Quarterly Meeting at **1100 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- *Note the date change for August's Quarterly meeting (changed to accommodate an activity at the VFW on the original date).*

Meeting Adjourned.

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Margret "Peg" Burke, Branch Secretary  
As presented by Acting Branch President

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James Robertson, Acting Branch President  
Branch 38 Board of Director