



OZARK EMPIRE BRANCH – 316, INC.



FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

*Representing Enlisted Personnel of the
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APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

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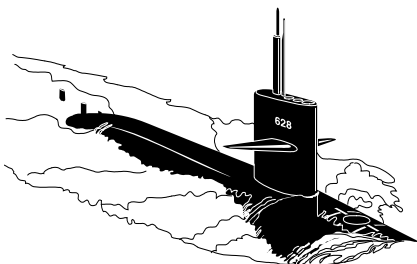
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EVENTS APR 2018

Apr 1 – CPO Grade Est. (1893)
 Apr 9,10,11 – NCR Mid-Year, Stone Castle
 Hotel, Branson, MO.
 Apr 9 – National Former POW Recognition
 Day
 Apr 15 – Deadline FRA/LA FRA
 Scholarships
 Apr 16 – Patriots' Day
 Apr 17 – Income Tax Deadline
 Apr 18 – Doolittle Raid over Tokyo (1942)
 Apr 26 – Branch 316 Meeting
 Receive Nominations from Nominating
 Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 24 – Branch Meeting - Elections
 Jun 28 – Branch Meeting – Installation of
 Branch Officers



YOU ARE WANTED

SHIPMATES

AT BRANCH 316'S

MEETINGS

NEXT MEETING:

**4th Thurs. Apr 26, 2018 (1800)
 At American Legion Post 639
 2660 S. Scenic Ave.
 Springfield, MO.**



BRANCH 316'S WEB PAGE (frabr316.org)

The Meal for April 26th Will Be "Spaghetti and Meat Balls and Garlic Bread" Provided by S/M Tom Newsom.

NEXT MEETINGS: Our next meeting will be Thursday, 26 April 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 11 members in attendance. We had one new member for initiation, USMC Vet Douglas A. Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Preamble to the Constitution of the FRA was repeated by all members. S/M President invoked a moment of silence to honor our NCRP Rosemary Posekany who was tragically killed in an accident March 15th.

At this time S/M President turned the meeting over to S/M Norma Wright to conduct the awards ceremony for the winners of the Branch 316's 2017-2018 Americanism Essay Contest. The winners were: 7th Grade – Dani Harris and 8th Grade – Hailey Weibrecht (These two were not present); 9th Grade – Gretchen Taylor; 10th Grade – Joshua Ketel; 11th Grade – Rachael Madewell; and 12th Grade – Sydney Swillum. All participants, and we had 59, received a Participation Certificate; All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners received a Plaque and appropriate Certificate; and all 1st place winners received a check for \$100.00 from Ozark Empire Branch 316.



At the conclusion of the awards ceremony S/M President resumed Branch 316's meeting. A motion was made by S/M Don Brunk to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting FEBRUARY 22, 2018 and approved as published in the MARCH 2018 Newsletter, seconded by S/M Nolan Moody and motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM - S/M Norma Wright reported:

- Ozark Empire held an awards ceremony for the First Place Winners of the 2017 - 2018 Americanism Essay contest. We had four winners present:

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- We had one S/M Report to the Supreme Commander: S/M Melvin L. Zajicek

LEGISLATIVE

- The following FRA News-Bytes were available to read: 2/23/2018, 3/2/2018, 3/9/2018, and 3/16/2018.
- E-mail from Representative Long on 2/23/2018 (529 Savings Plans and the new tax law)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 2/24/2018 (What do I have in common with Republican Senators Bill Cassidy and Tim Scott?)
- E-mail reply from Representative Long on 3/2/2018 (Restoring our roads and bridges)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 3/3/2018 (Taxpayer-funded subsidies for...Big Pharma drug commercials)
- E-mail reply from Representative Long on 3/9/2018 (The North Korean Dictator's Dreams of his Father and Grandfather)
- E-mail from Representative Long on 3/16/2018 (Trade agreements can be bipartisan)

- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 2/10/2018 (Rising ER costs in Missouri)
- E-mail from Senator McCaskill on 3/21/2018 (Check out my new resource to protect veterans from scams)

MEMBERSHIP

- 0 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 1 Deletions, 3 Suspension, 3 Members past due, 129 Total active members, 3 Members Past due, 126 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – S/M Nolan Moody reported on:

