



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)

## FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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

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### BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

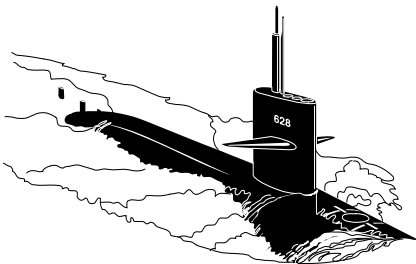
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### EVENTS FEB 2018

Feb 4 – USO B-Day (1941)  
 Feb 12 – Lincoln’s B-Day  
 Feb 13 – Women Marines B-Day (1943)  
 Feb 14 – Valentine’s Day  
 Feb 19 – USCG Reserves B-Day (1941)  
 Presidents’ Day  
 Feb 22 – Washington’s B-Day  
 Feb 22 – Branch 316 Meeting

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 22 – Branch 316 Meeting  
 Apr 9,10,11 – NCR Mid-Year, Stone  
 Castle Hotel, Branson, MO.  
 Apr 26 – Branch 316 Meeting  
 May 24 – Branch Meeting



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

### NEXT MEETING:

**4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. Feb 22, 2018 (1800)  
At American Legion Post 639  
2660 S. Scenic Ave.  
Springfield, MO.**



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

*The Meal for February 22<sup>nd</sup> Will Be "Chicken Cordon Bleu". Provided by Tom Newsom.*

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Our next meeting will be Thursday, 22 February 2018, which will commence at 1800. We will meet at American Legion Post 639, 2660 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, MO.. **"DINNER WILL COMMENCE AT 1700."**

**LAST MEETING:** Our meeting was called to order by S/M President at 1800 with 14 members in attendance. We had no new members for initiation. We had two guests: PPNCR Marty Posekany and NCRP Rosemary Posekany. 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 November 16, 2017 and approved as published in the JANUARY 2018 Newsletter, seconded by S/M Tom Griffin and motion passed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Branch 316 had 58 essays for this year. The trophies and Certificates are all completed.

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

- We had two Shipmates report to the Staff of the Supreme Commander: S/M Jackie Hill (2/5/2017) and S/M Jerry D. Aldridge (1/11/2018). Also S/M Lloyd Hoover spent several days in the hospital but is doing great.

### **LEGISLATIVE**

- The following FRA News-Bytes were available to read: 11/17/2017, 12/1/2017, 12/8/2017, 12/15/2017, 1/5/2018, 1/12/2018, and 1/19/2018.
- E-mail from Representative Long on 11/17/2017 (The importance of a conference committee)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 11/17/2017 (Missouri jobs are on the line)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 11/23/2017 (Gobble gobble, Missouri)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 11/24/2017 (A tax code for all)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 12/1/2017 (The opioid crisis)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 12/2/2017 (Putting teeth back in our fight against the opioid crisis)
- E-mail reply from Representative Long on 12/8/2017 (Hiring our heroes)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 12/14/2017 (I support real tax reform. This isn't it)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 12/15/2017 (Just plain dumb)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 12/21/2017 (Taking advantage of our veterans is wrong, disgraceful, and has to stop.)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 12/22/2017 (An economy that works for the people)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 12/29/2017 (Energy and Commerce: A year in review)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 1/3/2018 (Please share: A behind-the-scenes look...)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 1/5/2018 (A pro-energy President)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 1/6/2018 (Riding shotgun)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 1/12/2018 (21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures one year later)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 1/19/2018 (Fighting for farmers everywhere)

### **MEMBERSHIP**

- 0 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 4 Members past due, 136 Total active members, 4 Members Past due, 132 Members in good standing.

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

- Activity for November:
  - Missed VFW 3404 Meeting
  - Missed MCL Det. 993 Meeting
    - Participated in 11 Memorial Team Funerals
  - Attended FRA Branch 316 Meeting
    - No Building Committee Meeting
  - Attended American Legion Post 639 Meeting
  - Am Vets Post 188 Meeting canceled
  - Joint Community Forces next Meeting March 15th

**YOUTH – S/M Chuck Ewy reported:**

- We did the re-charter paper work for Cub Scout Pack 694.

