



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)

## MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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

### BRANCH OFFICERS

President:	Robert Turner	307 Southview St., Willard, MO 65781	(417)838-4991
Vice Pres	Bernie Daum	1107 N. West Ave., Springfield, MO 65802	(757)620-2113
Secretary:	Chuck Ewy	4028 S. Kentwood Ave., Springfield, MO 65804	(417)887-3115
Treasurer	Frank Parker	847 S Jonathan Ave. Springfield, MO 65802	(417)838-7698
Chaplain:	Don Brunk	2478 W. Nottingham St., Springfield, MO 65810	(417)840-4717

### BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JrPP:	Tom Newsom	3215 W. Wick St., Springfield, MO 65810	(417)569-9871
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Bd. Of Dir	Virginia Swayne	1427 N. Fender Ave., Springfield, MO 65803	(417)880-7872

### EVENTS MAY 2023

May 1 – Silver Star Service Banner Day  
 May 8 – VE Day, WWII Ends in Europe (1945)  
 May 12 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day  
 May 13 – Navy Nurse Corps Est. (1908)  
 May 14 – Mother’s Day  
 May 15 – Peace Officers Memorial Day  
 May 19 – Nat Defense Transportation Day  
 May 20 – Armed Forces Day  
 May 22 – Nat Maritime Day  
 May 25 – Branch Meeting (Elections)  
 May 29 – Memorial Day



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 22 – Br Meeting (Installation of Off)  
 Jul 27 – Branch Meeting  
 Jul 31 – Aug 3 – NCR Convention  
 Wauwatosa, WI  
 Aug 24 – Branch Meeting  
 Sept 28 – Branch Meeting

### NEXT MEETING:

4th Thur., MAY 25, 2023 (1800)  
 At American Legion Post 639  
 2660 S Scenic Ave  
 Springfield, MO.



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

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting will be Thursday, MAY 25, 2023, and will commence at 1800. We will meet at the American Legion Post 639, 2660 S Scenic Ave., Springfield, MO 65807. There will be a meal provided.

**LAST MEETING:** S/M President Robert Turner called Branch 316's meeting to order at 1800. Members in attendance were: Charles Ewy, Don Brunk, Bernie Daum, Bill Turpin, Rob Turner, Jim Grier, Teri Jeske, Lon Jeske – Guest, Don Weiss, Joe Hopkins, Norma Wright, and Frank Parker. 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, MARCH 23, 2023 and approve as published in the APRIL 2023 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Terry Jeske and passed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- This year's American Essay contest is all finished up for 2023.

**HOSPITAL** – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- S/M Teri Jeske was in Cox South for nerve surgery. S/M Jack Burkhart joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

**MEMBERSHIP** – S/M Chuck Ewy reported:

- 0 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 1 Deletions, 1 Suspension, 2 Member past due, 101 Total active members, 2 Member Past due, 99 Members in good standing.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** – S/M Teri Jeske Reported:

- No Report

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

- No Report

**YOUTH** – S/M Joe Hopkins reported.

- Sea Cadets are out of the NG Armory and they have no room for them at the Naval Reserve Center. They are at 165% capacity. They have arranged to drill at Camp Crowder in Neosho, Mo. Branch approved the remainder of their budget of \$500.00 to be disbursed to help facilitate the move. S/M Joe Hopkins has been promoted to LT and put in charge of four states. The XO, Modena, has been promoted to CO. S/M Pryke is now the new XO.

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

- NED Memo 4-23 (Nominating Resolution for NVP John Handzuk for NP 2023-2024).
- Dir., Membership Development (Fourth Qtr. Membership/Voting Strength Report 2022-2023).
- Ltr to the Honorable Gregory F. Murphy thanking him for his dedication to veteran's issue.
- Nat Committee on Membership and Retention Memo (Frank J. McPherson Memorial Award form).
- RPNC sent out information on the 2024 sign-ups for the 2024 VSO class. If anyone would like more information, contact S/M Secretary at (417-861-9926 or e-mail [cmewy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmewy@sbcglobal.net)).
- S/M Secretary brought up "The Wall That Heals". This is sponsored by Serenity and the VVMF. The subject was tabled until next meeting.

**TREASURERS REPORT** –

- S/M Frank Parker gave the Report. All bills paid. The meal came to \$55.72 and there was donations of \$50.00 for deposit back into checking.

**UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- S/M Secretary stated the Marine Corps League is having a State Convention in Branson, June 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. They are soliciting Ads for their convention Journal. S/M Secretary made up a full page Ad and presented it to the assembly. S/M Teri Jeske made a motion that Ozark Empire Branch 316 submit the full page Ad at a cost of \$100.00. S/M Don Brunk seconded the motion and it passed. S/M Joe Hopkins will deliver the Ad to Scott Coleman.
- S/M Secretary presented information where the branch could save approximately \$170.00 per year switching from Bulk Mailing to first class. S/M Don Brunk made a motion that Ozark Empire Branch 316 do away with our Bulk mail and send our Newsletters via first class. Motion seconded by Joe Hopkins and motion passed.
- S/M Secretary stated Ozark Empire always submits a full page ad to the NCR Convention. He submitted an Ad to the assembly. Teri Jeske made a motion that Ozark Empire Branch 316 submit a full page Ad, as presented by S/M Secretary, to the 2023 NCR Convention in Wauwatosa, WI along with our assessment IAW NCR Bylaws Sec 607 (a) in the amount of \$75.00 for the Ad and assessment of \$35.35 or a total of \$110.35. Motion was seconded by S/M Don Brunk. Motion passed.
- S/M Secretary brought up the letter from the National Convention Committee. S/M Secretary made the motion that they go with suggestion #1. Motion seconded S/M Bill Turpin, and motion passed.
- S/M Secretary mentioned that a check was owed to S/M Don Brunk for mileage to Bloomsdale of \$104.00
- The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the ensuing year:

