



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

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NOVEMBER 17, 2018 QUARLERLY MEETING MINUTES

2018-2019 Branch Officers

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

Chaplain Dennis McCully
 Master-at-Arms Ralph Bean

2015–2020 Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:

James Robertson
 Anna Martin
 Bruce Vails

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:

Read Minutes of October 2018
 Treasurer’s Report – November 2018
 Communications received since the October 2018 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

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.

Check to renew the subscriptions has been sent to the FRA HQ.

FEDVIP – The Tricare dental program is due to expire 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 brought her laptop to the November meeting to allow Shipmates to sign up for the FEDVIP online.

NEW BUSINESS

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 November was at 77. We have received the reports for September, October, and November. Shipmate Davis, Branch Membership Chairman, was given copies of them all.

Annual Branch Liability Bond Premium – This month’s membership dues return will be reduced for the amount of the bond. For Group IV the amount is \$28 and for Group V the amount is \$24. They withheld the \$28 figure and the Treasurer is trying to verify which group we belong to since the last report we had was that Branch 38 was in Group V. The Standing Rule Amendment at the National Convention was approved at figures that would put our Branch back in Group IV if it went into effect immediately. FRA HQ staff is still trying to verify it, but evidently the Finance Officer thinks we are back in Group IV.

SR 5(b) National Awards prior to vote

Group I	763 Mbrs or more
Group II	363 to 762 Mbrs
Group III	188 to 362 Mbrs
Group IV	88 to 187 Mbrs
Group V	10 to 87 Mbrs

SR5(b) National Awards after vote

Group I	513 Mbrs or more
Group II	313 to 512 Mbrs
Group III	113 to 312 Mbrs
Group IV	63 to 112 Mbrs
Group V	10 to 62 Mbrs

NW Regional Scuttlebutt – The first edition of this year’s Scuttlebutt from the NW Regional President has been published. He is looking for a “few good Shipmates” to fill some Chair positions. Please take a look on the website for this issue and contact him if you wish to fill one of the chairs that are still open. They are, Disaster Relief Committee, Americanism-Patriotism Committee, and Youth Activities Chairman.

National Officer Nominations - we have received three nominations so far:

- NVP PRPSW Mick Fulton is running again this year.
- NED PRPEC Chris Slawinski is running for the spot that Shipmate Snee is vacating.
John Davis, Director, FRA Legislative Programs, is also running for the spot that Shipmate Snee is vacating.

2018-2019 Officers & Committee – We have received the list of the new National and Regional Officer and the National Standing Committee members. The Secretary has made a copy of the respective Committee members for each of the Branch Chairs.

Wreaths Across America – Are we going to support this effort? We are a little late for ordering this year. We are also a little short on monies for these activities. Let’s discuss this.

The Branch 38 members present discussed who to sponsor this holiday season and they voted to donate \$250 to the Toys-for-Tots program.

Two Bell Ceremony – The following Shipmates were honored in a Two-Bell Ceremony today: Charles Eickmeyer, Lloyd Pierce, Charles Thompson, Charles Huggins, Charles Lewis, Hubert Steele, and Alfred Nichols. We also honored former LAFRA Unit 38 member Merle Hemming and former LAFRA NVP Karen Snee. The loss of so many shipmates to the Supreme Commanders team was found when we had the vote for the NW Region to merge with the West Coast Region.

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.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Branch 38 Christmas Potluck – The Secretary has a list of potluck items she is look for volunteers to bring next month.

It was noted that the US Flag that Branch 38 was using had only 48 stars. The Secretary/Treasurer was asked to get one that had 50 stars. It was noted that Uncle Sam’s Military memorabilia store in the Spokane Valley is still open, just moved a couple of doors down.

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

- **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 2018 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!!