



OZARK EMPIRE, BRANCH – 316, INC.



FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

*Representing Enlisted Personnel of the
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MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE NOTIFY THE BRANCH CHAPLAIN OR
SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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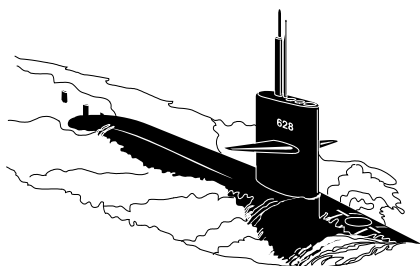
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EVENTS MAR 2025

Feb 19 – Correction USCG Reserve
B-Day (1941)
Mar 3 – US Naval Reserve Est. (1915)
Mar 4 – US Navy Band Est. (1925)
Mar 5 – US Navy Seabees B-Day (1942)
Mar 9 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 13 – National K9 Veterans Day
Mar 17 – St Patrick's Day
Mar 18 – National Supreme Sacrifice Day
Mar 20 – First Day of spring
Mar 25 – Nat Medal of Honor Day
Mar 27 – Branch Meeting
Mar 29 – Vietnam Veterans Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 24 – Branch Meeting
May 22 – Branch Meeting (Elections
Branch Officers)
June 26 – Branch Meeting (Installations
Branch Officers)
July 24 – Branch Meeting



NEXT MEETING:

4th Thursday March 27, 2025
(1700) Meal
(1800) Branch Meeting
American Legion Post 639
2660 S Scenic Ave.
Springfield, MO. 65807



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



BRANCH 316'S WEB PAGE (frabr316.org)

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be Thursday, MARCH 27, 2025, 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 Branch 316 at 1700.

LAST MEETING: Our next meeting will be Thursday, MARCH 27, 2025, 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.

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, Michelle Gallion, Grant Dorrell, Bernie Daum, Robert Duff, Russ Reagin, Don Weiss, Jim Grier, Joe Newton, Nolan Moody, Virginia Swayne, Robert Turner, John Vaughan, Teri Jeske, and Belinda Brown. We had two guests PRPNC Norm Combs and PRPNC Jerry Lickteig. 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 three members initiated: S/M Robert Duff, S/M Grant Dorrell, and S/M John Vaughan. A motion was made by S/M Don Brunk to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting, JANUARY 23, 2025, and approve as they were published verbatim in the FEBRUARY Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM – It was reported:

- No Report

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- We had two deaths: S/M Henry Malachowski 9/25/2024 and Darrell Osborn 2/19/2025.

MEMBERSHIP:

- **FEBRUARY REPORT** – 0 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 2 Deletions, 3 Suspensions, 2 Members past due, 109 Total active members, 2 Members past due, 107 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

- No Report

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Belinda Brown reported:

- The DAV is in need of drivers

YOUTH – S/M:

- No Report

NAVY BALL COMMITTEE: S/M John Vaughan Reported

- The 250th Navy Ball will be held on October 25, 2025 at the Barley House, 3060 N Kentwood, Springfield, MO. They have a tentative Guest Speaker – Retired Admiral Hank Mareno. They are looking for fund raisers to help fund the ball. The next meeting will be March 9, 2025 at 9 PM at the Reserve Center
- S/M John Vaughan also brought up the Chiefs Dining out Dinner on March 29, 2025 at American Legion Post 639 and passed on an invitation to all Chiefs to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Secretary Chuck Ewy reported:

- **NED Memo 1-25:** (Changes to FRA C&BL) S/M Secretary stated he had printed a up-to-date copy and would be glad to print more.
- **Nat Board Resolution 10-25:** (Resolved that Br 018 be suspended due to Sec 1203(c).
- **Nat Board Authorization No 1-25:** (Resolved \$2500.00 is authorized for FRA S/M Barbara Richwalski.
- Made available to all S/M's the Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4 Qtr Balance Sheets and Qtr Income Statements.

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. Br 316 received donations for the meal of \$84.00 and reimbursed S/M Virginia Swayne \$25.00.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- S/M Secretary stated that the Missouri FRA Branches 032, 161, 316, 364 are putting on the 2025 National Convention here in Springfield, MO and will be looking for helper with various jobs. More information will be forth coming .
- At this time, PRPNC Jerry Lickteig and PRPNC Norm Combs, addressed the assembly giving background information as to why it was being held in Springfield, Mo.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary mentioned that at the March meeting S/M President will designate a Nominating Committee for Branch Officers for 2025-2026.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M's Grant Dorrell and Robert Duff addressed the assembly.

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

Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.

Meeting Adjourned 1853.

