



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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NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

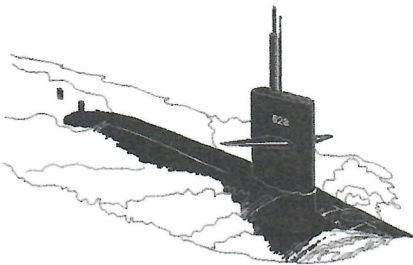
IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR DEATH OF ANY SHIPMATE
PLEASE NOTIFY THE BRANCH CHAPLAIN OR
SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

BRANCH OFFICERS

President:	Robert Turner	307 Southview St., Willard, MO 65781	(417)838-4991
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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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EVENTS NOV 2025

Nov 1 – Willard Veterans Day Parade
 Nov 2 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
 Nov 4 – Election Day
 Nov 4-7 – National Conv Springfield, MO
 Nov 8 – Springfield Veterans Day Parade
 Nov 10 – US Marine Corps B-Day (1775)
 Nov 11 – FRA's B-Day (1924) & Veterans Day
 Nov 20 – Branch Meeting
 Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

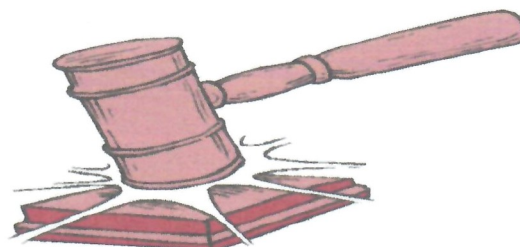
Dec – No Meeting
 Jan 22 – Branch Meeting
 Feb 26 – Branch Meeting
 Mar 26 – Branch Meeting
 Apr 23 – Branch Meeting



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

NEXT MEETING:

3rd Thursday Nov 20, 2025
 (1700) Meal
 (1800) Branch Meeting
 American Legion Post 639
 2660 S Scenic Ave.
 Springfield, MO. 65807



BRANCH 316'S WEB PAGE (frabr316.org)

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be Thursday, NOVEMBER 20, 2025, and will commence at 1800. We will meet at American Legion Post 639, 2660 S. Scenic, Springfield, MO, 65807. We will have a Pot Luck dinner with the following people bringing: Don Brunk – Turkey, Jim Gallion – Cheesecake, Frank Parker – Dressing, Bernie Daum – Waldorf Salad, Joe Newton – Pot of Chili, Teri Jeske – Potato Salad, Virginia Swayne – Pea Salad & 5 Cup Salad, Belinda Brown – Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Chuck Ewy – 2 Pumpkin Pies & Whip Cream.

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, Mel Johnson, Joe Newton, Teri Jeske, Nolan Moody, Belinda Brown, Robert Turner, Maddie Morris, Virginia Swayne, Bernie Daum, and Stanley Ahern. We had one guest: Grace Murray. 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 OCTOBER Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Virginia Swayne and passed. We initiated one new member, S/M Maddie Morris.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM

- No Report

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- No news of S/M's in the Hospital. The following Shipmates attend the funeral of Lon Jeske: Chuck Ewy, Belinda Brown, Virginia Swayne, and Nolan Moody.

MEMBERSHIP:

- SEPTEMBER REPORT – 13 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 2 Transfer-In, 0 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 1 Suspensions, 123 Total active members, 6 Members past due, 117 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

- Jim Gallion stated the MSU Veterans breakfast will be held on Tuesday the 11 November instead of the 8th.

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Belinda Brown reported:

- The Navy Ball is the 25th of November. They are looking for pictures of when you were in the Military. Send them to: 250navyball@gmail.com.

YOUTH – S/M: Joe Newton Reported:

- Naval Sea Cadet program is looking really good.

NAVY BALL COMMITTEE: S/M Stan Ahern Reported:

- As of meeting night they have sold 132 tickets.

