



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

JUNE 2025 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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|------------|-----------------|--|---------------|
| President: | Robert Turner | 307 Southview St., Willard, MO 65781 | (417)838-4991 |
| Vice Pres | Virginia Swayne | 3660 S. Cox Ave. Apt 3202, Springfield, MO 65807 | (417)880-7872 |
| Secretary: | Chuck Ewy | 4028 S. Kentwood Ave., Springfield, MO 65804 | (417)861-9926 |
| Treasurer | Frank Parker | 847 S Jonathan Ave. Springfield, MO 65802 | (417)838-7698 |
| Chaplain: | Don Brunk | 2478 W. Nottingham St., Springfield, MO 65810 | (417)840-4717 |

BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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|-------------|--------------|--|---------------|
| JrPP: | Tom Newsom | 3215 W. Wick St., Springfield, MO 65810 | (417)569-9871 |
| Bd. Of Dir. | Teri Jeske | RR 4, Box 436, Ava, MO 65608-9370 | (417)413-8606 |
| Bd. Of Dir. | Jim Grier | 714 S. Stratford Dr., Springfield, MO 65809 | (417)350-3888 |
| Bd. Of Dir. | Nolan Moody | 4334 W. La Siesta St., Springfield, MO 65802 | (417)894-0083 |
| Bd. Of Dir. | Norma Wright | 2975 W. Village Terr., Springfield, MO 65810 | (417)830-0682 |
| Bd. Of Dir | Bernie Daum | 264 Meadowview Rd., Galena, MO 65656 | (757)620-2113 |

EVENTS JUNE 2025

Jun 6 – D-Day (1944)
Jun 14 – Flag Day
Jun 15 – Father's Day
Jun 17 – U.S. Naval Hospital Corps Est
(1898)
Jun 19 – Juneteenth
Jun 21 – First Day of Summer
Jun 25 – N Korea Invades S Korea (1950)
June 26 – Branch Meeting (Installations
of Branch Officers)

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 24 – Branch Meeting
Aug 18-21 NCR Convention (Inn at the
Grand Glaze)
Aug 28 – Branch Meeting
Sep 25 – Branch Meeting
Nov 2-8 – National Conv Spd, MO

NEXT MEETING:

4th Thursday June 26, 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, JUNE 26, 2025, and will commence at 1800. We will meet at American Legion Post 639, 2660 S. Scenic, Springfield, MO, 65807. We will be installing our branch officers. The Branch will provide the meal.

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: Charles Ewy, Don Brunk, Jim Gallion, Frank Parker, Nolan Moody, Bernie Daum, Robert Turner, Teri Jeske, Robert Gunnett, Jim Grier, Don Wiess, and Virginia Swayne. We had one guest Lon Jeske. We initiated one new member, S/M Robert Gunnett. 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, APRIL 24, 2025, and approve as they were published verbatim in the MAY 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 have no members that I know of that are in the hospital. S/M President, Secretary and Chaplain made a trip to Mount Vernon to visit S/M James Jenkins and S/M Bob Adams whom we presented his 60 year continuous membership pin and certificate.

MEMBERSHIP:

- APRIL REPORT – 1 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 2 Deletions, 0 Suspensions, 0 Members past due, 111 Total active members, 0 Members past due, 111 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

- No Report

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Belinda Brown reported:

- No Report

YOUTH – S/M:

- No Report

NAVY BALL COMMITTEE: S/M Nathalie Metzler Reported:

- S/M President gave a report on the Navy Ball. Next meeting will be in June.

