



OZARK EMPIRE, BRANCH – 316, INC.



FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

*Representing Enlisted Personnel of the
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DECEMBER 2024 JANUARY 2025 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

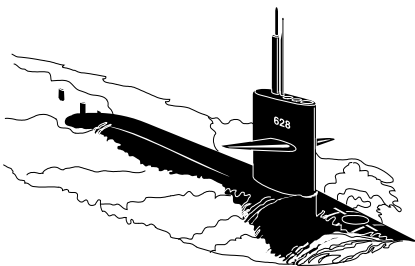
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EVENTS DEC 2024 / JAN 2025

- DEC 1 – Deadline for Essays
- Dec – No Meeting
- Dec 7 – Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 15 – Bill of Rights Day
- Dec 17 – Wright Brothers Day
- Dec 21 – First Day of Winter
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve
- Dec 25 – Christmas Day
- Dec 31 – New Year’s Eve
- Jan 1 – New Year’s Day
- Jan 20 – Inauguration Day
- Jan 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. B-Day
- Jan 23 – Branch Meeting
- Jan 28 – Observance of USCGC Blackthorn Sinking

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 27 – Branch Meeting
- Mar 27 – Branch Meeting
- A/pr 24 – Branch Meeting
- May 22 – Branch Meeting



**“SHIPMATES”
YOU ARE WANTED
AND WELCOME
AT BRANCH 316’S
MEETINGS**

NEXT MEETING:

4th Thur. January 23, 2025
(1700) Branch Meeting
American Legion Post 639
2660 S Scenic Ave.
Springfield, MO. 65807



BRANCH 316'S WEB PAGE (frabr316.org)

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be Thursday, JANUARY 23, 2024, and will commence at 1800. We will meet at American Legion Post 639, 2660 S. Scenic, Springfield, MO, 65807. The meal will BE provided by the Branch 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, Jim Gallion, Don Brunk, Frank Parker, Dennis Strantz, Shirley Strantz, Virginia Swayne, Bernie Daum, Norma Wright, Jim Grier, Nolan Moody, and Robert Turner. We had one guest Carol 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". We had one new member initiated S/M Jim Gallion. A motion was made by S/M Don Brunk to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting, OCTOBER 24, 2024, and approve as they were published verbatim in the NOVEMBER 2024 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM – It was reported:

- That Branch 316 has received 33 essay so far.

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- He had not received an update on S/M Dennis Sutherland.

MEMBERSHIP:

- OCTOBER REPORT - 3 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 1 Suspensions, 1 Members past due, 115 Total active members, 1 Members past due, 114 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

- December 14th, Missouri Veterans Cemetery will be the Presentation of Wreaths Across America, at 1100.

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Belinda Brown reported:

- No Report

YOUTH – S/M Sheldon Pryke reported:

- No Report

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Secretary Chuck Ewy reported:

- Read the e-mail from Rob Marsh with PCCC.
- Read the Certificate of Recognition from Governor Parson for the 100 year anniversary of the FRA.

TREASURERS REPORT –

- S/M Frank Parker gave the report. All bills paid. S/M Jim Grier made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed. Meal was \$99.01. Donations was \$50.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary reported on the newly elected officers at the National Convention. NP – Maria Behm, NVP – Rick Fetro, RPNC Brian Jones, RVPNC David Herndon, National Par. Marty Posekany, National Chaplain – Gabriel Falu.
- S/M Secretary stated Branch 316 had received a check from Hy-Vee in the amount of \$16.00.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M Secretary presented two recruiting awards to S/M President for recruiting ten new members.
- The assembly was addressed by new member Jim Gallion.
- S/M Shirley Strantz talked about how Nixa did a tribute to Veterans and how it could have been a lot better.

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

Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.

Meeting Adjourned 1846

Next meeting will be JANUARY 23, 2024 at 1800.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome S/M's – Craig Baird, Dennis Strantz and Shirley Strantz.

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: Patrick Cashin.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF OCT 31, 2024: Anthony Bentley, Michael Kimball, and Christina Smith.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF NOV 30, 2024: Holly Anthony, Terri Budzyna, and Joseph Hopkins.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF DEC 31, 2024: Michael Baker, Joe Newton, and Kenneth Spink.

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 HAVE BEEN TERMINATED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES: .

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 (417-838-4991).

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

Michael Baker	39 Yrs.	Alan Fear	14 Yrs.	Philip Fogle	26 Yrs.
Joe Newton	03 Yrs.	Sheldon Pryke	02 Yrs.	Kenneth Spink	30 Yrs.
Billy Tettenhorst	27 Yrs.				

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

Holly Anthony	62 Yrs.	Daniel Bunch	84 Yrs.	Charles Cline	88 Yrs.
Michael George	62 Yrs.	Joe Newton	81 Yrs.	Frank Parker	78 Yrs.
Dennis Shanklin	82 Yrs.	Shirley Strantz	78 Yrs.		

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

Chuck Ewy,

Secretary, Branch 316

Give Vets Hope



Help and Hope for Veterans

DECEMBER ARTICLE FOR “GIVE VETS HOPE”

At our meetings we have had some of our meals provided members! The change in food was welcomed. The pizza was delicious but put aside as each of us enjoyed the other’s company.

I got the honor of doing a live video with Hank Molinengo at 9:00, November 8th. He is with the Wellness for Warriors and Warriors Journey projects and is a retired Navy veteran. He achieved some pretty good rank and the projects are lucky to have him. The program he puts on can be seen at 9:00 Friday mornings at: [wellnessforwarriors/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/wellnessforwarriors/).

Our group continues to meet providing a place for veterans to talk about anything without being judged. If any of you have attended an A. A. meeting it’s kind of run like that. We have about 7-9 “regulars”.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 at the VFW Post 3404, 1136 E. Atlantic, and are usually done at about 7:00. Veterans and their support systems are welcome! You may visit our website at: givevetshope.github.io.

David Suits-Give Vets Hope co-facilitator

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**JUST A REMINDER THIS IS THE DECEMBER 2024 AND JANUARY 2025
NEWSLETTER**

We Wish all Shipmates a Very Merry Christmas

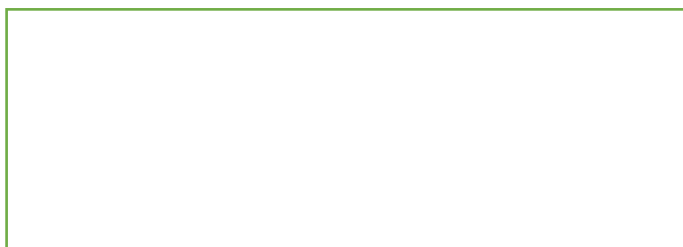


And a Happy New Year



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USS Cony (DD-508)
Secretary Ewy's Second Ship he Served on.