



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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JUNE 2026 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

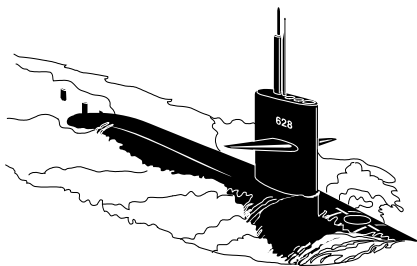
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EVENTS JUN 2026

Jun 8 – USS Liberty Incident (1967)
 Jun 14 – Flag Day
 Jun – 17 US Navy Hospital Corps Est
 (1898)
 Jun 19 – Juneteenth
 Jun 21 – Father's Day
 First Day of summer
 Jun 25 – Branch Meeting
 Installation of Branch Officers
 N Korea Invades S Korea (1950)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 23 – Branch Meeting
 Aug 20 – Branch Meeting
 Aug 23 – 27 HLR Convention
 In Springfield, MO



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

NEXT MEETING:

4th Thursday JUN 25, 2026
 (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, JUNE 25, 2026, and will commence at 1800. We will meet at American Legion Post 639, 2660 S. Scenic, Springfield, MO, 65807. Our meal will be provided by the Branch at 1700. It will be Branch 316's Installation of Branch Officers.

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, Robert Turner, Jim Gallion, Don Brunk, Nolan Moody, Myril Stewart, Frank Parker, Teri Jeske, Belinda Brown, Russ Reagin, Jim Grier, Joe Newton, Virginia Swayne, Don Weiss, Brian Jones PRPNC, Norma Wright, James Blanton, Tabitha Mittag, and Rod Gregg. We had two guests- Jean Reagin and Marie Gregg. S/M Chaplain Don Brunk 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 Nolan Moody to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting, APRIL 23, 2026, and approve as they were published verbatim in the MAY 2026 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Teri Jeske and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM

- S/M JrPRPNC Brian Jones made a presentation to AP CH Norma Wright. He presented the Regional 2nd place Trophy and \$125.00 to Jaxson Taylor and the Regional 3rd place Trophy and \$100.00 to Lora Buck.

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- No Report

MEMBERSHIP:

- NOVEMBER REPORT – 0 New members, 0 Transfer-Out, 0 Transfer-In, 1 Reinstated, 0 Deletions, 1 Suspensions, 116 Total active members, 2 Members past due, 114 Members in good standing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

- Jim Gallion reported the news release about our Heartland Regional Convention has been sent to several places.

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Belinda Brown reported:

- No Report

YOUTH – S/M: Joe Newton Reported:

- CO of the Greater Ozarks Div. Sea Cadets, Tabitha Mittag, gave a detailed report on their activities

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Charles Ewy reported:

- NP Serial Letter 5-26 (Establishment of AD-Hoc Committee – Development of a Dissolution Plan)
- National Convention Newsletter # 2.
- NED Memo 18-26 (Address Label Funding Campaign).
- NED Memo 19-26 (Voluntary Surrender of Branch 123 Charter).
- NED Memo 20-26 (Rescission of NBR 26-24 Branch 091 PCT Suspension).
- NED Memo 21-26 (Suspension of Branch 073 Charter).

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:

- S/M Secretary brought forward the Nominating Committees list of nominations for branch officers.
- They were elected IAW Ozark Empire Branch 316's C&BL with the following results for 2026-2027: Pres. – Robert Turner; Vice Pres – Virginia Swayne; Secretary 2nd Year Chuck Ewy; Treas. 2nd Year – Frank Parker; Board of Directors – Tom Newsom JrPP, Teri Jeske, Jim Grier, Nolan Moody, Bernie Daum.
- S/M Secretary read the Audit and Finance Committee Report dated May 19, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S/M Secretary made a motion to nominate S/M Jim Blanton as Branch 316's Installing Officer. S/M Belinda Brown seconded the motion and motion passed
- Installation Dinner was discussed. S/M Jim Grier made a motion to have Hy Vee cater the dinner. S/M Don Brunk seconded the motion and it passed.
- S/M Secretary made a motion to grant the Chairman of Branch 316 the authority to add the name of any member in good standing to the Del Cred Cert. at both the Regional and National Conventions. Motion was seconded by S/M Don Brunk and motion passed.
- S/M Secretary presented the 2026-2027 Budget to the Branch as a motion to accept. S/M Don Brunk seconded and motion passed.
- S/M Secretary presented a nominating resolution nominating Gene Jarnagin, Branch 136 for HLR President for 2026-2027.

