



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

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OCTOBER 20, 2018 MONTHLY MEETING/LUNCHEON MINUTES

2018-2019 Branch Officers

President Robert Bean
Vice President Michelle Davis
Sec/Treasurer: Peg Burke

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Master-at-Arms Ralph Bean

2015–2020 Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:
James Robertson
Anna Martin
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2018–2019 Branch Committee Chairmen

Americanism Anna Martin
HW&R Michelle Davis
Public Relations Ralph Bean
Veterans Services Dave Lord
Youth Activities James Grisham

Introductions: Terence Vent – Spokesman-Review Reporter
Read Minutes of September 2018
Treasurer’s Report – October 2018
Communications received since the September 2018 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

2018 National FRA/LAFRA Convention – The 2018 FRA/LAFRA National Convention was held at the OMNI Hotel at the Colonnade, 9821 Colonnade Blvd (a Four Diamond Hotel) in San Antonio, TX during the week of September 23-30, 2018. Branch 38 Secretary Peg Burke was the delegate for the Branch.

- The NWR had 16 representatives of the FRA and LAFRA in attendance at this convention.
- Branch 38 Secretary Peg Burke was assigned to the Convention Budget Committee for the duration of the convention. PNP John Johnson, NWR Branch 104 was the assigned Chair of the committee. We were assigned to the committee because the regular committee members did not make it to the convention.
- The **“merge”** between the West Coast and Northwest Regions was brought to the floor and the West Coast representatives made it clear that they were not in favor of it. Two or three options were put on the table, one of which was to realign the Southwest, Northwest, and West Coast regions. This caused quite a discussion. It was finally decided that the incoming NP would appoint a committee to study a realignment to include not only the West Coast and Northwest, but nationally. This committee would report back to the National Board of Directors at the 2019 Mid-Year meeting with their recommendations. Wyoming Branch 59 Representative PRPNW Michael Archer asked that the Realignment Committee consider putting their branch in the West Coast if there is no merger.
- The Budget Committee had recommended that we hold a **“Conference” versus a “Convention” per se in 2019** since there was no one stepping up to host a convention for that year. This is something we have not done in the past, but we are going to give it a good try. It is my understanding that we can get Corporate Sponsors for a “Conference” but not for a convention. We would invite other military organizations to attend a “Conference” to learn more about the Defense Health Agency, the Tricare system, VA information, etc. They would pay a “registration” fee and FRA members would get to attend the conference free. The FRA/LAFRA Convention would be worked into the conference timeframe.
- The convention delegates did adopt a bid for the **2020 FRA/LAFRA Convention**. PRPNW Lazzaretti of NWR Branch 18 and PNP Johnson of NWR Branch 104 put together a bid to have it held at the Sheraton at the Airport in Portland, Oregon. Looks like the NW Region will be hosting their second national convention in five years.
- During this convention we had two members, one with the FRA and one with the LAFRA collapse and taken to the hospital. NED Tom Snee was hospitalized overnight and Laurie Starkey was still in the hospital with a pulmonary embolism when Branch 38 Secretary left to come home. She was due to be discharged Wednesday or Thursday of the first week of October.
- **FRA made history in electing their 2018-2019 National Officers.** They elected their first African American, **Robert Washington** as National President and their first woman, **Donna Jansky** as National Vice President.
- The **LAFRA** elected **Christina Murray** at their **National President** and **Bea Parco** as their **National Vice President**. A good many LAFRA past national officers have been elected to their respective regional offices again.

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 23-30, 2018

Branch 38 Secretary will be attending the 2018 National Convention after all. Branch 38 proxies will be RPNW Christopher and PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti.

2018 National Convention Resolutions – The Board of Directors have discussed the submitted resolutions and the recommendations for the Branch to vote is as follows: (*Branch Secretary will give synopsis*)

Branch Voted:

- C&BL Resolution #1 – Vote **No**
- C&BL Resolution #2 - Vote **Yes**
- C&BL Resolution #3 – Vote **Yes**
- C&BL Resolution #4 - Vote **Yes**
- C&BL Resolution #5 – Vote **Yes**
- Standing Rules Resolution #1 – Vote **Yes**

National Convention:

- Ruled out of order.**
- Defeated**
- Defeated**
- Ruled Out of Order**
- Ruled Out of Order**
- Passed**

Branch 38 Website Domain – We need to talk about this domain. The provider has not cashed either check we have sent him for this past year of service. Do we want to continue our website or get our own?

