



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
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FEBRUARY 11, 2017 QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

<u>2016-2017 Branch Officers</u>		<u>2015–2020 Board of Directors</u>		<u>2016–20167Branch Committee Chairmen</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 February 11, 2017 Quarterly Meeting was held at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA and was called to order and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean.
- Introductions: Sgt Kevin Huddle, Volunteer Services, Spokane Police Department, and David Lord, a new member from Annapolis, MD
- Read Minutes of January 21, 2017 Monthly/Meeting Minutes and they were approved.
- Treasurer’s Report –February 8, 2017 was presented.
- Communications received since last meeting were read.

OLD BUSINESS

Milestone Awards for January-February-March 2017

William P. Stroyan	20 years February 2017	John Love	20 years March 2017
Dan C. Hutchinson	45 years March 2017		

Branch Committee Reports – Committee Chairs, see the Branch Secretary to obtain a copy of the report for your submission to the Regional Chairmen. Remember, this year’s National Convention is in September, so getting the report in as soon as you can after March 31, 2017 will be crucial. March 31, 2017 is the end of the recruiting year and most reports will be required to be in by the first part of June 2017. (It takes time to print up the National Convention Guide with all the committee chair reports in it.)

2017 NW Regional Convention - Mt. Rainier Branch 104 and the NWR Auxiliary will be hosting the 2017 NWR Convention on August 25-26 at the Emerald Queen Casino and Hotel at 5700 Pacific Hwy E, Fife, WA 98924. Room Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-820-3555. The Group name is FRA Convention 2017. The rate of \$89.95 plus taxes will be in effect 4 days before and 2 days after. Non-smoking rooms are available. There are suites available, please call the hotel for information. Since this is a Puyallup Indian Tribe Casino, smoking is allowed in some areas of the casino/hotel.

The hotel includes: Full service restaurant, a full buffet restaurant, lounge, coffee bar, ATM’s, indoor pool, room service, WiFi. The hotel charges a \$25 non-refundable pet fee. R V parking is available for hotel guests. There is a give shop next to the front desk.

Directions to the Hotel: Going North or South on I-5 you will take Exit 137. If coming from the South you will turn left back over the freeway. If coming from the North (SeaTac Airport) you will turn right (both directions will proceed to Hwy 99/Pacific Hwy). Turn right on Hwy 99/Pacific Hwy. Go to 59th Aves Ct. E and this will take you into the hotel parking garage. Just a short distance to the front door. There is a turnaround where you are able to drop your bags.

Meals: Information on meals and pricing will be published at a later date.

Shipmates Michelle Davis and Anna Martin have volunteered to be delegates at the NWR Convention in August.

2017 National FRA/LAFRA Convention - will be held at the Hunt Valley Inn, a Wyndham Grand Hotel, in Cockeysville, MD on September 17-23, 2017. The Inn is about 7 miles north of Baltimore. For more information visit the Hunt Valley Inn Website at www.huntvalleywyndhamgrand.com. For room reservations, call (866) 764-8359 or (410) 785-7000 or for online direct reservations visit <http://tinyurl.com/2017fra-lafra> and reference the “Fleet Reserve Association Room Block” to get the discounted rate of \$99 + tax per night

FRA Branch and Unit 4 are the hosts for the 2017 National Convention. More information can be found on Branch 38's website under the "Conventions" tab.

Shipmate Peg Burke will be Branch 38's delegate for the National Convention since she has to attend at the Northwest Regional President.

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteer Services, Spokane Police Department – Sgt Kevin Huddle spoke to us about the opportunities to assist the Spokane Police Department's Volunteer Services Unit. They have various levels of volunteering positions open, i.e. teenagers to help with programs designed for their level, volunteer police officers, and senior services to help at the front desk, records division, vacation home checks, property/fraud items pickups, tours of the SPD Historical Museum, help prevent citizen identity theft. They depend a lot on these volunteer services and are seeking more help in the Level I and Level II areas. Five members of Branch signed the volunteer sign-up sheet he brought with him. If you want to help out at the Spokane Volunteer Services Sg Huddle's telephone number is (509) 363-8283.

Membership – As of the end of January 2017, Branch 38 has 93 members. We are still in Group IV, but are just barely keeping above the limit 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 or shopping malls for more members.

New Northwest Regional President – Mark Thompson was elected as Regional President at the 2016 NWR Convention in Cheyenne, WY last year and resigned in January 2017. The Regional Vice President was unable to step up into the President's position at this time so the NWR C&BL rules state that the Northwest Regional Advisory Council (all the Past Regional Presidents) chooses a member of their group to step up. There was an email vote between volunteers PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti (Branch 18) and PRPNW Peg Burke (Branch 38). The NWR Council chose Shipmate Peg Burke of Branch 38 to finish out the term of the 2016-2017 NW Regional President.

In Memorium – Shipmate Harney's son, SSgt Dave Harney, passed away on Saturday, January 21st in Cheney, WA at the age of 34. He was a member of the U.S. Air Force and worked as a Cyber System Operations Craftsman. He will be included in our Two Bell Ceremony.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

2017 Khaki Ball – will be held on April 1, 2017 at the Northern Quest Casino and Hotel. More information to come by mid-March..

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. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Margret "Peg" Burke, Branch Secretary

Robert Bean, Branch President

MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

3rd Quarter FY 2016 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- ❖ February 11, 2017 - Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- ❖ March 25, 2017 - Applebee's at **Noon**, 2107 E. 29th Ave, Spokane, WA (South)

4th 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)

1st 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)

2nd Quarter FY 2017 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- October 14, 2017 - MacKenzie River Pizza at **Noon**, 2910 E. 57th 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).