



OZARK EMPIRE, BRANCH – 316, INC.



FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

Representing Enlisted Personnel of the
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SEPTEMBER 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

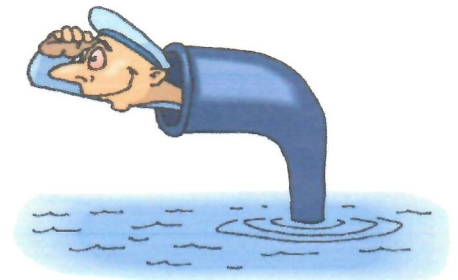
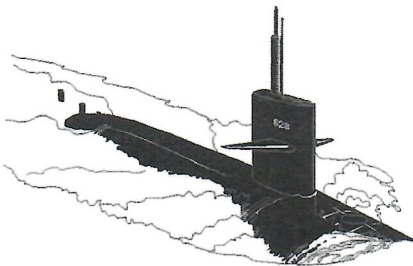
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EVENTS SEP 2024

Sep 2 – Labor Day
 VJ Day Japan Signs Surrender (1945)
 Sep 8 – Grandparents Day
 Sep 11 – United We Stand / Patriot Day
 Sep 17 – Constitution And Citizenship Day
 Sep 20 – Nat POW/MIA Recognition Day
 Sep 22 – First Day of Autumn
 Sep 26 – Branch Meeting
 Sep 29 – Gold Star Mother’s Day
 VFW Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

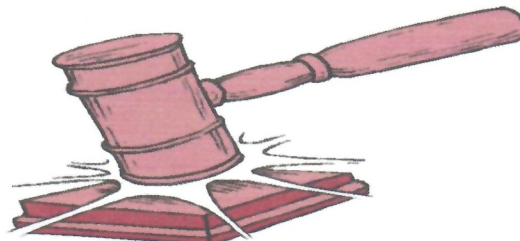
Oct 12 – Armed Forces Gala (See Insert)
 Oct 13 – US Navy Birthday
 Oct 24 – Branch Meeting
 Nov 12-15 – National Convention
 Nov 21 – Branch Meeting
 Dec – No Meeting



NEXT MEETING:

4th Thur., September 26, 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, SEPTEMBER 26, 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, Robert Turner, Don Brunk, Nolan Moody, Teri Jeske, Lon Jeske, Virginia Swayne, Frank Parker, Don Weiss, Bernie Daum, Jim Grier, and Belinda Brown. 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, JULY 25, 2024, and approve as they were published in verbatim in the AUGUST 2024 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM – It was reported:

- No Report

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- S/M Chuck Duff reported to the Staff of the Supreme Commander. Ozark Empire Branch 316 conducted a Two Bell Ceremony at the request of the family.
- Lon Jeske was present and is recuperating great.

MEMBERSHIP:

- JULY'S REPORT - 1 New member, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 0 Suspension, 2 Members past due, 106 Total active members, 2 Members past due, 104 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

- No Report

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Belinda Brown reported:

- No Report

YOUTH – S/M Sheldon Pryke reported:

- No Report

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

- S/M Secretary went over the 2024 NCR General Resolution No. 1 which deals with the merger of NCR and SCR. This resolution was approved at the August NCR Convention.
- Read Nat Board Resolution 30-24(Br 371 merged with Br 222).
- NP Serial Letter 4-24 (FRA 2024 Nat Conv Call Letter).
- FRA Officer Newsletter August 2024.
- Nat Bd. Resolution No. 31-24 (Br 53 Great Lakes Surrendered their Charter)
- Nat Bd. Resolution (32-24, 33-24, 34-24, 35-24 review C&BL Resolutions No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 respectively).

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 meal was \$94.20. Meal donations was \$61.00.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- We had a discussion on finances. A meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee was set for Thursday August 29 at 1100 at the American Legion Post 639. Chair will send out an e-mail.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary made a motion that Ozark Empire Branch 316 donate \$1000.00 to the National Centennial Committee to purchase Campaign Glasses. Branch 032 is in charge of getting them and transporting them to National. Motion was seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and motion passed.
- Ozark Empire has agreed to host the 2026 NCR Convention.
- PRPEC Brian J. Jones Br 032 was elected to be the RPNC for 2024-2025.
- S/M David Herdon Br 364 was elected to be the RVPNC for 2024-2025.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M Nolan Moody passed on the following information: Marine Corps League Pistol Shoot Sep 7; Toys for Tots at the Elks 4-6 pm October 27th; November 2nd Willard Veterans Day Parade; November 12th Elks Estate Planning- Veterans Free; December 14 – Wreaths Across America Missouri Veterans Cemetery 1100.

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

Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.

Meeting Adjourned 1945

Next meeting will be September 26, 2024 at 1800.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 100th 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 forthcoming.

NEW MEMBERS : Welcome S/M Michelle Gallion

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: Billie Jo 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

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF SEP 30, 2024: None

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, 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: S/M Chuck Duff 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 (417-838-4991).

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

Daniel Bunch	15 Yrs.	Tony DeLong	27 Yrs.	Dale Duke	35 Yrs.
Johnny Feazell	36 Yrs.	Jimmie Grier	36 Yrs.	Joseph Hessler	24 Yrs.
Teri Jeske	03 Yrs.	Dennis Shanklin	36 Yrs.		

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

Belinda Brown	66 Yrs.	Teri Jeske	66 Yrs.	Wayne Snelson	75 Yrs.
Grant Suhre	59 Yrs.	John Waggoner	67 Yrs.		

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

Chuck Ewy,

Secretary, Branch 316

2024 North Central Regional Convention Pictures



**IT WAS A GREAT 2024 NCR
CONVENTION
RPNC 2024-2025 Brian J.
Jones Br 032
RVPNC 2024-2025 David
Herdon Br 364**



**Ozark Empire Branch 316 Conducted a Two-Bell Ceremony
For Shipmate Chuck Duff**

SAVE THE DATE

FRA/AFRA North Central Region 2025 Mid-Year Conference

Hosted by North Central Branch #136

BLOOMINGTON MINNESOTA

26 April - 29 April 2025

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5120 American Blvd West, Bloomington, MN 55437

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*Be sure to tell them you are with the **Fleet Reserve Association***

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Complimentary Airport Shuttle - Daily

Keurig Coffee Maker in room

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Fitness Room

Pool Table

Book and Board Game area

Snack Pantry on site

Complimentary Coffee in the lobby

Bar & Restaurant on site

Free WIFI



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