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Charles Ewy reported:

- Special National Board of Directors Meeting called.
- 4th Qtr. Membership Report 2024-2025.
- National Board Resolution #12-25 (Expenditure of funds from H, W, & R Reserve – Clifton McNanny).
- Nat. Pres. Serial Letter 1-25 (2025-2026 Officers & Committees)
- NED Memo (Annual Report of Branch Officers)
- QTR Income Statement & QTR Balance Sheet.
- Nominating Resolution for NVP Br 166 Sha'ron D Martin

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 Virginia Swayne and passed.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- S/M Secretary read the slate of officers submitted by the Nominating Committee and the election of Branch Officers were elected IAW Ozark Empire Branch 316's C&BL with the following results: President – Robert Turner; Vice President – Virginia Swayne; Secretary – Chuck Ewy; Treasurer – Frank Parker; Board of Directors – Teri Jeske, Jim Grier, Nolan Moody, Norma Wright, and Bernie Daum.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary read a letter Nominating S/M Robert D. Turner for Life Membership. The Awards Committee made the motion. It was approved unanimously by Branch 316.
- Nominating Resolution for NVP Br 032 Brian J Jones RPNC was read and S/M Teri Jeske made a motion that Branch 316 endorse S/M Jones for National Vice President. Motion seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed.
- Nominating Resolution for NVP Br 166 Sha'ron D Martin was read.
- S/M Belinda Brown made a motion that Ozark Empire Branch 316 donate \$500.00 to American Legion fund to help repaint the Helicopters. Motion seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and it was approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- May 12 – Elks Estate Planning – They did a fantastic job.
- June 7 – Puller Individual Pistol Match
- June 14 – Next Honor Flight
- October 4 – Open Range Fun Shoot
- S/M Bob Gunnett addressed the assembly

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 1836.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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” in Osage Beach, MO.

Call: 573-348-4731 for reservations. Be sure to mention the FRA. Room rates are \$92 + tax. Cutoff date for reservations is 4 August. When checking in show a military or Retired military ID and receive 10% discount when checking out. For additional information, attend our next Branch Meeting and I will have flyers to hand out.

FRA 2025 National Convention, hosted by the four Missouri Branches: Branch/Unit 161 and Branch/Unit 032, Branch 316 and Branch 364. The Convention will be from 3 to 8 November 2025 at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, 2546 N Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO. Call 417-866-5253 for reservations. Room Rates are \$119.00 per night. For additional information, attend our next Branch Meeting and I will have flyers to hand out.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome S/M Jessy Portis and S/M Robert Gunnett

MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES:

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: None

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF APR 30, 2025: Sheldon Pryke and Joseph Taylor.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF MAY 31, 2025: Dennis Sutherland.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 30, 2025: 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: 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).

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

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| John Coonce | 26 Yrs. | Jonathan Ewbank | 32 Yrs. | James Garton | 26 Yrs. |
| James Jenkins | 45 Yrs. | | | | |

Sorry I made a mistake. I printed June Birthdays instead of May.

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

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|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| Richard Baehr | 88 Yrs. | Robert Callhan | 81 Yrs. | Patricia Cooper | 76 Yrs. |
| Tony Delong | 72 Yrs. | James Garton | 79 Yrs. | Thomas Griffith | 49 Yrs. |
| Joseph Hessler | 75 Yrs. | Ric Jackson | 79 Yrs. | John Loe | 45 Yrs. |
| Thomas Newsom | 77 Yrs. | Richard Reed | 86 Yrs. | Christina Smith | 66 Yrs. |
| Jim Smith | 90 Yrs. | Marvin Tulla | 44 Yrs. | Dennie Whittaker | 83 Yrs. |

