



NEXT MEETING AT VFW POST 3404

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) 861-9926

OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

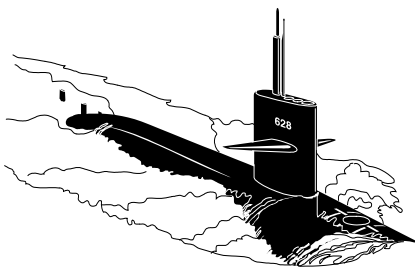
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EVENTS OCTOBER 2023

- Oct 2 – Nat Firefighters Week (1922)
- Oct 9 – Columbus Day
- Oct 13 – US Navy B-Day (1775) 248th
- Oct 21 – Sweetest Day
- Oct 24 – United Nations Day
- Oct 26 – Branch Meeting
- Oct 26 – Nat Day of the Deployed
- Oct 27 – US Navy Day
- Oct 31 – Halloween

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 16 – Branch Meeting
- Dec – No Meeting
- Jan 25 – Branch Meeting
- Feb 22 – Branch Meeting
- Mar 28 – Branch Meeting



NEXT MEETING:

**4th Thur., OCT 26, 2023 (1700)
VFW Post 3404
1136 E Atlantic St.
Springfield, MO. 65803**

**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, OCTOBER 26, 2023, and will commence at 1800. We will meet at **VFW Post 3404, E Atlantic St., Springfield, MO 65803**. We will have a meal.

LAST MEETING: S/M Vice President Bernie Daum called Branch 316's meeting to order at 1800. Members in attendance were: Chuck Ewy, Don Brunk, Bernie Daum, Jim Grier, Nolan Moody, Bill Turpin, Frank Parker, Adam Miller, Mike Kimball, Don Weiss, Pat Cashin, Joe Newton, Joe Hopkins, Teri Jeske, Sheldon Pryke, Norma Wright, Belinda Brown, Richard Siefert, 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 Teri Jeske to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting, AUGUST 24, 2023, and approve as published in the SEPTEMBER 2023 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM – S/M Norma Wright reported:

- No essays have been received but S/M Secretary has been contacted for info from one seventh grader from Branson.

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- Teri Jeske will possibly go in the hospital for back surgery.

MEMBERSHIP – S/M Chuck Ewy reported:

- 1 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 1 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 2 Members past due, 98 Total active members, 2 Members past due, 96 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – S/M Teri Jeske reported:

- No Report

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Belinda Brown reported:

- She will be the VSO for American Legion and FRA.

YOUTH – S/M Sheldon Pryke reported.

- The Sea Cadets met at Camp Crowder. On October 7 they will be at Smith Park on E. Division working with the kids from 11 am – to 3 pm. They did two Flag Details for the Nationals baseball team.

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

- National Convention Newsletter No. 5.
- Nat BOD Resolution 25-23 (Revocation of Charter Branch 011).
- Posting of Job Opening for Nat Finance Officer.
- Quarterly Income Statement National
- Quarterly Balance Sheet National.
- Nat BOD Resolution No. 26-23 (Authorizing an additional \$2500.00 from thr Disaster Relief fund).
- Nominations and Endorsements received at National.
 - NP for association year 2023-2024 for NVP John Handzuk.
 - NVP for association yeEXT MEETINGar 2023-2024 for Jr PRPNC Maria Beam.
 - NVP for association year 2023-2024 for PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti.

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. September meal cost was \$106.56. Donations of \$81.56.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary read the minutes of the BOD with the following results:
 - National Resolutions No.1 – Yes Vote; National Resolutions No. 2 – Yes Vote; National Resolutions No. 3 – Yes Vote; National Resolutions No. 4 – Yes Vote; National Resolutions No. 5 - No Vote; National Resolutions No.6 - No Vote; National Resolutions No. 7 - No Vote; National Resolutions No. 8 - No Vote;
 - Add Standing Rule No. 15 (Establishing a fund for "Veterans In Need") Approved.
 - Motion to place an AD in a Journal for Grace UMC celebrating the 100th year anniversary of their church, Approved.
- We were informed that FRA's next meeting would need to be moved to a different venue. S/M Nolan Moody made the motion to move it to the Veterans Resale Store 3335 W. Sunshine St., Springfield, MO 65807. Motion seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed. S/M Frank Parker will call and make the arrangements.
- Discussion was held on initial funding for the Veterans in need fund. S/M Teri Jeske made a motion that Branch 316 donate \$1,000.00 to the fund. Seconded by S/M Joe Hopkins and passed.
- At this time the assembly was addressed by Mr. Mike Brown, Ret Lt Col Missouri National Guard. He spoke on "Canines for Camo". At the end of his talk we had discussion on if we should donate to this worthy cause. S/M Teri Jeske made a motion that Branch 316 make a donation of \$500.00 to "Canines for Camo". Motion seconded by S/M Frank Parker and passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M Nolan Moody passed on the following information:
 - On October the 21st there will be a fund raiser for the October 25th Honor Flight. He encouraged all who haven't gone on an honor flight to get the paper work and sign up.
 - On October the 24th the Elks will be having another chance for Veterans to get free wills.
 - All are invited to attend the induction ceremony at the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda on 27 October 2023 at 2:00 p.m. where S/M Nolan Moody will be inducted into the Missouri Veterans Hall of Fame.
 - On November 4th will be the Willard Veterans Day Parade
- S/M Secretary presented S/M Jim Grier with his 35 Year Continuous Membership Certificate and Pin.

