



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

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July 23, 2016 MONTHLY/LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES

2016-2017 Branch Officers

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

2015–2020 Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:

James Robertson
Anna Martin
Bruce Vails

2016–20167Branch 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 July 23, 2016 Monthly/Luncheon Meeting was held at the Timber Creek Grill & Buffet, 9211 E. Montgomery Ave, Spokane Valley, WA and was called to order and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean. Shipmate Bean mentioned that the Branch Secretary is still out of the area camping and that she is planning on leaving the position as soon as a replacement is found. Shipmate Anna Martin jotted down the notes for these minutes.
- Introductions: Andrew Romback, AD/Res recruiter for the Spokane region, and MAL Harold Young and his wife Florence. Shipmate Young was a CPO accepted to the LDO program and is retired.
- Read Minutes of June 11, 2016 Quarterly Meeting
- Treasurer’s Report –July 2016 was handed out with the monthly agenda.
- Communications received since last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

FRA’s 2016-2017 National Americanism Essay Contest – materials are in. Americanism Co-Chairs see Shipmate Burke to get them. This year’s theme is “What Memorial Day Means to Me”.

The Chairmen of this committee needs to contact the Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

Milestone Awards for July, August, and September 2016 –

Alfred “Ron” Hemming	20 years	July 2016
Charles W. Lewis	25 years	July 2016
Mortimer G. Sullivan III	25 years	July 2016

NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Membership Newsletter – The July 2016 Membership Newsletter was received and forwarded to the Regional Officers along with the Monthly Membership Renewal list.

Deceased Shipmates – the following Shipmates have been transferred to the Supreme Commander in calendar year 2016: Alexander Demitropoulos, Jack J. Marlow, Harold L. Davis, Edward W. Kalkauski, and Clifford N. Ruble. Clifford’s wife Joyce joined him a couple of weeks later.

PNP Jim Eblen, who served the FRA as the National President in 1995-1996 passed away on June 6, 2016.

Membership—As of the end of May 2016 Spokane’s Inland Empire Branch 38 has dropped to 96 members. The Branch is now in Group IV of the FRA Branches and will drop to Group V if we drop to 88 members or less. Please help us bring our membership back up so that we can continue to serve our shipmates.

2016 FRA/LAFRA NORTHWEST REGIONAL (NWR) CONVENTION — Wyoming Branch and Unit 59 is hosting the 2016 Northwest Regional Convention on August 12-13, 2016, at Little America Hotel & Resort in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

- *Branch 38 Delegates to the 2016 NWR Convention are Shipmates Michelle Davis and James Grisham.*
- *Shipmate Ralph Bean brought up the reasoning/discussion of sending Branch 38 delegates to the Regional and National conventions. “What do the delegates really do except socialize?” He is concerned that these conventions are a waste of FRA funds. Discussion followed on sending delegates for the August Regional Convention; they have already signed up and have made their reservations. Branch President Robert Bean wants to vote on the issue of sending delegates, but remarked is it too late to cancel or not? Shipmates Michelle Davis and James Grisham still plan to attend and represent Branch 38. Branch President Robert Bean asked if funds from the Branch are provided to help augment the cost. After conferring with Membership, funds (\$200-\$225 per person) will be provided after our delegates return. Branch President Robert Bean recommended tabling this issue with possible resolution during the August Quarterly meeting.*

2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention - At this time Branch 38 proxies to the 2016 National convention will be RPNW JJ Wynn and RVPNW Mark Thompson.

Resolutions for Consideration at the 89th National Convention – This document lists all the resolutions coming up at the national convention. The Branch needs to make a decision on which ones we would like to say Yea or Nay to and convey that information to the Proxies for Branch 38. It contains some resolutions to raise the dues, so we need to go over these.

Tabled until the August Quarterly Meeting.

2016 Navy Ball will be October 15, 2016 at the Lincoln Center, 1316 N. Lincoln Street, Spokane, WA. Shipmates Grisham and Burke have been attending the Navy Ball committee meetings as FRA representatives. Shipmate Dwayne Harney attends as a representative of the Navy League. ET1(SS) Dylan Young is the President of the committee and Shipmate Val Moon is assisting the Committee as a member of the NOSC.

The Navy Ball Committee attended the last home game of the Spokane Empire Football team to hold a fund raiser. Branch 38 has agreed to sponsor any raffles held by the committee. Three of the committee are FRA members so they assisted at this fund raiser helping with the 50/50 raffle. Branch 38 also sponsored their Navy Ball Venue by donating the deposit needed to hold the room that it will be in. There will be other fund raisers in the next few months until the actual event will be held.

Cost for tickets for the Navy Ball are as follows:

E-4 and below	\$35 each	Retirees	\$35 each
E-5 and E6	\$45 each	Veterans	\$45 each (former military, but not retired)
E-7 and above	\$55 each	Civilians	\$55 each (non-military who want to support the Navy Ball)

Contacts for tickets will be listed on the 2016 Navy Ball Facebook page or you can call Shipmate James Grisham at 509-327-2068 or Shipmate Peg Burke at 509-385-7275. **Let’s help make this event a successful one!**

- *Shipmate Grisham reported on what the 2016 Navy Ball Committee Meeting has been doing and provided the articles to perform the Two Bell Ceremony. The Committee plans to perform more fundraising to drive the E-4 and below ticket prices down*
- *Shipmate Ralph Bean asked about the dollar amount donated for this year’s Navy Ball. Branch President Robert Bean said that funds that were allocated for the Blind Veterans foundation were never provided due to the organization not sending the representative to the meeting as they indicated to describe their program and be presented the check. Those funds were then available to be used to help with the down payment for the Navy Ball being held at the Lincoln Center.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Members attending today’s meeting put some pressure on Shipmate Michelle Davis to start the Secretary position sooner than later. We were not able to capture what her response was.

Shipmate Ralph Bean will order 10 more FRA hats for \$10 each. He was asked by members to order more.

Shipmate Ralph Bean also asked to move the Numerical Savings Account to a money market account to earn more interest/dividends. Can the Branch Treasurer or President look into that a bit further.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Navy League Monthly Scuttlebutt – Anyone wanting it forwarded to them, please let the Branch Secretary or Dwayne Harney's daughter know.

CPO Selectees - Shipmate Grisham brought up a fundraising campaign from the new CPO Selectees of the Class of 120 (2016). Their goal is to help fund their families travel to Oregon for the pinning-on ceremony in September. They plan to sell T-Shirts (\$10), Buck Knives with special engraving (\$60), knot work on oars w/coin (owners) (\$70), and coin rack (\$30 +/-). CPO selected rates of HM, MA, and UT. MCPON is allowing retired CPOs to participate in selectee events. Shipmate Ralph Bean suggested that the Selectees attend an FRA meeting, perhaps the September 24th meeting at Twigs, South Hill. They'll be pinned by then.

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)

1st Quarter FY 2016 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- ❖ 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**)

Speak up if you have a new idea on where to go! We tried two new places this year, i.e. The Onion and Twigs. Other than the new Denny's that is now open on Division Street, what do we have that the Secretary does not know about yet?

Shipmate Anna Martin suggests we have one of our luncheons at the Europa on S. Wall Street in downtown Spokane. They have a large meeting area and the food is delicious.

Meeting Adjourned.

Anna Martin
Acting Branch Secretary

Robert Bean
Branch President