



OZARK EMPIRE BRANCH – 316, INC.

# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

*Representing Enlisted Personnel of the  
U.S. NAVY \* U.S. MARINE CORPS \* U.S. COAST GUARD*

4028 S. Kentwood Ave.  
Springfield, MO 65804 \* (417) 887- 3115  
(Temporary Branch Address)

## MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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

### BRANCH OFFICERS

President:	Tom Newsom	3215 W. Wick St., Springfield, MO 65810	(417)569-9871
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Chaplain:	Don Brunk	2478 W. Nottingham St., Springfield, MO 65810	(417)840-4717
MAA:	Jim Grier	714 S. Stratford Dr., Springfield, MO 65809	(417)350-3888

### BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

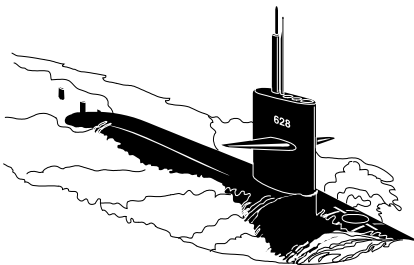
JrPP:	Virginia Swayne	1427 N. Fender Ave., Springfield, MO 65803	(417)880-7872
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Bd. Of Dir.	Jim Grier	714 S. Stratford Dr., Springfield, MO 65809	(417)350-3888
Bd. Of Dir.	Nolan Moody	4334 W. La Siesta St., Springfield, MO 65802	(417)894-0083

### EVENTS MAY 2021

May 8 – VE Day WWII Ends in Europe (1945)  
 May 9 – Mother’s Day  
 May 10 – USCG Band Est. (1925)  
 May 13 – Navy Nurse Corp Est. (1908)  
 May 15 – Peace Officers Memorial Day  
 May 16 – Armed Forces Day  
 May 22 – National Maritime Day  
 May 27 – Branch Meeting – Election of BR Officers  
 May 31 – Memorial Day

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 24 – Branch Meeting – Installation of Branch Officers  
 Jul 22 – Branch Meeting  
 Aug 9, 10, 11 2021 NCR Convention  
 Aug 26 – Branch Meeting



**YOU ARE WANTED**

**SHIPMATES**

**AT BRANCH 316’S**

**MEETINGS**

### NEXT MEETING:

4<sup>th</sup> Thur., MAY 27, 2021 (1800)  
 At American Legion Post 639  
 2660 S Scenic Ave  
 Springfield, MO.



## **BRANCH 316'S WEB PAGE ([frabr316.org](http://frabr316.org))**

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting will be Thursday, MAY 27, 2021, and will commence at 1800. We will meet at American Legion Post 639, 2660 S Scenic, Springfield, MO.

**LAST MEETING:** S/M Acting President Robert Turner called Branch 316's meeting to order at 1800 with 8 members in attendance as per the list of signatures attached to the minutes: Maria Behm, Robert Behm, Rob Turner, Jim Grier, Frank Parker, Bernie Daum, Norma Wright, and Nolan Moody. 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 Nolan Moody to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting, MARCH 25, 2021 and approved as published in the APRIL 2021 Newsletter, seconded by S/M Norma Wright and motion passed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM – S/M Norma Wright reported:**

- S/M NCRVP Maria Beam presented to S/M Norma Wright the monetary awards from NCR Americanism Essay, Branch 316 winners: \$100.00 check to Julian Olar – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> place and \$125.00 check to Logan Mathews - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

**HOSPITAL – S/M Norma Wright reported:**

- Branch 316 had two Shipmates that reported to the Staff of the Supreme Commander: S/M Willard Davis and S/M Jimmy Wilkerson

**LEGISLATIVE – S/M Robert Turner reported:**

- That new ID cards for Military Retirees with chips will be issued. Complete transition to be completed by 2026.

