



Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington

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August 29, 2015 MINUTES

2015-2016 Branch Officers

President Robert Bean
Vice President James Grisham
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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

Chaplain Ralph Bean
Master-at-Arms James Robertson

- The August 29, 2015 Quarterly Meeting was held at the VFW Post 51 and was called to order at 1000 and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean.
The minutes of the July 25, 2015 Monthly Meeting were read and approved.
The Treasurer report of August 2015 was read and approved.
The Branch Secretary reported on all the communications received since the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Northwest Region 2015 Convention: will be hosted by Seattle Branch 18 on September 11-12, 2015 in Lynnwood, WA at the Embassy Suites Hotel. They will have credit card processing and online purchase options at their convention also. The flyer is posted on the Branch website under the Conventions tab. Room Rates will be \$129 per night for either a King suite or a Double/double suite. The group name is: FRANWR2015 Block and the reservation code is: XWR. You can contact the hotel at 425-775-2500 or 1-800-628-0611.

Shipmates Michelle Davis and Margret Burke volunteered to be delegates at the NW Regional Convention in Lynnwood, WA in September 2015.

FRA 2015 National Convention: Will be held the week of October 11th, 2015 at the Doubletree by Hilton, in Spokane, Washington. There is a Facebook Page that has been created by Shipmate PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti. It is called "Fleet Reserve Association 2015 National Convention". Shipmate Lazzaretti will be posting the first flyer on the Northwest Region's website. The flyer is on Branch 38's website also. Room rates are \$88 per night plus 12% tax and a \$2 per night surcharge for a total of \$100.56 per night. Rates will be available 10/8-20/2015

- Branch 18 will be providing the screened bags for the delegates at the convention (received).
Branch 38 has been designated as the chair for logistics, i.e. where to purchase items locally, medical alerts to hospitals, ambulance services, and EMT teams, urgent care runs, which funeral homes to use if someone dies and needs to be shipped home for burial, and in general, be the "gophers" for the convention. They will also provide the poker chips with the logo side being switched to the FRA 2015 Convention logo (received) and is also purchasing a half-page ad and supporting the booster roll in the Journal for the Convention.
Branch 46 will be chairing the "ceremonies" portion of the convention.
Branch 59 will be chairing the Hospitality Room.
Shipmates Robert Bean and Anna Martin will be delegates at the 2015 National Convention in Spokane, WA in

Americanism Essay Contest for 2015-2016 - The materials have been received and the Secretary will get them to the Chairmen of the Americanism-Patriotism Committee and work with them on the project. The theme this year is "What The United States Flag Stands For".

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions for 2015 FRA Convention – The NED Memorandum 8-15 outlining the C&BL resolutions being considered at the convention this year is in. We need to discuss these resolutions at this month’s and net month’s meeting in order to let our delegates to the National Convention know how our Branch wants to vote. A copy has been provided to our delegates. They will read them over them during this next month and report back to the members at the September meeting for guidance on how to vote on the different issues.

Membership – The August 2015 Membership Newsletter was discussed by Branch Vice President Jim Grisham.

Milestone Awards for July, August, & September 2015 –The following Shipmates will receive their awards this quarter:
George Stevens Jr. 40 years August 2015 Clarence Bender 15 years September 2015
Cecil H. Russell 50 years August 2015 Douglas E. Harms 45 years September 2015
The 40-and 50-year award certificates are issued by the FRA National Headquarters Staff

Members Lost: Shipmate Cecil Russell is confined to his home due to his health (on oxygen) and we were going to deliver his 50-year award and a small cake. The Secretary called his daughter the morning of the Branch meeting to let her know the plans for the day and was informed that Shipmate Russell had passed away on the previous Thursday, August 27th. The Secretary had talked to him on Monday the 24th and again on the 25th and he seemed to be doing fine. On day he passed on his daughter had taken him to get his medication at Fairchild AFB and they had a nice day. Later on, her husband went to check on him and found him on the floor. We will miss Cecil.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Spokane Indians’ Promotion Nights – Contact the Spokane Indians Office for tickets.
Fireworks Nights (2 of them left) August 29, and September 3

MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015

(All sites have been visited. We just need to call the month ahead and remind them we will be coming.)
NOTE THE QUARTERLY MEETING TIME CHANGES (Christmas Party remains the same as it was)

1st Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons

- August 29, 2015 - Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- September 26, 2015 – MacKenzie River Pizza, 2910 E. 57th Ave, Spokane, WA

2nd Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons

- October 24, 2015 – Prospectors Bar & Grill, Spokane, WA
- November 7, 2015 - Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- December 5, 2015 – Christmas Lunch at **1100 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA (**Potluck**)
Please let the Secretary/Treasurer know if you have a special restaurant you would like to meet at for 2016 luncheons.

The meeting dates in Calendar Year 2016 will mostly fall on the 4th Saturday of the Month except for May, June, November, and December. May is rescheduled to the 3rd Saturday due to the 4th Saturday falling on Memorial Day weekend. June is rescheduled to the 2nd Saturday due to Father’s Day on the 3rd weekend and Spokane Hoopfest on the 4th weekend. November and December are always on the first weekend of the month due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Look for the new schedule to come out in September 2015.

Meeting Adjourned at 1130.

Margret (Peg) Burke
Secretary/Treasurer

Robert Bean
President