



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

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OCTOBER 22, 2016 MONTHLY/LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES

2016-2017 Branch Officers

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

2015–2020 Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:

James Robertson
Anna Martin
Bruce Vails

2016–20167Branch 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 October 22, 2016 Monthly/Luncheon Meeting was held at the Longhorn BBQ, 7611 W. Hwy , Spokane, WA and was called to order and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean.
- Introductions – Joyce Durrant, Volunteer Location Coordinator for Wreaths Across America
- Read Minutes of September 24, 2016 Quarterly Meeting. Minutes were approved.
- Treasurer’s Report –October 2016 was handed out with the monthly agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

2016 FRA/LAFRA National Convention Highlights – PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti gave the Branch Secretary the high points of the convention this year:

- FRA Dues are going to \$40 beginning January 1, 2017. So if you want to renew at the \$30 rate, do it before mid-December so that it can be processed before end of the year.
- They have established a committee to select the site for the 2018 National Convention (looks to be going towards the Southwest, West Coast, or South Central area (think Albuquerque or Phoenix, etc.) The 2017 Convention will be sponsored by Branch 4 and will be held in Maryland.
- National Officers are: NP – Don Larson, NVP – Bill Starkey, and NED – Tom Snee.
- The renaming of the LAFRA Auxiliary to FRA Auxiliary has been passed. This takes out the “Ladies” part in the name (finally)! Been working on this since 2010.
- The resolution proposing authorization for MALs to vote was rejected.

NEW BUSINESS

Milestone Awards for October, November, & December 2016 –

Thomas M. Grieb	25 years	November 2016	William W. Monger	30 years	October 2016
Lloyd G. Pierce	35 years	November 2016	Gerald C. Ellig	40 years	November 2016
Leo J. Fagan	45 years	October 2016			

Monthly Membership Newsletter – The October 2016 Membership Newsletter was received and forwarded to the Branch Officers along with the Monthly Membership Report and an Branch Alpha listing.

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. He said he would try to get there.

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.

Joyce distributed a packet showing how this program got started. The Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake has a need for 600 more wreaths to have enough to put in front of each grave. Branch 38 members present discussed the issue and voted to purchase enough 27 wreaths.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

2016 Navy Ball was October 15, 2016 at the Lincoln Center, 1316 N. Lincoln Street, Spokane, WA. Shipmates Grisham, Martin, and Burke have been attending the Navy Ball committee meetings as FRA representatives. Shipmate Dwayne Harney attends as a representative of the Navy League. There were 130 in attendance. Admiral Lotzenheimer beat out Shipmate Bruce Vails for the oldest attendee this year. Each attendee got to take a souvenir glass home. They make good “beer” glasses. Fun was had by all.

It seems the NOSC members were slow on the uptake when it was asked to help take the display items (ship’s wheel and bell) back home. The bell was put in the back of Shipmate Burke’s pickup on Saturday night and she returned it on Sunday morning. Four FRA members, one former Air Force member, and a Fedex employee stepped up Monday morning to get the ship’s wheel back to its home. Those shipmates who helped were, Ralph Bean, Jim Robertson, Jim Grisham, and Peg Burke. Former Air Force member Greg Burke obtained the flatbed trailer to pull behind Peg’s truck, and his daughter Madi Sailor, the Fedex employee, came to help us. Even though the NOSC was closed on Mondays the Security Duty Office was nice enough to open the gates and let us through to unload it.

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

(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)

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**)

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. 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 26, 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

Meeting Adjourned.

Margret “Peg” Burke
Branch Secretary

Robert Bean
Branch President