Motion by S/M Teri Jeske to adjourn the meeting, seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed.

Meeting Adjourned 1945

Next meeting will be October 26, 2023 at 1800. Our meeting will be held at the Veterans Resale Store, 3335 W. Sunshine St., Springfield, MO 65807.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome aboard to S/M Patrick Cashin, Rt.1, 2910, Dora, MO 65637

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: G. Max Norman and Doug Scott.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023:

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: None

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

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).

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

Robert Callahan	45 Yrs.	Craig Chapman	29 Yrs.	Richard Feyerabend	2 Yrs.
Larry Hogue	6 Yrs.	Frank Parker	31 Yrs.	Norma Wright	21 Yrs.

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

James Ervin	77 Yrs.	Joe Hopkins	67 Yrs.	Nolan Moody	76 Yrs.
Billy Tettenhorst	58 Yrs.				

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

American Legion Post 639 and FRA Branch 316 Service Officer: Belinda Brown:

Contact 417-306-2504

If you need any information on VA matters please call me. I am here to help you get answers.

Chuck Ewy,

Secretary, Branch 316

MISSOURI VETERANS HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES 2023 CLASS

September 18, 2023 – The Missouri Veterans Hall of Fame is proud to announce its 2023 inductees. Inductees require a Missouri connection, honorable military service, and must have contributed exceptionally to the community, the state and/or the nation. Six veterans will be inducted this year, plus one honorary inductee. All exemplify the spirit, character, and commitment of our Missouri Veterans.

The 2023 Class inductees are: Ray A. Carver, US Army, Pierce City, MO; Johnny J. Glenn, Jr., US Marine Corps, St. Louis, MO; Lowry A. Finley-Jackson, US Army, St. Louis, MO; Nolan R. Moody, US Marine Corps, Springfield, MO; Albert “Wayne” Wallingford, Jr., US Air Force, Cape Girardeau, MO; and Charles A. Weber, US Army, Perryville, MO. The honorary inductee is Seth J. McKee, US Army, Cape Girardeau, MO.

Ray Allen Carver was born and raised in Wentworth, Missouri. He joined the Army in 1944 at Jefferson Barracks, serving as a gunner with the 657th FA BN in the European Theater. He was discharged in 1946 with the distinction of receiving the Bronze Star and the Northern France Campaign Ribbon. Ray was passionate about making Pierce City a great place to live and work, volunteering for his community throughout his life. Ray was instrumental in getting a new National Guard Armory for Pierce City after the old armory was severely damaged by a tornado in 2003. In 2008, the old armory was dedicated as the Ray A. Carver Building. Ray passed away in 2012.

Johnny J. Glenn, Jr. was born and raised in Saint Louis. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1970 and was a combat veteran of Vietnam, retiring as a First Lieutenant. John turned an opportunity volunteering for United Way as a Marine into a flourishing post-military career at United Way of Greater St. Louis working with the Combined Federal Campaign. In 2020, the Missouri Rotary and Missouri Athletic Clubs named John their Honored Veteran of the Year. John continues to serve veterans through the Military Officers Association of America, where he is past president of its St. Louis and Missouri Councils of Chapters.

Lowry A. Finley-Jackson was born and raised in St. Louis, joining the Army in 1982 and serving for 20 years, including three tours in Korea and one in Europe. After retirement, Lowry worked with veterans through the St. Louis County Veterans Program. Lowry joined the St. Louis Service Women’s Post in 2007, becoming very active with the Legion. While serving as Post Commander, she led the Post to its highest membership in its 64-year history and largest Post in its District. In 2013, Lowry accepted the position of Adjutant for Department of Missouri American Legion becoming the Department’s first female Adjutant. A highlight of her work with the American Legion was her work in organizing the 100th Anniversary of The American Legion’s St. Louis caucus.