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Charles Ewy reported:

- The Second Qtr. Membership Report – Branch 316 has been moved to Group III and is third on the list, and is listed second on the list for NCR.
- FRA Outreach Program
- FRA Recruiting and Retention Program
- FRA Veteran Service Officers listed by Regions

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 stated that we were due to make a donation to the Community Center of the Ozarks. S/M Frank Parker stated he has sent the check in the amount of \$500.00. S/M Belinda Brown made a motion that we continue to donate to them and S/M Teri Jeske seconded and motion passed.
- S/M Secretary made a motion that Branch 316 purchase 100 pens for the 2026 NCR Convention. S/M Teri Jeske seconded the motion and it passed.
- S/M Secretary made a motion that Branch 316 pay the renewal dues for S/M Jennifer Bailey while she is deployed overseas. Motion was seconded S/M Don Brunk and passed.
- S/M Belinda Brown made a motion that Branch 316 make a donation of \$1000.00 to the Veterans Welcome Home Kit for the Elks. Motion seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and passed.
- On November 4th there will be a Medicare Agent at the American Legion.
- VFW 3404 will have a Thanksgiving meal on the 9th of November.
- American Legion will have a Thanksgiving meal on the 11th of November.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- On Branch 316 November 20th meeting we will have a pot luck dinner.

- S/M Nolan Moody made a motion to cancel the December meeting. S/M Belinda Brown seconded and motion passed.
- S/M Nolan Moody stated that the Elks will have a breakfast for the Honor Flight Volunteers on 29th of October.
- S/M Nolan Moody made a motion that Branch 316 donate \$100.00 to the Veterans Parade in Willard. S/M Teri Jeske seconded, and the motion passed.
- S/M Maddie Morris 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 1945.

Next meeting will be NOVEMBER 20, 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. 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": 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'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).

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

Don Brunk	49 Yrs.	Patrick Buzzard	23 Yrs.	Charles Christianson	02 Yrs.
Charles Cline	49 Yrs.	Joe Hopkins	04 Yrs.	Edward Jones	44 Yrs.
Pamela War Dawes	37 Yrs.	Donald Weiss	04 Yrs.		

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

Alan Fear	15 Yrs.	Philip Fogle	27 Yrs.	Joe Newton	04 Yrs.
Kenneth Spink	31 Yrs.	Billy Tettenhorst	28 Yrs.		

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

Patrick Buzzard	65 Yrs.	Charles Christianson	73 Yrs.	John Goulbourne	57 Yrs.
Brandon Graff	46 Yrs.	James Hawthorne	77 Yrs.	Dennis Strantz	77 Yrs.
Wallace Watson	78 Yrs.				

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

Charles Cline	89 Yrs.	Robert Duff	71 Yrs.	Michael George	63 Yrs.
Christopher Henson	55 Yrs.	Joe Newton	82 Yrs.	Frank Parker	79 Yrs.
Dennis Shanklin	83 Yrs.	Shirley Strantz	78 Yrs.		

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

Charles B. Ewy

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Secretary Branch 316

Thanks Giving Meal November 20, 2025



Don Brunk – Turkey

Frank Parker – Dressing

Bernie Daum – Waldorf Salad

Joe Newton – Pot of Chili

Teri Jeske – Potato Salad

Virginia Swayne – Pea Salad & 5 Cup Salad

Belinda Brown – Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Chuck Ewy – 2 Pumpkin Pies & Whip Cream

Our meal will start at 5:00 p.m. on November 20, 2025

All are welcome.



NATIONAL CONVENTION TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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Sun. 2 Nov. Afternoon — Hospitality Room opens;
Sahara Rooms A & B

Mon. 3Nov.

0700 FRA PRP BoD Breakfast Hotel Restaurant; grab
your breakfast in the Atrium and proceed to the
special area set up in the restaurant

0830 Registration — Convention Center lobby area

1300 FRA Pre-Convention BoD Meeting; Maui
Ballroom

1300 Auxiliary Pre-Convention BoD Meeting; Fiji
Ballroom

1300 Other Meetings / as necessary

Branson Tour

Tue.4Nov.

