



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

## DECEMBER 2023 / JANUARY 2024 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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Secretary:	Chuck Ewy	4028 S. Kentwood Ave., Springfield, MO 65804	(417)861-9926
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

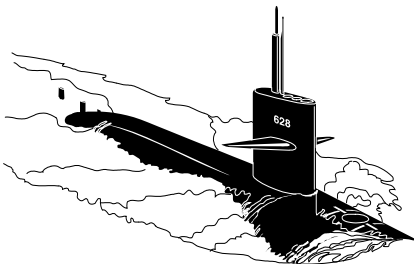
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Bd. Of Dir	Virginia Swayne	1427 N. Fender Ave., Springfield, MO 65803	(417)880-7872

### EVENTS DEC 2023/ JAN 2024

- Dec 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Dec 15 – Bill of Rights Day
- Dec 17 – Wright Brothers Day
- Dec 20 – First Day of Winter
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve
- Dec 25 – Christmas Day
- Dec 31 – New Year’s Eve
- Jan 1 – New Year’s Day
- Jan 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 25 – Branch Meeting
- Jan 27 – Observance of USCGC Blackhorn (WLB-391) Sinking

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 22 – Branch Meeting
- Mar 28 – Branch Meeting
- Apr 25 – Branch Meeting
- May 23 – Branch Meeting



### NEXT MEETING:

**4<sup>th</sup> Thur., Jan 25, 2024 (1700)**  
**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](http://frabr316.org))**

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting will be Thursday, JANUARY 25, 2024, and will commence at 1800. We will meet at American Legion Post 639, 2660 S. Scenic, Springfield, MO, 65807. There will be a meal provided at 1700.

**LAST MEETING:** S/M President Robert Turner called Branch 316's meeting to order at 1800. Members in attendance were: Chuck Ewy, Robert Turner, Don Brunk, Richard Seifred, Virginia Swayne, Belinda Brown, Jim Grier, Robert Behm Nat Chaplain Guest, Maria Behm NVP Guest, Frank Parker, Mell Johnson, Dee Johnson Guest, Patrick Cashin, Bernie Daum, Carol Daum Guest, Bill Turpin, Nolan Moody, Teri Jeske, and Ben Christianson. 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, OCTOBER 26, 2023, and approve as published in the NOVEMBER 2023 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed. We had one new member to initiate, S/M Ben Christianson.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM** – It was reported:

- We have received 7 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 4 8<sup>th</sup> grade essays.

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

- S/M Robert Turner reported that S/M Forrest Durnell is not in the best of health and cannot come to a meeting to receive his 50 year Continuous Membership Award.

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

- 5 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 1 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 1 Members past due, 101 Total active members, 1 Members past due, 100 Members in good standing.

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

- No Report

**VETERANS SERVICE** – S/M Belinda Brown reported:

- We had one veteran helper with rent in the amount of \$250.00 from Branch 316.

**YOUTH** – It was reported.

- The Sea Cadets did a fine job marching in the Willard Veterans Day Parade on November 4, 2023.
- The Sea Cadets were also in the Branson Veterans Day Parade November 11, 2023.

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

- Nat President's Serial Letter 1-24 (2023-2024 Officers and Committees)
- Nat Board Authorization No. 1-24 (Authorizing the sale of the National Headquarters Building).
- NED Letter (Annual Premium for Branch Liability Bond).

**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. November meal was a pot luck Thanksgiving meal.

**UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- On the 4<sup>th</sup> of December the Finance and Audit Committee will meet at Floyd Financial at 2 p.m. to discuss our investments.
- S/M Secretary stated he had ordered 32 new shirts from Upward Promotions Plus, INC.
- S/M Jim Grier made a motion that we donate \$1000.00 to American Legion Post 639 to help with the renovation that were just completed. Motion was seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed.
- S/M Nolan made a motion that Branch 316 donate \$250.00 to "Wreaths Across America", motion seconded by S/M Belinda Brown and passed.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- The NVP Maria Behm was invited to address the assembly. She passed on several items from the National President on happenings at the national level. NVP Maria Behm concluded by making a Presentation of a 30 year Continuous Membership Pin to S/M Bill Turpin.
- S/M Bill Turpin provided some entertainment by playing a song he had written 50 years ago.
- The laying of the Wreaths will take place on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery and will need volunteers to help.
- S/M President passed along the information on the Sea Cadets Annual Christmas Banquet which will take place on December 16, 2023, at 7368 W Farm Rd. 186, Republic, Mo.
- New member, S/M Ben Christianson addressed the assembly