NOLAN R. MOODY IS A MEMBER OF OZARK EMPIRE BRANCH 316 FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

Springfield resident **Nolan Randal Moody** served as an aviation mechanic in the Marine Corps from 1965 to 1969, including a volunteer tour in Vietnam in 1968. In 1974, he joined the Missouri Army National Guard and served until his retirement in 1992. After retiring, Nolan became a stalwart leader in the Springfield community. He joined the VFW, AmVets and The American Legion and moved into leadership positions at the local and state level. Nolan helped to bring the Vietnam Memorial Travelling Wall to Springfield in 2015 and 2020. As a member of the Springfield Elks Lodge, he has worked to permanently house homeless vets and provide service dogs to veterans at no cost.

Albert “Wayne” Wallingford, Jr. served in the U.S. Air Force from 1968 to 1993 as a navigator and electronic warfare officer on RC-135 and B-52 aircraft. His twenty-five years of service included five tours in Vietnam with over 300 combat missions and six tours in Desert Storm/Desert Shield. Wayne settled in Cape Girardeau and quickly became involved in his community, helping veterans, seniors, youth, and at-risk residents. Wayne represented his community in the Missouri Legislature from 2011 to 2021 as a Representative and Senator. Wayne successfully sponsored and co-sponsored significant legislative proposals which greatly improved benefits and programs for Missouri Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve members. On December 29, 2021, Governor Parson appointed Wayne as the Director, Missouri Department of Revenue.

Charles A. Weber, raised in Perryville, Mo., stepped forward in 1861, organizing Company G 4th Regiment Missouri and was elected Captain by his peers. In 1862, Charles was appointed the enrolling officer for the 64th Regiment, Enrolled Missouri Militia Field and Staff and continued in the 8th Provisional Regiment, Enrolled Missouri Militia. In civilian life Charles was a county clerk and a probate judge; he carefully guarded the interests of widows and orphans and helped secure pensions for veterans. In 1886, Charles and his fellow soldiers formed Perryville Difani Post #273 of the Grand Army of the Republic which functioned as a powerful lobby for veteran interests. When he died in 1906, the local paper stated: “This was the closing scene in the life of a good man of whom it can be said the world is better by him having lived in it.

Congrats to all the Inductees! We invite you to attend the Induction ceremony at 2 p.m. Oct. 27, 2023, at the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City.

If you know someone you would like to nominate for next year’s class to the Missouri Veterans Hall of Fame go to our website: www.mvhof.org or email us at: missourihalloffame@gmail.com



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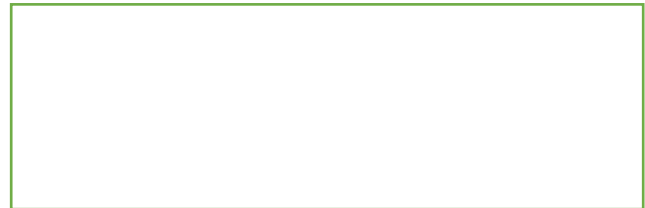


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Give Vets Hope



Help and Hope for Veterans

As I write this, we are almost into October, WOW! I wanted to share exciting news for Give Vets Hope. On September 28, 2023, we are reaching our 5 year anniversary in which will be celebrated on September 26! We had group meeting on September 12, 2023 and discussed that becoming a great listener is one the most important traits in a support group.

Our group is continuing to grow and one thing that has been noticed in the past few groups is that once we conclude our meetings, we see how everyone really comes together and continues to talk to one another. I am so proud of being a part of this support group and the talking stick has been a success so far!

We invite all veterans and their families to attend our group. We also welcome support animals and always have plenty of pizza and soda for everyone. I am so happy that this group has reached 5 years and I couldn't ask for a better co-facilitator and co-founder that has been there for us the whole time...even through obstacles with COVID! David took time every Friday throughout the pandemic and after to call and check on the people from our group. David Suits has been our rock and we appreciate all of his hard work and dedication! We want to also thank VFW Post 3404 for their ongoing support for our group to be able to come together twice a month. In conclusion, we will continue to grow and become better listeners as a group and carry on many more years of support for our veterans and their family, friends and significant others. If you would like more information about the Give Vets Hope group, please contact David Suits at: davidsuits25@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 417-773-1837. Our facebook page is [givevetshope/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/givevetshope/). From our page, you can access our website and learn more information. Happy Fall!!!!

Holly Butler
Co-founder/Co-facilitator