



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

## APRIL 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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Treasurer	Frank Parker	847 S Jonathan Ave. Springfield, MO 65802	(417)838-7698
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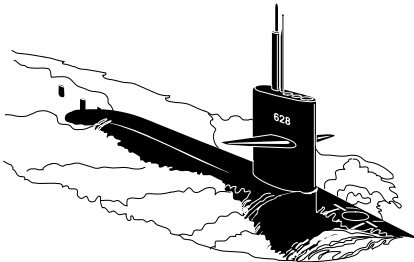
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### EVENTS APR 2024

- Apr 1 – CPO Grade Est. (1893)
- Apr 9 – Nat Former POW Recognition Day
- Apr 11 – Submarine Force Day (1900)
- Apr 13 – Nat Borinqueneers Day
- Apr 15 – FRA/LA FRA Scholarship Deadline
- Apr 15 – Tax Deadline
- Apr 15 – Patriots’ Day
- Apr 18 – Doolittle Raid over Tokyo (1942)
- Apr 22 – Earth Day
- Apr 24 – Admin Professionals’ Day
- Apr 25 – Branch Meeting
- Apr 26 – Arbor Day

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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



### NEXT MEETING:

4<sup>th</sup> Thur., APR 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, APRIL 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 IAW Article 12 Sec. 1214 National C&BL. Members in attendance were: Chuck Ewy, Don Brunk, Frank Parker, Don Weiss, Joe Hopkins, Nolan Moody, Belinda Brown, Richard Seiferd, Norma Wright, Robert Turner, and Sheldon Pryke. 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, FEBRUARY 22, 2024, and approve as published in the MARCH 2024 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Joe Hopkins and passed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- All packages have been sent to the schools. I will pick up the items to be sent to St Agnus in Bloomsdale, MO. I had plaques made for the winners and paid for them out of pocket. We are scheduled to go to Christian Schools of Springfield on May 9<sup>th</sup> to present the winners there.

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

- No Report

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

- March Report - 0 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 1 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 1 Members past due, 100 Total active members, 1 Members past due, 99 Members in good standing.

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

- No Report – April 26<sup>th</sup> will be the Willard H.S. awards for N JROTC.

**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:

- Sea Cadets are requested to be the opening for the 2025 National Convention in Sept or Oct.

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

- Nat Board Resolution 13-24: Amended Art 7, Sec 701(a) (Nat Off of the FRA shall be: NP, NVP, NED, Pres of each Region, Jr Past NP, N Parliamentarian, and N Chaplain.
- Nat Board Resolution 14-24: Amended Art 8, Sec 807(b) (Fin Off shall be the Finance, Disbursing, Purchasing Off of the FRA and shall work at the direction of the NED.
- Nat Board Authorization 2-24: Relocation of the FRA Headquarters to 1600 Duke St., Suite 300-B, Alexandria, VA 22314, and implement a lease commencing Aug 1, 2024 and ending Jan 31, 2030. The lease shall be signed by two of the following: Chairman of the Special Building Committee, the NED and/or the NP of the FRA BOD.
- NED MEMO 2-24 (Annual Report of /Branch Officers)
- Nat Board Resolution 15-24: (Revocation of Wabash Valley Branch 377's Charter.)
- Nat Board Resolution 16-24: (Merged Lincoln Branch 145 with Omaha Branch 276.)

**TREASURERS REPORT** –

- S/M Frank Parker gave the report. All bills paid. S/M Belinda Brown made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed. Meal Donations \$41.00.

**UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- S/M President instructed the Nominating Committee to have a report by the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. May meeting will be Elections and installation will be in May 23 meeting. Where do we want the installation at?
- S/M Secretary stressed the 2024 Mid-Year Conf 7-9 April 2024. NCR Convention 18-22 Aug 2024 in Branson at the Stone Castle Hotel & Conf. Center. Centennial Date - Nov 11, 2024 – Arlington Cemetery. National Convention Nov 12 – 15, 2024 at the Double Tree by Hilton Annapolis, MD. NCR 2025 Mid-Year Conference Apr 26 – 29, 2025 in Bloomington, MN, sponsor is Viking Branch 136.
- Branch 316 set a BOD meeting before the next meeting, Apr 25, 2024 to fill the BOD vacancy of Bill Turpin.
- We need to set a meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee.
- We discussed the Price Cutter Golf Tournament. S/M Secretary made a motion that Ozark Empire Branch 316 gets involved with the Price Cutter Golf Tournament. It will cost us an initial \$5000.00, which we will get back in November of 2024 with interest. S/M Don Brunk seconded the motion and motion passed.
- S/M Secretary made a motion to reimburse S/M Belinda Brown for the out of pocket expense she incurred \$168.53. S/M Don Brunk seconded the motion and motion passed

- S/M Joe Hopkins made a motion to reimburse Norma Wright for the plaques she paid for out of pocket for St Agnus winners. S/M Belinda Brown seconded the motion and motion passed.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- S/M Secretary presented S/M President with his 30 year Continuous Membership Pin and Certificate.

Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.

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

Meeting Adjourned 1925

Next meeting will be April 25, 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 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.

MISSOURI ARMED FORCES BALL: FRA Branch 032 is putting on an Armed Forces Ball in Branson, MO to help fund the FRA National Centennial Celebration. All Regions, have been asked to help raise money, to fund the National Centennial Celebration. More information will be forthcoming.

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:** Welcome S/M Joseph Taylor and S/M Dan Schillinger.

**MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE:** James Hawthorne

**MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 31, 2024:** NONE

**MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF APRIL 30, 2024:** Thomas Newsom

**MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF MAY 31, 2024:** Matthew Stewart and Wallace Watson

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, so I can 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:**

**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).

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

James Burger	31 Yrs.	Stephen Hagenhoff	05 Yrs.	Arnold Moldenhauer	39 Yrs.
Thomas Newsom	09 Yrs.	Russell Reagin	33 Yrs.	Jimmie Shehi	51 Yrs.
Greg Shilts	17 Yrs.	Terrell Staple	45 Yrs.	Julia Vetter	05 Yrs.
Don Brunk	78 Yrs.	Susan Crosby	75 Yrs.	Dale Fanning	88 Yrs.
Carl Jansen	80 Yrs.	Russell Reagin	82 Yrs.	Al Wagner	83 Yrs.
Norma Wright	86 Yrs.				

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

**SHIPMATES OF BRANCH 316:** The 2025 Mid-Year Conference, will be held, April 26 – 29 in Bloomington, Minnesota, and will be hosted by Viking Branch 136. More information will be forth coming.

*Chuck Ewy,*

Secretary, Branch 316

## Give Vets Hope



Help and Hope for Veterans

We continue to have a pretty consistent number of veterans and we always have good discussions about what is going on. There are a lot of ages and experiences represented in our group, but everyone wants to be supportive of what the others have to say regardless of their age or experience. It's the kind of community that we are always feel proud to be a part of.

Respect is one of the things we practice in a number of ways by being good listeners, not arguing, and not judging. Sometimes people have difficulty really listening because they are thinking about what they want to say next in the conversation. This can be frustrating for everyone. Arguing seldom really settles an issue so figuring out what to do with those words and feelings is critical regarding successful interpersonal relationships. Finally, what others share during our group is something we often recognize in ourselves, so judging would not be helpful for anyone. I personally try to be careful of the words "should" and "all you have to do is". So, advice needs to be asked for and not volunteered.

Another item about our group is that we don't necessarily talk about military related topics. A lot of our experiences are similar regarding the military however, we soon realize that the military is only and initially, bringing us together in our civilian lives. We are recognized for being people rather than a pay grade or rank, worthy of regard and help each other when we can, with what we can.

Our group is open to any veteran and/or their support system. At our last meeting we had three support dogs, and they were no problem at all. We meet at the Post on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, at 5:30, with plenty of pop and pizza. Atteberry Hall, where we meet is in the Post. Turn to the right/south just inside the door and follow the hallway to the meeting room. Everything is free, our Post has been so supportive!

I have also been contacting members of our group, other veterans, or their support systems since COVID hit in 2020, on Fridays. If you would like me to contact you, please let me know. What I do is to let the veterans know that they "are being thought of". I use text, a call, email, voicemail or leave a message. One of our veterans once let me know that I checked on him more than his family did. I have people around Dora, St. Louis, Texas, Buffalo, MO and Lebanon, MO that I am contacting. Please don't limit what I may do by geography.

You may also call me and leave a message or a question at 417-773-1837 between 8:00 am and 8:00pm, Monday-Friday.

David Suits-co-facilitator

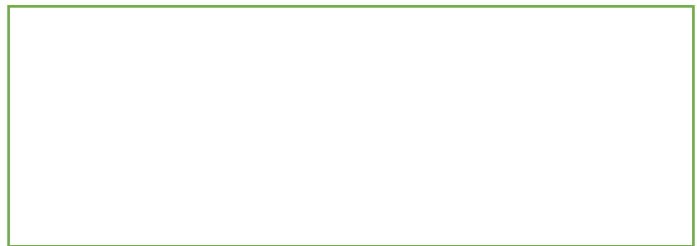
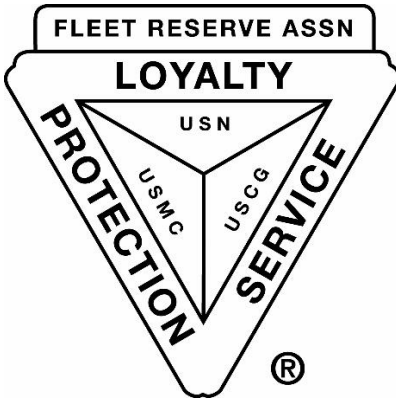
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**S/M Secretary Ewy Presenting S/M President Turner his 30 Continuous Membership Pin And Certificate.**

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**"RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED"**



**Gen. Eric Smith, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, speaks to Marines during a re-enlistment ceremony held at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, VA. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Alfonso Livrieri)**