



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

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DECEMBER 2, 2017 MINUTES

2017-2018 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

2017–2018 Branch Committee Chairmen

Americanism Anna Martin
 HW&R Michelle Davis
 Public Relations Ralph Bean
 Veterans Services Dave Lord
 Youth Activities James Grisham

The December Meeting/Christmas Party was held the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA at 1100 with President Robert Bean presiding. This year’s party was sparse on attendees, with about eight Shipmates and their spouses attending. The Toys-for-Tots brought were delivered to the US Marine Corps warehouse that day.

There were no visitors.

The Minutes for the October and November meetings were read and approved.

The communications received since the October meeting were read and discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Milestone Awards for October-November-December 2017–

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| Jeffery W. Burke | 5 years | October 2017 | Ralph S. Bean | 20 years | November 2017 |
| William R. Klein | 25 years | November 2017 | Donald J. Cagle | 30 years | December 2017 |

Americanism Essay Contest Issues – The essays are coming in and Chairman Anna Martin is looking for volunteers to help judge them. The judging will be done on December 8, 2017. Shipmates Michelle Davis and Peg Burke offered to help judge them.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Report – The Branch maintained its 89 members. Keep looking for new shipmates. Our membership stands at 43% over the age of 80. We have a new FRA Membership Director, Christina Hitchcock

Wreaths Across America – Wreaths have been ordered and we purchased 30 at \$15 each on October 8, 2017. This year’s program will be on December 16th at noon.

Toys for Tots - The Toys for Tots warehouse this year is at the Franklin Park Plaza between Bed, Bath & Beyond and Trader Joe’s. The Branch Secretary has a telephone number for the Toys for Tots coordinator for future use. This year’s coordinator is GSGT Barrera.

Annual Premium for Branch Liability Bond – Branch 38’s share of the bond this year is \$29, as it is for all branches in Group IV. The FRA PCT Deposit for November was reduced from \$55 to \$26 to pay our Branch’s share of the bond.

Widow’s Subscription – We have received the letter for renewing the subscriptions of the four widows we sponsor that receive the FRA Today magazine. They are Bernice Selberg, Esta Osman, Melanie Jeffery, and Ruby Honcharuk. The cost is \$7 each for a total of \$28. The Branch voted to renew their subscriptions for 2018.

Nominating Resolutions Received – We have received nominating resolutions for the following:

- William E. Starkey for National President for FRA Association Year 2018-19 (2nd term)
- Robert Washington for National President for FRA Association Year 2018-19 (current Vice President)
- James E. “Robbie” Robbins for National Vice President for FRA Association Year 2018-19

GOOD OF THE ORDER

In Memorium – Former LAFRA Auxiliary member Merle E. Hemming, wife of Shipmate Ron Hemming, passed away October 22, 2017. Merle and Ron were married 77 years. Services were held on November 4th at the Portico Christian Fellowship Church in Spokane Valley, WA. Merle was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star. She will be honored at Branch 38’s next two bell ceremony.

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