



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
www.frabbranch38.org

OCTOBER 14, 2017 LUNCHEON/MEETING 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 meeting was brought to order by Branch President, Robert Bean.

Introductions: There were no visitors
Read Minutes of September 23, 2017 Monthly/Luncheon Meeting
Treasurer’s Report – October 2017 was approved.
Communications received since the September meeting

OLD BUSINESS

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 are not to exceed \$450.
Shipmate Michelle Davis had met with Wreaths Across America spokesperson, Ms. Joyce Durrant at a local business and gather information for 2017 event. Link to sponsor wreaths is www.wreathscrossamerica.org with sponsoring group ID #WA0011 for location of WAWSVC.
Wreaths have been ordered and we purchased 30 at \$15 each on October 8, 2017. Deadline was Saturday after Thanksgiving.*

Northwest Region Convention Report – Shipmate Davis and Anna Martin attended the 2017 Northwest Regional Convention, Fife, WA as Branch 38 delegates. Shipmate Davis briefed the branch on the convention. She reviewed the situations addressing the Ladies Auxiliary membership and cancellation of their convention, boosting of FRA Membership, proposal for merging of regions, and allowing enlisted members from other branches to join the FRA.

Americanism Essay Contest Issues –

Shipmate Robertson expressed his concern on how, as Chairman of the Americanism Committee, he drove to many schools for quite a distance dropping off Americanism Essay contest materials – main concern was fuel costs to Chairman. He also announced that this will be his final meeting.

Shipmate Ralph Bean discussed whether delivering and presenting essay materials is worth our time and money, especially if the schools elect to no share with the students. Branch brainstormed ideas on how to advertise better; submit more public service announcements to the Spokesman-Review, The Inlander, the Exchange, radio, etc. Contact either the school English Department or Counselors with the goal to build more enthusiasm regarding the American Essay Contest.

Shipmate Bean mentioned that on November 2, 2017, the Highlands Middle School in Kennewick, WA has an excellent Veterans Day ceremony and encouraged members to join.

Branch President Robert Bean asked that the contest information be sent on to the Tri-Cities WSU Outreach Coordinator for distribution to the Middle and High Schools in her area.

NEW BUSINESS

Milestone Awards for October-November-December 2017–

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

Membership Report – The Branch maintained its 89 members. Keep looking for new shipmates. Our membership stands at 43% over the age of 80. Let's hope that they renew to keep us in Group IV. If any one of them does not renew, or we have another death, then we drop to Group V.

2017 National Convention Report – Shipmate Burke was the delegate for Branch 38 and will gave the following report of the National Convention she attended September 18-24, 2017.

- *C&BL Resolution No. 1: - Whether to add the Army and Air Force enlisted veterans as eligible to join the FRA was not passed, it was ruled "not in order".*
- *C&BL Resolution No. 2: - To delete Article 3, Section 301(b) and renumber Article 3, Section (c) to Article 3, Section (b). (This resolution was amended at the 2016 FRA Convention, but it failed to renumber the Article correctly. It had to do with Personnel discharged by reason of Bad Conduct or Dishonorable discharge that are not eligible for FRA membership. It was passed by the delegates.*
- *C&BL Resolution No. 3: - To amend Article 3, Section 311 (e)(1) regarding continuous membership recomputation (like they do PEBD or BASD) to allow for adjusted continuous membership. It was rejected soundly.*
- *The issue of the Northwest Region merging with the West Coast to save the Northwest Region Auxiliary: - It was discussed at the Pre-NBOD meeting and they decided to wait and see what happened at the LAFRA Convention, i.e. to see if they were able to come up with a slate of officers for the Northwest Auxiliary. At the Post-NBOD, the new National President, Bill Starkey, stated for the record that it was an Auxiliary issue and not a FRA Issue. That means it was dismissed as an issue at this time. But, it is my opinion now as JrPRPNW, that this issue will resurface in the future.*

Navy Birthday Celebration/Two Bell Ceremony – Since there is not a Navy Ball usually sponsored by the NOSC we are having a small celebration at our meeting including the Two-Bell Ceremony for those lost this past year.

The Branch read the proclamation from President Trump and conducted the two bell ceremony honoring Shipmates Thomas Poindexter, Verne Smith, Gordon Zehm, and Ray Miner.

Upcoming November/December Meetings:

November's meeting will be on November 11th, Veterans Day. The Branch is planning an "All Hands on Deck" at the Veterans Memorial Arena ceremony as our November meeting. We will have the Quarterly Meeting sign in book on hand for those members that come. Any business that we usually do in November is being handled at this meeting, October 14th.

December's meeting will be on December 2, 2017 at the VFW Post 51. It will be our usual potluck Christmas Dinner in support of the Toys for Tots program. Admission is your favorite food dish and a toy for the Toys for Tots program. We hope to have a Marine (either active duty or from the Marine Corps League) on hand to pick up the toys. A flyer will be mailed/mailed to everyone with the October-November-December bulletin. On the flip side of the flyer will be the Calendar year 2018 schedule.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

There were no "Good of The Order" items.

MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

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 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