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

Meeting Adjourned 1908

Next meeting will be January 25, 2024 at 1800. Our meeting, will be held, at the American Legion Post 639

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome aboard to S/M Anthony Bentley, S/M Michael Kimball, S/M Richard Seifred, S/M Christina Smith, S/M Ben Christianson, S/M Holly Anthony and S/M Terri Budzyna.

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: Daniel Bunch

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2023: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2023: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023: S/M Sheldon Pryke, S/M Kenneth Spink, and S/M Billy Tettenhorst.

Shipmates we need you to renew your membership. If you need any assistance. Please notify Secretary Ewy at 417-861-9926. (If no answer please leave a message) or e-mail me at [cmewy@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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: Doug Scott

THE FOLLOWING MEMBER HAS REPORTED TO THE STAFF OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER: None

SHIPMATES IN GOOD STANDING, WITH 50 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP NO LONGER HAVE TO PAY DUES:

VISITATION: Shipmates, if you are sick or confined to bed, please let us know so one of the following S/M 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 (4178-838-4991).

JANUARY 2024 CONTINUOUS MEMBERS: We want to congratulate the following members of Branch 316 for their continuous membership in the FRA.

Robert Brauch	39 Yrs.	Bernie Daum	5 Yrs.	Michael George	30 Yrs.
Everett Kelly	5 Yrs.	George King	27 Yrs.	Bert Kortum	1 Yr.
Thomas McGuire	38 Yrs.	George Peck	53 Yrs.	Richard Reed	30 Yrs.
Harold Singer	18 Yrs.	Orsure Stokes	16 Yrs.		
Teddy Verfurth	30 Yrs.	Al Wagner	4 Yrs.		

WE WISH EACH SHIPMATE, WHO HAS A BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY, A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Bruce Blankenship	70 Yrs.	Patrick Cashin	69 Yrs.	Bernie Daum	77 Yrs.
Everett Kelly	76 Yrs.	James Moran III	61 Yrs.	Matthew Stewart	52 Yrs.
Julia Vetter	74 Yrs.	Donald Weiss	86 Yrs.		

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

*Chuck Ewy,*  
Secretary, Branch 316



**Marshfield Veterans Day Parade November 11, 2023**  
**S/M Don Brunk (Chaplain) S/M Robert Turner**  
**NM's - S/M Terri Budzyna and S/M Holly Anthony**



**Willard Veterans Day Parade, November 4, 2023**  
**Greater Ozarks Sea Cadets**  
**Sponsored by Ozark Empire Branch 316 FRA**



**S/M Nolan Moody's Induction into  
The Missouri Veteran's Hall of Fame.  
S/M Robert Turner – Pres.  
S/M Nolan Moody  
S/M Don Brunk – Chaplain**



**S/M Nolan Moody  
Getting ready to receive  
His certificate.**



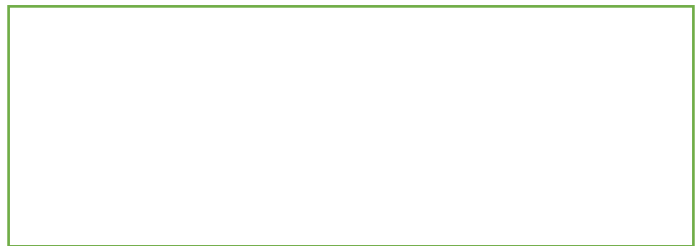
**S/M Nolan Moody being presented  
his certificate**



**All inductees into the Missouri  
Veterans Hall of Fame  
being honored on October 27, 2023**

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"RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED"



**The USS Pearl Harbor (LSD – 52), with the embarked 15<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), arrives in Pearl Harbor as part of the America Amphibious Ready Group under the operational control of Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 3.**