



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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Springfield, MO 65804 \* (417) 887- 3115  
(Temporary Branch Address)

## MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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

### BRANCH OFFICERS

<b>President:</b>	<b>Jim Grier</b>	<b>714 S. Stratford Dr., Springfield, MO 65809</b>	<b>(417)350-3888</b>
<b>Vice Pres:</b>	<b>Nolan Moody</b>	<b>4334 W. La Siesta St., Springfield, MO 65802</b>	<b>(417)894-0083</b>
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<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Thomas Griffin</b>	<b>3555 S. Forestdale St., Springfield, MO 65809</b>	<b>(417)886-1185</b>
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### BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

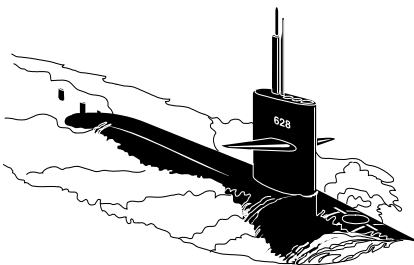
<b>Bd. Of Dir.</b>	<b>Paul Bailey</b>	<b>2738 E. Blaine St., Springfield, MO 65803</b>	<b>(417)501-8193</b>
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### EVENT CALENDAR MAY 2017

May 8 – VE Day, WWII ends (1945)  
 May 10 – Coast Guard Band Est. (1925)  
 May 13 – Navy Nurse Corps Est. (1908)  
 May 14 – Mother's Day  
 May 15 – Peace Officers Memorial Day  
 May 20 – Armed Forces Day  
 May 25 – Branch Meeting (ELECTIONS)  
 May 29 – Memorial Day – FRA Sponsors  
 Program at National Cemetery

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 22 – Branch Meeting  
 Jul 27 – Branch Meeting  
 Jul 30,31, Aug 1 – NCR Convention  
 Excelsior Springs, Mo  
 Aug 24 – Branch Meeting



### NEXT MEETING:

4<sup>th</sup> . Thurs. 5-25-2017 (1800)  
 At American Legion Post 639  
 2660 S. Scenic Ave.  
 Springfield, MO.



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

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

*Our Meal for May 25th will be a Surprise. We eat at 1700*

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Our next meeting will be Thursday, 25 May 2017, which will commence at 1800. It will be our elections of Branch Officers. 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 19 members in attendance. 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 Sabrina Bonnette PSC(AW), USN, RET., who works for the Missouri Job Center as the Disabled Veterans' Representative Ozarks Region. At this time S/M Bonnette was given the floor to enlighten Branch 316 on what her position had to offer "Disabled Veterans". A motion was made by S/M Don Brunk to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting MARCH 23, 2017 and approved as published in the April 2017 Newsletter, seconded by S/M Bobbie Combs and motion passed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM - S/M Bobbie Combs reported:**

- Branch 316 had two winners at the Regional level: First Place Grade 10 – Rachael Madewell (\$100.00 and a NCR Certificate), Third Place Grade 7 – Mason Murray (\$50.00 and a NCR Certificate).

**HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:**

- That Nat Young had passed away.
- It was also mentioned that S/M Darrell Osborn could not make the meetings on Thursdays due to Dialysis.

### **LEGISLATIVE**

- The following FRA News-Bytes were available to read: 03/24/2017, 03/31/2017, 04/07/2017, and 04/17/2017.
- E-mail to President Trump on 04/08/2017 (Increase Coast Guard Budget like the Armed Service Budget).
- E-mail to Vice Pres. Pence on 04/08/2017 (Increase Coast Guard Budget like the Armed Service Budget).
- E-mail to Senator Blunt on 04/17/2017 (Pass FY 2017 Defense Budget Now).
- E-mail to Senator McCaskill on 04/17/2017 (Pass FY 2017 Defense Budget Now).
- E-mail to Representative Long on 04/17/2017 (Pass FY 2017 Defense Budget Now).
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 03/24/2017 (Important updates for our veterans).
- E-mail from Representative Long on 03/24/2017 (WN – The facts of the reconciliation process)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 03/29/2017 (New investigation into opioid manufactures).
- E-mail from Senator Blunt on 03/30/2017 (Concurrent receipt and veterans' retirement benefits)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 03/31/2017 (WN – The value of the Essential Air Service program)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 04/06/2017 (Sunday deadline for veteran's survey {4-9}).
- E-mail from Representative Long on 04/07/2017 (WN – Riverside Bridge)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 04/11/2017 (Full [Bipartisan] steam ahead).
- E-mail from Representative Long on 04/14/2017 (WN – Taking a stand against the Assad regime)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 04/21/2017 (WN – Keeping our promise to veterans and their families)
- E-mail from Senator Blunt on 04/27/2017 (Defense Spending)

### **MEMBERSHIP**

- 1 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 0 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:**

- Upcoming Events:
  - May 16 – Honor Flight to D.C.
  - May 29 – Memorial Day Ceremony at National Cemetery (Chuck and Tom will carry flags)
  - 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:**

- He will attend the Scout meeting 05/04/2017. It is awards night.

**COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Secretary reported on:**

- NED Memo 6-17 – Changes to C&BL and Standing Rules from the 89<sup>th</sup> National Convention.
- FRA Membership Newsletter for April.
- Director of Membership – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Membership /Voting Strength 2016-2017

- 2016-2017 Americanism-Patriotism Essay Contest Winners from National (No winners for Branch 316)

**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. He took our proposal to AL 639's E-Board and got positive response. Although no action was taken. A comment was made that we may want to consider a ground lease for the building.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- S/M Secretary read the letter from the Nominating Committee for 2017-2018: Pres – S/M Bill Turpin, Vice Pres – S/M Frank Parker, Secy. (2 Yr.) S/M Chuck Ewy, Trea. (2 Yr.) S/M Tom Griffin, Bd. of Dir.: S/M Jim Grier JrPP, S/M Lloyd Hoover, S/M Forrest Durnell, S/M Nolan Moody, S/M Tom Newsome, S/M Don Brunk.
- S/M Secretary made a motion that Branch 316 purchase a full page ad in the NCR Convention Journal for 2017 for \$80.00. The motion was seconded by S/M Bobbie Combs and passed.
- S/M Secretary made a motion that Branch 316 at a regular branch meeting, a quorum being present did approve and grant the CH of this branch's Convention Delegation, the authority to add the name of any member in good standing of this branch at the NCR and the National Conventions to the Delegation Credential Certificate. Seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- S/M Sid Smith mentioned there would be a celebration of WWI's 100-year anniversary on Saturday May the 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Nixa, Mo.
- S/M President presented S/M Secretary Chuck Ewy with the "Silver Anchor Squadron Membership Award". This is for recruiting fifty members into the FRA

S/M Nolan Moody made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S/M Don Brunk. Passed.  
Meeting Adjourned 1925.

**MEMBERS WHOSE RENEWAL DATE IS ON MAY 31, 2017:** James Ervin, Thomas Lint, and Carl Pyper.

**MEMBERS DUES THAT EXPIRED AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017:** None. **MARCH 31, 2017:** David McAllister  
**APRIL 30, 2017:** Rex Cobb and Brandon Graff. 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](mailto: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:** Donald Beebe, Laverne Kutz, and Darrell Whittaker.

**MEMBERS WHO HAVE REPORTED TO THE STAFF OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER:** None

**VISITATION:** Shipmates, if you are sick or confined to bed please let us know so we can make arrangements for a Shipmate to come and visit you. **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:

Norman Basham	31 Yrs.	Bruce Blankenship	21 Yrs.	James Ervin	32 Yrs.
Ric Jackson	17 Yrs.	Thomas Lint	3 Yrs.	James Moran	18 Yrs.
Darrell Osborn	36 Yrs.	Carl Pyper	3 Yrs.	Jim Smith	59 Yrs.
Matthew Stewart	11 Yrs.	Edward Teeple	43 Yrs.	Wallace Watson	31 Yrs.
Richard Wilken	51 Yrs.				

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

Paul Bailey	82 Yrs.	Robert Baker	83 Yrs.	Robert Callahan	73 Yrs.
Patricia Cooper	68 Yrs.	Tony DeLong	64 Yrs.	James Garton	71 Yrs.
Joseph Hessler	67 Yrs.	Ric Jackson	71 Yrs.	Thomas Lint	44 Yrs.
Thomas Newsom	69 Yrs.	Richard Reed	78 Yrs.	Jim Smith	82 Yrs.

**If any of these are incorrect please notify Branch Secretary.**

Chuck Ewy  
Secretary, Branch 316

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**MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM 2017**  
**SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**  
**NATIONAL CEMETERY**

**Hosted by Ozark Empire Branch 316 Fleet Reserve Association**  
**Monday, May 29th**



**2016 Ceremony, S/M Nolan Moody and S/M Jim Grier**