



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

## JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR DEATH OF ANY SHIPMATE  
PLEASE NOTIFY THE BRANCH CHAPLAIN OR  
SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

### BRANCH OFFICERS

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Chaplain:	Don Brunk	2478 W. Nottingham St., Springfield, MO 65810	(417)840-4717

### BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

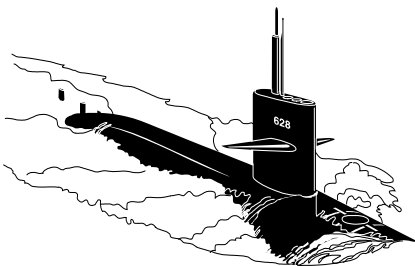
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### EVENTS JUL 2024

- Jul 4 – Independence Day
- Jul 11 – US Marine Band Est. (1798)
- Jul 21 – Guam Liberation Day (1944)
- Jul 25 – Branch Meeting
- Jul 27 – Korean War Veterans Armistice Day (1953)
- Jul 30 – Waves Est. (1942)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 10 – Branch Meeting\
- Aug 18-22 – NCR Convention Stone Castle, Branson, MO
- Aug 22 – Branch Meeting with Sea Cadets
- Sep 26 – Branch Meeting
- Oct 26 – Branch Meeting
- Nov 12-15 – National Convention



### NEXT MEETING:

4<sup>th</sup> Thur., JULY 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, JULY 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, Mel Johnson, Jim Grier, Nolan Moody, Virginia Swayne, Patrick Cashin, Robert Turner, Teri Jeske, Bernie Daum, and Sheldon Pryke. We had one guest Lon Jeske. 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, MAY 23, 2024, and approve as published in the JUNE 2024 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Frank Parker and passed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- S/M Secretary stated that we have all the 142 + packets ready to mail to the schools for the 2025 essay contest.

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

- S/M Dennis Sutherland has been released from the hospital and is at home recuperating. S/M Virginia Swayne will be going into the hospital the last part of July. We want to hold both members in our prayers.

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

- No report

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

- May's Report - 2 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.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** –

- No Report

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

- No Report.

**YOUTH** – S/M Sheldon Pryke reported:

- Sea Cadets went to Louisiana for training and met the Admiral in charge of the Sea Cadet program.
- The FRA August Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Sea Cadets.

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

- S/M Secretary read the Nominating Resolution for Shipmate David Herndon for the office of RVP for 2024-2025 Association Year.

**TREASURERS REPORT** –

- S/M Frank Parker gave the report. All bills paid. S/M Teri Jeske made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed. The installation meal was furnished by Ozark Empire Branch 316. It cost \$450.00.

**UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:**

- Shipmate Secretary reminded all Shipmates that plan to attend the 2024 NCR Convention to get their reservations made by July 18, 2024.
- S/M Secretary went over the Drivers work schedule for the PCCC

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- S/M Secretary passed out the Sr. Citizen Tax Credit forms and instructions
- S/M Secretary read the Finance and Audit Committee Report dated June 11, 2024
  1. The Audit was successful with minimal discrepancies which were corrected.
  2. The Audit Committee recommended Ozark Empire Branch 316 purchase the flags for resale. The recommendation was approved by the Branch.
  3. The Audit Committee recommended disapproval of purchasing 100 PCCC tickets by the Branch due to the low state of our checking account at this time. The recommendation was approved by the Branch.
- S/M Secretary made a motion that the unsold 38 tickets by the Branch be purchased by the Branch. The motion was seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne, and motion passed.
- At this time The newly elected officers of Ozark Empire Branch 316 were installed IAW Ozark Empire Branch 316's C&BL.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- New Branch Officers and Committee Lists were handed out.

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

Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.

Meeting Adjourned 1902

Next meeting will be July 25, 2024 at 1800.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**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 at the Inn at Grand Glaize 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.**

**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.**

**TRANSFER IN : Welcome S/M Richard Baehr**

**MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: None**

**MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUN 30, 2024: Belinda Brown, Billie Christy, and Johnny Christy**

**MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUL 31, 2024: Adam Miller**

**MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF AUG 31, 2024: Patrick Cashin**

**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: 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).**

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

Richard Bowen	06 Yrs.	Susan Crosby	24 Yrs.	Charles Duff	04 Yrs.
Dale Fanning	43 Yrs.	John Grosman	29 Yrs.	Henry Malachowski	43 Yrs.
Adam Miller	01 Yrs.	Nolan Moody	17 Yrs.	Barry Ralls	26 Yrs.
Wayne Snelson	20 Yrs.	Grant Suhre	01 Yr.	Virginia Swayne	22 Yrs.

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

Terri Budzyna	73 Yrs.	Johnny Christy	76 Yrs.	John Coonce	59 Yrs.
Johnny Feazell	79 Yrs.	Jim Grier	82 Yrs.	John Grosman	69 Yrs.
Edward Jones	82 Yrs.	Thomas McGuire	90 Yrs.	Adam Miller	40 Yrs.
Terry Morgan	69 Yrs.	Harold Singer	93 Yrs.		

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

*Chuck Ewy,*  
**Secretary, Branch 316**

## Springfield's 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Old-Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade



**“FREEDOM IN MOTION”**

**Robert Turner – President, Don Brunk – Chaplain, Frank Parker – Treasurer  
Robin Ewy – Daughter-In-Law to Chuck Ewy, Bob Ewy – Son to Chuck Ewy  
Chuck Ewy – Secretary (Driving)**





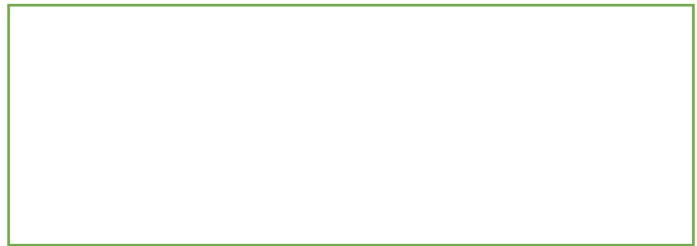
**Installation of Branch Officers June 27, 2024**



**Branch Officers Taking the Oath of Office June 27, 2024**

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**4028 S. KENTWOOD AVE.**  
**SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI 65804-6517**

**"RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED"**



**Give Vets Hope**



Our meetings have been good with many veterans and their support systems in attendance. Most recently, sandwiches were provided by one of the group members, besides the good hamburgers provided by the Post as a break from the pizza we have been having.

Food has always been a way to have community. For instance, just about everyone knows about the Last Supper and the first Thanksgiving. Eating together allows for communication between people, if they want, and if for some reason, people don't want to talk, it gives them something to do.

Have you ever been to a family reunion where there was no food? Me neither- and that seems to be one of the main reasons to have a get-together, besides the catching up. You end up finding out probably more than you thought possible by listening to those at the event, maybe more than you imagined. Anything can be talked about including the weather, sports, what's going health wise, etc.

There's always the clean up afterwards too. I was noticing that while it took about 15-20 minutes to set everything up, it only took about 10 minutes to put everything back together again. We were working together and talking! We put tables and chairs back, clean off the tables, gather the trash, and put everything in the totes I bring. I don't know what was said during our cleanup or who was talking but I was enjoying the fellowship of the moment. Finally, we say our "Good-byes." and we sound more like a family.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 at the Post, 1136 E. Atlantic and are usually done at about 7:00. Veterans and their support systems are welcome! You may visit our Facebook page at: [givevetshope/Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/givevetshope/) and if you want you may explore our website at [github.com](https://github.com).

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