



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

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**MAY 21, 2016 QUARTERLY 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 May 21, 2016 Quarterly Meeting was held at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA and was called to order at 1000 and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean.
- Visiting dignitaries were Dave Wilson, Independent Congressional Candidate (running against Cathy McMorris-Rogers).
- The minutes of the April 23, 2016 Monthly Luncheon/Meeting were read and approved.
- The Treasurer report of May 2016 was read and approved.
- The Branch Secretary reported on all the communications received since the last meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Milestone Awards for April, May & June 2016** –The following will be receiving their milestone awards:

Eland Kinnick	5 years	April 2016	James Robertson	15 years	May 2016
Tom Staudinger	5 years	April 2016			
Charles Fisk	5 years	May 2016	Dale Zentis	20 years	April 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 Snee

*A letter has been received from one of the candidates soliciting our support for his candidacy. The branch instructed the secretary to answer it in the affirmative and to include the rest of the candidates with the branch support.*

**National Convention Delegate Form** – Delegate forms for the National and Regional conventions have been prepared and signed. The Secretary will make distribution before the next meeting.

*The Branch proxies at the 2016 National Convention will be RPNW JJ Wynn and RVPNW Mark Thompson. Shipmates Michelle Davis and James Grisham are 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 completed by the Secretary and will be distributed as instructed.

**Annual Committee Report Forms** – The Committee Chairs have submitted their reports for the Branch President's signature and will be distributed to the various Northwest Regional Chairmen.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Congressional Candidate Speaker** – Dave Wilson, Independent Party Candidate against incumbent Congressional Representative Cathy McMorris-Rogers. Candidate Wilson gave a powerpoint presentation to the group and took questions afterward. He handed out cards with his pledge on it, stating that if he is elected he would ask his fellow legislators to sign a similar pledge. The Secretary has a few of those cards if anyone wants one.

**Monthly Membership Newsletter** – The May 2016 Membership Newsletter, Membership Report - Alpha, and an updated spreadsheet of current members has been received and sent to Branch Officers, Directors, and the Branch Chairman on Membership &

**New Branch Officers Installation** - The nominees listed below were sworn in during the Quarterly Meeting.

President	Robert Bean	Board of Directors:	Anna Martin
Vice President	Michelle Davis		James Robertson
Secretary/Treasurer	Peg Burke		Bruce Vails

**Mailing Labels – Branch Monthly Reports, Etc.** – We have received a letter from the Membership Director at FRA HQ that states we will not be receiving the mailing labels in our monthly mailings. They will send them out via email/PDF format upon request of the Branch Secretary. Shipmate Burke has already requested the email/PDF format to be sent to Branch 38's new email address. Within the next year they plan to do the same with the Monthly Branch Report. Shipmate Burke request it also be sent by email.

*Tabled until the June meeting.*

***C&BL book revisions in the 5x8 size will not be automatically issued anymore.*** FRA Headquarters sent out and posted to the FRA website a version that will not print correctly (back to back). They tried to convert a "Word Perfect" version into a PDF/Format and it will not print correctly. Therefore, there is no way to replace the small C&BL versions economically at this time. ***The new format for the C&BL is an 8-1/2 x 11 version.*** Therefore, Branch 38 Secretary purchased three red binders and dividers to make the Branch 38 officers a new copy of the C&BL.

*The new binders were given to the Branch President, Vice President, and Master-At-Arms. The Secretary/Treasurer had switched to the larger version at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2015.*

**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".

*Tabled until June meeting.*

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

**Memorial Day Observances** – There are several listed in the latest Quarterly Bulletin. Please try to attend one and report it to the Americanism Chairmen.

**Navy League Monthly Scuttlebutt** – Anyone wanting it forwarded to their emails, please let the Branch Secretary know.

**Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island Open House** – NAS will open its gate on Saturday, June 25, 2016, to the general public for a free Open House. They invite you, your families, friends, and other members of the public to attend. Established in 1942, NAS Whidbey Island is the only naval air station in the Pacific Northwest and was selected as the Navy's premier installation last year.

*The Branch Secretary has received a packet of brochures for the above Open House. See her for more information.*

**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.

**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)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings**

- 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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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**)

*In June it is time to start planning 2017's meeting places. 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 being built on Division Street, what do we have that the Secretary does not know about yet?*

Meeting Adjourned at 1145.



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Margret (Peg) Burke  
Secretary/Treasurer



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Robert Bean  
President