



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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JULY 2026 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 JUL 2026

Jul 4 – Independence Day
Jul 7 – Marine Pinning Ceremony 1100
Jul 11 – U.S. Marine Band Est. (1798)
Jul 21 – Guam Liberation Day (1944)
Jul 23 – Branch Meeting
Jul 27 – Korean War Armistice (1953)
Jul 30 – Waves Est. (1942)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 20 – Branch Meeting
Aug 23 – 27 HLR Convention
In Springfield, MO
Sep 24 - Branch Meeting
Oct 22 - Branch Meeting
Nov 19 - Branch Meeting

NEXT MEETING:

4th Thursday JUL 23, 2026
(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, JULY 23, 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.

LAST MEETING: S/M Vice President Virginia Swayne called Branch 316's meeting to order at 1800 IAW Article 12 Sec 1214 National C&BL. Members in attendance were: Don Brunk, Bernie Daum, Jim Gallion, Belinda Brown, Frank Parker, Norma Wright, James Blanton, Joe Newton, Nolan Moody, Virginia Swayne, Charles Ewy, Jim Grier, and Teri Jeske. We had one guests Beverly Steelman. 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 Don Brunk to dispense with reading the minutes of last meeting, MAY 28, 2026, and approve as they were published verbatim in the JUNE 2026 Newsletter. Motion seconded by S/M Jim Grier and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTISM

- S/M Norma Wright stated that all the trophies, have been mailed out, and we are getting ready to begin again.

HOSPITAL – S/M Don Brunk reported:

- No Report

MEMBERSHIP:

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS –

- Jim Gallion stated he had disseminated his News Release to several places about our upcoming Regional Convention.

VETERANS SERVICE – S/M Belinda Brown reported:

- No Report

YOUTH – S/M: Joe Newton Reported:

- The Sea Cadets are involved in their Summer Activities.

COMMUNICATIONS - S/M Charles Ewy reported:

- NVP promulgation of the Uniform of the Day for Installation at 98th National Convention.
- NED Memo 22-26 (Annual Reports to the 98th National Convention)
- NED Memo 23-26 (National Convention Credentials and Registration Committee)
- NP Serial Letter 1-26 (2026-2027 Officers and Committees) Dated June 4, 2026
- NED Memo 24-26 (Additional Information Concerning the Dissolution Ad-Hoc Committee)
- National Newsletter # 3 (Addendum 1)
- NP Serial Letter 1-26 (2026-2027 Officers and Committees) Dated June 23, 2026
- NED Memo 25-26 (Branch Nominating Resolution; distribution of)
- NED Memo 26-26 (Logo Use for 2026 National Convention)

TREASURERS REPORT –

- S/M Frank Parker gave the report. All bills paid. S/M Belinda Brown 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 on the July 7, 2026 Integrity will have another pinning ceremony for PFC Dale Taylor and requested Branch 316 involvement. PFC Taylor is a 3 ½ year Marine in Vietnam with 2 Purple Hearts. It will be at 1100 at 836 W. Walnut Lawn St.
- Installation of Branch Officers IAW Branch 316 C&BL.
- Midtown 4th of July Parade. We'll have two trucks in the parade.
- There will be a Reunion at the Oasis on September 12, 2026 that has requested a Two Bell Ceremony: Participants are S/M's Chuck Ewy, Don Brunk, and Jim Gallion. More information to follow.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- None

Chaplain did the closing Prayer and closed the Bible.

Meeting Adjourned 1855

Next meeting will be JULY 23, 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:

E. Goodall

TRANSFER-IN: None

MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES: John Coonce and John Grosman.

MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST DUE: Sabrina Bonnette, Tom Newsom, Jessy Portis and Steven Young.

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

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

MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP AS OF AUGUST 31, 2026: Jennifer Bailey, Grace Grebel, Nyto Griffen, Jonathan Vaughan and Gary Wind

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: None

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).

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

Richard Bowen	08 Yrs.	Susan Crosby	26Yrs.	Dale Fanning	45 Yrs.
Jackie Fielder	58 Yrs.	James Gallion	02 Yrs.	John Grosman	31 Yrs.
Nolan Moody	19 Yrs.	Barry Ralls	28 Yrs.	Wayne Snelson	22 Yrs.
Virginia Swayne	24 Yrs				

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

Charles Andrews	55 Yrs.	Craig Baird	54 Yrs.	Chris Cartwright	54 Yrs.
John Coonce	61 Yrs.	Johnny Feazell	81 Yrs.	Jimmie Grier	84 Yrs.
Nyto Griffen	46 Yrs.	John Grosman	71 Yrs.	Edward Jones	84 Yrs.
Terry Morgan	71 Yrs.	Harold Singeer	95 Yrs.		
Rodney Weaver	54 Yrs.	Steve Young	77 Yrs.		

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

Charles B. Ewy

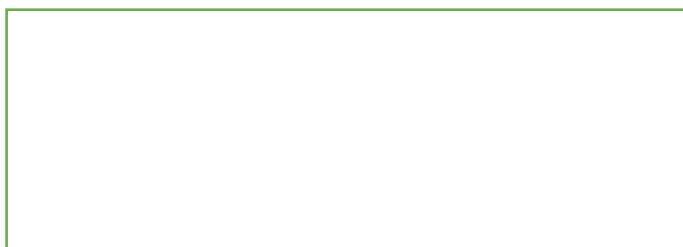
Charles Ewy

Secretary Branch 316



**S/M Jim Blanton installing Branch 316
Officers for 2026-2027**

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"RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED"



Don Brunk served aboard the USS Enterprise (CVN-65)
Attached to CCDG 3