



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)

SEPTEMBER 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
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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

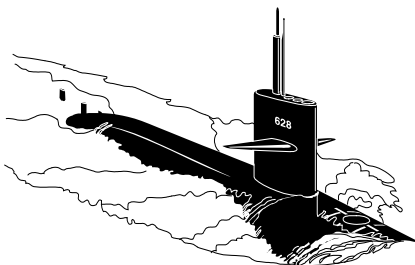
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EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2023

- Sep 2 – VJ Day Japan Signs Surrender (1945)
- Sep 4 – Labor Day
- Sep 10 – Grandparents Day
- Sep 11 – United We Stand/Patriot Day
- Sep 15 – Nat POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sep 17 – Constitution & Citizenship Day
- Sep 23 – First Day of Autumn
- Sep 23 – 30 95th FRA & 90th LAFRA National Convention in Sparks, NV
- Sep 24 – Gold Star Mother's Day
- Sept 28 – Branch Meeting
- Sep 29 – VFW Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 26 – Branch Meeting
- Nov 16 – Branch Meeting
- Dec – No Meeting



NEXT MEETING:

4th Thur., Sep 28, 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, SEPTEMBER 28, 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: Teri Jeske, Lon Jeske (Guest), Bill Turpin, Norma Wright, Sheldon Pryke, Rob Turner, Nolan Moody, Jim Grier, Bernie Daum, Don Brunk, Frank Parker, Don Weiss, Joe Hopkins, and Virginia Swayne. 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 Virginia Swayne to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting, JULY 27, 2023, and approve as published in the AUGUST 2023 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Bernie Daum and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM – S/M Norma Wright reported

- Gave Report

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported

- The following Shipmates had a hospital stay; Bernie Daum and Teri Jeske.

MEMBERSHIP – S/M Don Brunk

- 2 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 1 Members past due, 98 Total active members, 1 Members past due, 97 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.

- Gave Report

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

- No Report

TREASURERS REPORT –

- S/M Frank Parker gave the report. All bills paid. Jeske made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Meeting with the COMBAT Vets
- S/M Joe Hopkins made a motion that Ozark Empire Branch 316 give \$200.00 to help pay for cleanup of Alan Wilcox's home. Motion was seconded by S/M Bernie Daum and passed.
- S/M Sheldon Pryke recommended that each shipmate present donate \$10.00 to help cover the remainder of the cost.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- None.

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

Next meeting will be September 28, 2023 at 1800.

Meeting Adjourned 1845

NEW MEMBERS: Adam Miller, 821 S Mission Cir, Springfield, Mo 65809-1348
Grant Suhre, 217 Forest View Rd, Rogersville, Mo 65742-6534

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:

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 (417-861-9926) or S/M President – Robert Turner (417-838-4991).

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

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.		

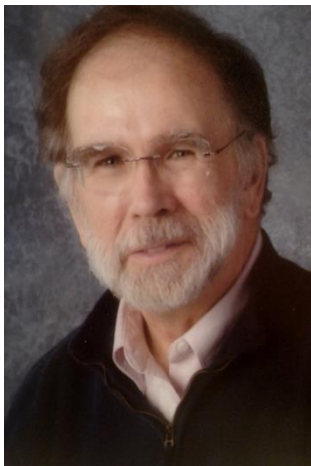
WE WISH EACH SHIPMATE WHO HAS A BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Belinda Brown	65 Yrs.	Forrest Durnell	92 Yrs.	Teri Jeske	65 Yrs.
Max Norman	81 Yrs.	George Peck	94 Yrs.	Wayne Snelson	74 Yrs.
John Waggoner	66 Yrs.				

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

Chuck Ewy,
Secretary, Branch 316

“GIVE VETS HOPE” NEWSLETTER ARTICLE”



We had a table of information on August 19th at the NAMI walk/run event and it was HOT! David Suits gave a short talk to the crowd on veterans and suicide prevention. Suicide prevention is one of the main reasons our group was formed.

Our group is continuing to introduce new members as we make this journey together supporting one another. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the VFW Post 3404-1136 East Atlantic, at 5:30 and are usually done around 7:00. Our next meetings are on September 12th and 26th.

If you are a veteran, wife of a veteran, daughter, son or related in any way to a veteran we may be able to provide help and hope.

If you would like more information about the “GIVE VETS HOPE” group please contact me at: davidsuits25@gmail.com or call and leave a message for me at 417-773-1837. Our Facebook page is: [givevetshope/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/givevetshope/). From this page you can access our website and learn more information.



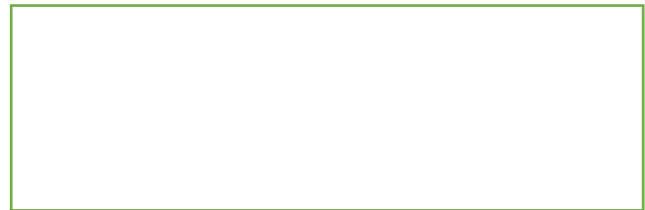
American Legion Post 639 and FRA Branch 316 Service Officer

Belinda Brown: Contact 417-306-2504

September is Suicide Prevention Month. Please call 988 the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline if you have thoughts of suicide or harming yourself or others. Let's not forget September 11th is National Day of Service and Remembrance.

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Marine Corps Reveals New Details About Future Force Structure