



OZARK EMPIRE, BRANCH – 316, INC.



FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

Representing Enlisted Personnel of the
U.S. NAVY * U.S. MARINE CORPS * U.S. COAST GUARD

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SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

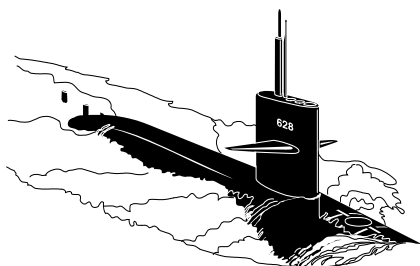
**IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR DEATH OF ANY SHIPMATE
PLEASE NOTIFY THE BRANCH CHAPLAIN OR
SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

BRANCH OFFICERS

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EVENTS SEP 2025
Sep 1 – Labor Day
Sep 2 – VJ Day Japan Surrenders (1945)
Sep 7 – Grandparent's Day
Sep 11 – United We Stand (Patriot Day)
Sep 17 – Citizenship Day
Sep 19 – National POW/MIA Day
Sep 21 – 1st Day of Autumn
Sep 25 – Branch Meeting NCRP Visit

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 10 – Veterans' Resource Day
10:00 am to 2:30 pm Library Center
Oct 23 – Branch Meeting
Oct 25 – Navy Ball (See Insert)
Nov 2-8 – National Conv Spfd., MO
Nov 20 – Branch Meeting
Dec – No Meeting



NEXT MEETING:

**4th Thursday Sept 25, 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, SEPTEMBER 25, 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, Jack Fielder, Frank Parker, Rhonda Gaines, Nolan Moody, Jim Grier, Teri Jeske, Belinda Brown, Virginia Swayne, and Robert Turner. We had two guests: Lon Jeske and Pat Gibson. 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 24, 2025, and approve as they were published verbatim in the AUGUST Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed. Branch 316 Initiated S/M Rhonda Gaines.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM – It was reported:

- That the information for the 141 schools have been sent out.

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- Honorary Elect Lon Jeske had another stay in the hospital.

MEMBERSHIP:

- JULY REPORT – 0 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 1 Deletions, 2 Suspensions, 109 Total active members, 1 Members past due, 108 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

- Jim Gallion has been given the position of Public Relations Committee Chair. He mentioned the MSU Veterans, Join Us Flyer. It will be included in the September newsletter.

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Belinda Brown reported:

- On October 10th Congressman Burlison is planning a Veterans' Resource Day at the Library Center on South Campbell from 10:00 AM until 2:30 pm.
- If you are going to Fayetteville, AR for treatment you are authorized to be paid mileage.

YOUTH – S/M: Joe Newton Reported:

- No Report

NAVY BALL COMMITTEE: S/M Nathalie Metzler Reported:

- Sent me the Navy Ball Flyer to include in the September newsletter.

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Charles Ewy reported:

- NP Serial Letter # 2-25 (FRA 2025 National Convention Call Letter)
- National Board Resolution # 32-24 (Resolved that Branch 371 will merge with Branch 222.
- National Board Resolution # 33-24 (Resolved that the voluntary surrender of, Great Lakes Branch 053's Charter, be approved).
- National Board Resolution # 32-25 (Resolved that NED prepares a check for \$2,500.00 as authorized by Art. 9, Sec 909(d) C&BL, FRA for Shipmate Donald Watkins.

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 Don Brunk and passed.

UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED:

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NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary gave a report on the 2025 NCR Convention.
 - American/Patriotism Report – won 2nd Place Group VI
 - H,W,R Report – won 1st Place in Group VI
 - Top Recruiter for 2025 NCR was President Robert Turner Br 316
- S/M Secretary showed a picture of a building for a potential home for Branch 316. There wasn't many in favor of us moving.
- S/M Secretary read the resolution nominating Lon Jeske for an honorary membership in the FRA. It will be submitted for consideration at the 2026 National Convention, as we missed the dead line for the 2025 Nat Conv.
- S/M President mention the Reserve Center is tied up with the Chiefs initiation is why they couldn't be in attendance tonight. We will have a table set up on Saturday September 6th selling Navy Ball Tickets and recruiting. Those that signed up are R. Turner, J. Gallion, C. Ewy, D. Brunk, F. Parker, and R. Gaines. Be there by 0900.
- S/M Secretary passed around the list of shirts for the national convention to verify all the information.
- S/M Belinda Brown made a motion that Branch donate \$500.00 to the VFW 3404 Veterans Relief Fund.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M Secretary presented S/M President with a recruiting pin for recruiting an Active Duty Navy.
- S/M Nolan Moody stated the Willard Veterans Day parade will be held on November 1, 2025. The Springfield Veterans Day Parade will be held on November 8, 2025
- S/M Jim Grier talked about not getting a building of our own.
- S/M Secretary stated that the NCR President is scheduled to visit our Branch on our September Meeting.

