



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)

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

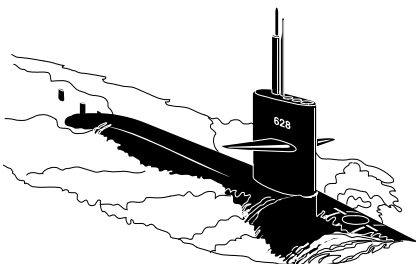
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EVENTS SEP 2018

- Sep 2 – VJ Day Japan signs surrender (1945)
- Sep 3 – Labor Day
- Sep 9 – Grandparents Day
- Sep 11 – United We Stand/Patriot Day
- Sep 17 – Citizenship Day
- Sep 21 – National POW/MIA Day
- Sep 23-30 National Convention San Antonio, TX
- Sep 27 – Branch Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 24 – Branch Meeting
- Nov 15 – Branch Meeting (Tentative)
- Dec – No Branch Meeting (Tentative)



YOU ARE WANTED

SHIPMATES

AT BRANCH 316'S

MEETINGS

NEXT MEETING:

4th Thurs. Sep 27, 2018 (1800)
At American Legion Post 639
2660 S. Scenic Ave.
Springfield, MO.



BRANCH 316'S WEB PAGE (frabr316.org)

The Meal for September 27th will be “Chef’s Surprise” Prepared by Tom Newsom.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be Thursday, 27 September 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 13 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 JULY 26, 2018 and approved as published in the AUGUST 2018 Newsletter, seconded by S/M Bobbie Combs and motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM - S/M Norma Wright stated that the information has been sent out to all the school counselors for the 2018 – 2019 essay contest. The Essay theme this year is “What Freedom of Speech Means to me”.

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- We had one member reported as deceased, S/M James Thompson. S/M Tom Griffin is in Cox South and S/M Tom Newsom is home recovering from a foot problem.

LEGISLATIVE – S/M Robert Turner reported:

- NDAA passed and was signed by the President. FRA lobbied hard to block under 65 Tricare fee increases. Also FRA was successful in getting a cap on rent increases for the Armed Forces Retirement Home and prohibits AFRH from removing a resident solely because they cannot afford to pay the rent increases.

MEMBERSHIP

- 2 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 0 Members past due, 125 Total active members, 3 Members Past due, 122 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – S/M Nolan Moody reported on:

- Activity for:
 - VFW 3404:
 - Attended Meeting
 - MCL Det. 993:
 - Attended Meeting
 - Participated in 5 Memorial Team Funerals
 - FRA Branch 316:
 - Attended Meeting
 - American Legion Post 639:
 - Attended Meeting
 - Installed 2nd Vice Commander
 - Attended Mandatory E Board Meeting
 - Assisted in Raffle Ticket Sale at Route 66 weekend
 - Am Vets Post 188:
 - Attended Meeting
 - Will attend Veteran’s Day planning Meeting
 - Vietnam Veterans of America:
 - Plan to Attended Meeting
 - Joint Community Forces:
 - No Meeting
 - Misc. – Attended Veterans Connection Breakfast at the VFW. I invited those in attendance to be part of the 2018 Parade
 - Upcoming Events:
 - August 29 at 9:00 P.M. the next Honor Flight returns.
 - Nov 3rd Western Greene County Veterans Day Parade. “Honoring Ol’ Glory” Theme

YOUTH – S/M Chuck Ewy reported:

- No Report

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Secretary reported on:

- First Qtr. 2018 – 2019 Membership Report
- NED Memo # 10-18 Resolutions for Consideration at the 91st National Convention
- August FRA Membership Newsletter
- National Presidents Serial Letter # 5 – 18. National Convention Donations to the Disaster Relief Fund. S/M Don Brunk made a motion that Branch 316 make a donation of \$100.00 to the Disaster Relief Fund. Motion seconded by S/M Bobbie Combs and passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

- No Report due to Treasurer in the Hospital.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- Discussion on the Pool Table at VFW 3404. S/M Secretary made a motion that we get the pool table professionally moved from VFW 3404 to S/M Presidents home. Motion seconded by S/M Frank Parker and passed.
- S/M Lloyd Hoover will relay the information to VFW 3404.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M Nolan Moody mentioned an activity called "Queen of Hearts" at American Legion Post 639 on Wednesday Nights.

Next Meeting is September 27, 2018 at 1800, at American Legion Post, 2660 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, MO.

S/M Bobbie Combs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S/M Bill Turpin. Passed.

Meeting Adjourned 1835

MEMBERS WHOSE RENEWAL DATE IS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2018: Michael Hill and Robert Parham.

MEMBERS DUES THAT EXPIRED AS OF JUNE 30, 2018: Richard Kimrey, and Bert Kortum. JULY 31, 2018: None.

AUGUST 31, 2018: Paul Bailey, James Moran, and Julia Vetter. 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: None.

MEMBERS WHOM WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED 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 – Virginia Swayne (417)880-7872.

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

Daniel Bunch	09 Yrs.	Tony DeLong	21 Yrs.	Dale Duke	29 Yrs.
Johnny Fezell	30 Yrs.	Charles Good	03 Yrs.	Jimmie Grier	30 Yrs.
Joseph Hessler	18 Yrs.	Michael Hill	20 Yrs.	Lloyd Hoover	29 Yrs.
Benny Houser	57 Yrs.	Joseph Mehl	23 Yrs.	Robert Parham	47 Yrs.
Dennis Shanklin	30 Yrs.	Dean Williams	01 Yr.		

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

Belinda Brown	60 Yrs.	Harold Combs	85 Yrs.	Forrest Durnell	87 Yrs.
Benny Houser	87 Yrs.	David McDaniel	78 Yrs.	Gerald Norman	76 Yrs.
George Peck	89 Yrs.	Wayne Snelson	69 Yrs.	John Waggoner	61 Yrs.
Richard Wilken	97 Yrs.				

If any of these are incorrect please notify Branch Secretary.

Chuck Ewy

Secretary Branch 316

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