



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

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September 25, 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 September 25, 2015 Monthly Luncheon/Meeting was held at the MacKenzie River Pizza, 2910 E. 57th Ave, Spokane, WA and was called to order at 1215 and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean.
The minutes of the August 29, 2015 Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.
The Treasurer report of September 2015 was read and approved.
The Branch Secretary reported on all the communications received since the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Northwest Region 2015 Convention: Shipmates Michelle Davis and Margret Burke were the delegates for Branch 38 at the NW Regional Convention in Lynnwood, WA held September 11-12, 2015. They reported that Tom Snee, the FRA NED was the main speaker and he stated that there are 130 Legislative/Senate bills being tracked and you can see the status on the Bill Tracker section of the FRA Website.

A change to the NWR C&BL Standing Rule 1(g)1 was changed from 30 to 60 days to get the minutes of the regional convention out to the membership of the Northwest Region and to change NES to NED. This change will be sent to the NBOD for ratification.

Northwest Regional Membership Awards received by Branch 38 are as follows:

- 3rd Place Americanism-Patriotism (Chairman Dale Osman)
3rd Place Public Relations (Chairman Ralph Bean)
3rd Place Youth Activities (Chairman James Grisham)

The shipmate that was nominated for the Northwest Region's McPherson Award is J.J. Wynn of Branch 46.

The new Northwest Regional Officers are as follows:

- Regional President Julian (J.J.) Wynn Branch 46
Regional Vice President Mark Thompson Branch 104
Secretary/Treasurer Hazel Bettencourt Branch 382

Time and Place for Northwest Regional Conventions:

August 12-13, 2016 Little America Resort & Hotel, Cheyenne, WY Hosted by Wyoming Branch & Unit 59
Hotel will be \$83 plus applicable taxes/fees per room

August 25-26, 2017 Hosted by Mt. Rainier Branch 104 of Puyallup, WA More information to come.

It was suggested that in the future that a PRP Advisory Board Meeting be held prior to the beginning of the conventions like it used to be.

**FRA 2015 National Convention:** Will be held the week of October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Doubletree by Hilton, in Spokane, Washington. There is a Facebook Page that has been created by Shipmate PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti. It is called “Fleet Reserve Association 2015 National Convention”. Shipmate Lazzaretti will be posting the first flyer on the Northwest Region’s website. The flyer is on Branch 38’s website also. Room rates are \$88 per night plus 12% tax and a \$2 per night surcharge for a total of \$100.56 per night. Rates will be available 10/8-20/2015

- Branch 18 will be providing the screened bags for the delegates at the convention (received).
  - Branch 38 has been designated as the chair for logistics, i.e. where to purchase items locally, medical alerts to hospitals, ambulance services, and EMT teams, urgent care runs, which funeral homes to use if someone dies and needs to be shipped home for burial, and in general, be the “gophers” for the convention. They will also provide the poker chips with the logo side being switched to the FRA 2015 Convention logo (received) and is also purchasing a half-page ad and supporting the booster roll in the Journal for the Convention.
  - Branch 46 will be chairing the “ceremonies” portion of the convention.
  - Branch 59 will be chairing the Hospitality Room.
- ✚ Shipmates Robert Bean and Anna Martin will be delegates at the 2015 National Convention in Spokane, WA in

**Americanism Essay Contest for 2015-2016** – The materials have been received and the Secretary will get them to the Chairmen of the Americanism-Patriotism Committee and work with them on the project. The theme this year is “What The United States Flag Stands For”.

**Resolutions for 2015 FRA Convention** – The NED Memorandum 8-15 outlining the C&BL resolutions being considered at the convention this year is in. We need to discuss these resolutions at this month’s and next month’s meeting in order to let our delegates to the National Convention know how our Branch wants to vote. A copy has been provided to our delegates.

**Milestone Awards for July, August, & September 2015** –The following Shipmates will receive their awards this quarter:

George Stevens Jr.	40 years	August 2015	Clarence Bender	15 years	September 2015
Cecil H. Russell	50 years	August 2015	Douglas E. Harms	45 years	September 2015

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

## NEW BUSINESS

**Membership** – The September 2015 Membership Newsletter was discussed by Branch President Robert Bean.

**Branch 38 Domain Charge** – Shipmate Lazzaretti has notified us that our annual fee of \$15.00 is due. The Treasurer will send him a check for that amount.

**Sponsorship for Convention Welcome Aboard Party** – The Convention Committee is looking for a Northwest Region Branch to sponsor the “eats” for the Welcome Aboard Party on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. So far they have had no luck getting any others to come forward. Shipmate Burke, a member of the committee, has the figures and options available for discussion.

*After much discussion, Branch 38 declined to assist in this endeavor unless other branches also stepped up and donated to it.*

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There were no items for the good of the order.

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## **MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015**

**(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)**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons**

- September 26, 2015 – MacKenzie River Pizza, 2910 E. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spokane, WA

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons**

- October 24, 2015 – Prospectors Bar & Grill, Spokane, WA
- 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.*

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**3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 29<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spokane, WA

**4<sup>th</sup> 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

**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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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Margret (Peg) Burke  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Robert Bean  
President