



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
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JUNE 10, 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				
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Introductions: HMCM (Ret) Mike Webb, volunteer at the Honor Point Museum and a member of the Spokane Navy League was introduced to the shipmates of Branch 38. He will be leading the tour of the Honor Point Museum after lunch is over.
 Read Minutes of May 13, 2017 Quarterly Meeting
 Treasurer’s Report – June 2017
 Communications received since the May meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Milestone Awards for April—May—June 2017

Terry Gaffney	5 years	May 2017	Harold Young	15 years	April 2017
Jack Terry	20 years	May 2017	Roi Sigler	10 years	June 2017
Dave Van Selus	25 years	May 2017	Richard Peterschick	45 years	June 2017

Branch Secretary / Regional President Duties Conflicts – The Branch Secretary, Margret “Peg” Burke, who is also the current Northwest Regional President, has one more conflict with the branch meeting schedule. It is September 23, 2017 when she will be in Hunt Valley, MD at the 2017 National Convention. She will have the agenda and other documentations ready for the meeting so someone can take the minutes.

2017 Khaki Ball – was held on April 1, 2017 at the River’s Edge Buffet Restaurant in the Northern Quest Casino & Hotel at 100 N. Hayford Rd, Airway Heights, WA at 1800 hours to 2100 hours. Shipmate Grisham has the scoop on how it went. From what he told the Branch Secretary at Shipmate Martin’s retirement party the Khaki Ball was well attended this year.
Shipmate Grisham stated there was about 70 chiefs and their relatives at this year’s Khaki Ball. A very good turnout.

C&BL Resolution from Spokane Branch 038 – The Branch is trying to submit a resolution to change the way they figure the continuous service awards for those that let their membership lapse for a short time. It needs to be brought up and debated by the Branch and entered on the Resolution. All resolutions are due to HQ by May 25, 2017. It was submitted and returned for a few additional items needed to get it through the “committee” to the floor of the upcoming National Convention.
This resolution has been re-submitted with the corrections the C&BL National Chairman requested. It should be in the delegate kit this fall at the 90th Convention for the FRA.

NEW BUSINESS

Cater Branch Christmas Party – Since the VFW Post 51 kitchen has been shut down, we will be having our usual potluck on December 2, 2017 at the Post. It will be at 11:00 am.

2017-2018 Americanism Essay Contest – the information for next year’s contest has arrived. The theme for 2017-2018 is “*What Patriotism Means to Me*”. As soon as the Secretary knows who is the Chair of the Americanism-Patriotism Committee this year, she will make sure they get the materials.

Inland Empire Branch 38 Standing Rules – This is our addition to the NWR and FRA C&BL to operate our Branch. It was last updated in 2004 and needs to be updated since our membership has been depleted so much. We need to take a look at changing some of our “standing rules”.

The Branch Board of Directors will meet before the August 2017 Quarterly Meeting so that any changes to the Standing Rules can be brought to the attention of the Branch at that meeting. They must be approved by the Northwest Regional Delegates at the 2017 Regional Convention.

A quorum being present for Branch 38 at the June 10, 2017 meeting, it was discussed to change the number required for a quorum in the future. It was moved and seconded that we have the secretary draft the Branch 38 Standing Rules with the proposed percentage for a quorum will be 5% of the membership (rounded down) for further discussion and vote at the August Meeting. The vote at the August meeting will be the final prior to submitting the revised Branch Standing Rules to the Northwest Regional for approval at the convention.

2018 Branch Meeting Schedule – after a couple of years trying to schedule around local city activities, officer vacation plans, etc., a proposal has been made to go back to setting a regular Saturday (the third Saturday) of each month as the meeting day, regardless of what is going on. The Secretary notes there is a potential conflict with the date in May. It is the same as the Armed Forces Day Parade

The dates were agreed upon and the Secretary will check with VFW Post 51 to make sure they are ok with the Quarterly Meeting Dates and Christmas Party date. Once the dates are finalized, we will then look to what restaurants we want to have our meetings at the rest of the year.

The VFW has our schedule and we are first on the list for 2018. Now to finish deciding which restaurants to go to.

Branch Installation of Officers – Installation of officers was held at the Honor Point Museum on June 10, 2017 and the installing officer was RPNW Peg Burke. The officers installed are the same officers that served last term (see list below). Branch President Robert Bean appointed the same Committee Chairs for the 2017-2018 year and added The Veterans Services Chair, Dave Lord, to the list. The Veterans Service Committee is a new standing committee the FRA added at the 2016 National Convention. All FRA Regions will be adding the Veterans Service committee to their list of Standing Committees by the end of the 2017 National Convention.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Sponsorship of The 2017 Navy Ball – Last year Branch 38 supported the Navy Ball Committee from the Spokane NOSC with their preparations for the 2016 Navy Ball. The first meeting for the 2017 Navy Ball was called for on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. The only volunteers that showed were the FRA Branch 38 representative and the Navy League representative. After waiting 30 minutes for others to show up, the originator of the email that set up the meeting was contacted and it was found that the meeting had been cancelled and no one was told.

Since HMCM Webb, a representative of the Navy League and the FRA Branch 38 representative were at the June 10, 2017 meeting we discussed if our two organizations were going to help for with the 2017 Navy Ball.

It was noted that Branch 38 had donated the funds via a check on the branch bank account to reserve the venue for the 2016 Ball. It also sponsored a fundraiser at a local pizza parlor in which the Branch was sent a check for their portion of the fundraiser by the pizza vendor and in turn issued a check to the Navy Ball Committee for the same amount. This second check for \$155.43 issued on October 31, 2016 has never been cashed by the Navy Ball Committee. The Branch Treasurer was ordered to cancel the check and put the funds back on active status in the Branch checkbook.

HMCM Webb also confirmed what the Navy League Representative, Dwayne Harney (their Treasurer) had told Shipmate Burke about the check the Navy League had issued to the Navy Ball Committee, i.e. that one was not cashed either.

Since it has usually been the Spokane NOSC shipmates that organize the yearly Navy Ball, and they seem to not have done anything for this year as far as RMCM Moon (Reserve Master Chief at the NOSC), the local FRA or Navy League organizations have no idea if there is going to be a 2017 Navy Ball. After much discussion, it was moved, seconded, and approved that unless Branch 38 was contacted by whichever organization is taking the lead for the current year Navy Ball at least six months in advance, that we not extend any funds or help. However, we will contact the NOSC Active Duty Staff to see if they, or the navy reservists, are doing any organization for this year's Ball.

MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

4th Quarter FY 2016 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- ❖ **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).*

MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

3rd Quarter FY 2017 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- **January 20, 2018** – TBD
- **February 17, 2018** - Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **March 17, 2018** - TBD

4th Quarter FY 2017 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- **April 21, 2018** – TBD
- **May 19, 2018** - Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **June 16, 2018** - TBD

1st Quarter FY 2018 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- **July 21, 2018** – TBD
- **August 18, 2018** - Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **September 15, 2018** - TBD

2nd Quarter FY 2018 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- **October 20, 2018** – TBD
- **November 17, 2018** – Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **December 15, 2018** - Christmas Potluck/Meeting at **1100 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA

Meeting Adjourned.

Margret "Peg" Burke, Branch Secretary

Robert Bean Sr, Branch President