



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)

AUGUST 2023 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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BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

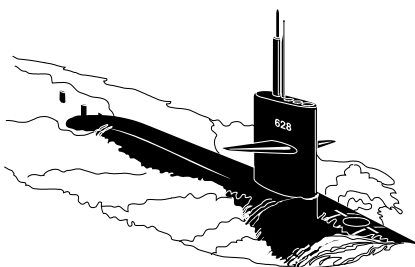
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EVENTS JULY 2023

Aug 4 – US Coast Guard B-Day (1790)
 Aug 7 – Purple Heart Day
 Aug 14 – VJ Day Japanese Surrender (1945)
 National Navajo Code Talkers Day
 Aug 16 – National Airborne Day
 Aug 21 – Senior Citizens Day
 Aug 24 – Branch Meeting
 Aug 29 – USMC Reserves Founded (1916)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 28 – Branch Meeting
 Oct 26 – Branch Meeting
 Nov 16 – Branch Meeting
 Dec – No Meeting



NEXT MEETING:

4th Thur., Aug 24, 2023 (1700)
 At American Legion Post 639
 2660 S Scenic Ave
 Springfield, MO. 65807

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



BRANCH 316'S WEB PAGE (frabr316.org)

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be Thursday, AUGUST 24, 2023, and will commence at 1800. We will meet at the American Legion Post 639, 2660 S Scenic Ave., Springfield, MO 65807. We will have a meal.

LAST MEETING: S/M President Robert Turner called Branch 316's meeting to order at 1800. Members in attendance were: Charles Ewy, Rob Turner, Don Brunk, Teri Jeske, Lon Jeske (Guest), Frank Parker, Bernie Daum, Mike Kimball Guest, Don Weiss, Bill Turpin, Nolan Moody, Adam Miller, Sheldon Pryke, and Jim Grier. 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, JUNE 22, 2023, and approve as published in the JULY 2023 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Bill Turpin and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM – S/M Norma Wright reported

- S/M Secretary passed around the new poster for the 2023-2024 Essay Contest.

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported

- No Report

MEMBERSHIP – S/M Chuck Ewy reported.

- 1 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 3 Deletions, 1 Suspension, 0 Members past due, 96 Total active members, 0 Members past due, 96 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – S/M Teri Jeske reported.

- No Report

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Belinda Brown reported

- No Report

YOUTH – S/M Sheldon Pryke reported.

- Sea Cadets will go to Camp Crowder
- Sea Cadets will do a Color Guard at a baseball game for the Arkansas Naturals.

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

- NED Memo 5-23 (Annual Report Forms)
- NED Memo 6-23 (Promulgation of Nat Del Cred. Certificate).
- Director, Membership Development (First Quarter 2023-2024 Membership Report)
- NP Serial Letter 3-23 (Appointment of replacement NED) IAW FRA, C&BL, Section 705(c) Finance Officer Phillip Reid was appointed as the NED to complete the unexpired term of NED Christopher J. Slawinski who reported to the Staff of the Supreme Commander on June 26, 2023.

TREASURERS REPORT –

- S/M Frank Parker gave the Report. All bills paid. The meal came to \$57.91. Donations of \$62.00. S/M Teri Jeske made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary read the e-mail from RPNC President on the merger of NCR and SCR. S/M Teri Jeske made a motion that Branch 316 vote yes as long as they work out the differences in the By-Laws. The motion was seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed.
- S/M Secretary stated we needed to make an addition to Article 11, Sec 1105 of Ozark Empire, Branch 316 C&BL. S/M Frank Parker made a motion to add the following paragraph (f) to Article 11, Sec 1105 of Ozark Empire, Branch 316 C&BL to read, (f) The Bobbie E and Nova J Combs Scholarship will fund the first \$1000.00 each year of Branch 316's Americanism Essay Contest". The motion was seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and motion passed.
- S/M Secretary also stated we need to add Standing Rule # 14 Bobbie E. and Nova J. Combs Americanism Essay Scholarship to Ozark Empire, Branch 316's Standing Rules. S/M Don Brunk made a motion to add the following:
 - Standing Rule # 14 Bobbie E. and Nova J. Combs Americanism Essay Scholarship
 - (A) The Estate of Bobbie E. Combs has pledged \$1000.00 per year to fund this scholarship
 - (B) All incoming donations for this scholarship will be placed in this fund.
 - (C) This fund will be used each year to fund the first \$1000.00 of awards issued to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the Branch 316's participants in the Essay contest. The motion was seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and passed.
- S/M Secretary passed around the new 2023-2024 Americanism Essay Poster.
- S/M Secretary brought up that we were out of Branch 316 hats. S/M Teri Jeske made a motion that Branch 316 order 25 more hats from Eagle Crest. Motion was seconded by S/M Jim Grier and passed.
- S/M Sheldon Pryke requested a check for the Sea Cadets in the amount of \$500.00 to replenish their stock of uniforms. This is a budgeted item so no motion was necessary.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M Secretary presented S/M President with his Past Officers pin.
- S/M President then presented the remainder of the past officers pins to S/M Bernie Daum (VP), S/M Chuck Ewy (SEC), S/M Frank Parker (TREAS), S/M Don Brunk (CHAP), and Jim Grier (MAA).
- S/M Secretary read the Obituary on National Executive Director Christopher Slawinski.
- S/M Chaplain asked the Shipmates if anyone was a blood donor. Please let me know so I can document it in my report.
- S/M Nolan Moody stated that the Elks will have another "Wills and Estate planning on October the 24th.

