



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)

## AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

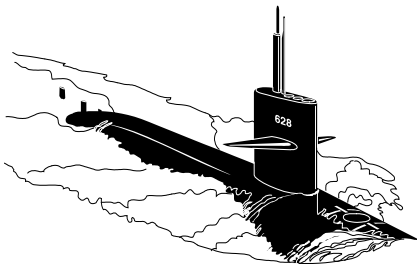
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PLEASE NOTIFY THE BRANCH CHAPLAIN OR  
SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

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### EVENT CALENDAR AUGUST 2017

Aug 1 – Wrap up of NCR Conv.  
 Aug 4 – U.S. Coast Guard B-Day (1790)  
 Vietnam Conflict Began (1964)  
 Aug 14 – Nat. Navajo Code Talkers Day  
 VJ Day Japanese Surrender (1945)  
 Aug 24 – Branch Meeting  
 Aug 29 – USMC Reserves Founded  
 (1916)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 19-24 – FRA National Conv. Hunt  
 Valley, MD.  
 Sep 28 – Branch Meeting  
 Oct 26 – Branch Meeting  
 Nov 16 – Tentative Branch Meeting  
 Dec – Tentative No Meeting



**YOU ARE WANTED**

**SHIPMATES**

**AT BRANCH 316'S**

**MEETINGS**

### NEXT MEETING:

**4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. 8-24-2017 (1800)**  
**At American Legion Post 639**  
**2660 S. Scenic Ave.**  
**Springfield, MO.**



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

### *I'm Not Sure There Will be a Meal for the August 24th Meeting.*

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Our next meeting will be Thursday, 24 August 2017, which will commence at 1800. We will meet at 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 15 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Preamble to the Constitution of the FRA was repeated by all members. A motion was made by S/M Don Brunk to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting MAY 25, 2017 and approved as published in the JUNE 2017 Newsletter, seconded by S/M Forrest Durnell and motion passed.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM - S/M Norma Wright reported:**

- That all letters have been sent out to the various schools.

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

- No Report

#### **LEGISLATIVE**

- The following FRA News-Bytes were available to read: 06/30/2017, 07/07/2017, 07/14/2017, and 07/21/2017.
- E-mail to Representative Long on 07/08/2017 (Support Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act (H.R. 3011))
- E-mail to Senator Blunt on 07/11/2017 (Expand VA Caregivers Program (HR 1472/S 591))
- E-mail to Senator McCaskill on 07/11/2017 (Expand VA Caregivers Program (HR 1472/S 591))
- E-mail to Representative Long on 07/11/2017 (Expand VA Caregivers Program (HR 1472/S 591))
- E-mail to Senator Blunt on 07/21/2017 (Oppose Onerous Provisions in Senate NDAA (S 1519))
- E-mail to Senator McCaskill on 07/21/2017 (Oppose Onerous Provisions in Senate NDAA (S 1519))
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 06/27/2017 (Secret chemical weapons tests on U.S. servicemen)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 06/30/2017 (Modernizing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 07/07/2017 (The past, present, and future of the Emergency Alert System)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 07/12/2017 (Everything that could go wrong, did go wrong)
- E-mail from Senator Blunt 07/13/2017 (Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act.)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 07/14/2017 (Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act.)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 07/14/2017 (The economic impact of the great outdoors)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 07/20/2017 (This is what happens when politicians don't listen)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 07/21/2017 (Confronting cybersecurity challenges head-on)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 07/24/2017 (Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act (H.R. 3011))
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 07/26/2017 (Securing our borders and helping veterans land jobs... a win-win in my book)

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

- 0 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 2 Deletions, 2 Suspension, 4 Members past due, 143 Total active members, 4 Members Past due, 139 Members in good standing.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS – S/M Nolan Moody reported on:**

- Upcoming Events:
  - July 15 – MCL challenge pistol match – Had 4 three person teams – 1 VFW 3404 and 3 MCL. MCL took first three places. S/M Moody was on 2<sup>nd</sup> place team and was fourth out of twelve shooters.
  - No word on Springfield's Veterans Day Parade.
  - Am Vets Post #188 from Willard asked and received the OK to host a Veterans Day Parade in Willard at no, or very little cost to the Post. They will start sending out invitations ASAP.
  - Springfield Hotel/Motel association is hosting their 17<sup>th</sup> annual Fund Raiser Golf Tournament on September 11, 2017 and I was requested to plan a 9/11 Tribute for the event.
  - American Legion Post 639 "LZ" will be hosting weekly "Jam Sessions" starting July 30<sup>th</sup> through August from 1400 to 1700 along with Happy Hour.

- August 19<sup>th</sup> is Semper Fi Night at the Springfield Cardinals Game. All of the Weapons Company Marines and Corpsmen and several members of the MCL Detachment will march onto the field to Honor all Marines.

**YOUTH – S/M Chuck Ewy reported:**

- August 4<sup>th</sup> will be Scout day at the Springfield Cardinals with Boy and Cub Scouts parading around the field.

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

- National Executive Director Memo # 8-17 – Resolutions for Consideration at the 90<sup>th</sup> Nat. Convention.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

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

**UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:**

- S/M Jim Grier, Building Committee Chair, reported that building a Quonset Hut for storage of Ozark Empire's belongings has renewed interest with the American Legion Post 639.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- S/M Virginia Swayne was welcomed back.

S/M Nolan Moody made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S/M Bobbie Combs. Passed.

Next Meeting is August 24, 2017 at American Legion Post 639.

Meeting Adjourned 1838.

**MEMBERS WHOSE RENEWAL DATE IS ON AUGUST 31, 2017:** James Moran and James Smith.

**MEMBERS DUES THAT EXPIRED AS OF MAY 31, 2017:** Thomas Lint, and Carl Pyper. **JUNE 30, 2017:** None.

**JULY 31, 2017:** None. 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:** Rex Cobb and Brandon Graff.

**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).

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

Robert Adams	53 Yrs.	Paul Bailey	35 Yrs.	Charles Birlew	44 Yrs.
Billie Jo Christy	23 Yrs.	Patricia Cooper	9 Yrs.	Willard Davis	39 Yrs.
James Moran	39 Yrs.	James Smith	35 Yrs.	Julia Vetter	22 Yrs.

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

Robert Brauch	81 Yrs.	Billie Jo Christy	75 Yrs.	Willard Davis	85 Yrs.
Lawrence Day	77 Yrs.	Billy Harris	84 Yrs.	Harry Higgason	57 Yrs.
James Jenkins	78 Yrs.	Arnold Moldenhauer	78 Yrs.	Bill Turpin	84 Yrs.

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

Chuck Ewy  
Secretary, Branch 316

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