



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

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SEPTEMBER 23, 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 James Robertson
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: The two guests that were expected, Chiefs Michelle Chaney and Chief Hermann were no shows. Chief Chaney was ill and no explanation as to why he did not come.
Read Minutes of August 19, 2017 Monthly/Luncheon Meeting
Treasurer’s Report – September 13, 2017 was approved.
Communications received since the August 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 Moore’s 40-year award and pin was presented at the meeting amid much applause.

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. Is Branch going to participate in the placement of the wreaths?

Resolutions for Consideration at the 90th National Convention –

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**

Shipmate Burke reported that the vote at the National Convention went as follows: All Honorary Membership Nominations went down as a YES, including the one for Branch 170 (much to the dismay of the Northwest Region’s delegation). The C&BL Resolution #1 to include the enlisted members of the Army and Air Force as eligible to be in the Fleet Reserve Organization went down as a NO. The Resolution #2 to deny membership for dishonorable discharge was a YES. The Resolution #3 to modify continuous membership by using the PEBD/BASD method went down with a resounding NO.

National Vice President vote went to Shipmate Bob Washington from the East Coast Region. Shipmate Robbins will run

again for NVP next year. NVP Bill Starkey elected unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Shipmate Lost – FRA HQ notified us that Shipmate M. Ray Miner has passed away. We knew he must have been ill because his bulletins kept coming back and we were unable to reach him by telephone. No information to his status was relayed to us by his surviving family.

Membership Report – The Branch is down to 89 members. Keep looking for new shipmates. Our membership stands at 43% over the age of 80. We have three members due up for renewal in October. 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.

FRA Director of Membership Penny Collins has resigned. More information to come.

Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Ambassador – Shipmate David Lord of Branch 38 has received his letter assigning him as a VAVS Ambassador at the Spokane VA Hospital facility. Congratulations Shipmate!

Branch 38 Website Domain Billing – an invoice from PRPNW Lazzaretti has been received for the continuation of Branch 38's website domain. This invoice is for the use of the domain that our Branch website utilizes. It is \$20 for the next year's use. A vote is needed by the Shipmates to continue this service.

The question of maintaining the branch website was held. After much discussion Shipmate Harold Young proposed continuance of website and Shipmate Davis seconded the proposal.

Spokane Navy Ball for 2017 – The Spokane NOSC will not host the 2017 Navy Birthday Ball. We found this out on August 30, 2017 from Shipmate Grisham. Shipmate Grisham was asked by HMC Michelle Chaney (a SELRES) if the FRA was doing anything special. He submitted a suggestion to the Branch Board of Directors to consider having a small dinner celebration at either the Timber Creek Buffet or the Golden Corral. Branch President Robert Bean replied to his email that it is a little late to reschedule or add to our October Meeting times since those that usually do this type of planning will not be at the September meeting, i.e. RPNW Peg Burke (at the National Convention) and SKCS Jim Grisham (out of town). We meet on October 14th at noon at MacKenzie River Pizza on the South Hill. He also told Shipmate Grisham in the email that anyone from the NOSC is more than welcome to come to our meeting on the 14th and we would include a small ceremony during our meeting.

In future Branch meetings we may need to explore if the FRA wants to head up the planning for the Navy Ball in the future in light of what happened this year. Maybe we can partner with the Navy League vs leaving it up to the NOSC. Need to find out from the new NOSC CO what his/her plans are for this activity.

In the discussion of the Navy Ball 2017, it was determined that we, as FRA Branch 38, will not plan an event for this year's birthday due to lateness of planning, minimal communication between NOSC, Navy League, and FRA, no accountability, etc.

- *Chief Michelle Chaney from NOSC Spokane, had proposed to speak to the branch to determine if the branch would initiate an event for 2017. She was unable to attend due to illness.*
- *We understand that the NOSC Spokane will be gaining a new commander. Branch members determined to table the issue until word from NOSC commander if she would like to pursue an event for 2018 to either take the lead or join with Branch 38 and the Navy League in planning the event.*

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.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Upcoming Meetings – Shipmate Martin reminded members of the upcoming branch meetings/locations, especially the December 2nd potluck and Toys for Tots support. President Bean suggested confirmation with VFW Post 51 in case there is a scheduling conflict.

MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

1st Quarter FY 2017 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- **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 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.

Anna Martin, Acting Branch Secretary

Robert Bean, Branch President