



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

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FEBRUARY 27, 2016 QUARTERLY MEETING 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 February 27, 2016 Quarterly Meeting was held at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA, and was called to order at 1015 and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean.
The minutes of the January 23, 2016 Monthly/Luncheon Meeting were read and approved.
The Treasurer report of February 2016 was read and approved.
The Branch Secretary reported on all the communications received since the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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.

NWR Scuttlebutt Newsletter Regional President JJ Wynn has issued his first newsletter. It can be found on Branch website under the NWR Newsletters & Info tab.

2016 WA State Legislative Issues - The Secretary has received an email from the Regional Vice President Northwest, Mark Thompson with a list of the Washington State Legislative issues. This email was forwarded to our Branch President. If anyone else wants a copy, please let the Secretary know.

NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Membership Newsletter - The February 2016 Membership Newsletter, Membership Report - Alfa, and an updated spreadsheet of current members has been received and sent to Branch Officers, Directors, and the Branch Chairman on Membership & Retention.

2016 FRA Legislative Update - The Branch President and Secretary are receiving a monthly update on the power point 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.

Financial Report of the 88th (2015) National Convention - The report sent to the National President in December 2015 by the Treasurer of the 2015 Convention has been accepted and promulgated to all the Branches.

Nominations for National Positions - The nominating resolutions for National President, National Vice President, and National Executive Director are beginning to come in. Listed below are the ones we have received so far.

National President
Donald Larson

National Vice President
Bill Starkey

National Executive Director
Tom Snee

**NBOD Meeting** – The spring NBOD Meeting will be April 15, 2016. All members of the FRA are eligible and invited to attend the meeting. They are not eligible to vote and shall only have the privilege of the floor under the Good of the Order during the meeting and with the permission of the NBOD as provided for in Article 8, Section 802m, C&BL, FRA. (Note: Only those Shipmates that are current members of the NBOD will be reimbursed travel expenses by HQ.)

**National Convention Delegate Form** – This form has been received by the Secretary. In addition to the Branch Officer elections coming up, we need to decide if we will be sending a delegate to the 2016 National Convention in Jacksonville, FL during the week of October 9-16.

Note: The same thing is needed for the 2016 Northwest Regional Convention in Cheyenne, WY on August 12-13.

**Annual Report of Officers** – This form has also been received by the Secretary. It needs to be returned to HQ no later than July 10, 2016. All Branches must elect officers no later than June 30, 2016. Branch 38's normal procedure is to hold nominations in March and April then hold the election in May and hold the swearing in ceremony in June.

**Annual Committee Report Forms** – The Committee Chairs need to see the Secretary for your copy of the Annual Report you need to complete. Standing Rule 7 has the guidelines for submission of your reports.

**Blind Veterans Association (BVA)** – A motion was made to donate \$250 to the BVA. Before more discussion was made on this motion Shipmates asked what they were about. It was decided to contact their Headquarters, which happen to be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the FRA HQ building, to find out who the local contact was and invite them to our meeting in March. The Branch Secretary will work on getting that set up.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

A Shipmate asked for the correct contact number for the Wound Warriors Program (WWP) was. There are several listed. Since No one knew we will continue to pursue this. The WWP has been in the news lately about squandering the money they have been donated.

Those Shipmates that volunteered for our appearance at the Spokane Chief's Military Appreciation night on January 30, 2016, were Shipmates Robert Bean, Jim Grisham, Roscoe Moore, Verne Smith, and Peg Burke. We sold a few hats, gave away a few "freebies" and talked with a number of former military members.

It was noted that the WWII USMC Veterans Memorial will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 29, 2016.

**2016 Khaki Ball** – will be on Saturday afternoon, April 16, 2016. All, repeat All, USCG, USN E-7 through CWO5, as well as Commissioned Officers who served as a Chief Petty Officer are invited to attend. It will be held at the Longhorn BBQ Restaurant, 7611 W. Hwy 2, Spokane, WA 99224. Social hour begins at 1700 hours and Dining begins at 1730 hours. No tickets are being sold, the only cost to the Chief Petty Officers are the \$23 charge each that will be paid directly to the restaurant. For \$23 each person will receive buffet style sandwiches, side dishes, and non-alcoholic beverages. Each Chief Petty Officer will pay for their own alcohol. Spouses, Significant Others, and guests are welcome to attend.

- As a reminder, after the dinner, a Sea Story contest will take place.
- Commemorative T-Shirts will be available for sale. The price is estimated to be \$13 to \$15 each.
- Military style ball caps with the text "Spokane Chief" and "est. 1893" across the CPO Anchor will be available for sale for \$20 each.

The point of contact is Shipmate James Grisham, (509) 327-2068 or by email at [grishamgrisham@yahoo.com](mailto:grishamgrisham@yahoo.com). Please contact James and tell him how many people will attend and if you wish to purchase either a T-Shirt or a Ball Cap.

**The above information on the Khaki Ball is on Branch 38's website.**

Capt. Ted McGregor of the Navy League asked if Branch 38 will assist them with the activities that Shipmate Rasche did for them when it comes to representing the Spokane Navy activities.

*Branch 38 Shipmate Dwayne Harney is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Navy League and we will also put his information with Capt. McGregor's for Navy League contacts.*

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**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)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings**

- 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. 29<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spokane, WA

**4<sup>th</sup> 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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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**)

*Please let the Secretary/Treasurer know if you have a special restaurant you would like to meet at for 2017 luncheons.*

Meeting Adjourned at 1115.

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Margret (Peg) Burke  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Robert Bean  
President