Motion by S/M Bernie Daum to adjourn the meeting, seconded by S/M Nolan Moody and passed.

Next meeting will be August 24, 2023 at 1800.

Meeting Adjourned 1946

NEW MEMBERS: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: G. Max Norman

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JULY 31, 2023: Doug Scott.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023: Daniel Bunch
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 if you have sent in your dues and are still in arrears, to get it corrected.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE TERMINATED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES: Jeffery Morrison

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).

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

Robert Adams	59 Yrs.	Patricia Cooper	15 Yrs.	Raymond Larson	36 Yrs.
Dennie Whittaker	24 Yrs.	Daniel Bunch	14 Yrs.	Tony DeLong	26 Yrs.
Dale Duke	34 Yrs.	Johnny Feazell	35 Yrs.	Jim Grier	35 Yrs.
Joseph Hessler	23 Yrs.	Teri Jeske	02 Yrs.	Dennis Shanklin	35 Yrs.

WE WISH EACH SHIPMATE WHO HAS A BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Richard Bowen	57 Yrs.	Robert Brauch	87 Yrs.	Patrick Bryan	71 Yrs.
Richard Feyerabend	71 Yrs.	Billy Harris	90 Yrs.	James Jenkins	84 Yrs.
Arnold Moldenhauer	84 Yrs.	Bill Turpin	90 Yrs.		

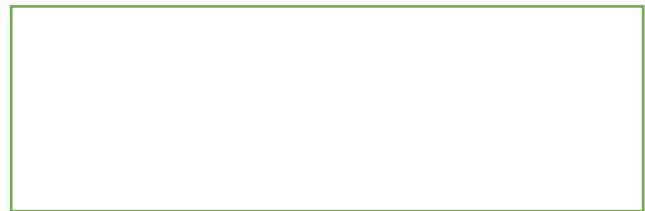
If any of these are incorrect, please notify Branch Secretary.

Chuck Ewy,

Secretary, Branch 316

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The month of July went well for our group. We enjoyed lots of pop and pizza. As always, there were good discussions! One of the ways we conduct our meetings and show respect is by not “cross-talking”. Cross talking occurs when one person is supposed to be doing the talking in the group and there is a discussion between two different members of the group. This makes affective listening very difficult. We do a lot of watching too, looking for expressions and body language. In all of this, we can really regard each other as we discover what someone else is saying and how they are saying it. Our body

language speaks volumes as we are engaged in a conversation. Observing this phenomenon, for example, can tell us how important something is to someone. The other person can teach us if we are careful listeners.

We have also talked about recognizing ourselves in another person's conversation. If we can identify something in the other person that is a characteristic or aspect of who we are, it facilitates understanding each other a lot easier. You might be able to do this if you can imagine how the room or you look to the person you are talking with (from their point of view). This is important in treating others the way we want to be treated.

In September we will be celebrating 5 years of our existence! This is quite a milestone for us considering the effects of COVID on our ways of living. I am still contacting veterans and their support systems. Our next meetings are August 8th and 22nd, at the Post, from 5:30 to about 7:00/7:30. If you need further information, please call 417-773-1738 and leave a message.

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