0930 Joint Opening Ceremonies; Grand Ballroom

1200 FRA & Auxiliary PNP Lunches

FRA & Auxiliary RP, RPE & RVP Lunches

Workshops as scheduled by NHQ;

Kalahari Meeting Room

1315 First FRA Business Session; Coco/Maui
Ballrooms

1315 First Auxiliary Business Session; Fiji Ballroom

1900 Welcome Aboard

Theme is **DOWN HOME!** Bib overalls,
bandannas, straw hats; pinafores & bonnets, etc.
*Find grandma's old trunk and dig out some of her
flower-sack dresses your mom used to wear.
Western wear is acceptable ... if you wear a jacket
or vest with fringe, try not to look like a buffer at
the car wash.*

Wed.5Nov.

0700 FRA PRP Breakfast; Poolside

0730 Legislative Services Committee; Kalahari Room

0830 Registration — Convention Center lobby area

0830 Auxiliary 2nd Business session; Fiji Ballroom

0900 FRA Committee Meetings . . .

• Americanism-Patriotism Sahara "B"

• Budget & Finance Sonoran Room

• Bylaws Mohave Room

• Hospital & Welfare Coco/Maui Ballrooms

• Membership & Retention Kalahari Room

• Public Relations Coco/Maui Ballrooms

• Veterans Service Coco/Maui Ballrooms

• Youth Activities Coco/Maui Ballrooms

• Future Planning Poolside

spaces to be determined / some may need to relocate

1200 PRP Auxiliary Lunch; Poolside

1300 FRA 2nd Business Session;

1315 Auxiliary Committee Meetings

Workshops as scheduled by NHQ; Kalahari Meeting
Room

Branson Tour

Thurs.6Nov.

0830 Registration — Convention Center lobby area

0830 FRA & Auxiliary 3rd Business Sessions

1200 Auxiliary NP Lunch

1315 FRA & Auxiliary 4th Business Sessions

Workshops as scheduled by NHQ; Kalahari Meeting
Room

Branson Tour

Fri.7Nov.

0830 FRA & Auxiliary 5th Business Sessions
(if required)

1100 Tour of Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Bass
Pro Flagship Store (*Bass Pro has three eateries*)

1300 FRA & Auxiliary Installation Rehearsal, Photos
Grand Ballroom

1730 Installation; Grand Ballroom

1830 Banquet; Grand Ballroom

Sat.8Nov.

0830 FRA & Auxiliary Post-Convention NBOD
Meetings; *same space as Pre-Board meetings*

*The above schedule and room assignments are
subject to
adjustments.*

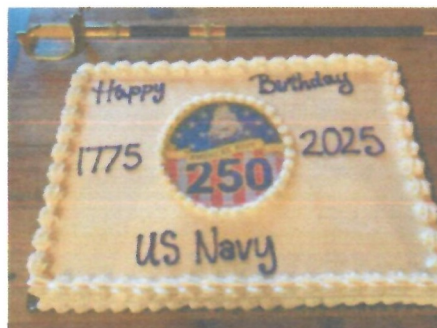


**Branch 316 Members Belinda Brown and Nolan Moody
Presenting a \$1000.00 Check to Elks Veterans Chair**



**FRA Branch 316 Getting the Truck ready for
A parade in Bolivar October 11, 2025**

**Pictures from the 2025 Springfield Navy Ball
Sponsored by Ozark Empire Branch 316
Springfield, Missouri**





National President FRA Maria Behm addressing The Navy Ball



Rear Admiral Ret. Hank Molinego Guest Speaker at the Navy Ball



NP Maria Behm and PNC Robert Beam



Four Cake Cutters: CO Reserve Center Chris Henson, Sec Br 316 Chuck Ewy (Oldest), Reservist Maddie Morris (Youngest) and Chief of Center Nathalie Metzler All four are member of Br 316.



Nolan Moody MBR BR 316, Robert Behm PNC, NP Maria Behm, and RPNC Brian Jones



A group picture of all the Chiefs that attended the 2025 Springfield, MO. Navy Ball Sponsored by the Ozark Empire Br. 316.

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USS King (DLG-10) Don Brunk's 3rd