



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

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**July 25, 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

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- The July 25, 2015 Monthly Luncheon/Meeting held at the Monkey Business Café and was called to order at 1210 and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean.
  - The minutes of the June 27, 2015 Monthly Meeting were read and approved.
  - The Treasurer report of July 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**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”.

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

**Shipmates Lost** – On July 6, 2015 Shipmate Sid Kennedy, our Pearl Harbor Survivor and 52 year member, went to join the staff of the Supreme Commander. His service was held on July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Moran United Methodist Church in Spokane, WA. The Spokane NOSC personnel performed the flag folding service after the members attending the service sang the Navy Hymn.

**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*

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Spokane Indians’ Promotion Nights** – Contact the Spokane Indians Office for tickets.

Military Appreciation Night August 15 Fireworks Nights (5 of them) July 4, August 21, August 22  
Senior Night August 11 August 29, and September 3

The Spokane NOSC has three Chief Selectees this year.

**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)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons**

- July 25, 2015 – Monkey Business Café, 1913 W. Maxwell, Spokane, WA (*Open on Saturday just for us & you need to pick your Sandwich, send your order to the Branch Secretary by Email or call her. We need to order before we get there.*)
- 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. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spokane, WA

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month except for May, June, November, and December. May is rescheduled to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday due to the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday falling on Memorial Day weekend. June is rescheduled to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday due to Father’s Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend and Spokane Hoopfest on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1245.

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Margret (Peg) Burke  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Robert Bean  
President