



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)

MARCH 2020 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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EVENTS MAR 2020

Mar 3 – US Naval Reserve Est. (1915)
Mar 4 – US Navy Band Est. (1925)
Mar 5 – US Navy Seabees B-Day (1942)
Mar 8 – Daylight Saving Time Begins
Mar 17 – St. Patrick's Day
Mar 19 – First Day of Spring
Mar 26 – Branch Meeting
Mar 29 – Vietnam War Veterans Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 23 – Branch Meeting
May 28 – Branch Meeting
Jun 25 – Branch Meeting

NEXT MEETING:

4th Thur. Mar 26, 2020 (1700)
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)

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 26, 2020, and will commence at 1800. We will meet at American Legion Post 639 located at 2660 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, MO. Dinner will commence at 1700.

LAST MEETING: Our meeting was called to order by S/M President Tom Newsom at 1425 with 10 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, JANUARY 23, 2020 and approved as published in the FEBRUARY 2020 Newsletter, seconded by S/M Jim Grier and motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM – S/M Norma Wright conducted the 2020 Americanism Essay Awards Ceremony:

- Handed out Certificates, Plaques, and Checks

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk Reported:

- S/M Chuck Ewy is home doing better.

LEGISLATIVE – S/M Robert Turner reported:

- On SBP and Disability.

MEMBERSHIP – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- 1 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 3 Members past due, 116 Total active members, 3 Members Past due, 113 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – S/M Nolan Moody reported:

- No report

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Robert Turner Reported:

- No Report

YOUTH – S/M Chuck Ewy reported:

- No Report

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Don Brunk reported:

- Read a card from NCRP Don Watkins thanking Branch 316 for the meeting and meal.

TREASURERS REPORT

- S/M Don Brunk read the Treasurer report. All Bills Paid.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- S/M Nolan Moody is still looking into a new FRA Branch 316 ball cap. Waiting on communication from hat manufacturer.
- The Military /Veterans Ball tickets are \$25.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Nolan Moody requested the FRA take care of water and ice while the Vietnam Wall is here. S/M Don Brunk will be in charge of the Team.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Building Committee reports that VFW purchased land across the street for \$30K. Next meeting FRA needs to make up it's mind.

Next meeting will be March 26, 2020 at 1700 (5 P.M.).

Motion to adjourn by S/M Nolan Moody and seconded by Jim Grier, passed

Meeting Adjourned 1452

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: Doug Scott and Kenneth Spink.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JANUARY 31, 2020:

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2020: James Hawthorne and David McDaniel

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 31, 2020: Darin Hargis and Robert Turner

Shipmates we need you to renew your membership. 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: Anthony Solari. **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 Chaplain – Don Brunk (417-886-1146), S/M Secretary – Chuck Ewy (417-887-3115) or S/M President – Tom Newsom (417-569-9871).

MARCH 2020 CONTINUOUS MEMBERS: We want to congratulate the following members of Branch 316 for their continuous membership in the FRA:

Darin Hargis	01 Yr.	Carl Jansen	09 Yrs.	Jeff Morrison	03 Yrs.
Robert Turner	26 Yrs.				

WE WISH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES A HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MARCH 2020

Michael Baker	72 Yrs.	James Burger	74 Yrs.	Jack Burkhart	93 Yrs.
Craig Chapman	55 Yrs.	Charles Ewy	76 Yrs.	Alan Fear	75 Yrs.
Stephen Hagenhoff	70 Yrs.	Henry Malachowski	83 Yrs.	Darrell Osborn	79 Yrs.
Terrell Staple	82 Yrs.	Orsure Stokes	66 Yrs.	Toni Swizdor	44 Yrs.
Teddy Verfurth	85 Yrs.				

If any of these are incorrect please notify Branch Secretary.

Use This Application and Sign up a New Member Today
Detach on dotted line

 **Join FRA: Membership Application**

I hereby certify I meet the FRA eligibility requirements of being a current or former enlisted member of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.
I would like to join for: ☐ 1 Year, \$40 ☐ 2 Years, \$64 (first time members) ☐ 2 Years, \$75 ☐ 5 Years, \$180

Name: _____ Rate/Rank: _____ Previous FRA Membership No.: _____

Address: _____
Street Lot/Space City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security No. (Optional): _____ ☐ FRA Branch No.: _____ ☐ Member at Large

Service: ☐ USN ☐ USMC ☐ USCG Status: ☐ Active ☐ Reserve ☐ Retired ☐ Veteran Spouse's Name: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail Address: _____

Sponsored By: _____ Member No.: _____ Branch No.: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FRA dues are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal income tax purposes, however, they may be tax deductible under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Membership dues include a \$40 annual subscription to FRA's monthly magazine. Life Membership information available on www.fra.org or by calling 1-800-FRA-1924.

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Results of NCR Americanism Essay Contest: Ozark Empire Branch 316 did well at the NCR.

We had 1st Place, 10th Grade Winner, Logan Matthews; 1st Place 8th Grade Winner, Luke Hall, and 3rd Place, 7th Grade Winner, Joseph Beranek.

Chuck Ewy

Secretary/Treasurer, Branch 316

STUDENT VETERANS OF SPRINGFIELD PRESENT



6TH ANNUAL VETERANS BALL

HONORING VIETNAM ERA VETERANS



SATURDAY APRIL 25TH 2020 | 5:30PM-11:30PM

RELICS ANTIQUE MALL

2015 BATTLEFIELD RD, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65807

TICKETS \$25.00

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE VIETNAM VETERANS TRAVELING WALL

FOR TICKETS VISIT WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM & SEARCH "VETERANS BALL"



American Legion "Vietnam War Memorial Post LZ 639 is proud to Present the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall at our Post!

**Free and Open to the Public from Noon on July 2, 2020 to 8:00am July 6, 2020
Please join us in Honoring those Service Men and Women that gave their All.**

JULY 2, 2020 TO JULY 6, 2020

Opening Ceremony 6:00 pm Friday Night

24 hour a day security will be provided.

There will be many Volunteers to assist in locating your loved one or friends name On the Wall using Log Books and guides to help you locate their name on The Wall.

There will be a museum that includes Photographs taken by the official Photographer of the 101st Airborne Division. It also includes displays of Rifles, RPG's, Mortars and other items on display from the Vietnam era

There will be a theater on premises that will play. Will have old war movies of the Vietnam War Era and Movies of Celebrities on stage in Vietnam representing the USO.



There will be several ceremonies during The Walls stay including Opening and Closing Ceremonies a Reading of the 1,417 names of Missouri Veterans on The Wall along with the 35 Missing in Action Veterans from Missouri. Will have a ceremony Honoring the Eight Women's names on The Wall

The Mission of this visit of the Wall is to Honor those who served in the Vietnam War. and especially those who gave their lives.

But we are also Honoring all veterans of all conflicts.

We would like to invite anyone and everyone to come be a part of honoring these heroes that have so bravely gave their lives for our country and our freedom!
Come spend the day and enjoy the events and the camaraderie with others at our beautiful post. Come see the history that will be offered here during The VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL Event.

**Attention we would like to invite everyone to the Post on
Wednesday July 1 2020 to welcome the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall arrival by
Motorcycle Escort lead by Vietnam Veterans from the area**

Arrival time 4:00 at the [American Legion Post 639 \(Vietnam War Memorial\)](#) 2660 S Scenic ave. Springfield Mo. 65807

Sponsors are still needed for info please contact Post 639 at 417 -882-8639

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