



OZARK EMPIRE BRANCH – 316, INC.

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

Representing Enlisted Personnel of the
U.S. NAVY * U.S. MARINE CORPS * U.S. COAST GUARD
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(Temporary Branch Address)

APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

**IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR DEATH OF ANY SHIPMATE
PLEASE NOTIFY THE BRANCH CHAPLAIN OR
SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

BRANCH OFFICERS

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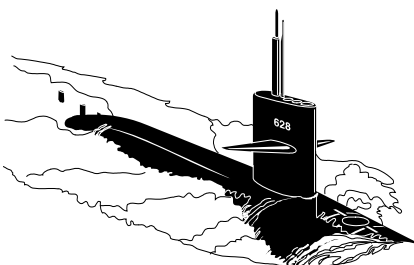
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EVENT CALENDAR APRIL 2017

Apr 1 – CPO Grade Est. (1893)
 Apr 9 - Nat. Former POW Recognition Day
 Apr 15 – FRA/La FRA Scholarship Deadline
 Apr 17 – Patriots' Day
 Apr 18 – Income Tax Deadline
 Apr 18 - Doolittle Raid over Tokyo (1942)
 Apr 22 – Earth Day
 Apr 26 – Admin Professionals' Day
 Apr 27 – Branch Meeting
 Apr 28 – Arbor Day
UPCOMING EVENTS

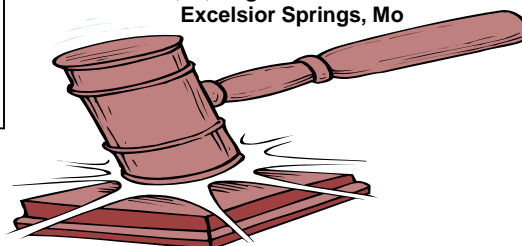
May 25 – Branch Meeting
 Jun 22 – Branch Meeting
 Jul 30,31, Aug 1 – NCR Convention
 Excelsior Springs, Mo



**YOU ARE WANTED
SHIPMATES
AT BRANCH 316'S
MEETINGS**

NEXT MEETING:

**4th . Thurs. 4-27-2017 (1800)
At American Legion Post 639
2660 S. Scenic Ave.
Springfield, MO.**



[BRANCH 316'S WEB PAGE \(frabr316.org\)](http://frabr316.org)



Our Meal for April 27th will be Polish Sausage and Cabbage. Meal provided by S/M Tom Newsome. We eat at 1700

NEXT MEETINGS: Our next meeting will be Thursday, 27 April 2017, which will commence at 1800. We will meet at the American Legion Post 639 located at 2660 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, MO.

LAST MEETING: Our meeting was called to order by S/M President at 1800 with 13 members in attendance. We had the following guests: The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Preamble to the Constitution of the FRA was repeated by all members. We had one new member for initiation, S/M Jeff Morrison. A motion was made by S/M Don Brunk to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting FEBRUARY 23, 2017 and approved as published in the March 2017 Newsletter, seconded by S/M Lloyd Hoover and motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM - S/M Bobbie Combs reported: No Report

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported: No Report

LEGISLATIVE

- The following FRA News-Bytes were available to read: 02/24/2017, 03/03/2017, 03/10/2017, and 03/17/2017.
- E-mail to Representative Long on 03/02/2017 (Support SBP/Dic Repeal Legislation (HR 846).
- E-mail to Senator Blunt on 03/02/2017 (Support SBP/Dic Repeal Legislation (S 369).
- E-mail to Senator McCaskill on 03/02/2017 (Support SBP/Dic Repeal Legislation (S 369).
- E-mail to Representative Long on 03/14/2017 (Eliminate VA Choice Program Expiration Date (HR 369).
- E-mail from Representative Long on 02/24/2017 (Weekly Newsletter)
- E-mail from Senator Blunt on 02/27/2017 (Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 03/03/2017 (Weekly Newsletter)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 03/06/2017 (Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act.)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 03/10/2017 (Weekly Newsletter)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 03/17/2017 (Weekly Newsletter)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 03/18/2017 (Missouri has the real “Spirit of Enterprise).

MEMBERSHIP

- 0 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 1 Deletions, 2 Suspension, 3 Members past due, 147 Total active members, 3 Members Past due, 144 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – S/M Nolan Moody reported on:

- Attended MCL Det. 993 Meeting, and did 11 Memorial Team Funerals.
- Attended VFW Post 3404 Meeting
- Attended FRA Branch 316 Meeting
- Attended American Legion Post 639 Meeting
- Attended JCF(Joint Community Forces) Meeting at NOS: Next meeting will be 3/9/2017, at 1400, at the NOSC
- There will be a 4th of July parade. More info coming.
- Upcoming Events:
 - March 30 – 100th WWI Appreciation Jefferson City
 - April 21 – MSU 3rd Veterans Ball
 - April 27 – Vet’s Appreciation Day
 - May 16 – Honor Flight to D.C.
 - May 29 – Memorial Day Ceremony at National Cemetery (FRA will sponsor)
 - July 15 – MCL has challenged all area VSO’s to a pistol match at 0730 at the Am Vets Post Home

YOUTH – S/M Chuck Ewy reported: No Report

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Secretary reported on:

- NED Memo 2-17: Nominating Resolution (Nominating NVP William E. Starkey for NP).
- National President Revised Letter of (Financial Report of the 89th National Convention)
- NP Serial Letter 3-17 – Convening of the National Board of Directors’ Midyear Meeting.
- NED Memo 3-17 – Annual Report of Branch Officers.
- NED Memo 4-17 – Annual Report Forms.
- NED Memo 5-17 – Certification pf Branch Representation at the 90th National Convention.
- FRA Membership Newsletter for March.

