



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)

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

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

BRANCH OFFICERS

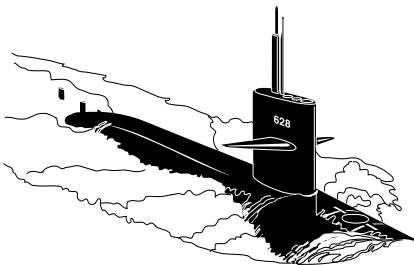
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EVENTS APR 2021

- Apr 1 – CPO Grade Est. (1893)
- Apr 1 – April Fool’s Day
- Apr 2 – Good Friday
- Apr 4 – Easter Sunday
- Apr 9 – National Former POW Day
- Apr 9, 10, 11 2021 Mid-Year Conference
- Apr 15 – FRA/LA FRA Scholarship
Deadline
- Apr 18 – Doolittle Raid over Tokyo (1942)
- Apr 19 – Patriots’ Day
- Apr 21 – Administrative Professionals’ Day
- Apr 22 – Branch Meeting
- Apr 22 – Earth Day
- Apr 30 – Arbor Day
- UPCOMING EVENTS
- May 27 – Branch Meeting
- Jun 24 – Branch Meeting
- Aug 9, 10, 11 2021 NCR Convention



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

NEXT MEETING:

4th Thur., APR 22, 2021 (1800)
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, APRIL 22, 2021, and will commence at 1800. We will meet at American Legion Post 639, 2660 S Scenic, Springfield, MO.

LAST MEETING: S/M President Thomas Newsom called Branch 316's meeting to order at 1800 with 11 members in attendance as per the list of signatures attached to the minutes: Charles Ewy, Maria Behm, Robert Behm, Rob Turner, Jim Grier, Russell Reagin, Frank Parker, Virginia Swayne, Norma Wright, Donnie Brunk, and Tom Newsom. The "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag and the "Preamble to the Constitution of the FRA" was repeated by all Shipmates. A motion was made by S/M Don Brunk to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting, FEBRUARY 25, 2021 and approved as published in the MARCH 2021 Newsletter, seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM – S/M Norma Wright reported:

- The 2020-2021 Americanism Essay results from North Central Region are as follows for Branch 316: Logan Matthews 2nd Place Winner, Grade 11 and Julian Olar 3rd Place Winner, Grade 8.

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- No Report

LEGISLATIVE – S/M Robert Turner reported:

- Requested that S/M Secretary mention in the Newsletter the following (News Bytes and the Action Center)

MEMBERSHIP – S/M Chuck Ewy reported:

- 2 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 0 Members past due, 119 Total active members, 0 Members Past due, 119 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:

- That no one from Cub Scout Pack 694 has contacted me this year so I don't know what is going on.

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Chuck Ewy made available to all hands:

- National Balance Sheet Dated 12/31/2020
- National Quarterly Income Statement Dated 12/31/2020
- 93rd FRA Convention Newsletter # 1
- National President's Serial Letter 1-21 (2020-2021 Officers and Committees)
- South Central Regional Newsletter
- North Central Regional Convention Newsletter # 1

TREASURERS REPORT

- S/M Chuck Ewy read the Treasurer Report. All bills paid. We spent \$53.64 on the meal, we took in donations of \$8.00.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- S/M Secretary stated that due to the National convention being rescheduled to October 2 – 9, 2021 in Spokane, Washington, that Branch 316 will have to cancel plans for a 2021 Navy Ball and possibly move it to 2022. S/M NCRVP Maria Behm made a motion that Branch 316 cancel the plans for a 2021 Navy Ball. Motion seconded by S/M Don Brunk and motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary brought up to S/M President he need to assign a Nominating Committee: S/M Don Brunk, S/M Robert Turner and S/M Robert Behm volunteered.
- S/M Chuck Ewy made a motion that Branch 316 purchase a Full Page Ad for the 2021 NCR Convention Journal. Motion seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed.
- S/M Maria Behm made a motion to nominate S/M Chuck Ewy for Shipmate of the Year. Motion was seconded by S/M Don Brunk and motion passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M Secretary presented S/M NCRVP Maria Behm with a 10 year Continuous Membership Pin.
- S/M President presented S/M Norma Wright with her Life Time Membership Certificate.

Next meeting will be April 22, 2021 at 1800 (6 P.M.)

Motion to adjourn by S/M Jim Grier and seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne, passed

Meeting Adjourned 1928

NEW MEMBERS: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2020: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 31, 2020: David McDaniel.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF APRIL 30, 2021: Stephen Hagenhoff, Thomas Newsom, Terrell Staple, Julia Vetter, and Jimmy Wilkerson.

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 FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES: None

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE REPORTED TO THE STAFF OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATE HAS QUALIFIED UNDER C&BL SEC 401 (m), 85 YEARS OF AGE AND AT LEAST 40 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY DUES ANYMORE: 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 (417-840-4717), S/M Secretary – Chuck Ewy (417-887-3115) or S/M President – Tom Newsom (417-569-9871).

APRIL 2021 CONTINUOUS MEMBERS: We want to congratulate the following members of Branch 316 for their continuous membership in the FRA.

Robert Behm	13 Yrs.	Jonathan Blake	01 Yr.	James Burger	28 Yrs.
Stephen Hagenhoff	02 Yrs.	Harry Miles	47 Yrs.	Arnold Moldenhauer	36 Yrs.
Thomas Newsom	6 Yrs.	Gary O'Dell	24 Yrs.	Russell Reagin	30 Yrs.
Jimmie Shehi	48 Yrs.	Greg Shilts	14 Yrs.	Terrell Staple	42 Yrs.
Julia Vetter	02 Yrs.	Jimmy Wilkerson	25 Yrs.	James Zahm	35 Yrs.

WE WISH EACH SHIPMATE WHOS BIRTHDAY FALLS IN APRIL A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Donnie Brunk	75 Yrs.	Susan Crosby	72 Yrs.	Dale Fanning	85 Yrs.
Carl Jansen	77 Yrs.	Robert Lea	92 Yrs.	Russell Reagin	79 Yrs.
Al Wagner	80 Yrs.	Norma Wright	83 Yrs.		

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

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS TO LOOK INTO TO STAY ABREAST OF CURRENT ITEMS FRA IS FIGHTING FOR:

- Go to www.fra.org, Click on News & Publications, then click on NewsBytes.
- Go to www.fra.org. Click on Advocacy, then click on Action Center
 - You can click on any of the items listed and send a letter to your Congressman and Senator

Chuck Ewy,

Secretary/Treasurer, Branch 316

What: North Central Regional Convention

Where: Osage Beach, MO

When: August 9, 10, 11, 2021

Inn at Grand Glaize, 5142 Osage Beach Pkwy

573-348-4731

Room Rate is \$69.00 per night (plus taxes)

Use code Fleet Reserve Association or FRA for rate.

Reservations must be made by 9 July 2021

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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, \$84 (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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