



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

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March 26, 2016 MONTHLY LUNCHEON/MEETING 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

- The March 26, 2016 Quarterly Meeting was held at Applebee’s Restaurant at 2007 E. 29th Ave, Spokane, WA and was called to order at 1215 and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean.
- Visiting dignitaries were LCDR Jake Roberts and Cmd CPO Laura McDonald NOSC. Mr. Roberts gave a bio of himself and what the NOSC is doing these days.
- The minutes of the February 27, 2016 Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.
- The Treasurer report of March 2016 was read and approved.
- The Branch Secretary reported on all the communications received since the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Milestone Awards for January, February, & March 2016 –During this quarter there are no Shipmates due awards. The next ones due are in April and May 2016.

Nominations for National Positions – The nominating resolutions for National President, National Vice President, and National Executive Director are beginning to come in. Listed below are the ones we have received so far.

<u>National President</u>	<u>National Vice President</u>	<u>National Executive Director</u>
Donald Larson	Bill Starkey	Tom Sneer

NBOD Meeting – The spring NBOD Meeting will be April 15, 2016. All members of the FRA are eligible and invited to attend the meeting. They are not eligible to vote and shall only have the privilege of the floor under the Good of the Order during the meeting and with the permission of the NBOD as provided for in Article 8, Section 802)m, C&BL, FRA. (Note: Only those Shipmates that are current members of the NBOD will be reimbursed travel expenses by HQ.)

National Convention Delegate Form – This form has been received by the Secretary. In addition to the Branch Officer elections coming up, we need to decide if we will be sending a delegate to the 2016 National Convention in Jacksonville, FL during the week of October 9-16. Note: The same thing is needed for the 2016 Northwest Regional Convention in Cheyenne, WY on August 12-13.

*The Branch decided to have proxy representation at the 2016 National Convention in Jacksonville, FL. The Branch proxies will be RPNW JJ Wynn and RVPNW Mark Thompson.
Shipmates Michelle Davis and James Grisham volunteered to be Branch 38’s delegates to the NWR Convention in Cheyenne, WY. Shipmate Davis will be Chairman of the Delegates to this convention.*

Annual Report of Officers – This form has also been received by the Secretary. It needs to be returned to HQ no later than July 10, 2016. All Branches must elect officers no later than June 30, 2016. Branch 38’s normal procedure is to hold nominations in March and April then hold the election in May and hold the swearing in ceremony in June.

Annual Committee Report Forms – The Committee Chairs need to see the Secretary for your copy of the Annual Report you need to complete. Standing Rule 7 has the guidelines for submission of your reports.

Blind Veterans Association (BVA) – A motion was made to donate \$250 to the BVA. Before more discussion was made on this motion Shipmates asked what they were about. It was decided to contact their Headquarters, which happen to be on the 3rd floor of the FRA HQ building, to find out who the local contact was and invite them to our meeting in March. The Branch Secretary will work on getting that set up.

- *The BVA was invited to attend this meeting and let the Secretary know that there would be someone from their organization at the meeting. They were a no show. On the matter of the donation, it was a no until their organization can attend our meeting and let us know what they do for veterans.*

NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Membership Newsletter – The February 2016 Membership Newsletter, Membership Report – Alfa, and an updated spreadsheet of current members has been received and sent to Branch Officers, Directors, and the Branch Chairman on Membership & Retention.

Nominations for Branch 38's 2016-2017 Officers – First nominations were as follows:

President – Robert Bean

Vice President – Michelle Davis

Secretary/Treasurer – Peg Burke

If Shipmate Michelle Davis is elected Vice President of the Branch, then we will need to elect another Branch Director since she now holds that position. There will be second nominations at the April meeting. Sometimes “new blood” can bring new ideas into the leadership of the Branch. Please consider being an officer of the Branch.

FRA Testimony on Veteran's Issues – The Branch Secretary has received a copy of the FRA NP written testimony for a joint House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee that the FRA NP gave on March 16th. If you would like a copy, let the Secretary know.

Spokane Veterans Center - It has been suggested that we provide Joe Dumlaio, at the center the Branch email address for the events and activities notifications that he sends out from the Mirabeau Parkway office. Any objections?

There were none. The Secretary will notify Joe to include Branch 38 in his emails.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Veteran's Appreciation Activities in the Northwest – DFAS sent out a notice that Oak Harbor, WA will be hosting a Military Retirees Appreciation Day on July 9, 2016 at the Bakerview Restaurant and Chiefs' Club Ballroom at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island at 0900-1200. The address is 1080 W. Ault Field Rd in Oak Harbor. All military retirees and spouses are invited to attend.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will conduct hundreds of events in VA facilities across the nation on Tuesday March 29, 2016 to recognize, honor, and thank Vietnam Veterans and their families for their services and sacrifices as part of the nation Vietnam War Commemoration. Most of the events left this year are on the West side of the Cascades. If you want more information, contact the Branch Secretary.

2016 Khaki Ball – will be on Saturday afternoon, April 16, 2016. All, repeat All, USCG, USN E-7 through CWO5, as well as Commissioned Officers who served as a Chief Petty Officer are invited to attend. It will be held at the Longhorn BBQ Restaurant, 7611 W. Hwy 2, Spokane, WA 99224. Social hour begins at 1700 hours and Dining begins at 1730 hours. No tickets are being sold, the only cost to the Chief Petty Officers are the \$23 charge each that will be paid directly to the restaurant. For \$23 each person will receive buffet style sandwiches, side dishes, and non-alcoholic beverages. Each Chief Petty Officer will pay for their own alcohol. Spouses, Significant Others, and guests are welcome to attend.

- As a reminder, after the dinner, a Sea Story contest will take place.
- Commemorative T-Shirts will be available for sale. The price is estimated to be \$13 to \$15 each.
- Military style ball caps with the text “Spokane Chief” and “est. 1893” across the CPO Anchor will be available for sale for \$20 each.

The point of contact is Shipmate James Grisham, (509) 327-2068 or by email at grishamgrisham@yahoo.com. Please contact James and tell him how many people will attend and if you wish to purchase either a T-Shirt or a Ball Cap.

The above information on the Khaki Ball is on Branch 38's website.

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)

3rd Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- March 26, 2016 – Applebee’s, 2007 E. 29th Ave, Spokane, WA

4th Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- April 23, 2016 – The Onion, 7552 N. Division, Spokane, WA
- May 21, 2016 – Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- June 11, 2016 – MacKenzie River Pizza, 9225 N. Nevada, Spokane, WA

1st Quarter FY 2016 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- ❖ July 23, 2016 – Timber Creek Grill & Buffet, 9211 E. Montgomery Ave, Spokane Valley, WA
- ❖ 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**)

Please let the Secretary/Treasurer know if you have a special restaurant you would like to meet at for 2017 luncheons.

Meeting Adjourned at 1115.

Margret (Peg) Burke
Secretary/Treasurer

Robert Bean
President