TREASURERS REPORT

- S/M Treasurer Tom Griffin gave the Treasurers report. All Bills paid.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- S/M President gave a report on Building Committee. Recommended we build a portable building for all of our stuff we have stored at his place. S/M Bill Turpin made a motion that Branch 316 approve building a portable building, not to exceed \$10,000.00, on the premise of American Legion Post 639 after getting permission from the AL Post 639. Motion was seconded by S/M Lloyd Hoover. After heavy discussion the vote passed with 12 ayes and 1 nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M President solicited volunteers for a Nominating Committee: S/M Bill Turpin, S/M Don Brunk, and S/M Tom Newsome.
- S/M Secretary brought up what the Branch could do to help build our membership. Other Branches are doing membership discounting for first time members. This was put out there for information. No action was taken at this time.
- S/M Secretary also mentioned our business cards have the wrong information on them as to where we are meeting. I can make new one with my printer or we can take it to the original printing company. Secretary will get an estimate.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Information was put out on the progress of the Law Suit against AL Post 639, and how they are progressing.
- S/M Tom Griffin stated they are making great progress with their books.
- The meal for April will be Polish Sausage and Cabbage prepared by S/M Tom Newsome.
- New member Jeff Morrison addressed the assembly.

S/M Bobbie Combs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S/M Carl Pyper. Passed.
Meeting Adjourned 1920

MEMBERS WHOSE RENEWAL DATE IS ON APRIL 30, 2017: James Burger, Rex Cobb, Brandon Graff, Harry Miles, Thomas Newsom, and Jimmy Wilkerson.

MEMBERS DUES THAT EXPIRED AS OF JANUARY 31, 2017: Donald Beebe, Laverne Kutz, and Darrell Whittaker. **FEBRUARY 28, 2017:** None. **MARCH 31, 2017:** David McAllister. We hope you will consider renewing. If you need any assistance please notify Secretary Ewy at 417-887-3115 – HM, 417-861-9926 - Cell (If no answer please leave a message) or e-mail me at: cmewy@sbcglobal.net. **If you have sent in your dues and are still listed in arrears, please contact me to get it corrected.**

MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN TERMINATED FOR NON PAYMENT OF DUES: Stephen Hagenoff, and Robert Woverton.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE REPORTED TO THE STAFF OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER: Hobart McPheeters

SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS: Shipmates, we need to increase the membership of Branch 316. If you talk to an active, retiree, reservist or veteran that has served honorably in the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard – **Sign them up for the FRA.** Attached is an application. **BETTER YET ATTEND OUR NEXT MEETING TO GET AN APPLICATION IN PERSON.** We would love to have all our members attend in person.

SHIPMATES JUST A REMINDER THAT MEMBERSHIP DUES HAVE CHANGED AS OF JANUARY 1, 2017:

Regular: (1 year - \$40), (2 years - \$75), (2 years - \$64 [new members only]), (5 years - \$180)

Life Member Dues: (Active Duty - \$400), (Under age 40 - \$450), (Age 41 – 50 - \$425), (Age 51 – 60 - \$390), (Age 61 – 70 - \$340), (Age 71 – 80 - \$260), (Age 81 – 100 - \$200), (Over 100 – Free)

VISITATION: Shipmates, if you are sick or confined to bed and would like a shipmate to visit you, please let us know so we can make arrangements. **Contact: S/M Chaplin – Don Brunk (417-886-1146), S/M Secretary – Chuck Ewy (417-887-3115) or S/M President – Jim Grier (417-350-3888).**

APRIL 2017 CONTINUOUS MEMBERS: We want to congratulate the following members of Branch 316 for their continuous membership in the FRA:

James Burger	24 Yrs.	Rex Cobb	25 Yrs.	Lawrence Day	24 Yrs.
Jerry Fitzpatrick	24 Yrs.	Brandon Graff	2 Yrs.	Harry Miles	43 Yrs.
Arnold Moldenhauer	32 Yrs.	Tom Newsom	2 Yrs.	Gary O'Dell	20 Yrs.
Russell Reagin	26 Yrs.	Jimmie Shehi	44 Yrs.	Greg Shilts	10 Yrs.
Terrell Staple	38 Yrs.	Jimmy Wilkerson	21 Yrs.	James Zahm	31 Yrs.

WE WISH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES A HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL 2017:

Don Brunk	71 Yrs.	Rex Cobb	86 Yrs.	Susan Crosby	68 Yrs.
Dale Fanning	81 Yrs.	Carl Jansen	73 Yrs.	Robert Lea	88 Yrs.
Verone Nelson	91 Yrs.	Kenneth Ramsey	87 Yrs.	Russell Reagin	75 Yrs.
Norma Wright	79 Yrs.				

If any of these are incorrect please notify Branch Secretary.

Chuck Ewy
Secretary, Branch 316

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The crew of a U.S. Coast Guard ship, WMEC-907, that seized 5,600 pounds (2,540 kilos) of cocaine and arrested five smugglers in September 2016, returned home to San Diego where they offloaded the contraband on October 27, 2016.