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

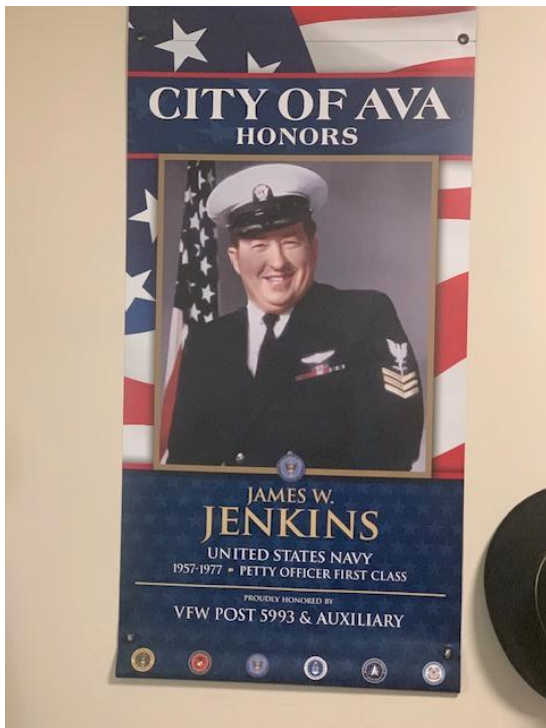
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| Norman Basham | 86 Yrs. | Anthony Bentley | 56 Yrs. | Sabrina Bonnette | 59 Yrs. |
| Melvin Johnson | 80 Yrs. | Michael Kimball | 51 Yrs. | George King | 79 Yrs. |
| Gary O'Dell | 63 Yrs. | Richard Seifred | 63 Yrs. | Greg Shilts | 62 Yrs. |
| Kenneth Spink | 78 Yrs. | Dennis Sutherland | 72 Yrs. | | |

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

Charles B. Ewy

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Secretary Branch 316



**Visit to Mount Vernon Veteran's Home To Visit
Ozark Empire Branch 316's FRA Shipmate James Jenkins**



**Visit to Mount Vernon Veteran's Home To Present a 60 Year
Continuous Membership Pin & Certificate to
Ozark Empire Branch 316's FRA Shipmate Bob Adams**

FRA and FRA Auxiliary North Central Region 2025 Convention

Hosted by the FRA NCR Gray Hats, Inc.

18 – 21 August in Osage Beach, MO

Hotel Information: The hotel is The Inn at Grand Glaize, 5142 Osage Beach Pkwy. Osage Beach, Missouri 65065. Call: 573-348-4731 for reservations. Be sure to mention the FRA. Room rates are \$92 + tax. The cutoff date for reservations is 4 August. When checking in show a military or retired military ID and receive 10% discount when you check out.!

- 2 Queen Size Beds or
- King Size Bed
- Private Balconies (Lakeview Only)
- Cable Television
- Complimentary High-Speed Wireless Internet
- Table and Chairs
- Telephones with Voicemail
- Electronic Key Locks

**Banquet, Wednesday, 20 August:
The Glaize Dinner Buffet \$41**

**Southern Fried Chicken and Roast Beef Bordelaise ; Country Style Green Beans
and Corn O'Brian (Sweet Corn with Onions and Red Peppers); Herb Roasted Potatoes
Includes a Chef's Choice Dessert**

**All Dinner Buffets Include Tossed Garden Salad and Warm Dinner Rolls and
Whipped Butter. Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and Iced Tea**

Name(s): _____

Branch / Unit: _____ **Telephone number or email:** _____

Number of Banquet Dinners: _____ **times \$41.00 each:** \$ _____

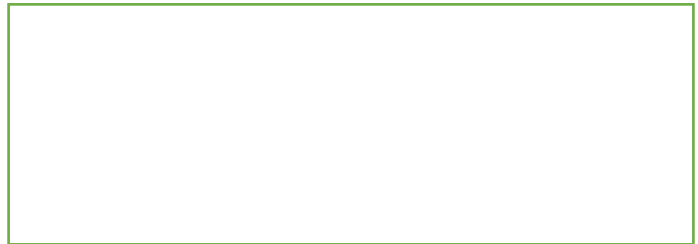
Total Amount \$ _____

Make all checks PAYABLE to: FRA NCR GRAY HATS, Inc.

**Please MAIL all checks to:
Marty Posekany, FRA NCR Gray Hats
9628 S Bergamont Dr. Franklin, WI 53132-1600**

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"RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED"



Chuck Ewy's Seventh Ship He Served on
USS Peterson (DD – 969)



USS Peterson (DD-969), named for Lieutenant Commander Carl Jerrold Peterson, was a Spruance-class destroyer laid down by the Ingalls Shipbuilding Division of Litton Industries at Pascagoula, Mississippi.