



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
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MARCH 25, 2017 MONTHLY/LUNCHEON 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				
Master-at-Arms	James Robertson				

- The March 25, 2017 Monthly/Luncheon Meeting was held at Applebee’s on, 2107 E. 29th Ave, Spokane, WA and was called to order and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean.
- Introductions: There were no visitors.
- Read Minutes of February 11, 2017, Quarterly Meeting Minutes and they were approved.
- Treasurer’s Report –March 2017 was presented.
- Communications received since last meeting were read.

OLD BUSINESS

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.)

NEW 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

Membership – As of the end of February 2017, 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 and shopping malls for more members.

- *The FRA Membership Committee is submitting a proposal to make enlisted members of the Army and Air Force branches of the military. Any thoughts or comments on this resolution?*
- *The Branch members voted that they would prefer not to include the Army or Air Force enlisted for Fleet Reserve membership. They felt that if we included them it would no longer be able to be call the “Fleet” Reserve Association since we are no longer just the fleet.*

2016-17 Northwest Regional Essay Contest Winners – Branch 38 has three contestants that placed in the Northwest Regional Essay Contest. Two of the three are first place winners and their essays have been forwarded to compete at the National Level.

They are:

7 th Grade	Third Place	Julieona Shields, Post Falls Middle School, Post Falls, ID
8 th Grade	First Place	Thomas Middleton, Horse Heaven Hills Middle School, Kennewick, WA
10 th Grade	First Place	Megan Goertz, Medical Lake High School, Medical Lake, WA

- *It was decided to wait for news from the National HQ Essay Contest Chairman to see if any of the Branch contestants won at the national level before we deliver the awards from the Northwest Region.*

New Recruiting Forms – All the FRA application forms have been updated with the new dues rates. The Branch Secretary has ordered new ones from FRA Headquarters. See her for the new billfold applications. They have been received.

- *The Branch Secretary distributed the applications to those that requested them. She will order some more to have on hand.*

National Nominating Resolutions – the Branch has the nominating resolutions for the candidates for National President and Vice President on hand. Will we support the candidates with a letter?

- *Branch members voted to not endorse anyone at this time. The last time we supported someone, there were nominations from the floor at the convention and we were unable to let our proxies if we wanted to change our minds.*

Veteran Services Committee – FRA is starting a VAVS Program. They are creating a “Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Veterans Service Foundation”. This foundation is being formed to gather more volunteers and financing for disabled or needy veterans and their families.

- *More information will be forthcoming on this subject. This committee is still in its formation stage and the Northwest Region will have to make changes to their By-Laws first.*

Branch Secretary / Regional President Duties Conflicts – The Branch Secretary, Margret “Peg” Burke , who is also the current Northwest Regional President, has two conflicts with the branch meeting schedule. They are April 22, 2017 when she will be attending the NBOD meeting in Washington D.C. and 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 both meetings so someone can take the minutes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

2017 Khaki Ball – will be 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. No Social Hour. All attendees will meet in the Alcove Room. The cost per person will be \$21.95 plus an 18% group gratuity. The cost includes food and non-alcoholic beverage. Remember to show your military ID cards for a discount on your meals. Chief Petty Officers are allowed to use the VIP line at River’s Edge to pay for their meals. They will also be allowed to use the Northern Quest valet parking service at no cost. Valet Parking is available at either the entrance to the hotel or to the Casino.

Chief Petty Officer Michelle Chaney has made a suggestion that each Chief attending the Khaki Ball donate \$5 to pay for the Door Prizes to be given away during the evening. Master Chief Moon as some souvenir Navy Blue CPO Pride T-Shirts that have an anchor on the back and say “Keep Calm and Ask The Chief”. They are \$10 each. Please let us know to reserve you one if you want it and give us the size you will need.

Uniform of the Day: Khaki is suggested, but not required (wear a Chiefly Shirt ☺). Please attend the Khaki Ball even if you do not own a Khaki uniform.

Cater Branch Christmas Party – It was suggested that we look into catering the food at the Christmas Party from the VFW Post 51 Auxiliary. They have different menus we could choose from.

- *Rumor has it that the VFW Post 51 is closing its kitchen. This item tabled until the next Quarterly Meeting on May 13, 2017.*

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

- ❖ **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).