President: Robert Turner  
 Vice President: Bernie Daum  
 Secretary: Chuck Ewy  
 Treasurer: Frank Parker

Board of Dir: Tom Newsom JrPP  
 Teri Jeske  
 Jim Grier  
 Nolan Moody  
 Bill Turpin  
 Virginia Swayne

The following positions are filled by the incoming President and are currently held by:

Chaplain	Don Brunk
MAA	Jim Grier
Parliamentarian	Chuck Ewy
Americanism	Norma Wright
Hospital & Welfare	Don Brunk
Legislative Service	Chuck Ewy
Public Relations	Nolan Moody
Veterans Service	Virginia Swayne
Youth Activities	Joe Hopkins
AdHoc/Building Comm.	Jim Grier

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- S/M Robert Turner was presented a Gold Lapel Button for recruiting 10 new or reinstated members.
- S/M Jim Grier mentioned that S/M Nolan Moody had passed on the name of a real-estate agent to him. The main thing to look at is sustainability if we get our own place.
- S/M Jim Grier stated, we need to down size the items we have stored in my garage.
- S/M Jim Grier is making the trailer available to the Sea Cadets

Motion by S/M Jim Grier to adjourn the meeting, seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and passed.  
 Next meeting will be May 25, 2023 at 1800.  
 Meeting Adjourned 1905

NEW MEMBERS: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: George Mason and Jeffery Morrison

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF MAY 30, 2023: James Garton

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 30, 2023: Johnny Christy and Max 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 ARE TERMINATED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES: Dean Stack

THE FOLLOWING MEMBER HAS REPORTED TO THE STAFF OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATE WHO IS 85 YEARS OF AGE AND AT LEAST 40 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP, NO LONGER ARE REQUIRED TO PAY DUES: **None**

SHIPMATES IN GOOD STANDING, THAT HAVE ATTAINED 50 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP, NO LONGER ARE REQUIRED TO PAY DUES:

**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 – Robert Turner (417-838-4991).

**MAY 2023 CONTINUOUS MEMBERS:** We want to congratulate the following members of Branch 316 for their continuous membership in the FRA.

Norman Basham	37 Yrs.	Bruce Blankenship	27 Yrs.	Sabrina Bonnette	6 Yrs.
James Ervin	38 Yrs.	Ric Jackson	23 Yrs.	James Moran III	24 Yrs.
Darrell Osborn	42 Yrs.	Jim Smith	65 Yrs.	Matthew Stewart	17 Yrs.
Wallace Watson	37 Yrs.				

**WE WISH EACH SHIPMATE WHO HAS A BIRTHDAY IN MAY A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

Robert Callahan	79 Yrs.	Patricia Cooper	74 Yrs.	Tony DeLong	70 Yrs.
James Garton	77 Yrs.	Joseph Hessler	73 Yrs.	Ric Jackson	77 Yrs.
Thomas Newsom	75 Yrs.	Richard Reed	84 Yrs.	Jim Smith	88 Yrs.
Dennie Whittaker	81 Yrs.				

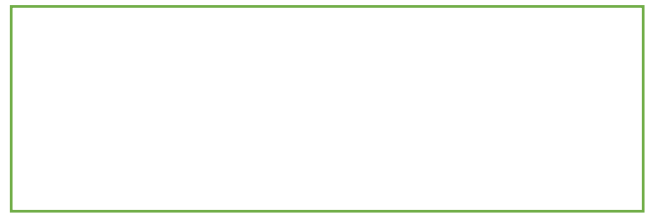
If any of these are incorrect, please notify Branch Secretary.

*Chuck Ewy,*  
 Secretary, Branch 316

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Give Vets Hope



Help and Hope for Veterans

Hello again!

Our group has a very steady attendance for our meetings, but we can always accommodate newer people willing to listen and share with us if they want.

Being able to be seen and heard is a critical part of our group's time together and we are all learning how important this is. Almost everyone appreciates someone showing a caring attitude using these means. I often get a "Thank You" from those I continue to

contact by phone, text or messaging but that is not the reason I do it. I want each of my contacts to know that they are being thought of regardless of the week they have had or the difficulties they may have experienced. I am grateful for them continuing to pick up their phone.

The "Talking Stick" is getting some good use; however, we will be asking the group if they want to continue using it. I wanted to make sure everyone that wanted to talk, was offered that opportunity. We are good listeners already but the visual aide, the stick, provides another factor to our processing information. Once again, any veteran, or anyone who is a part of a veteran's support system is welcome to attend. We do not provide therapy, just a therapeutic atmosphere.

Our group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month, from 5:30 to about 7:00, at the VFW Post 3404, at 1136 E. Atlantic. Sorry, no children. You may contact David Suits at 417-773-1837 and leave a message if you have any questions.

David Suits  
Co-Founder and Co-Facilitator  
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