



**Fleet Reserve Association  
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.  
Spokane, Washington**  
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**October 25, 2014 MINUTES**

**2014-2015 Branch Officers**

President Robert Bean  
 Vice President David Dummitt  
 Sec/Treas: Peg Burke  
  
 Chaplain Ralph Bean  
 Master-at-Arms James Robertson

**2010–2015 Board of Directors**

In addition to the Branch Officers:  
 James Robertson  
 Anna Martin  
 Michelle Davis

**2014–2015 Branch Committee Chairmen**

Americanism Dale Osman  
 HW&R Michelle Davis  
 Public Relations Ralph Bean  
 Youth Activities James Grisham

The October 25, 2014 monthly/luncheon meeting was held at the Longhorn BBQ at 7811 W. Hwy 2, Spokane, WA and was called to order at 1220 and presided over by Branch President Robert Bean.

- Introductions – Doug Orlob attended his first meeting since joining the branch in August of 2013.
- The minutes of the September 27, 2014 monthly/luncheon meeting were read and approved.
- The Treasurer report was read and approved.
- The Branch Secretary reported on all the communications received since the last meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2014 National Convention** – held in Corpus Christi, TX at the Omni Bayfront Hotel was attended by Shipmate Burke. She reported that most of the C&BL proposed changes were ruled out of order and therefore not enacted. Shipmate John Ippert was elected as the 2014-2015 National President (he was formerly the NVP). Shipmate Roger Mitchell was elected at National Vice President for the 2014-2015 year. She stated that during the Pre-Board meeting she was asked to present the progress of the NW Region’s preparation for the 2015 National Convention, which she did. Shipmate PRPNW Lazzaretti presented the first flyer for the 2015 National Convention to the FRA delegates. The banquet was shared with the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station’s Navy Ball. That made for a crowded banquet room.

**Americanism Essay Contest for 2014-2015** – The materials for this year’s essay contest is in and distribution to the various schools will be during the first week of August, thus the press release for the media. The theme this year is “**Why I Am Proud to Be an American**”.

*Now that most schools have their staffs back in the office after summer break, we can deliver the materials to the school counselors.  
 Shipmate Burke distributed copies of the Americanism package to East Valley Schools prior to the NWR Convention. She will try to get more out in the next week before she goes to the FRA National Convention.  
 The flyers have been distributed to the middle and high schools for the Central Valley School District, the East Valley School District, and the Mead District. Shipmate Dummitt distributed them to the Deer Park and Riverside Schools.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Milestone Awards for October, November, and December 2014** – At the end of the quarter the awards not presented at Branch Meetings will be mailed to them.

Don McGrogan	15 years	December 2014	Charles L. Murray	35 years	November 2014
John W. Norris	20 years	November 2014	Earl A. Lockie	40 years	October 2014
Patrick J. Peters	30 years	November 2014	John H. Moffatt	40 years	December 2014

*The 40-year award certificates are issued by the FRA National Headquarters Staff*

**Loss of Branch Shipmate:** Shipmate Dale D. Osman passed away on October 9, 2014. His services will be on Monday, October 27, 2014 at the Washington State Veteran's Cemetery, 21702 W. Espanola Rd, Medical Lake, WA at 1:30 p.m. Shipmate Osman was the Branch Chairman for the Americanism/Patriotism committee.

**Membership Report:** The notices of Widow's Subscriptions Renewals, new Recruiting Materials, and a change of hours for the FRA Member Services Department were received and to be acted upon.

**Northwest Region 2015 Convention:** will be hosted by Seattle Branch 18 on October 11-12, 2015 in Lynnwood, WA at the Embassy Suites Hotel. They will have credit card processing and online purchase options at their convention also. More information to come as the year goes along. The information that was given to the delegates at this year's convention will be scanned into the Branch website.

**FRA 2015 National Convention:** Will be held the week of October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, in Spokane, Washington. There is a Facebook Page that has been created by Shipmate PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti. It is called "Fleet Reserve Association 2015 National Convention". Shipmate Lazzaretti will be posting the first flyer on the Northwest Region's website. Branch 46 will be chairing the "ceremonies" portion of the convention, and Branch 59 will be chairing the Hospitality Room.

Branch 38 has been designated as the chair for logistics, i.e. where to purchase items locally, medical alerts to hospitals, ambulance services, and EMT teams, urgent care runs, which funeral homes to use if someone dies and needs to be shipped home for burial, and in general, be the "gophers" for the convention.

It has been suggested that we invite the Navy Ball Committee to join their 2015 event with our Saturday Night Banquet at the convention so that we can increase the numbers in attendance at this formal affair. Your input will be greatly appreciated if this would work or not. It is possible that we can keep the cost down for both events in 2015. Shipmate Grisham stated he would contact the NOSC to see if this proposal would be plausible for the Navy Ball Committee for the 2015 event.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Military Appreciation Night @ Spokane Shock Games** – Shipmate Grisham reported that the Spokane Shock's schedule shows Military Appreciation nights on 11/15/2014 and 1/24/2015. He is still trying to contact the person he talked with last year, but no luck yet. He will be working to get the information for us to set up a table for January 24<sup>th</sup>'s game.

**2014 Branch Christmas Party** – will be held at the VFW Post 51. We will again hold a Toys-For-Tots collection at the party.

**NWR Branch 46 Land Purchase** – Shipmate Burke stated that Honolulu Branch 46 is requesting assistance in purchasing the land their branch home sits on from the U.S. Navy. This land has been declared excess by the Navy and they are giving Branch 46 first crack at it. The purchase price is close to \$750,000 overall and their branch has asked for help. Branch 46 is the largest Branch in the FRA and the only one in the islands. Instead of donating from the Branch at this time, it was suggested that we set out a container for donations at the Christmas Party to give to Branch 46 to see what we collect first.

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2014 Luncheons**

- November 8, 2014 - Quarterly Meeting – at **11:00 AM**, VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA (no lunch)
- December 6, 2014 - Christmas Party - at **11:00 AM**, VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA (**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**)

## MEETING PLACES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015

(All sites have been visited. We just need to call the month ahead and remind them we will be coming.)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2014 Luncheons

- January 24, 2015 – Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant, 2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA
- February 28, 2015 - Quarterly Meeting at **1100 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- March 28, 2015 – Golden Corral, 7117 N. Division St, Spokane, WA

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2014 Luncheons

- April 25, 2015 – Applebee's, 2007 E. 29<sup>th</sup>, Spokane, WA
- May 30, 2015 - Quarterly Meeting at **1100 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- June 27, 2015 – Café Rio, 13920 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley, WA

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons

- July 25, 2015 – Monkey Business Café, 1913 W. Maxwell, Spokane, WA (Open on Saturday just for us)
- August 22, 2015 - Quarterly Meeting at **1100 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- September 26, 2015 – MacKenzie River Pizza, 2910 E. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spokane, WA

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2015 Luncheons

- October 24, 2015 – Prospectors Bar & Grill, Spokane, WA
- November 7, 2015 - Quarterly Meeting at **1100 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA
- December 5, 2015 – Christmas Lunch at **1100 AM** at the VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission, Spokane, WA (**Potluck**)

*Please let the Secretary/Treasurer know if you have a special restaurant you would like to meet at for future luncheons.*

Meeting Adjourned at 1300.

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Margret (Peg) Burke  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Robert Bean  
President