



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

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JANUARY 21, 2017 MONTHLY LUNCHEON/MEETING MINUTES

2016-2017 Branch Officers

President Robert Bean
 Vice President Michelle Davis
 Sec/Treasurer Peg Burke

 Chaplain Ralph Bean
 Master-at-Arms James Robertson

2015–2020 Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:
 James Robertson
 Anna Martin
 Bruce Vails

2016–2017 Branch Committee Chairmen

Americanism James Robertson
 HW&R Michelle Davis
 Public Relations Ralph Bean
 Youth Activities James Grisham

- The January 21, 2017 Monthly Luncheon/Meeting was held at the Black Angus, 11724 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley, WA and was called to order and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean.
- Introductions:
- Read Minutes of December 3, 2016 Christmas Party/Meeting Minutes were approved.
- Treasurer’s Report –January 2016 was presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Americanism Essay Contest 2016-2017 – we received 17 essays this year for the contest. They were graded by Shipmates Anna Martin, Michelle Davis, and Americanism Chairman James Robertson. The Branch Officers and the Americanism Chairman started their rounds of awards presentations this week on January 19th at North Idaho Christian School and will continue next week with rest of them, culminating at Lakeside High School on February 3rd. Listed below are this year’s winners. The first place winners’ essays will be sent to the Northwest Regional Americanism Chairman for the regional competition, etc.

First Place Awards

- 7th Grade – Juliona Shields from Post Falls Middle School in Post Falls, ID
- 8th Grade – Thomas Middleton from Horse Heaven Hills Middle School in Kennewick, WA
- 9th Grade – Sabrina Nicoara from Kamiaken High School in Kennewick, WA
- 10th Grade – Megan Goertz from Medical Lake High School in Medical Lake, WA
- 11th Grade – Jessica Diaz from Chiawana High School in Pasco, WA
- 12th Grade – Brooklyn Mathiason from Lakeside High School in Nine Mile Falls, WA

Second Place Awards

- 7th Grade – Grace Spencer from North Idaho Christian School in Hayden, ID
- 11th Grade – Beatriz Rameriz-Huerta from Chiawana High School in Pasco, WA
- 12th Grade – Jamas Middleton from Southridge High School in Kennewick, WA

Third Place Award

- 7th Grade – Gabrielle Symons from North Idaho Christian School in Hayden, ID
- 12th Grade – Sabrina Crooks from Lakeside High School in Nine Mile Falls, WA

NEW 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			

Nominating Resolutions for National FRA Offices – we have our first nomination in for national officers. Shipmate Robert Washington of FRA Branch 181 is running for National Vice President. He currently serves the FRA as its Director of Outreach Coordination.

Membership – As of the end of December 2016, Branch 38 has 94 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 for more members.

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 gift 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 to the NWR Convention in August 2017.

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.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Spokane Chiefs Military Appreciation Night – will be on January 21, 2017 when they host the team from Cranbrook, British Columbia.. We are having a table at the January Military Appreciation night and will have six tickets available for the volunteers to assist. See Shipmate Grisham or Burke if you plan to assist at the table.

Shipmates Grisham, Anna Martin, Roscoe Moore, and Robert Bean volunteered to man the table.

2017 Khaki Ball – will be held on April 1, 2017. More information to come on this next month.

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

- ❖ **January 21, 2017** - Black Angus at **Noon**, 11724 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley, WA (East)
- ❖ **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).