



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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Springfield, MO 65804 \* (417) 861-9926

## FEBRUARY 2024 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

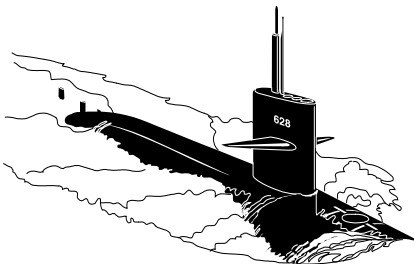
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### EVENTS MAR 2024

- Mar 3 – US Naval Reserve Est. (1915)
- Mar 4 – Hug a GI Day  
US Navy Band Est. (1925)
- Mar 5 – US Navy Seabees B-Day (1942)
- Mar 10 – Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Mar 13 – National K9 Veterans Day
- Mar 17 – St Patrick’s Day
- Mar 18 – National Supreme Sacrifice Day
- Mar 19 – First Day of Spring
- Mar 25 – National Medal of Honor Day
- Mar 28 – Branch Meeting
- Mar 29 – Vietnam War Veterans Day

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 25 – Branch Meeting
- May 23 – Branch Meeting
- Jun 27 – Branch Meeting
- Jul 25 – Branch Meeting
- Aug 22 – Branch Meeting



### NEXT MEETING:

4<sup>th</sup> Thur., MAR 28, 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, MARCH 28, 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: Chuck Ewy, Don Brunk, Robert Turner, Don Weiss, Pat Cashin, Belinda Brown, Frank Parker, Jim Grier, Nolan Moody, Norma Wright, and Virginia Swayne. 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, JANUARY 25, 2024, and approve as published in the FEBRUARY 2024 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Belinda Brown and passed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- This year we received 111 Essays, the plaques have been received, the certificates have been printed and I am getting ready to mail them out. The reason there are 20 additional essays is, a packet from St Agnes arrived in February after we had graded the original 91.

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

- S/M Don Brunk reported that the following Shipmate reported to the Staff of the Supreme Commander: Bill Turpin – 1/5/2024. Also Bernie Daum was not able to drive to the meeting do knee pain.

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

- February Report - 0 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 2 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 1 Members past due, 101 Total active members, 1 Members past due, 100 Members in good standing.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** – S/M Nolan Moody:

- Reported that the Branch ought to get involved with doing Certificates and Medals for JROTC. Chuck will call National to see if they support this program.

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

- Feels this program isn't going to be funded properly. She feels that it would be better if the Branch donated to an organization that is sufficiently funded like "Ozarks Alliance to end Homelessness". We'll take it up in New Business.

**YOUTH** – It was reported by:

- It was recommended that President contact Sheldon Pryke.

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

- Read a letter from our NCR President Ed Blind. S/M Garland Reed from Branch 298 has been voted in to finish the term of RVPNC.
- Agenda for the NBOD Zoom meeting
- NP Serial Letter 1-24 Revised (2023-2024 Officers and Committees)
- NED Memo 1-24 Revised (Changes to FRA C&BL and SR)
- MEMO (Nat Board Resolution 11-24) FRA Headquarters to allow them to sell the Centennial pen and other merchandise beyond the end of the Centennial Celebration.
- MEMO (Nat Board Resolution 11-24) That the 2023 Convention/Centennial Committee be approved to use part of the Centennial merchandise design and the official FRA emblem, AKA "Triangle".
- Nat Board Resolution 12-24 (Approved the voluntary surrender of Branch 311's Charter.

**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 Nolan Moody made a motion to process the Essays received late from St Agnes in Bloomsdale, MO., only at the branch level, and present the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade a \$100.00 check and certificate. All other entries will receive a participation certificate. Motion seconded by S/M Belinda Brown. Motion passed.
- S/M Virginia Swayne made a motion that Ozark Empire donate \$500.00 each quarter to "Ozarks Alliance to end Homelessness", and at the end of each year re-evaluate this motion. Motion seconded by S/M Frank Parker. Motion passed.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- S/M Belinda Brown will be getting her Notary License very soon.

At this time the Branch conducted a Two-Bell Ceremony for the following Shipmates:

S/M Forrest E. Durnell

S/M Robert E. Lea

S/M George M. Peck

S/M Gerald M. Norman

S/M William A. Turpin

Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.

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

Meeting Adjourned 1918

Next meeting will be March 28, 2024 at 1800. Our meeting will be 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 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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:** Sheldon Pryke

**MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JANUARY 31, 2024:** None

**MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024:** James Hawthorne.

**MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 31, 2024:** Carl Jansen and

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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:** None

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBER HAS REPORTED TO THE STAFF OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER:** Forrest Durnell and Robert Lea.

**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).

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

Carl Jansen	13 Yrs.	Robert Turner	30 Yrs.	John Waggoner	18 Yrs.
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**WE WISH EACH SHIPMATE, WHO HAS A BIRTHDAY IN MARCH, A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

Michael Baker	76 Yrs.	James Burger	78 Yrs.	Craig Chapman	59 Yrs.
Charles Ewy	80 Yrs.	Alan Fear	79 Yrs.	Stephen Hagenhoff	74 Yrs.
Raymond Larson	81 Yrs.	Henry Malachowski	87 Yrs.	Darrel Osborn	83 Yrs.
Terrell Staple	86 Yrs.	Orsure Stokes	70 Yrs.	Teddy Verfurth	89 Yrs.

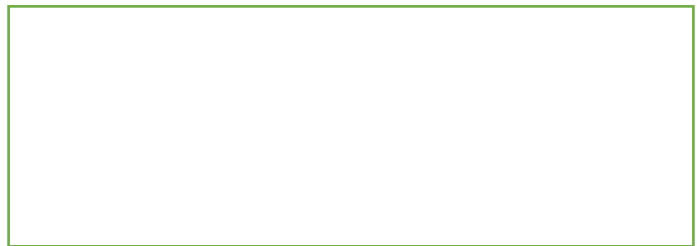
If any of these are incorrect, please notify Branch Secretary.

*Chuck Ewy,*

Secretary, Branch 316

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**"RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED"**



**Give Vets Hope**



**Help and Hope for Veterans**

Our group continues to help other veterans by being good listeners and careful speakers. Each of us have unpleasant stories, questions, or feelings to share that may only be helped by being shared. One of the things we have talked about is visualizing things about ourselves in the others, as they share their stories.

What our group, further offers, is an opportunity to keep things on track for each of us by not interrupting, or carry on another conversation (cross-talk) while someone else is talking. We also have the "Talking Stick" to indicate not only who is talking, but who is listening.

In talking with others and in our group, the idea of not being judgmental is critical, even if you feel strongly about something. Also, if you want meaningful conversation and experience please don't interrupt the person that's talking. When any of us have something difficult to communicate it can take time, silence and patience are important. There is also a lot to learned by good questions.

Something else to try... look right at the person that's talking and make their being and talking critical to what is being communicated. You may accomplish some "intentional listening".

Our group welcomes all veterans, their support systems no matter who they are. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month, at the Post. We also have lots of pizza, pop, and something for dessert sometimes.

Find us at [givevethope/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/givevethope/).

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