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

Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.

Meeting Adjourned 1930.

Next meeting will be SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 at 1800.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SHIPMATES OF BRANCH 316:

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 Rhonda Gaines, S/M Bryan Newberry, and S/M Christopher Hill.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES: Dennis Shanklin, Johnny Feazell and John Grosman.

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: Dennis Sutherland.

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.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025: Grant Dorrell, Brandon Graff, Thomas Griffith, and Marvin Tulla.

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: Sheldon Pryke and Joseph Taylor

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).

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

Richard Baehr	12 Yrs.	Tony Delong	28 Yrs.	Dale Duke	36 Yrs.
Johnny Feazell	37 Yrs.	Brandon Graff	01 Yr.	Jimmie Grier	37 Yrs.
Thomas Griffith	01 Yr.	Joseph Hessler	25 Yrs.	Teri Jeske	04 Yrs.
Dennis Shanklin	37 Yrs.	Marvin Tulla	01 Yr.		

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

Richard Bowen	59 Yrs.	Patrick Bryan	73 Yrs.	Robert Gunnett	74 Yrs.
Billy Harris	92 Yrs.	Arnold Moldenhauer	86 Yrs.	Rhonda Gaines	55 Yrs.

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

Charles B. Ewy

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Secretary Branch 316

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**

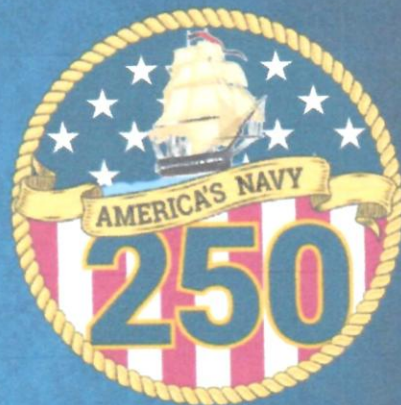
**IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO A NATIONAL
CONVENTION
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SEE HOW THE FRA
WORKS.**



**S/M President Robert Turner initiating
New member S/M Rhonda Gaines**



**S/M Secretary Chuck Ewy Presenting
S/M Rhonda Gaines, the FRA Lapel Pin**



You are cordially invited to the Navy Ball in celebration of the United States Navy's 250th Birthday on October 25, 2025. Sponsored by the Fleet Reserve Association Branch #316.

Dinner, dancing, and drinks can all be found at:
The Barley House at Moon Town Crossing
3060 North Kentwood Avenue
Springfield, Missouri 65803

1800 - Social Hour

1900 - Dinner

2000 - Dancing

E7+ and civilians: \$50/ticket (\$100/couple)

E5/E6: \$40/ticket (\$80/couple)

E4 & below: \$30/ticket (\$60/couple)

Dress code: Dress Uniform or Black Tie/Creative/Optional

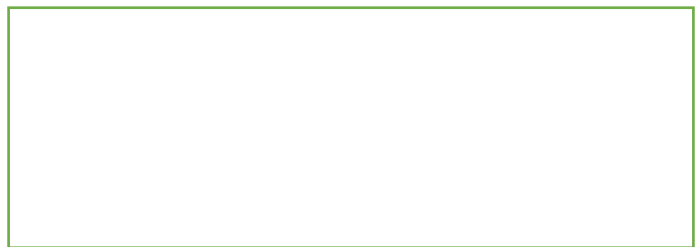
Tickets can be purchased via Venmo using the below QR code or by request at 250NavyBall@gmail.com. Navy Ball 250th Coin included with ticket purchase. Attendance is limited to 200 tickets, so be sure to reserve your seats ASAP!





EO/AA/M/F/Veterans/Disability/Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity DEV 09-12-2024

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"RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED"



USS Forster (DER-334) Don Brunk's 1st Ship.