



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

MARCH 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 2017–2018 Branch Committee Chairmen

Plus Branch Officers:
James Robertson
Anna Martin
Bruce Vails

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 February 2018 Meeting - Approved
Treasurer’s Report – March 2018
Communications received since the February 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.

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 President Robert Bean announced that he was going to put his name in the hat for NWR Vice President for 2018-19 and asked for the Branch Shipmates’ support.

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.

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.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Report – The Branch Report for February 2018 was at 80 members with two needing to renew their dues. The Branch Secretary has a report on Shipmate Lozier as discussed at the February Meeting.

Shipmate Lozier renewed his membership without the help of the Branch.

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.

Shipmates Lost – There has been four more Shipmates we discovered that have joined the Supreme Commander as a result of sending out the possible merge information to our Branch Shipmates. They are Charles Huggins, Charles Lewis, Hubert Steel, and Alfred Nichols. Our list for the Two Bell Ceremony has grown to seven Shipmates and two Auxiliary members.

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?

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 ETRI Young, the Navy Ball Committee Assignments this year are:

Chairman – Chaplain Shaw

Communications – MA3 Bush

Supervisor – MRCM Moon,

Fundraising/Business – ETRI Young

Asst. Treasurer – AHB1 Hannah

Decorations – HT2 Hawthorne.

NW Regional 2017-18 Americanism Essay Contest Winners – Branch 38 had two contestants that placed at the Regional level. They are 7th grader Rose Stewart who placed second and 12th grader Quincy Balius who placed third. Below is the entire list.

7th Grade:

First – **Chloe Gunawan**, College Place Middle School - Branch 018.

Second – **Rose K. Stewart, Kendrick High School - Branch 038**

Third – **Annika Huff**, Jenifer Junior High - Branch 063

8th Grade:

First – **Annie Lee Keller**, Cyberlynx Home School - Branch 342

Second – **Elle Wagner-Uhling**, Jenifer Junior High - Branch 063

Third – **Anna Krishchuk**, Holy Family School - Branch 104

9th Grade:

First – **Jasmine Pfafman**, Liberty High School - Branch 018

Second – **Dakota Larrabee**, Shelton High School - Branch 104

Third – **Rebekah Wight**, Kimber Academy - Branch 382

10th Grade:

First – **Dayla Alexander**, Home School - Branch 382

Second – **Grace Van Gunten**, Grangeville High School - Branch 063

Third – **Hannah DeHut**, Graham-Kapowsin High School - Branch 104

11th Grade:

First – **Rebecca White**, Maili Bible School - Branch 046

Second – **Jared Kuykendall**, Home School - Branch 055

Third – **Erickson W. Pickett**, Spanaway Lake High School - Branch 104

12th Grade:

First – **Samantha Wick**, Kentridge High School - Branch 018

Second – **Molly Schwartz**, Prairie Jr/Sr High School - Branch 063

Third – **Quincy Balius, Foothills Community Christian School - Branch 038**

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.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Khaki Ball 2018 – for all USCG and USN, E-7 to CWO-5, Active Duty, Retired, Selected Reserves, Veterans as well as those Commissioned Officers who serve as a Chief Petty Officer. Spouses, Guests, and Significant Others are welcome.

It will be held at the Northern Quest Casino River’s Edge Buffet Restaurant on April 7, 2018. Meet in the Alcove Room. There will be no Social Hour and the dinner starts at 1800. The cost is \$22.95 per person (price includes food and non-alcoholic beverages. ***The Tip has been included in your cost.*** Chief Petty Officers may use the VIP line at River’s Edge to pay for their meals. After dinner activities: (from Master Chief Moon - - “Oldest & Youngest Chief, Sea Story Telling Contest . . .all the good stuff!” Contact Shipmate Grisham at grishamgrisham@yahoo.com for more information.

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.

3rd Quarter FY 2017 Luncheons and Quarterly Meetings

- **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