



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

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February 17, 2018 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

Introductions: There were no visitors
 Read Minutes of January 2018 Meeting - Approved
 Treasurer’s Report – February 2018
 Communications received since the January 2018 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

2018 FRA/LAFRA Northwest Region Convention – The first newsletter has been received from Branch 382, the sponsor of this year’s convention. It is on August 17-18, 2018 at the Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho. The hotel is located at 2900 Chinden Blvd in Boise. Attendees may call (208) 343-1871 and ask for the Fleet Reserve group rate. The rate of \$102 plus taxes will be in effect four days before and two days after the convention. All rooms are Non-Smoking. If you are interested in going, see the Secretary for a copy of their newsletter.

2018 National FRA/LAFRA Convention – The 2018 FRA/LAFRA National Convention is a FRA sponsored convention, i.e. no single Branch or Region is the sponsor. It will be held in San Antonio, Texas at the OMNI Hotel at the Colonnade, 9821 Colonnade Blvd (a Four Diamond Hotel). The dates are September 18-23, 2018.

Room Rates are \$105 plus 16.75% tax per night. They apply for up to three days prior and three days following the convention dates. The cut-off date for the block of rooms will be held until Monday, September 3, 2018. Reservations requests received after 5:00 PM local time at the hotel on the cut-off date will be accepted based on guest room availability at the Group rate. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-THE-OMNI (1-800-843-6664) or by going on line to the Customized Group Web Page: <https://www.omnihotels.com/san-antonio/meetings/fleet-reserve-assoc-national-convention>. If making your reservation by phone be sure to mention “Fleet Reserve Association”. There is on-site self-parking which is complimentary and on-site valet parking at the discount rate of \$10 per day. There is complimentary airport transportation to and from the hotel and within a five-mile radius of the hotel.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Report – The Branch Report for January 2018 was at 86 members with two needing to renew their dues. We have finally received the 2nd and 3rd Quarterly Membership Reports. There are some interesting figures for the Northwest Region and the West Coast Region.

News and Updates for the Northwest Region – Results of the possible merge with West Coast Region vote is as follows:

The Branch Secretary sent the letter to each Branch Member along with a self-addressed stamped postcard to return with their vote. As of 2/15/2018 we have 58% of the postcards from Branch Members returned and the Yes votes are 54% and the No votes are 46%. We need two more postcards back to have 60% ballots returned.

Shipmates Lost – As a result of sending out the possible merge information to our Branch Shipmates we have discovered two more shipmates we have lost to the Supreme Commander’s team: Shipmate Lloyd Pierce passed away on November 29, 2017 in Reno, NV and Shipmate Charles Thompson had passed away in 2013. We had not received any newsletters back on Shipmate Thompson prior to sending out the letter. It was discovered that his spouse had passed on also. They were both in their 80-90’s. The Branch Secretary contacted Shipmate Pierce’s spouse and asked if there is anything the Branch can do to help her. She asked that we keep her on the Widow’s list to receive the FRA Today magazine. She stated she always read the bulletin and the FRA Today first to let her husband know what to read on them.

We have also been notified that LAFRA PNVP Karen Snee, spouse of FRA National Executive Director Tom Snee passed away on January 25, 2018 after fighting her second bout with cancer. Karen was very active in the FRA Auxiliary and other veterans organizations.

Memo from FRA Membership RE: Contact Information Updates – the FRA HQ Membership team send out a memo to all branches to have their members update their contact information when they renew or logon to their online account and update their **Member Profile**.

Free Conference Call Service – The Director of Membership has given the Branch Secretary information on how we can create a conference call to share relevant / of interest to all members such as VAVS, Caregiver Support Resources, etc.

Navy Ball 2018 – NOSC Spokane Info – CDR Jennifer Bagnell is the new CO at the NOSC Spokane. Do we want to contact them to see if they are going to plan a Navy Ball this year?

Shipmate Martin will make arrangements for the FRA Branch Officers to meet with her and the Senior Enlisted.

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

William E. Starkey (NP 2017-18) for National President for FRA Association Year 2018-19 (2nd term)

Robert Washington (NVP 2017-18)for National President for FRA Association Year 2018-19 (current Vice President)

James E. “Robbie” Robbins (PRPSE 2012-13 and 2016-17) for National Vice President for FRA Association Year 2018-19

Larry L. Cox (PRPSE 2014-15) for National Vice President for FRA Association Year 2018-19

Michael F. “Mick” Fulton (PRPSW 2012-13 and 2013-14) for National Vice President for FRA Association Year 2018-19

Birthday Lunch 2018 – This year’s birthday lunch will be at the Iron Horse Restaurant in Coeur d’Alene, ID. It was proposed that the Branch pay for the Shipmates’ lunch this year. It was moved and seconded that we do this. The vote was unanimous.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Khaki Ball 2018 – will be held at the Northern Quest Casino Buffet Restaurant on April 7, 2018. Contact Shipmate Grisham for more information.

Meeting Adjourned.

Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

Robert Bean, Branch President

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

- **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