



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

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November 7, 2015 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 November 7, 2015 Quarterly Meeting was held at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA, and was called to order at 1015 and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean.
- The minutes of the October 24, 2015 Monthly Luncheon/Meeting were read and approved.
- The Treasurer report of November 2015 was read and approved.
- The Branch Secretary reported on all the communications received since the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Americanism Essay Contest for 2015-2016 – The materials have been distributed to John R. Rogers High School, Shaw Middle School, and Garry Middle School. They were also sent to Mayra Mendoza, Student and Parent Outreach Specialist of the WSU Tri-Cities Early Outreach Program by email. The theme this year is “What The United States Flag Stands For”.

Milestone Awards for October, November & December 2015 –The Shipmates listed below will receive their awards this quarter. Branch President Robert Bean presented Shipmate Martin with her award at the October Branch Meeting.

Anna D. Martin.	5 years	October 2015	Daniel E. Hull	30 years	October 2015
Bruce C. Timblin	5 years	November 2015	Laveen D. Schmidt	40 years	December 2015
Edwin J. Hickock Jr	5 years	December 2015	Harold L. Davis	45 years	December 2015

The 40-and 50-year award certificates are issued by the FRA National Headquarters Staff

NEW BUSINESS

Two Bell Ceremony - to honor Shipmates Dave Dummitt, John Moffatt, Sid Kennedy, Cecil Russell, Raymond Hunt, and Bertha Rivera was held.

2016 Legislative Agenda – HQ has sent us a list of the legislative issues they are tracking and supporting for this year. They have also included a report on what they did in the 2015 legislative issues.

Terminated Branch 38 Shipmates – Secretary Burke downloaded a listing of all the shipmates that were a member of Branch 38 and have been terminated for whatever reason, except as deceased. They have addresses for them, some emails (good or not?), but not many phone numbers. Shall we make up a branch recruiting letter/flyer to try and get them to join up again?

It was suggested that the Secretary look up as many phone numbers as possible and bring the revised listing to the next meeting.

This is not like the letter we will be receiving to ask for labels from HQ. That one will include MALs and recent possible recruits that were on HQ listing.

Ball Caps Provided by Branch 161 – The president of the FRA Mo-Kan Branch 161 has brought a box (30 each) of “Spokane Chief” hats to the convention for our branch to sell as a fundraiser. They asked just for reimbursement of the cost of the hats (\$10 each) and Branch 38 could keep the profit from anything over that figure. It was moved that we go ahead and pay the cost for the hats now so we do not have to worry about it later. The motion was seconded and passed. The Branch Treasurer is directed to send a check for \$300 to Mo-Kan Branch 161 for the ball caps.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Shipmate Ralph Bean told of being invited to attend the Kennewick, WA Middle School’s Veterans Day school program. What they did for the veterans attending this program was to interview each veteran and ask them about their experiences and how they felt about their fellow shipmates, soldiers, etc. They asked them if they were sad when they got out of the service and leave their friends behind. Each veteran was presented a handmade neck scarf to use in the winter time. It was a very touching ceremony.

We will arrange for our appearance at the Spokane Chief’s Military Appreciation night in January 2016 during the month of December. It is the same night as our January Branch meeting.

The Christmas Party on December 5th will be our annual potluck lunch and a collection for Toys for Tots as the entry fee. More planning will be done at the November Quarterly Meeting.

MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015

2nd Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons

- November 7, 2015 - Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- December 5, 2015 – 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 2016 luncheons.

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

- January 23, 2016 – Rancho Viejo, 14201 E. Sprague, Spokane Valley, WA
- February 27, 2016 – Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- 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**)
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Meeting Adjourned at 1315.

Margret (Peg) Burke
Secretary/Treasurer

Robert Bean
President