



# 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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Springfield, MO 65804 \* (417) 861-9926

### OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

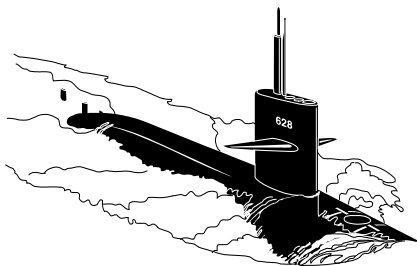
IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR DEATH OF ANY SHIPMATE  
PLEASE NOTIFY THE BRANCH CHAPLAIN OR  
SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

#### BRANCH OFFICERS

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- EVENTS OCT 2025**
- Oct 5 – Start of Fire Prevention Week
  - Oct 11 – Bolivar Parade
  - Oct 13 – US Navy Birthday (1775)
  - Columbus Day Observed
  - Oct 18 – Sweetest Day
  - Oct 23 – Branch Meeting
  - Oct 24 – United Nations Day
  - Oct 25 – Navy Ball (See Insert)
  - Oct 31 - Halloween



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 10 – Veterans' Resource Day  
10:00 am to 2:30 pm Library Center
- Nov 1 – Willard Veterans Day Parade
- Nov 8 – Springfield Veterans Day Parade
- Nov 2-8 – National Conv Spfd., MO
- Nov 20 – Branch Meeting
- Dec – No Meeting

#### NEXT MEETING:

4th Thursday Oct 23, 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, OCTOBER 23, 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: Don Brunk, Charles Ewy, Jim Gallion, Frank Parker, Joe Newton, Teri Jeske, Nolan Moody, Virginia Swayne, Bernie Daum, RPNC Brian Jones, RPNC Elect David Herndon, PRPNC Br 161 Norm Combs, Robert Turner, Nyto Griffen and PRPNC Br 161 Jerry Lickteig. We had one guest: Christina Jones. 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, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025, and approve as they were published verbatim in the SEPTEMBER Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed.

Ozark Empire Branch 316 conducted a Two-Bell Ceremony for, Retired Army Lon Leo Jeske, who was nominated for an Honorary Member to the FRA at our August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We Initiated member Nyto Griffen

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- We have received 13 Essays so far.

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

- Honorary Elect Lon Leo Jeske joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander, and S/M Michael W. Baker also joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander..

**MEMBERSHIP:**

- JULY REPORT – 1 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 1 Suspensions, 109 Total active members, 2 Members past due, 107 Members in good standing.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** –

- Jim Gallion mentioned he has included pictures in the PR book from the Regional Convention. Willard Veterans Day Parade will be Sat 1 November, and the Springfield Veterans Day Parade will be the 8 of November. Branch 316 is signed up for both.

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

- No report

**YOUTH** – S/M: Joe Newton Reported:

- No Report

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

- As of meeting night, they have sold 122 tickets.

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

- The 2026 PCCC has been cancelled.
- We are signed up for the Greene County Vets Parade 1 Nov. (Line-up starts at 9 a.m., parade starts at 11 a.m.)
- We are signed up for the Springfield Vets Parade 8 Nov. (1 p.m. start time.)
- Read info for "Wreaths Across America" to help support the Sedalia Cadet Flight Civil Air Patrol.
- National BOD Resolution No. 30-24 (Approved the merge of Br 371 with Br 222.
- National BOD Resolution 31-24 (Approved the surrender of Great Lakes Br 053's Charter.
- National BOD Resolution 35-25 (Approved changes to the By-Laws of the FRA Veterans Foundation as recommended by VSF CH Michael Fulton as required by SR-12(d)

**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:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- S/M Secretary went over all the C&BL Resolutions that will be taken up at the Nat Conv in November.
- S/M Secretary read the Branch 316's BOD minutes from September 8, 2025. S/M Teri Jeske made a motion that we approve the recommendation to award S/M Gary Wind \$300.00. Motion was seconded by S/M Nolan Moody and passed.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- S/M RPNC Brian Jones presented Recruiting Pins to: S/M Frank Parker (Recruiting 1 Active Duty), S/M Jim Gallion (Recruiting 3 new members), and S/M Robert Turner (Recruiting 3 new members, and 5 New members.

- S/M Nolan Moody passed the following information to the branch:
  - October 18<sup>th</sup> – Annual Memorial ride for 2, 3, and 4 wheel vehicles, for Chuck Duff.
  - October 29<sup>th</sup> – Honor Flight of the Ozarks
  - December – Wreaths Across America at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery.

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 1942.

Next meeting will be OCTOBER 23, 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; Stanley Ahern, Rhonda Grimes, John Goulbourne, Craig Grigson III, Christopher Henson, Christopher Hill, Clorissa Jones, Otis Marshall, Madelyn Morris, Bryan Newberry, Lowell Sanders, Shawn Straub, and Rodney Weaver.