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

- Read over the 2018 NCR Mid-Year Conference Newsletter #1
- Mentioned the Nominating Resolution for James E. "Robbie" Robbins for National Vice President 2018-2019.

- Reported on the 2017 NCR Convention awards received for Branch 316: Legislative Service – 1<sup>st</sup> – Group IV; Membership – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Group IV; Newsletter – 1<sup>st</sup> – Group IV; Public Relations – 1<sup>st</sup> – Group IV; Youth Activities – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Group IV.
- National Membership Newsletter for December
- National President's Serial Letter 1-18 (2017-2018 Officers and Committees)
- Mentioned the Second and Third Quarter 2017-2018 Membership Report
- National Membership Newsletter for January

**TREASURERS REPORT**

- Treasurer's report given by Shipmate Tom Griffin, all bills paid.

**UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- S/M Secretary made a motion that Ozark Empire Branch 316 send a \$10.00 check to Branch 161 to help defray the cost of the NCR Mid-Year Conference. Motion seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- NCRP Rosemary Posekany was introduced to do a 40 year Continuous Membership Pin presentation to S/M Secretary Chuck Ewy.
- NCRP then addressed the assembly and gave a report on the NCR and the status of membership in the FRA. She urged Branch 316 to attend the Mid-Year Conference in Branson, MO on April 9 - 11. Also the NCR Convention in Grand Rapids, MI on August 9 – 12. She mentioned that she had made up a complete manual with: FRA C&B; FRA Rituals; FRA Standing Rules; Branch Administration Manual; NCR Bylaws and Standing Rules; and Branch Secretary Checklist.

Next Meeting is February 23, 2018 at the American Legion Post 639.

S/M Bobbie Combs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S/M Lloyd Hoover. Passed.

Meeting Adjourned 1858.

**MEMBERS WHOSE RENEWAL DATE IS ON FEBRUARY 28, 2018:** Garth Greene, James Hawthorne, David McDaniel and Terry Morgan.

**MEMBERS DUES THAT EXPIRED AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2017:** Troy Mills. **NOVEMBER 30, 2017:** J.P. Butler, Stephen Hagenoff, and Fred Van Natta. **DECEMBER 31, 2017:** None. **JANUARY 31, 2018:** Charles Achterberg, and Kenneth Ramsey. 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:** Darin Hargis and James Smith.

**MEMBERS WHO HAVE REPORTED TO THE STAFF OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER:** S/M Jackie Hill (2/5/2017) and S/M Jerry D. Aldridge (1/11/2018).

**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 – Bill Turpin (417-234-9933).

**JANUARY 2018 CONTINUOUS MEMBERS:** We want to congratulate the following members of Branch 316 for their continuous membership in the FRA:

Forrest Durnell	45 Yrs.	Charles Ewy	40 Yrs.	Garth Greene	33 Yrs.
Jack Haney	44 Yrs.	Billy Harris	44 Yrs.	James Hawthorne	4 Yrs.
David McDaniel	40 Yrs.	Terry Morgan	19 Yrs.	Verone Nelson	38 Yrs.

**WE WISH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES A HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY 2018:**

Robert Adams	86 Yrs.	Jerry Aldridge	80 Yrs.	Charles Birlew	96 Yrs.
Don Doss	91 Yrs.	Dale Duke	62 Yrs.	Jonathan Ewbank	69 Yrs.
Jerry Fitzpatrick	88 Yrs.	Philip Fogle	78 Yrs.	Bert Kortum	58 Yrs.
Richard Laird	75 Yrs.	James Moran III	79 Yrs.	Robert Parham	81 Yrs.
Barry Ralls	64 Yrs.	Dean Stack	54 Yrs.	Virginia Swayne	57 Yrs.
James Thompson	86 Yrs.	Robert Turner	65 Yrs.	Pam Warner-Dawes	67 Yrs.

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

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