



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

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APRIL 21, 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 2017–2018 Branch Committee Chairmen

Plus Branch Officers:
James Robertson
Anna Martin
Bruce Vails

Americanism
HW&R
Public Relations
Veterans Services
Youth Activities

Anna Martin
Michelle Davis
Ralph Bean
Dave Lord
James Grisham

Introductions: There were no visitors
Read Minutes of March 2018 Meeting - Approved
Treasurer’s Report – April 2018 - Approved
Communications received since the March 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.

Branch 38 delegates for the 2018 NWR Convention in Boise, ID will be: Branch VP Michelle Davis (Chair), Branch President Robert Bean (NWR VP Candidate), Branch Sec/Treas Peg Burke (JrPRPNW and Candidate for NWR S/T, and Branch Director Anna Martin.

We have received information on the POD for the NWR Convention and tours that have been arranged. There are three: (1) National Interagency Fire Center (where they track forest fires), (2) Yankee Motor Museum (vintage motorcycles, trucks, cars, implements, flywheel engines, buses, boars, etc.), and (3) Warhawk Air Museum. The first two are admission free and the last is \$10 for veterans. This information will be posted on the Branch Website also.

Branch 38 approved President Robert Bean’s candidacy for NWR Vice President for 2018-19 and Branch 38’s Secretary/Treasurer JrPRPNW Margret “Peg” Burke’s candidacy for NWR Secretary/Treasurer for 2018-2021.

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.

Branch 38 delegates for the 2018 National Convention will be JrPRPNW Margret “Peg” Burke (Chair) and proxies for RPNW Christopher and PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti.

A second newsletter that contains the meal information and tours, etc. has been received. It will also be posted on the Branch website. If you want a copy, let the Secretary know and she will send you a copy via email.

NEW BUSINESS

Milestone Awards April – May – June 2018

Charles M. Davis 30 years April 2018 and David K. Melges 30 years April 2018

Membership Report – The Branch Report for March 2018 was at 81 members with the addition of Shipmate Lozier back on the roster. The Branch received a call from Shipmate Van Selus to transfer him back to the MAL list. Therefore our numbers will drop back to 80 for next month with two members past due and five up for renewal.

Here is some statistics on our Branch membership:

30 members are age 80 +	37%
10 members are Life members	12%
29 members pay full dues	36%
6 members are age 85 + 40 yrs of service (do not pay dues)	.07%
4 members are Disabled (do not pay dues)	.05%
<u>2 members have Fifty Years of Service (do not pay dues)</u>	<u>.03%</u>
81 Total members	100%

Nominating Resolutions Received – We have received more 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

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

Donna M. Janskey (PRPNE/New England 2004-05) 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 – **Per RPNW-dropped out.**

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 3/6/2018 we have 80% response from Branch Members (via postcard and telephone) returned and the Yes votes are 54% and the No votes are 46%. Our response to the NW Regional President was sent on 3/8/2018 via email.

Shipmate Burke gave an update of what happened at the West Coast Mid-Year Meeting that PNP John Johnson, Committee Chair for Merging the Northwest and West Coast Regions, did and what RPNW Christopher dealt with at the Mid-Year NBOD meeting regarding the merge.

Navy Ball 2018 – NOSC Spokane Info – There is going to be a Navy Ball on October 13, 2018. Location has not been provided to the FRA Secretary as yet. A meeting is scheduled with the CO of the Spokane NOSC on April 20th with FRA Branch Officers. Per an email received from ETR1 Young, the Navy Ball Committee Assignments this year are: Chairman – CDR Shaw (Navy Chaplain); Communications – MA3 Bush; Supervisor – MRCM Moon; Fundraising/Business – ETR1 Young; Asst. Treasurer – AHB1 Hannah; and Decorations – HT2 Hawthorne.

The FRA and the Navy League were added as members of the Committee by the NOSC Chair for the Navy Ball during their first meeting. Shipmate Burke attended the April 7, 2018 Navy Ball Committee Meeting. She will give an update.

Meeting with NOSC Spokane CO - CDR Jennifer Bagnell is the new CO at the NOSC Spokane. Branch President Robert Bean, Branch VP Michelle Davis, Branch Sec/Treas Peg Burke, Branch Director Anna Martin, and Shipmate James Grisham met with the CDR on April 20, 2018 to see how we could help each other, i.e. the NOSC and FRA, out this year. CDR Bagnell asked if the FRA could provide some volunteers for the July 7, 2018 NOSC Family Campout and BBQ at Clear Lake. The NOSC has 30 members of their reserve units deploying this year and are sponsoring this campout for the families so they can have some fun before they leave. It is also a drill weekend and they are planning a Pancake Breakfast to raise some funds for the Navy Ball. They are looking for game organizers to help keep the children of those members deploying busy so the spouses can enjoy the weekend also. We also could try to sell some of the Spokane Chief Hats and donate half the profits to the Navy Ball Cmte.

The CDR also asked if we supported the Sailor of the Year program. Currently we do not.

Tricare Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) – this program will end on December 31, 2018. Anyone who was in the TRDP this year or eligible for it will be able to choose a dental plan from among 10 dental carriers in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). You can begin reviewing program options now to be ready to enroll during open season which is November 12 – December 10, 2018. Coverage will begin on January 1, 2019. The Branch Secretary has been researching the information.

Annual Committee Report Forms – have been received for the Branch Committee Chairs to complete. See the Branch Secretary to get your blank form. Copies of the Committee Reports need to be back to the Branch Secretary by the May 2018 Quarterly Branch Meeting. The originals are to be mailed to the Regional Committee Chairman. See the Branch Secretary for that information. Reminder, the Committee Report forms need to be signed by the Branch President in addition to the Branch Committee Chair. If you need help, see the Branch Secretary.

Branch's August Meeting – Due to a conflict with all the Branch Officers being at the NW Regional Convention on the day of our meeting we had to choose, i.e. move the meeting to another weekend (hard to do with the VFW Post 51 schedule) or cancel the meeting. A discussion was held and it was decided to cancel the meeting just for that month.

Branch 38 Nominations for Officers – 2018-19 Term – It is that time of year again. It is time to fill the Officer Vacancies for Branch 38. All current officers' terms are expiring, i.e. President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. We will be holding first nominations this month and second nominations at the April Meeting. Voting will be done in May and installation in June.

First nominations were called: Shipmate Robert Bean nominated incumbent Margret "Peg" Burke for Branch Secretary/Treasurer when no one volunteered to step up. Shipmate James Grisham nominated incumbent for Branch Vice President since she forgot to come to the meeting, and Shipmate Peg Burke nominated incumbent Robert Bean for Branch President because he nominated her. In other words, all the incumbents have been nominated in the first round of nominations, i.e. status quo.

Second Nominations were held and everyone on the First Nominations list were nominated again. During the May meeting we will vote on the nominees and installation will be during the June meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Spokane Indians' 2018 Military Appreciation Game – Friday, August 24, 2018, first pitch at 1830. They will be playing the Salem-Kaiser Volcanoes and there will be post-game fireworks. Chief Chanay at the Spokane NOSC has been contacted to get interest in a group ticket night for August 24th. If 20+ people buy tickets for the same game in a group, the Spokane Indians will lower the cost of each ticket. Contact for this will be Shipmate Grisham at grishamgrisham@yahoo.com.

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.

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.