- Activity for:
 - VFW 3404 Attended Meeting
 - Attended MCL Det. 993 Meeting
 - Participated in 12 Memorial Team Funerals
 - Attended FRA Branch 316 Meeting
 - No Building Committee Meeting
 - Assisted American Legion Post 1214 with 2018 Memorial Day program
 - Attended American Legion Post 639 Meeting
 - Attended Am Vets Post 188 Meeting
 - 2018 Veterans Day Parade planning meeting
 - Vietnam Veterans of America
 - VVA is hosting the Vietnam Veteran's Recognition program at National Cemetery March 24, 2018
 - Joint Community Forces: Attended Meeting March 15th
 - Upcoming Events:
 - April 28th: 4th annual Military Ball by Student Veterans of MSU, Drury, OTC, and Evangel
 - Nov 3rd: Western Greene County Veterans Day Parade. "Honoring Old' Glory" Theme

YOUTH – S/M Chuck Ewy reported:

- Pack 694 is doing fine.

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Secretary reported on:

- The National Membership Newsletter
 - They had listed all Branches and recruiters that have recruited 4 or more members this year. In the North Central Region, we only had one branch, Branch 364 that was listed.

TREASURERS REPORT

- No Report.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M President asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee:
 - S/M Don Brunk
 - S/M Jim Grier
 - S/M Nolan Moody
- S/M Secretary Chuck Ewy made a motion that Ozark Empire Branch 316 donate \$100.00 to the NCR Americanism Essay Fund in remembrance of RPNC Rosemary Posekany. Motion was seconded by S/M Don Brunk and motion passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M Jim Grier stated that Darrin Hargis is the potential next Post 639 Commander for 2018/2019

Next Meeting is April 26, 2018 at the American Legion Post 639.

S/M Nolan Moody made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S/M Forrest Durnell. Passed.

Meeting Adjourned 1840.

MEMBERS WHOSE RENEWAL DATE IS ON APRIL 30, 2018: Tom Newsom, Russell Reagin

MEMBERS DUES THAT EXPIRED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017: Patrick Bryan. JANUARY 31, 2018: Charles Achterberg, and Kenneth Ramsey. FEBRUARY 28, 2018: James Hawthorne. MARCH 31, 2018: Harold Combs and Jeff Morrison.

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: J.P. Butler, Stephen Hagenoff, and Fred Van Natta.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE REPORTED TO THE STAFF OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER: Melvin Zajicek

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).

Chuck Ewy,
Secretary Branch 316

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

James Burger	25 Yrs.	Lawrence Day	25 Yrs.	Jerry Fitzpatrick	43 Yrs.
Harry Higgason	01 Yr.	Harry Miles	44 Yrs.	Arnold Moldenhauer	33 Yrs.
Tom Newsom	03 Yrs.	Gary O'Dell	21 Yrs.	Russell Reagin	27 Yrs.
Jimmie Shehi	45 Yrs.	Greg Shilts	45 Yrs.	Terrell Staple	39 Yrs.
Jimmy Wilkerson	22 Yrs.	James Zahm	32 Yrs.		

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

Don Brunk	72 Yrs.	Susan Crosby	69 Yrs.	Dale Fanning	82 Yrs.
Carl Jansen	74 Yrs.	Robert Lea	89 Yrs.	Verone Nelson	92 Yrs.
Kenneth Ramsey	88 Yrs.	Russell Reagin	76 Yrs.	Norma Wright	80 Yrs.

If any of these are incorrect please notify Branch Secretary.

Shipmates: In the month of "May" we will be electing new officers for Ozark Empire Branch 316. Our newly elected Branch President will be selecting Shipmates to fill the various Committee positions. Please support your branch by getting involved. If you have a passion for one of our various committees, let S/M President Elect know you would be honored to serve. Here are the committees that will need to be filled: "Americanism"; "Hospital, Welfare, and Rehabilitation"; "Legislative"; "Public Relations"; "Veterans Service"; and "Youth Activities". The President Elect will also appoint the following positions: "Master-at-Arms"; "Chaplain"; and "Parliamentarian".