



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
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AUGUST 19, 2017 QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

<u>2017-2018 Branch Officers</u>		<u>2015–2020 Board of Directors</u>		<u>2017–2018 Branch Committee Chairmen</u>	
President	Robert Bean	<i>Plus Branch Officers:</i>		Americanism	James Robertson
Vice President	Michelle Davis	James Robertson		HW&R	Michelle Davis
Sec/Treasurer:	Peg Burke	Anna Martin		Public Relations	Ralph Bean
		Bruce Vails		Veterans Services	Dave Lord
Chaplain	Ralph Bean			Youth Activities	James Grisham
Master-at-Arms	James Robertson				

The meeting was brought to order by Branch President, Robert Bean.

Introductions:

Read Minutes of July 8, 2017 Monthly/Luncheon Meeting

Treasurer’s Report – August 17, 2017

Communications received since the July meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Milestone Awards for July–August–September 2017

McCully, Dennis	5 yrs	September 2017	Lang, Thomas J.	35 yrs	August 2017
Bean Sr, Robert S.	15 yrs	September 2017	Moore, Roscoe D.	40 yrs	September 2017
Hunt, Robert	20 yrs	August 2017	Steele, Hubert N.	45 yrs	September 2017

Shipmate Bean’s award was presented to him at the meeting.

Inland Empire Branch 38 Standing Rules – This is our addition to the NWR and FRA C&BL to operate our Branch. It was last updated in 2004 and needs to be updated since our membership has been depleted so much. We need to take a look at changing some of our “standing rules”.

The Branch Board of Directors will meet before the August 2017 Quarterly Meeting so that any changes to the Standing Rules can be brought to the attention of the Branch at that meeting. They must be approved by the Northwest Regional Delegates at the 2017 Regional Convention.

A quorum being present for Branch 38 at the June 10, 2017 meeting, it was discussed to change the number required for a quorum in the future. It was moved and seconded that we have the secretary draft the Branch 38 Standing Rules with the proposed percentage for a quorum will be 5% of the membership (rounded down) for further discussion and vote at the August Meeting. The vote at the August meeting will be the final prior to submitting the revised Branch Standing Rules to the Northwest Regional for approval at the convention.

The Changes to the Branch 38 Standing Rules were adopted as amended by unanimous vote.

2018 Branch Meeting Schedule – See end of Agenda. Approval needed for the 2018 meeting locations.

Meeting locations were approved by those in attendance. The Branch Secretary will contact each restaurant and confirm our reservations for the dates required.

Each location has been visited and has a letter from the Branch Secretary. All that needs to be done each month is to call a week prior to the meeting and remind them.

2017-2018 Americanism Essay Contest – the information for next year’s contest has arrived. The theme for 2017-2018 is “*What Patriotism Means to Me*”. Chairman, Americanism-Patriotism Committee James Robertson, see the Branch Secretary for your materials.

It was decided to cover the South Hill are and points south, i.e. Rosalia, Plaza, Spangle, etc.

We have already had a contestant email us and they were reminded that a parent had to sign the cover sheet that accompanies the essay.

Wreaths Across America – Will we be sponsoring again this year?

After discussion of which charities to support this holiday season, it was decided to support the Wreaths Across America in the same amount/capacity we did in 2016. Monies to be spent not to exceed \$450.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Report – The Branch is still holding at 91 members. Keep looking for new shipmates. Our membership stands at 43% over the age of 80. We have the First Quarter Membership Report on hand. Out of 57 Branches in Group IV, Branch 38 is in 17th place for percentage of Gains or Losses, and 12th in the entire Northwest Region. The NW Region is 3rd out of 8 regions.

Frank J. McPherson Memorial Award – any nominations from Branch 38? If so, we need to have it submitted to the NW Regional Membership Committee by August 25th.

No applicants from Branch 38 to submit to the NW Regional Convention.

Resolutions for Consideration at the 90th National Convention – This packet contains what will be voted on at the National Convention. Branch 38's resolution on Award Comp Dates is in the packet as C&BL Resolution No. 3.

Branch 38 members have directed the Branch Delegate Peg Burke to vote as follows:

- ***Honorary Membership Nominations for the following:***
Branch 170 – NO Branch 289 – YES Branch 185 – YES
- ***C&BL Resolutions:*** ***No. 1 – NO Resolution No. 2 – YES Resolution No. 3 – YES***
- ***National Vice President Candidate:*** ***RPSE Robby Robbins for NVP***
- ***National President Candidate:*** ***NVP Bill Starkey for NP***

Branch Secretary Out-of-Town on September Meeting – The Branch Secretary will be putting on her Regional President hat during September to attend the FRA National Convention. She will have everything ready for someone to take notes from whichever officer, Branch President or Vice President, will be presiding over the meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

New Chief Selectees at the NOSC – Shipmate Grisham has the story on the two FY 18 CPO Selectees, SWC(sel) Reid Hermann and HMC(sel) Charles Larson.

One Selectee has chosen not to participate in the training this year. They NOSC is still working out the details for introducing the selectees.

The Traveling Vietnam Wall will be in the Spokane Area August 24-27, 2017 across from the Vets Center at Mirabeau Part in Spokane Valley, WA.

The Spokane Indians baseball team has two upcoming games, August 25 and 27. There will be fireworks, weather permitting.

The Spokane Chiefs hockey team will be having practice this week on Thursday-Friday-Saturday with a red/white game on August 27th. Parking at the coliseum will be free for this game.

MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

1st Quarter FY 2017 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- **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)

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
- *Note the date change for August's Quarterly meeting (changed to accommodate an activity at the VFW on the original date).*

MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

All locations are CONFIRMED with the restaurants.

All meetings, monthly and quarterly, are on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

3rd Quarter FY 2017 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- **January 20, 2018** – Timber Creek Grill & Buffet, at **Noon**, 9211 E. Montgomery Ave, Spokane Valley, WA (East)
- **February 17, 2018** - Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **March 17, 2018** – Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant, at **Noon**, 2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA (West)

4th Quarter FY 2017 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- **April 21, 2018** – Applebee’s, at **Noon**, 2107 E. 29th Ave, Spokane, WA (South)
- **May 19, 2018** - Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **June 16, 2018** – Iron Horse, at **Noon**, 407 E. Sherman Ave, Coeur d’Alene, ID (East)
{Directions to parking for the Iron Horse – take 4th street exit on I-90 East which curves onto 3rd street (one-way streets). Take a left on Lakeside Street. Parking is on the right between 4th & 5th Streets}

1st Quarter FY 2018 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- **July 21, 2018** – Annie’s Hillside Café, at **Noon**, 3001 N. Nevada St, Spokane, WA (North)
- **August 18, 2018** - Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **September 15, 2018** – Black Angus, at **Noon**, 14724 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley, WA (East)

2nd Quarter FY 2018 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- **October 20, 2018** – McKenzie River Pizza, at **Noon**, 2910 E. 57th Ave, Spokane, WA (South)
- **November 17, 2018** – Quarterly Meeting at **1000 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **December 15, 2018** - Christmas Potluck/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