



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

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NOVEMBER 5, 2016 QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

2016-2017 Branch Officers

President Robert Bean
Vice President Michelle Davis
Sec/Treasurer Peg Burke

Chaplain Ralph Bean
Master-at-Arms James Robertson

2015-2020 Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:

James Robertson
Anna Martin
Bruce Vails

2016-2017 Branch Committee Chairmen

Americanism James Robertson & Bill Feehan
HW&R Michelle Davis
Public Relations Ralph Bean
Youth Activities James Grisham

- The November 5, 2016 Quarterly Meeting was held at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA and was called to order and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean.
Introductions
Read Minutes of October 22, 2016 Quarterly Meeting. Minutes were approved as corrected.
Treasurer's Report - November 2016 was handed out with the monthly agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Milestone Awards for October, November, & December 2016 -

Table with 6 columns: Name, Age, Award Date, Name, Age, Award Date. Rows include Thomas M. Grieb, Lloyd G. Pierce, Leo J. Fagan, William W. Monger, Gerald C. Ellig.

Toys-For-Tots Representative - Shipmate Burke has contacted GSgt Barrera about attending the FRA Christmas Party to pick up the toys for their Toys-for-Tots drive.

Wreaths Across America - Joyce Durrant, Volunteer Location Coordinator for the Wreaths Across America at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery has been asked by former Branch VP James Grisham to speak at our meeting about sponsoring this year's ceremony on December 17th at 12 noon.

The Branch Secretary/Treasurer order the wreaths via online according to the instructions in packet handed out by the Coordinator above. It did not give us an opportunity to choose the number we wanted. Their system was set up by 5's. The Branch ordered 30 to make sure that we had enough to fill the three boxes.

NEW BUSINESS

Widow's Subscription Renewals - We have received the annual letter of renewal for the widow's subscription. Last year we added Deanna Dummit the list, but she was not on the list for renewal.

Shipmate Grisham notified the Secretary that Deanna does not want to be on the renewal list. The Branch directed the Secretary/Treasurer to renew the four widows on the list with any address corrections they may have.

IRS and Washington State Tax Exempt Status - November is the month that the Branch does it IRS 990 filing (tax exempt) and renews it Tax Exempt Status with Washington State.

The Treasurer was directed to submit the filings for the year 2016-2017.

Annual Branch Website Renewal - The renewal for the domain for Branch 38's website is \$20 this year.

The Treasurer was directed to renew domain for the Branch website.

**Annual Branch Christmas Party** – will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the VFW Post 51 at 11:00 AM. It is a potluck and the admission is a toy or donation to the Toys-For-Tots program. There will be a list of potluck items available to sign up for.

*The Secretary forgot to bring the list of potluck items with her to the meeting, but stated she would send out an email to remind everyone to let her know what they are bringing.*

**Americanism Essay Contest for 2016-2017** – Essays are trickling in for this year's contest. We will need to have a few people available to grade them the first part of December. We have to have reports in this year a month earlier since the National Convention will be in September vs October in 2017.

**Two Bell Ceremony** – We have five Branch Members and one Regional Officer on the list for the Two Bell Ceremony. Most of them were life members that passed away and we were not notified. They were found by trolling the internet for information on their whereabouts. Those we will be honoring are Shipmates Edward Kalkauski, Harold Davis, Jack Marlow, Clifford & Joyce Ruble, Bruce Rasche, Alexander Demitropolous, and PRPNW Walter Hardin.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

**Communication Breakdown** – The reason the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines squabble among themselves is that they don't speak the same language. For example, take a simple phrase like "Secure the building".

- The Army will put guards around the place.
- The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors.
- The Air Force will take out a 5-year lease with an option to buy.
- The Coast Guard will tie it down and wait for big winds.
- The Marines will kill everybody inside and make it a command post.

*Our "Coastie" in attendance at the meeting added the line regarding what the phrase of "Secure the building" means to them.*

**Navy League Monthly Scuttlebutt** –The Secretary will forward this document to all Branch shipmates that have an email address. If you do not want it, let the Secretary know.

**Spokane Chiefs Military Appreciation Night** – There are two of them this year, November 5, 2016 when they play the Tri-City Americans, and January 21, 2017 when they host the team from Cranbrook, British Columbia in Canada. We are planning on having a table at the January Military Appreciation night and are looking for volunteers to assist.

### MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016

#### 2nd Quarter FY 2016 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- ❖ December 3, 2016 – Christmas Lunch at **1100 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA (**Potluck**)

### MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

#### 3rd Quarter FY 2016 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- ❖ January 21, 2017 - Black Angus at **Noon**, 11724 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley, WA (East)
- ❖ February 11, 2017 - Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- ❖ March 25, 2017 - Applebee's at **Noon**, 2107 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spokane, WA (South)

#### 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2017 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- October 14, 2017 - MacKenzie River Pizza at **Noon**, 2910 E. 57<sup>th</sup> 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 Adjourned.

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Margret "Peg" Burke, Branch Secretary

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Robert Bean, Branch President