



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)

JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE NOTIFY THE BRANCH CHAPLAIN OR
SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

BRANCH OFFICERS

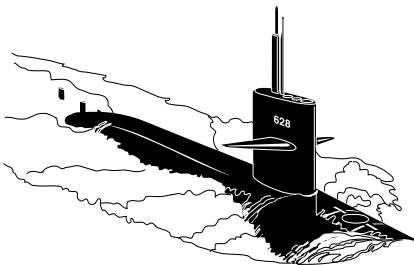
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EVENTS JUL 2020

JUL 2 – 6 – Vietnam Traveling Wall will be on Display at American Legion Post 639
2660 S. Scenic, Springfield, MO
Jul 4 – Independence Day
Jul 11 – U.S. Marine Band Est. (1798)
Jul 21 – Guam Liberation Day (1944)
Jul 23 – Branch Meeting
Jul 27 – Korean War Vet Armistice Day (1953)
Jul 30 – Waves Est. (1942)
UPCOMING EVENTS
Aug 2,3,4 – NCR Convention
Aug 27 – Branch Meeting
Sep 24 – Branch Meeting
Sep 27 to Oct 4 – National Convention
Oct 22 – Branch Meeting



YOU ARE WANTED

SHIPMATES

AT BRANCH 316'S

MEETINGS

NEXT MEETING:

4th Thur., JUL 23, 2020 (1700)
At American Legion Post 639
2660 S. Scenic Ave.
Springfield, MO.



BRANCH 316'S WEB PAGE (frabr316.org)

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 23, 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: S/M President Tom Newsom called our meeting to order at 1800 with 12 members in attendance. All Shipmates repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Preamble to the Constitution of the FRA. A motion was made by S/M Don Brunk to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting, MAY 28, 2020 and approved as published in the JUNE 2020 Newsletter, seconded by S/M Bill Turpin and motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM – S/M Norma Wright reported:

- The participation was down this last year. Although we only had eight schools that sent in Essays, we had Seven 1st place winners at the Branch level, Two 1st place winners and One 3rd-place winner at North Central Region, and One 1st place winner at National. Over all the youth of our area received over \$3,425.00 in Checks, Plaques, and Certificates.

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- He had no one in the hospital at this time.

LEGISLATIVE – S/M Robert Turner reported:

- The Senate had passed the Defense Authorization Bill, which included the provision to do away with the copay for Tricare home prescriptions.
- They also are looking into authorizing VA to cover Guam for Agent Orange exposure, since that is where they stored the Agent Orange during the Vietnam War.

MEMBERSHIP – S/M Chuck Ewy reported:

- 0 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 0 Members past due, 116 Total active members, 2 Members Past due, 114 Members in good standing. We received three applications for new members.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – S/M Nolan Moody reported:

- The Traveling Vietnam Wall will be arriving July 2 thru 6. Shipmate Don Brunk will be in charge of the comfort area.
- The 6th annual Veterans Ball was moved to September 19, 2020. Proceeds will go towards the support of the Traveling Vietnam Wall.
- VFW 3404 will have a fish fry June 26 at 6 p.m. with a Band.

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Robert Turner reported:

- No Report

YOUTH – S/M Chuck Ewy reported:

- Cub Scout Pack 694 will start meeting again in July. Talked with the Pack Leader and she will attempt to get some scouts to help at the Wall.

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Chuck Ewy made available:

- National Membership Newsletter for May. National membership for April is 36,896
- National Membership Newsletter for June. National membership for May is 36,569

TREASURERS REPORT

- S/M Chuck Ewy read the Treasurer Report. One bill outstanding. We will cover under new business.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- S/M Jim Grier stated there was no meaningful Building report due to the Pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary brought up the NCR and National Branch Delegation Credential Certificates to see who would be attending the Conventions. S/M Robert Turner will be our NCR CH person; Maria Behm as Co-Chair; Robert Behm as Delegate and Dean Williams as Delegate. S/M Maria Behm will be our National CH person; Robert Behm Delegate; and Robert Turner Delegate.
- S/M Secretary brought up the donation we made in May of \$500.00 to American Legion Post for the concrete pad for our Tent. S/M Jim Grier and his friend Russel, with a total cost of \$676.96, completed the job. S/M Bill Turpin made a motion that we reimburse S/M Jim Grier the \$676.96. Motion seconded by S/M Maria Behm and motion passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M Maria Behm presented S/M Tom Newsom his 5 Yr. Continuous Membership Certificate.
- S/M Robert Turner brought up Branch 316 moving back to VFW Post 3404 for meetings, Seconded by S/M Maria Behm. After extensive discussion, S/M's Robert Turner and Maria Behm withdrew their motion and second, and it was decided to stay at A/L 639 for now.
- S/M Robert Turner discussed how we could expand on Public Relations.

