



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

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DECEMBER 5, 2015 MINUTES

2015-2016 Branch Officers

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

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 December 5, 2015 Christmas Party/Meeting was held at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA, and was called to order at 1115 and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean.
- The minutes of the November 7, 2015 Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.
- The Treasurer report of December 2015 was read and approved.
- The Branch Secretary reported on all the communications received since the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Americanism Essay Contest for 2015-2016 – The materials have been distributed to John R. Rogers High School, Shaw Middle School, and Garry Middle School. They were also sent to Mayra Mendoza, Student and Parent Outreach Specialist of the WSU Tri-Cities Early Outreach Program by email. The theme this year is “What The United States Flag Stands For”.

Essays have been received by the Americanism Chairman. He is asking for three volunteers to help grade them so we can get the 1st place winners submitted to the Regional Chairman.

Shipmates Michelle Davis and Peg Burke offered to help grade them.

Milestone Awards for October, November & December 2015 –The Shipmates listed below will be mailed to them except Shipmate Martin’s. Branch President Robert Bean presented Shipmate Martin with her award at the October Branch Meeting.

Anna D. Martin.	5 years	October 2015	Daniel E. Hull	30 years	October 2015
Bruce C. Timblin	5 years	November 2015	Laveen D. Schmidt	40 years	December 2015
Edwin J. Hickock Jr	5 years	December 2015	Harold L. Davis	45 years	December 2015

The 40-and 50-year award certificates are issued by the FRA National Headquarters Staff

Terminated Branch 38 Shipmates – Secretary Burke downloaded a listing of all the shipmates that were a member of Branch 38 and have been terminated for whatever reason, except as deceased. They have addresses for them, some emails (good or not?), but not many phone numbers. Shall we make up a branch recruiting letter/flyer to try and get them to join up again?

The updated list was given to the Branch Officers for their use.

Ball Caps Provided by Branch 161 – The president of the FRA Mo-Kan Branch 161 has brought a box (30 each) of “Spokane Chief” hats to the convention for our branch to sell as a fundraiser. They asked just for reimbursement of the cost of the hats (\$10 each) and Branch 38 could keep the profit from anything over that figure. It was moved that we go ahead and pay the cost for the hats now so we do not have to worry about it later. The motion was seconded and passed. The Branch Treasurer is directed to send a check for \$300 to Mo-Kan Branch 161 for the ball caps.

The check has been sent.

NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Membership Newsletter – has been received and given to the Branch Chairman on Membership & Retention. The 2nd Qtr 2015-16 Membership Report has been received. This report is for the July, August, & September timeframe.

Widows Subscriptions - We have received the annual invoice for the widows we are sponsoring to continue receiving information and the FRA Today for the next year. The price is \$7.00 per subscriber. Are there any additions to be made for this list?

It was suggested that we add Shipmate Dummitt's widow, Deanna, to the list. Shipmate Grisham will call and ask her if she wanted to get the FRA Today in the future.

Special Request for Mailing Labels – This letter has been received. We already have the list of Terminated Members, so we need only ask for current MALs and Prospective Members.

Annual Premium for Branch Liability Bond – This year's amount withheld for Branch 38 is \$26. It is automatically taken from the October PCT deposit from HQ.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The date has been set for the 2016 Khaki Ball, i.e. April 16, 2016. More information will be sent out in the Apr-May-Jun Branch Bulletin.

We will arrange for our appearance at the Spokane Chief's Military Appreciation night in January 2016 during the month of December. It is the same night as our January Branch meeting.

MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015

2nd Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons

- 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.

MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016

(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)

3rd Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- January 23, 2016 – Rancho Viejo, 14201 E. Sprague, Spokane Valley, WA
- February 27, 2016 – Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- March 26, 2016 – Applebee's, 2007 E. 29th Ave, Spokane, WA

4th Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- April 23, 2016 – The Onion, 7552 N. Division, Spokane, WA
- May 21, 2016 – Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- June 11, 2016 – MacKenzie River Pizza, 9225 N. Nevada, Spokane, WA

1st Quarter FY 2016 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- ❖ July 23, 2016 – Timber Creek Grill & Buffet, 9211 E. Montgomery Ave, Spokane Valley, WA
- ❖ August 27, 2016 – Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- ❖ September 24, 2016 – Twigs Bistro & Martini Bar, 4320 S. Regal, Spokane, WA

2nd Quarter FY 2016 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- ❖ October 22, 2016 – Longhorn BBQ, 7611 W. Hwy, Spokane, WA
- ❖ November 5, 2016 – Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- ❖ December 3, 2016 – Christmas Lunch at **1100 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA (**Potluck**)
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Meeting Adjourned at 1315.

Margret (Peg) Burke

Robert Bean

Secretary/Treasurer

President