**TRANSFER-IN:** Grace Gerbel and James Blanton.

**MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES:** Belinda Brown (LM), Jonathan Vaughan, and Nyto Griffen.

**MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE:** Jennifer Bailey, Robert Duff, Michelle Gallion, John Loe, Nathalie Metzler, and Grant Suhre.

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

**MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2025:** Craig Baird, Craig Chapman, Richard Seifred, Christina Smith,

**MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025:** Charles Christianson, Joe Hopkins, Pamela Warner-Dawes, Donald Weiss.

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:** Sheldon Pryke and Joseph Taylor

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBER HAS REPORTED TO THE “STAFF OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER”:** Michael Baker

**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’s 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).

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

Craig Baird	01 Yr.	Anthony Bently	02 Yrs.	Robert Callahan	47 Yrs.
Craig Chapman	31 Yrs.	Grant Dorrell	01 yr.	Richard Feyerabend	04 Yrs.
Melvin Johnson	02 Yrs.	Frank Parker	33 Yrs.	Richard Seifred	02 Yrs.
Christina Smith	02 Yrs.	Dennis Strantz	01 Yr.	Shirley Strantz	01 Yr.
Norma Wright	23 Yrs.				

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

James Ervin	79 Yrs.	Joe Hopkins	69 Yrs.	Nolan Moody	78 Yrs.
Daniel Schillinger	66 Yrs.	Billy Tettenhorst	60 Yrs.		

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

10 October: Veterans Resource Day at the Library Center near Sam's club on South Campbell. Presented by Eric Burlison and staff.

*Charles B. Ewy*

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Secretary Branch 316



**Ozark Empire Branch 316 held a Two Bell Ceremony for Lon Leo Jeske U.S. Army Retired whom we had written up a Resolution of Honorary Membership at our August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.**



**S/M President Robert Turner and S/M Vice President Virginia Swayne Initiating S/M Nyto Griffen**



**S/M Secretary Chuck Ewy Presenting S/M Nyto Griffen with his FRA Lapel Pin**



**S/M RPNC Brian Jones Presenting S/M Gallion with a recruiting pin.**



**S/M RPNC Brian Jones Presenting S/M Turner with two recruiting pins.**



**After our September Meeting**

**We stuffed the goodie bags for the**

**National Convention**

**At the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center**

**Springfield, MO from 4 thru 7 November, 2025.**



**1st ANNUAL CHUCK DUFF  
MEMORIAL RIDE  
AND  
BASEBALL RUN  
OPEN TO 2, 3, & 4 WHEELED  
VEHICLES  
SATURDAY OCT 18  
SPRINGFIELD ELKS LODGE  
2223 E BENNETT  
REGISTRATION AND FIRST  
VEHICLE OUT : 10 AM  
LAST VEHICLE OUT : 12 PM  
LAST VEHICLE IN : 2 PM  
AWARDS AND SILENT AUCTION  
WINNERS : 2:30  
FIRST SCORESHEET : \$20,  
EXTRA SCORESHEETS : \$10  
FOOD \$15 (HOTDOG OR  
BURGER, BBQ BEANS, CHIPS,  
COOKIE, & SODA)**

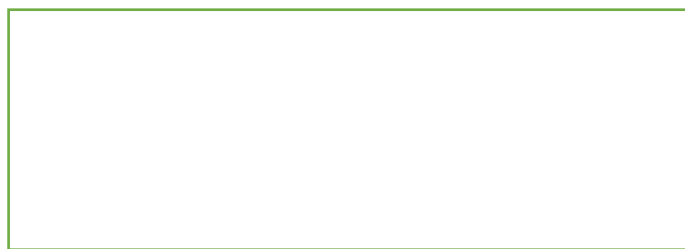
**A BASEBALL RUN CONSISTS OF A SCORESHEET AND SPINNERS.  
EACH SCORESHEET HAS 9 BATTERS. AT EACH STOP (BASE) ON  
THE RIDE THE PLAYER WILL SPIN TO SEE HOW HIS BATTER DOES  
TROPHIES AND A CASH PRIZE FOR 1ST AND 2ND PLACE AND  
MOST OUTS**

**THERE WILL ALSO BE A 50/50 DRAWING AND SILENT AUCTION  
2 & 3 WHEELED VEHICLES ENTER FRONT OF ELKS FROM BENNETT  
4 WHEEL VEHICLES ENTER BACK OF ELKS FROM BARNES**

**IN MEMORY OF CHUCK "MR MIYAGI" DUFF  
NOV 29, 1949 - AUG 2024  
BENEFITING ELKS LODGE 409 VETERANS COMMITTEE TO ASSIST  
VETERANS IN THE SPRINGFIELD AREA**

**QUESTIONS?  
417-207-2123**

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**USS Vance (DER-387) Don Brunk's 2<sup>nd</sup> Ship**