- The subject was brought up, that trips to Fort Wood because of COVID-19 and the distance of over 60 miles from Springfield, you have to go through about 30 minutes of questioning to get on the base.
- S/M Secretary mentioned that the Navy Operational Support Center is not doing dependent ID card renewals at this time. If their card is expired, DEERS is extending the card until September 2020.

Next meeting will be July 23, 2020 at 1800 (6 P.M.), Meal at 1700 (5 P.M.)
 Motion to adjourn by S/M Nolan Moody and seconded by Frank Parker, passed
 Meeting Adjourned 1930

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: Julia Vetter

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF MAY 31, 2020: Darrell Osborn

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 30, 2020: Belinda Brown, Johnny Christy, and Gerald Norman

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JULY 31, 2020: John Grosman, Donald Ihrig, and Henry Malachowski.

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. Please contact me to get it corrected if you have sent in your dues and are still in arrears.

THE FOLLOEING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES: Darin Hargis

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS 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 one of the following Shipmates can 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).

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

.Richard Bowen	02 Yrs.	Susan Crosby	20 Yrs.	Dale Fanning	39 Yrs.
John Grosman	25 Yrs.	Henry Malachowski	39 Yrs.	Nolan Moody	13 Yrs.
Barry Ralls	22 Yrs.	Sidney Smith	07 Yrs.	Wayne Snelson	16 Yrs.
Virginia Swayne	18 Yrs.	Toni Swizdor	02 Yrs.		

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

Johnny Christy	72 Yrs.	John Coonce	55 Yrs.	Johnny Fezell	75 Yrs.
Jim Grier	78 Yrs.	John Grosman	65 Yrs.	Edward Jones	78 Yrs.
Thomas McGuire	86 Yrs.	Terry Morgan	65 Yrs.	Harold Singer	89 Yrs.
James Zahm	81 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: _____

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Meet Logan Matthews, Ozark Empire Branch 316's 10th Grade, 1st Place
National Americanism Essay Winner (2019-2020)

“What My Vote Will Mean to Me”



As of today, 659 days remain until I am able to vote in the great United States of America. When I reach voting age, I will achieve a milestone, but I will gain a serious responsibility. With my vote, I will be able to have a say in my local, state, and national government. I am very fortunate, as this is not the case in many countries, where fair and free elections do not exist.

Even though I am only one person, my vote will matter. The more individuals who vote for a particular thing, the more powerful our votes become. Voting is one of the best ways to make our voices heard. The more people who vote, the more the power will be transferred to the voters and not to government leaders.

I will make it a priority to educate myself about the candidates and the topics on the ballot prior to stepping into the voting booth. Voting without the proper knowledge can be dangerous and is worse than not voting at all. To prevent this, I will understand the process and the importance of voting. I will educate myself on the topics I am voting on by reading and studying issues. In addition, I will seek other people's ideas in order to consider various points of view, which will assist in formulating my own opinion. By doing this, I will enable myself to cast a well-informed ballot.

I will not take the right to vote for granted. I understand and appreciate the sacrifice of those who fought for the freedom that allows me to have a say in my government, as well as those who fight to maintain it. You forfeit your right to be heard when you choose not to vote.

I encourage everyone to educate themselves about our 15th Amendment right, then to go out and practice it. The United States offers its citizens the great privilege of freedom, but with that privilege, comes the responsibility of supporting that freedom by exercising our right to vote.

2020 North Central Regional Convention

WHEN: 2-3-4 Aug 2020

WHERE: Inn at Grand Glaize, 5142 Osage Beach Pkwy, Osage Beach, Missouri. Call 573-348-4731 for reservations. Be sure to mention the FRA.

Room rates are \$69.00 + tax.

Shipmates and Ladies Article 6 of the NCR Bylaws mandates that we will conduct an annual convention for the purposes spelled out in said article. The primary purpose of holding this convention is as follows:

- Elect & install officers
- Address Bylaw changes
- Judge & forward reports
- Select a site for the 2022 Regional Convention and Mid-year
- Discuss the state of the North Central Region, the FRA and the Auxiliary
- Disseminate information beneficial to the Shipmates and Ladies

2020 National Convention

WHO: Host is Northwest Region FRA

WHEN: 27 September – 4 October 2020

WHERE: Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, Oregon. Call 503-281-2500 for reservations. Be sure to mention *FRA*.

Room rates \$112.00 + tax of 15.3%

Cut-Off date is September 1, 2020

Chuck Ewy

Secretary/Treasurer, Branch 316

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