- S/M Secretary made a motion to nominate S/M PRPNC Marty Posekany and PRPNC Marcia Cunningham as Branch 316's proxies for both the 2026 Regional and National Conventions. Motion seconded by S/M Don Brunk and passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- S/M Secretary Chuck Ewy and S/M President Robert Turner presented S/M Russ Reagin his 35 year Continuous Membership Pin and Certificate.
- JrPRP Brian Jones addressed the Assembly. He is running for NVP for association year 2026-2027
- S/M Secretary made available to all Shipmates copies of Branch 316's new roster.
- New S/M Rod Gregg addressed the assembly.

Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.

Meeting Adjourned 1900

Next meeting will be JUNE 25, 2026 at 1800

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SHIPMATES OF BRANCH 316:

FRA 2026 HeartLand Regional Convention Springfield, Mo.

SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 23 TO 27, 2026

WE NEED HELPERS FOR OUR CONVENTION. COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING AND SIGN UP TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR BRANCH.

NEW / REINSTATED MEMBERS:

Rod Gregg and Myril Stewart

TRANSFER-IN: None

MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES: Norman Basham and James Garton

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: Tom Newsom, and Jessy Portis

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF MAY 31, 2026: Sabrina Bonnette, and Steven Young.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 1, 2026: John Coonce and Robert Gunnett.

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF JULY 31, 2026: Susan Crosby and John Grosman

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: James Hawthorne and Charles Pence.

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).

JUNE 2026 CONTINUOUS MEMBERS: We want to congratulate the following members of Branch 316 for their continuous membership in the FRA.

John Coonce	27 Yrs.	Jonathan Ewbank	33 Yrs.	James Garton	27 Yrs.
James Jenkins	46 Yrs.				

WE WISH EACH SHIPMATE, WHO HAS A BIRTHDAY IN JUNE 2026, A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Norman Basham	87 Yrs.	Anthony Bentley	57 Yrs.	Sabrina Bonnette	60 Yrs.
Benjamin Jantz	48 Yrs.	Melvin Johnson	81 Yrs.	George King	80 Yrs.
Gary O'Dell	64 Yrs.	Jessy Portis	87 Yrs.	Richard Seifred	76 Yrs.
Greg Shilts	63 Yrs.	Kenneth Spink	79 Yrs.		

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

Charles B. Ewy

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Secretary Branch 316



Right Picture: S/M Pres Robert Turner presenting a \$500.00 check to AL Post Commander Mike Goforth for the Wounded Warrior Bike Riders.



Left Picture: S/M E.R. Goodall who is on Hospice Care. He is a resident at Republic Nursing care facility.



Right, Left, Bottom Two Pictures: S/M Pres. Robert Turner, S/M Secretary Chuck Ewy, Chaplain Don Brunk, Member Nolan Moody, and S/M Jim Gallion Presenting several different items to S/M Goodall Captain USMC Retired. The main thing a One Year Membership in the FRA.





Right Picture:
S/M President Robert Turner and Secretary Chuck Ewy presenting S/M Russ Reagin with his 35 Year Continuous Membership Pin and Certificate.

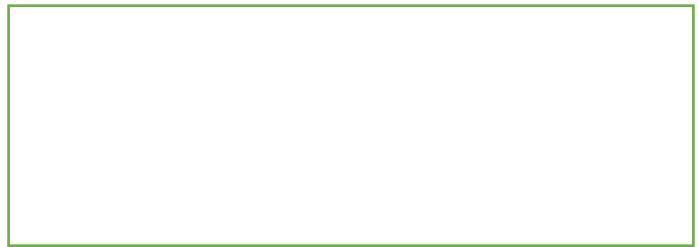


Left Picture:
S/M Jr. PRPNC Addressing the Assembly talking about his running for NVP 2026-2027. He also touched on pushing membership.



S/M Jr. PRPNC Brian Jones presenting Trophies and Money to Ozark Empire Americanism Patriotism Chairman Norma Wright the HeartLand Regional Awards for 7th Grade Second Place winner Jaxson Taylor and 10th Grade Third Place winner Lors Buck. Along with the Trophies the 2nd place winner received \$150.00 and the 3rd place winner received \$100.00.

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USS Leahy (CG-16) Don Brunk's 7th Ship