- *After much discussion it was decided that the Branch pay for 2019 domain through Shipmate Lazzaretti and also investigate a way to get our own website domain beginning in 2020.*
- *Would not forgive 2018, but I got signed paid receipts.*

NEW BUSINESS

Spokesman-Review Article – Former Navy Veteran Terrence Vent, a Spokesman-Review reporter, has arranged with his paper to write an article on life aboard a navy ship by interviewing members of Branch 38 of their experiences while on active duty “back-in-the-days” of the older generation. Those that wanted to participate gave their contact information to him. We look forward to reading the article next month.

Milestone Awards for October – November – December 2018

James Grisham	10 years	December 2018	Russell H. Messing	50 years	December 2018
No milestones in October or November ☹					

Membership Report – The Branch Membership Report for October was at 78.

Widow’s Subscription 2018: We have received our annual letter reminding us to submit our monies to renew the FRA Today magazine subscriptions for the four widows we support. The price is still \$7 per person and the renewal would cost the Branch \$28.

The branch members voted to renew those widows on the list. The Treasurer was directed to send a check to FRA HQ.

FEDVIP – The Tricare dental program is expiring effective December 31, 2018 and be replaced by the Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). Any beneficiary wanting to continue their dental coverage they had with Tricare will have to sign up for the program during Tricare Open Season (November 12-December 10, 2018). **If anyone who does not have a computer wants to sign up with this program, the Branch Secretary will bring her laptop to the November meeting to allow Shipmates to sign up for the FEDVIP online. You can also call her and make arrangements to have her help you at her home.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Navy Ball 2018 Shipmate Grisham will give a report on the Navy Ball and its program.

KXLY Channel 4 Newsman, Mark Peterson, was the Master of Ceremonies. There were 175 attendees at this year’s Navy Ball. The Navy Ball Committee named each table after a current or former U.S. Navy ship. When the meal was served, the announcement was made, “USS Washington is now being served”. This saved time in the buffet line. A number of the post dinner traditional ceremonies were cut back. CPO HTC Kappus did the MIA/POW table ceremony with a PO1. The oldest sailor in attendance was EMCM “Jake” Jacobson from the Tri-Cities area. The Angus Scott bagpipe appeared, and the Navy Sea Cadets performed Honor Guard when the National Anthem was played. Attendees from FRA Branch 38 were Shipmates Anna Martin (with two or her sisters), Carla Scott (our newest member), Dennis McCully (and his wife), and Tom Staudinger’s wife Sheri Staudinger.

Veterans Day Activities –

- The Corbin Senior Center will be hosting a BBQ lunch for veterans and their spouses on November 9, 2018.
- The VFW in Cheney, WA let us know that veterans get a free ticket to the EWU (Eastern Washington University) vs USC Davis football game on November 10, 2018. Contact the Cheney VFW to get your ticket.
- The VA Hospital and VFW Post 51 are sponsoring the annual memorial service at the Spokane Veterans Arena on November 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

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.

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 **1030 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 PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

The meetings at VFW Post 51 have been CONFIRMED.

All meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

The restaurants for March, June, September and October were voted on by Branch Members for our meetings.

3rd Quarter FY 2018 VFW Post 51 and Luncheon Meetings

- **January 19, 2019** –Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **February 16, 2019** - Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **March 16, 2019** – MacKenzie River Pizza (South), 2910 E. 57th Ave, Spokane, WA at **Noon**.

4th Quarter FY 2018 VFW Post 51 and Luncheon Meetings

- **April 20, 2019** – Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **May 18, 2019** – Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **June 15, 2019** – Longhorn BBQ (West), 7611 W. Hwy 2, Spokane, WA at **Noon**.

1st Quarter FY 2019 VFW Post 51 and Luncheon Meetings

- **July 20, 2019** –Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **August 17, 2019** - Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **September 21, 2019** – The Onion (North), 7552 N. Division, Spokane, WA at **Noon**.

2nd Quarter FY 2019 VFW Post 51 and Luncheon Meetings

- **October 19, 2019** – Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **November 16, 2019** – Monthly Meeting at **10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- **December 21, 2019** – Timber Creek (East), 9211 E. Montgomery Ave, Spokane, WA at **Noon**

This will be the location of our Christmas Party also!!