Next meeting will be MARCH 27, 2025 at 1800

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SHIPMATES OF BRANCH 316: The 2025 “Mid-Year Conference”, will be in Bloomington, Minnesota, and hosted by Viking Branch 136, on April 22 – 25, 2025. It will be at the Holiday Inn, 5120 American Blvd. West. More information will be forth coming.

SHIPMATES OF BRANCH 316: The 2025 NCR Convention will be in Osage Beach, MO and hosted by the Gray Hats on 18 August – 21 August 2025. It will be at “The Inn at Grand Glaze”.

FRA 2025 National Constitutional Convention, hosted by the four Missouri Branches: Branch/Unit 161 and Branch/Unit 032, Branch 316 and Branch 364. Additional information to be forth coming.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome S/M's –

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: Holly Anthony and Terri Budzyna.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JAN 31, 2025: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF FEB 28, 2025: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF MAR 31, 2025: Jeffery Morrison

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: Michael Kimball

THE FOLLOWING MEMBER HAS REPORTED TO THE “STAFF OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER: Darrell Osborn

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).

MARCH 2025 CONTINUOUS MEMBERS: We want to congratulate the following members of Branch 316 for their continuous membership in the FRA.

Carl Jansen	14 Yrs.	Jeffery Morrison	08 Yrs.	Robert Turner	31 Yrs.
John Waggoner	19 Yrs.				

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

Jennifer Bailey	28 Yrs.	Michael Baker	77 Yrs.	James Burger	79 Yrs.
Craig Chapman	60 Yrs.	Charles Ewy	81 Yrs.	Alan Fear	80 Yrs.
Stephen Hagenhoff	75 Yrs.	Raymond Larson	82 Yrs.	Nathalie Metzler	34 Yrs.
Terrell Staple	87 Yrs.	Orsure Stokes	71 Yrs.	Jonathan Vaughan	38 Yrs.
Teddy Verfurth	90 Yrs.				

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

GIVE VETS HOPE: This is to inform you that the “Give Vets Hope” group will not be meeting anymore. I have some health issues, that are not life threatening, just life – altering. Sorry, will keep you informed. Thank you for your hard work.

WE WISH ALL SHIPMATES

A VERY HAPPY ST. PATRICKS

DAY

INITIATION OF THREE NEW MEMBERS

S/M Jonathan Vaughan, S/M Grant Dorrell, S/M Robert Duff



S/M President Starting the Initiation



S/M Vice President Instructing the S/M in Loyalty, Protection. And Service



S/M Secretary Presenting the S/M's with their FRA Pin

NEWSBYTES FROM NATIONAL

February 21, 2025

- Deputy Secretary of the VA Confirmation Hearing
- Senators Call for Full Reinstatement of fired VA Employees
- BAS Funds Misallocation
- Military Spouses Exempt from Return-to-Office Mandate
- USS Harry S. Truman CO Relieved After Collision

February 14, 2025

- New Policy on Military Service Eligibility
- VA Dismisses Over 1,000 Employees
- VA Secretary Reaffirms Commitment to Veterans' Benefits
- VA Resumes Onboarding for Volunteers
- Military Families to See Lower Tricare Dental Premium

January 31, 2025

- VA Expands Veterans Legacy Memorial
- Pete Hegseth Confirmed SecDef
- Military Personnel Eos
- Firing of U.S. Coast Guard Commandant

January 24, 2025

- Trump Inauguration
- Closing of TRICARE Patient Portal
- Doug Collins' Confirmation Hearing for VA Secretary
- VA Volunteer Programs Jeopardized

January 17, 2025

- Inauguration of President Donald Trump
- Confirmation Hearing SecDef
- 2025 VA Federal Benefits Guidebook

January 10, 2025

- Funeral Ceremony of Jimmy Carter
- Passing of PNP Thomas "Tom" L. Leisher
- Election Certification
- Social Security Fairness Act Signed into Law
- Help Us Preserve Military History

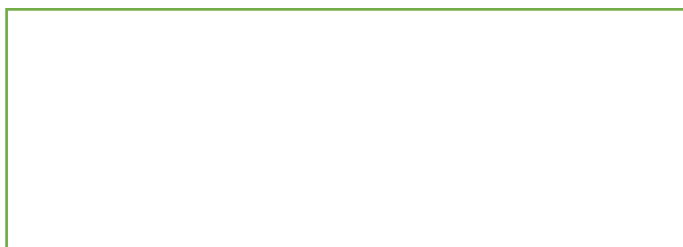
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"RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED"



**Chuck Ewy's Fourth Ship He Served on
YTM 536 at Norfolk Naval Shipyard**