



**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**

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### **AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER**

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

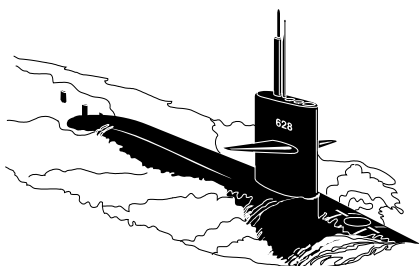
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#### **BRANCH OFFICERS**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Robert Turner</b>	<b>307 Southview St., Willard, MO 65781</b>	<b>(417)838-4991</b>
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<b>Chaplain:</b>	<b>Don Brunk</b>	<b>2478 W. Nottingham St., Springfield, MO 65810</b>	<b>(417)840-4717</b>

#### **BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<b>JrPP:</b>	<b>Tom Newsom</b>	<b>3215 W. Wick St., Springfield, MO 65810</b>	<b>(417)569-9871</b>
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**EVENTS AUG 2025**  
Aug 4 – US Coast Guard B-Day (1790)  
Vietnam Conflict Began (1964)  
Aug 14 – Nat. Navajo Code Talkers day  
VJ Day (Japanese Surrender 1945)  
Aug 18-21 NCR Convention (Inn at the  
Grand Glaze)  
Aug 28 – Branch Meeting  
Aug 29 – USMC Reserves Founded  
(1916)



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sep 25 – Branch Meeting  
NCRP Visit  
Oct ? – Navy Ball  
Oct 23 – Branch Meeting  
Nov 2-8 – National Conv Spfd., MO  
Nov 20 – Branch Meeting  
Dec – No Meeting

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**4th Thursday August 28, 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](http://frabr316.org))

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting will be Thursday, AUGUST 28, 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: Charles Ewy, Don Brunk, Jim Gallion, Jim Grier, Frank Parker, Gary Wild, Jack Fielder, Belinda Brown, Joe Newton, Virginia Swayne, Nolan Moody, Robert Turner, Teri Jeske, Bernie Daum, Robert Gunnett, Nathalie Metzler, and Nyto Griffen. We had three guests: Lon Jeske, Jess Chiapputo (CO of the Greater Ozarks Navy Sea Cadet Unit) and PRPNC Norm Combs. 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, JUNE 26, 2025, and approve as they were published verbatim in the JULY Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed.

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- That the information for the 141 schools was copied and was ready to send out for the next essay.

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

- S/M Bernie Daum had a new pace maker installed and is doing great.

### MEMBERSHIP:

- JUNE REPORT – 1 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 0 Suspensions, 112 Total active members, 3 Members past due, 109 Members in good standing.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS –

- No Report

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

- No Report

**YOUTH** – S/M: Joe Newton Reported:

- Introduced the CO of the GONSC, Jess Chiapputo.

**NAVY BALL COMMITTEE:** S/M Nathalie Metzler Reported:

- No Report

**COMMUNICATIONS** - S/M Charles Ewy reported:

- National Newsletter # 3
- Nominating Resolution for NED for Delbert M Terrell Jr.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2025-2026 Membership Report
- NP Serial Letter 1-25 (2025-2026 Officers and Committees

### 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.

### UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

- None

### NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary made a motion to nominate Lon Jeske as an honorary FRA Member, IAW Section 306 National C&BL. The motion was seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed unanimously. S/M Secretary will write up the Resolution.
- S/M Belinda Brown made a motion to provide 12 flag sets for the Navy Ball. Motion seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and passed.
- S/M Secretary presented the information for the 2026 FRA Veterans Service Officer Training Schedule.
- Justin from American Legion Post 639 and the Aux President presented their focus for 2025, "Kind Hearts for Kids". All proceeds will go to "Isabel's House".
- S/M Nathalie Metzler and S/M Nyto Griffen talked on the Navy week in Branson August 25 – 31. They also talked on the preparations for the Navy Ball in October.
- S/M Belinda Brown made a motion that Branch 316 donate \$1000.00 to American Legion's "Kind Hearts for Kids" program. Motion seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and passed.
- S/M Belinda Brown made a motion that Branch 316 donate \$800.00 to the "Elk's Basket" to help Veterans. Motion was seconded by Teri Jeske and passed.
- The question was asked, how can we help the Sea Cadet program. CO Jess Chiapputo stated that uniforms are of utmost importance. S/M Nolan Moody made a motion that Branch 316 donate \$1000.00 to the Greater Ozarks Navy Sea Cadet program. Motion was seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed.
- Honor Flight of the Ozarks was brought up, and S/M Teri Jeske made a motion that Branch 316 donate \$500.00 to help a sponsor in need. Motion was seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M PRPNC Norm Combs addressed the assembly and spoke on the upcoming NCR Convention
- S/M Bernie Daum addressed the assembly and thanked everyone for the prayers for his Wife. He also donated 12 red T-Shirts to the Branch.

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 1930.

#### 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 Robert Gunnett

**MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES:** Raymond Larson and Wayne Snelson.

**MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE:** Sheldon Pryke, Joseph Taylor and Dennis Sutherland.

**MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 30, 2025:** None

**MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JULY 31, 2025:** Michelle Gallion and Grant Suhre.

**MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF AUGUST 31, 2025:** Jennifer Bailey, Belinda Brown, Robert Duff, Nyto Griffen, John Loe, Nathalie Metzler, and Jonathan Vaughan.

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:** Jimmie Shehi  
**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/Ms 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).

