



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

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JANUARY 20, 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 December 2017 Meeting - Approved
 Treasurer’s Report – January 2018
 Communications received since the December 2017 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Americanism Essay Contest Issues – We received eleven essays, one 7th Grade, one 9th Grade, and nine 12th Grade. The first place winners’ essays have been submitted to the Northwest Regional Chairman, Rex Faubion, for consideration at that level. Below are our winners:

<i>First Place</i>	<i>7th Grade</i>	<i>Rose Stewart</i>	<i>Kendrick Jr High School, Kendrick, ID</i>
<i>First Place</i>	<i>9th Grade</i>	<i>Thomas Middleton</i>	<i>Southridge High School, Kennewick, WA</i>
<i>First Place</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>	<i>Quincy Balius</i>	<i>Foothills Comm. Christian School, Great Falls, MT</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>	<i>Grace Hawley</i>	<i>West Valley High School, Yakima, WA</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>	<i>Shine Alvarado</i>	<i>Upper Columbia Academy, Spangle, WA</i>
<i>Participants</i>	<i>12th Grade</i>	<i>Upper Columbia Academy:</i>	<i>Madison Clark, Michael Cottrell, Jordon Judge, Caleb Bartell, and Svea Smith</i>
		<i>College Place High School:</i>	<i>Monica Ibarra</i>

NEW BUSINESS

Milestone Awards for January-February-March 2018

Margret “Peg” Burke 15 years January 2018

Membership Report – The Branch Report for December 2017 was at 88 members. As of January 18, 2018 we have dropped to 87 members due to a member that is now serving with the Supreme Commander. This puts in Group V in the FRA Membership Reports. Keep looking for new shipmates. Our membership stands at 43% over the age of 80. We have a new FRA Membership Director, Christina Hitchcock. Does Branch 38 want to have FRA HQ send labels for the Members-at-Large, Terminated Members, and Prospective Members for us to use in recruiting?

The Branch Secretary was directed to request the above labels from FRA HQ.

Shipmates Lost – This month the Branch Secretary received back a bulletin mailed out to Shipmate Charles H. Eickmeyer. She then searched for him online and found his obituary. Shipmate Eickmeyer passed away on July 12, 2015 after an extended illness. He was a member with over 40 years of service and over 85 years old. His obituary has some interesting facts about his military career that we will read about at this month's meeting.

News and Updates for the Northwest Region – Communications from the NWR President regarding the possible merge of the West Coast Region and the Northwest Region. Jr Past Regional President Northwest Peg Burke will give an update on the status of the FRA and the Northwest Region.

The request from RPNW Roger Christopher to poll Branch 38 members regarding the possible merge between the Northwest Region and the West Coast Region was read and discussed at length. The Branch Secretary had prepared a letter for the Branch President's signature with RPNW Christopher's statement of pros and cons included on it. The Branch Secretary will copy the letter and send it to each Branch Member along with a self-addressed stamped postcard to return with their vote.

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.

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

Military Appreciation Night at the Spokane Chiefs Hockey Game – Shipmate Grisham has arranged for Branch 38 to have a table in the foyer of the Spokane Arena during the January 20, 2018 game. We need volunteers to staff the table. The Branch Secretary has obtained some new brochures to put out. We will have some of our onvention" poker chips to hand out as "freebies".

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

- **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