



OZARK EMPIRE, BRANCH – 316, INC.



FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

*Representing Enlisted Personnel of the
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FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE NOTIFY THE BRANCH CHAPLAIN OR
SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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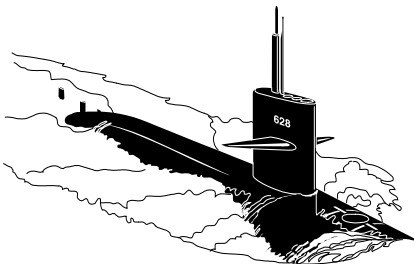
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EVENTS FEB 2024

- Feb 1 – National Freedom Day
- Feb 2 – Groundhog Day
- Feb 4 – Philippine-American War Memorial Day
- Feb 4 – USO B-Day (1941)
- Feb 12 – Lincoln’s B-Day
- Feb 13 – Women Marines B-Day (1943)
- Feb 14 – Valentines Day
- Feb 19 – USGC Reserves B-Day (1941)
- Feb 19 – President’s Day
- Feb 22 – FRA Meeting
- Feb 22 – Washington’s B-Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



NEXT MEETING:

4th Thur., FEB 22, 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)

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be Thursday, FEBRUARY 22, 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 IAW Article 2 National C&BL. Members in attendance were: Don Brunk, Robert Turner, Chuck Ewy, Frank Parker, Joe Hopkins, Nolan Moody, Virginia Swayne, and Bernie Daum. S/M Chaplain opened the Bible and gave the opening prayer. 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, NOVEMBER 16, 2023, and approve as published in the DECEMBER 2023 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Joe Hopkins and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM – It was reported:

- This year we received 91 essays. The committee has read and judged the essay entries and picked the winners. These three men, S/M's Turner, Brunk and Ewy, literally shed blood, sweat and tears all day until they agreed on first, second, and third place essays. The first place entries and the interim report has been sent to regional for further judging. When the winners' plaques are finished, we will be going to Christian Schools of Springfield to present 4 winners from that school. No date can be set until the plaques are completed.

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- S/M Don Brunk reported that the following Shipmates reported to the Staff of the Supreme Commander: George Peck – 10/23/22, Robert Lea – 12/23/23, and Forrest Durnell – 1/126/24.

MEMBERSHIP – S/M Chuck Ewy reported:

- December Report - 3 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 1 Members past due, 104 Total active members, 1 Members past due, 100 Members in good standing.
- January Report – 0 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 0 Members past due, 103 Total active members, 0 Members past due, 103 Members in good standing.
- Ozark Empire Branch 316 was listed as 4th at National Membership Report and 3rd in the NCR.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – S/M Teri Jeske reported:

- No Report

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Belinda Brown reported:

- No Report

YOUTH – It was reported by S/M Joe Hopkins.

- The Sea Cadets Christmas Party was great.

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

- We finally heard from the Oral History Project as to why we hadn't received anything as of December.
- We received a Happy Holiday message from NED Phillip Reid.
- Received a report and thank you letter from RPNC Ed Blind.
- Received a thank you card from Miller HS Honor Committee for participating in the Wreaths Across America. Branch 316 responded by sending a letter back to Miller HS Honor Committee thanking them for organizing the Ceremony at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Springfield, Mo.
- NP Serial Ltr 1-24 Revised – (2023-2024 Officers & Committees.)
- NED Memo 1-24 (Changes to National B&BL and SR.
- Nominating Resolution for 2024-2025 NVP from S/M Richard J. Fetro.
- Nominating Resolution for 2024-2025 NVP from S/M Pete Lazzaretti.
- Memo from National Board Resolution # 9-24
- Ltr from National for an opportunity to help support the 2024 FRA Centennial Celebration.
- Nominating Resolution for 2024-2025 NP from S/M NVP Maria Behm.
- National Convention Newsletter # 1.

TREASURERS REPORT –

- S/M Frank Parker gave the report. All bills paid. S/M Secretary made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary made a motion to change Branch 316's Standing Rule #11 to conform with National C&BL Article 3, Sec. 311 (e) (7).
 - A. Ozark Empire Branch 316 will purchase the Continuous Membership Pins for Branch 316 members for each 5 year anniversary. From 5 years to 75 years.
 - B. Branch 316 will present the pins IAW National C&BL's. If the member cannot attend the meeting we will try and deliver the anniversary pin in person. If that cannot be accomplished the Secretary will mail it to the member. Seconded by S/M Joe Hopkins, and passed.