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

Robert Adams	61 Yrs.	Jennifer Bailey	01 Yr.	Belinda Brown	14 Yrs.
Patricia Cooper	17 Yrs.	Robert Duff	01 Yr.	Nyto Griffen	01 Yr.
Raymond Larson	38 Yrs.	John Loe	01 Yr.	Nathalie Metzler	01 Yr.
Jonathan Vaughan	01 Yr.	Dennie Whittaker	26 Yrs.		
<b>WE WISH EACH SHIPMATE, WHO HAS A BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST, A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:</b>					
Richard Bowen	59 Yrs.	Patrick Bryan	73 Yrs.	Richard Feyerabend	73 Yrs.
Robert Gunnett	74 Yrs.	Billy Harris	92 Yrs.	James Jenkins	86 Yrs.
Arnold Moldenhauer	86 Yrs.				

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

*Charles B. Ewy*

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Secretary Branch 316





**S/M President Robert Turner conducting an Initiation ceremony for S/M Gary Wind**



**S/M Vice President Virginia Swayne instructing new member Gary Wind In Loyalty, Protection and Service.**



**S/M Secretary Chuck Ewy presenting new member Gary Wind with a new hat and the FRA membership pin. S/M Master-at-Arms Jim Grier waiting to introduce S/M Gary to the assembly.**





The American Legion Post 639  
Children and Youth Program  
In Partnership with  
ALA Unit 639  
SONS Squardon 639  
ALR Chapter 639

**Event Sponsors:**

American Legion Post 639  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 639  
Springfield Cardinals  
Craft Axe Throwing  
Republic Big Whiskeys  
St. Louis Cardinals  
J&C Hats and Tumblers

ALR "Kind Hearts for Kids"  
85 mile Event Ride  
KSU 9 am  
8 am Registration

\$25 per Rider receive a  
\$50 valued registration  
package  
\$10 per passenger receive a  
\$20 registration package  
5 tumblers drawn for Event  
Ride Registrants Only

# "Kind Hearts for Kids"

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
ISABEL'S HOUSE  
**Saturday, Sept. 27th**

**9 to 6 pm**

**Live Music on the  
Shockley Stage:**

**Stagaroots**

**12 to 3 pm**

**One Night Only**

**3:30 to 6 pm**

Opening Ceremony  
11:30 am

SONS Event Lunch 11-4 pm  
ALA Silent Auction 11-4 pm  
ALA 50/50 Raffle 11-4 pm  
Winners Announced 5 pm  
Presentation Awards &  
Closing Ceremony

# Navy Week Information

The U.S. Navy proudly announces the inaugural Branson/Springfield Navy Week in Missouri, taking place August 25-31, 2025. As part of a nationwide outreach effort, Branson/Springfield Navy Week is bringing 60-70 Sailors to engage directly with the community through a week-long series of performances, educational events, and service projects.

This milestone event marks the first-ever Navy Week in the Branson/Springfield area. Navy Week offers residents a unique opportunity to interact with Sailors and learn more about the Navy's role in national security and global stability.

This year's 2025 Navy Week schedule holds special significance as it coincides with the U.S. Navy's 250th birthday — a historic milestone celebrating a quarter-millennium of maritime excellence, national security, and global leadership.

Since its inception in 2005, the Navy Week program has visited more than 95 markets across the United States, but this marks the first time Springfield/Branson will host the event. The week will feature a dynamic lineup of activities designed to educate, inspire, and strengthen community ties:

- **Senior Navy Leaders:** Meet and hear from senior Navy officials, including those with local ties to Missouri.
- **U.S. Navy Band Great Lakes:** Enjoy live musical performances and masterclasses led by talented Navy musicians.
- **Naval History and Heritage Command:** Explore the rich connection between Missouri and the Navy through interactive presentations and educational programs.
- **USS Constitution:** Witness demonstrations featuring the Navy's oldest commissioned ship and its enduring legacy.
- **U.S. Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command:** Engage in STEM-focused sessions highlighting oceanographic and atmospheric science.
- **Navy Talent Acquisition Group Mid-America:** Discover opportunities within the Navy through community projects, displays, and career discussions.

Branson/Springfield Navy Week brings the Navy to regions without a major naval presence, fostering connections and showcasing how the Navy's mission ensures the security, prosperity, and freedom of our nation.



**What: FRA 97/92 National Convention**

**Where: Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, MO  
2546 N. Glenstone Ave.**

**When: (3-8 November 2025)**

**Room Rates: \$119.00 per night with complimentary Hot Breakfast**

**IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO A NATIONAL CONVENTION  
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SEE HOW THE FRA WORKS.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_**

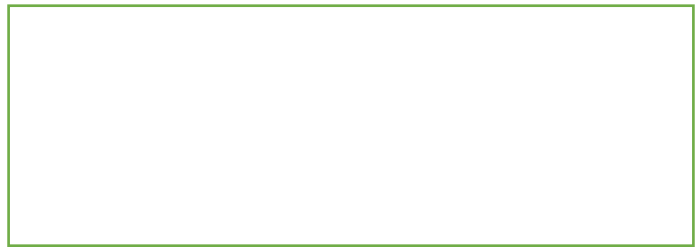
**Number of Banquet Dinners: \_\_\_\_\_ times \$41.00 each: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**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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**USS Lapon Association**  
**SSN-661 SS-260**

At decommissioning, the American Legion in Springfield, MO along with the Ozark-Runner Base Organization made a bid for the opportunity to save the sail for prosperity. The sail lives on for visitors and members.