**MEMBERSHIP – S/M Norma Wright reported:**

- 0 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 1 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 0 Members past due, 118 Total active members, 0 Members Past due, 118 Members in good standing.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS – S/M Nolan Moody reported:**

- In June of 2021 the American Legion Post 639 will host the "911 Traveling Memorial".
- Veterans Ball has joined our event with the Gold Star military family and support cause of "Warrior's Journey Evening Gala event in Springfield on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Possible change of venue to JQH Arena.

**VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Robert Turner reported:**

- No Report

**YOUTH – S/M Chuck Ewy reported:**

- No Report

**COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Maria Behm reported**

- Read the letter from St. Jude
- NCR Convention is August 9-11 at Grand Glaze

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

- S/M Norma Wright read the Treasurer Report. All bills paid.
- S/M Bob Behm made a motion to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by S/M Robert Turner and passed.

### **UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:**

- S/M Jim Grier stated that there will be a meeting of the building committee prior to our regular meeting in May. Building Committee Meeting will commence at 1700.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- S/M Nolan Moody made a motion that Branch 316 grant the named Delegates authorization to be seated, recognized, and vote as Branch 316's representatives at both the NC Regional Convention and the 93<sup>rd</sup> National Conventions. Motion seconded by S/M Frank Parker and passed.
- S/M Nolan Moody made a motion that the members of Branch 316, a quorum being present, DID move and grant the Chairman of the Branch's Convention Delegation the authority to add the name of any member in good standing of Branch 316 at the NC Regional Convention and the National Convention to the Delegate Credential Certificate. Motion seconded by S/M Frank Parker and passed.
- The following slate of officers for 2021-2022 was submitted by the Nominating Committee: President – Robert Turner; Vice President – Bernie Daum; Secretary/Treasurer – Chuck Ewy; Board of Directors – Jim Grier, Nolan Moody, Forrest Durnell, Virginia Swayne and Don Brunk

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- None

Next meeting will be May 27, 2021 at 1800 (6 P.M.)

Motion to adjourn by S/M Maria Behm and seconded by S/M Bernie Daum, passed

Meeting Adjourned 1907

NEW MEMBERS: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: David McDaniel

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

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF MAY 31, 2021: Bruce Blankenship, Sabrina Bonnette, Johnny Christy, and Matthew Stewart.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 30, 2021: John Coonce, Jonathan Ewbanks, Ric Jackson, and Gerald Norman.

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: Willard Davis and Jimmy Wilkerson.

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).

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

Norman Basham	35 Yrs.	Bruce Blankenship	25 Yrs.	Sabrina Bonnette	04 Yrs.
James Ervin	36 Yrs.	Joseph Ford	36 Yrs.	Ric Jackson	21 Yrs.
James Moran III	22 Yrs.	Darrell Osborn	40 Yrs.	Jim Smith	63 Yrs.
Matthew Stewart	15 Yrs.	Edward Teeple	47 Yrs.	Wallace Watson	35 Yrs.

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

Robert Baker	87 Yrs.	Robert Callahan	77 Yrs.	Patricia Cooper	72 Yrs.
Tony DeLong	68 Yrs.	James Garton	75 Yrs.	Joseph Hessler	71 Yrs.
Ric Jackson	75 Yrs.	Tom Newsom	73 Yrs.	Richard Reed	82 Yrs.
Jim Smith	86 Yrs.	Dennie Whittaker	79 Yrs.	Dean Williams	63 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](http://www.fra.org), Click on News & Publications, then click on NewsBytes.
- Go to [www.fra.org](http://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)*

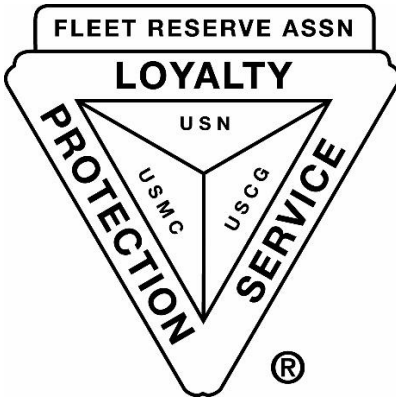
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*Reservations must be made by 9 July 2021*

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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](http://www.fra.org) or by calling 1-800-FRA-1924.

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