- Secretary made a motion to donate \$50.00 to Branch 032 for the Mid-Year Conference. Ref NCR SR6 (b) (7). Motion was seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed.
- S/M Don Brunk made a motion that we have a 2-Bell Ceremony at our next meeting. Motion seconded by S/M Nolan Moody and passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Branch 316 presented S/M Bernie Daum with his his 5 year Continuous Membership Pin and Certificate.
- S/M Secretary brought to the attention of all members that the new long sleeve shirts have arrived.
- S/M Nolan Moody mentioned that the Elks will be having free Wills and Estate planning for Veterans on March 28,2024, from 3 to 7 pm at the Elks.
- S/M Nolan Moody also stated it would be a great idea if the Ozark Empire Branch 316 would present JROTC ribbons to cadets at Hillcrest HS, Willard HS, and Republic HS.

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

Meeting Adjourned 1900

Next meeting will be February 22, 2024 at 1800. Our meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 639

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FRA 2024 NCR Mid-Year Conference, hosted by Branch 032, April 6-9 2024. It will be held at the Oasis Hotel & Conference Center in Springfield, MO. Rooms are \$109.00 + Tax and Free Breakfast.

FRA 2024 NCR Convention, hosted by Branch and Unit 161, August 18-22 2024. Held at Stone Castle Hotel and Convention Center, Branson, MO.

FRA 2024 National Convention will be held in Annapolis, MD 12-16 November 2024. This will be our Centennial Convention celebrating FRA's 100th Anniversary.

FRA 2025 National Constitutional Convention, hosted by Branch/Unit 161 and Branch/Unit 032. More information to be forthcoming.

NEW MEMBERS: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE:

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.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JANUARY 31, 2024: James Hawthorne.

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 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: Daniel Bunch

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).

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

Patrick Bryan	3 Yrs.	Charles Ewy	46 Yrs.	Billy Harris	50 Yrs.
James Hawthorne	10 Yrs.	Terry Morgan	25 Yrs.	Gary O'Dell	27 Yrs.

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

Robert Adams	92 Yrs.	Dale Duke	68 Yrs.	Jonathan Ewbank	75 Yrs.
Philip Fogle	84 Yrs.	Bert Kortum	64 Yrs.	Barry Ralls	70 Yrs.
Virginia Swayne	63 Yrs.	Robert Turner	71 Yrs.	Pamela Warner Dawes	73 Yrs.

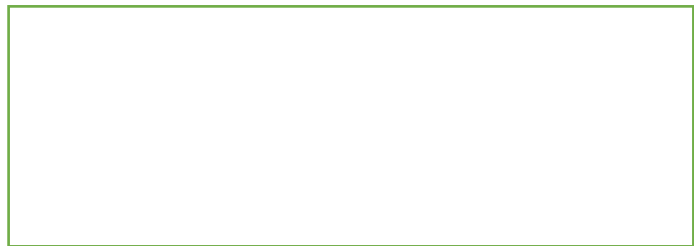
If any of these are incorrect, please notify Branch Secretary.

Chuck Ewy,

Secretary, Branch 316

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Give Vets Hope



Help and Hope for Veterans

"Our group continues to grow, if not by leaps and bounds. Those veterans attending are taking advantage of the opportunities to talk about whatever they would like and to hear the thoughts of others.

Regarding who may come, anyone who comes in contact with a veteran on a closer level is welcome to attend our meetings. We are also seeking to provide those who support our veterans by offering them a chance to present those things that are important to them too. They may need help in understanding how to be the best companion for them. Our meetings include significant others, support animals, mothers, fathers, friends, and anyone who is part of a veteran's support system.

This support system may also be called a "community" because it involves a lot of people that have similar interests in helping and working together. We offer a community of diversity, inclusiveness, and completeness. Respect is another important component of our group. We listen a lot more than we talk because this is how we learn about others coping and dealing with the trials of life.

Last month I mentioned that families can play an important part in how well a veteran transitions into civilian life. While our group isn't strictly a family, we may look as a family, struggling with issues that are important.

Our Facebook page is kept updated by Holly Butler, my co-facilitator and tells about our group (givevetshope/facebook) . It also has a link to our website with more information! We have always had enough pizza and pop and it's all free!

David Suits

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